
College of Humanities and Social Sciences Lecture Series

About: The CoHSS Lecture Series presents faculty and student research from the academic departments and programs within the college in monthly events throughout the academic year, as well as guest lectures by invited speakers. The goal of the series is to support a research culture in CoHSS and to increase community engagement in CoHSS academic work. Examples of topics for presentation are experiential learning projects completed with community organizations, community leaders and faculty presenting on an area of shared interest, creative work of interest to the local community, and academic-style conference presentations tailored for the VSU and local community. All presentations are open to the full VSU community and the public.

Department heads and faculty work with their departmental representative on the committee in selecting work that meets at least one of the following criteria:

1. The work has relevance to the local community
2. The work is collaborative (including collaborations with faculty and staff within and across departments, with graduate or undergraduate students, or with community organizations and leaders)
3. The work will be presented in an engaging manner, accessible to the public as well as faculty and students from other disciplines

Process: CoHSS departments and programs each have an assigned month in the academic year for their departmental presentation. The departmental representatives for the committee will work with their respective department heads and departmental faculty to select work for presentation. Once the department has identified speakers, a topic for presentation, and a title, the departmental representative will provide this to the CoHSS committee, who will assist with a date and time for presentation and publicizing the event. Departments should aim to have their presentation title, brief synopsis, and list of presenters identified two months in advance (or by the dates provided below), in order to allow time for scheduling and publicizing the events.

Formats: We showcase a variety of different presentation formats including panel discussions, interviews, debates, readings of creative work, and conference-style, scholarly presentations.

Location: Odum Library 1160 unless otherwise noted

Department Presentation Months and Key Dates: August: History, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies (*submit topic July 15*); September: Guest Speaker; October: Modern and Classical Languages (*submit topic August 15*); November: Africana Studies, Native American and Indigenous Studies, Women and Gender Studies (*submit topic September 15*); January: Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice (*submit topic November 15*); February: English (*submit topic December 15*); March: Political Science (*submit topic January 15*); April: Psychology

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Lecture Series 2023-2024

CoHSS Committee Members: History, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies: Tom Aiello & Christine James; Psychology: David Wasieleski; Modern and Classical Languages: Susan Wheling; AFAM, NAIS, WGST: Fred Knowles; English: Anne Greenfield; Political Science: Minsun Song; Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice: Anne Price; CoHSS: Mark Smith

Questions? Committee Chairs: Anne Price annprice@valdosta.edu and Tom Aiello taiello@valdosta.edu

2023-2024 Lecture Series Presentations

August: Zhang Zongchang (1881-1932). Warlord Paragon or Poster Boy for Evil?, John Dunn (HIST) and Jia Lu (GEOG)

September: Exploring Pathways to U.S. Immigration, Dylan Tessier, Immigration Attorney (GUEST)

October:

- 1) *Mujeres que cuentan (Women That Count, double meaning, Women That Tell Tales)* Grazyna Walczak (MCL)
- 2) The Reformation Project: Criminal Justice Equity, film screening and panel discussion. Dr. Bobbie Ticknor (CRJU), Steven Heddon, Angela Ward, Tony Tong, Sam Dennis (SACJ)
[Film screening addresses social justice issues within Criminal Justice system | News | valdostadailytimes.com](https://www.valdostadailytimes.com/news/film-screening-addresses-social-justice-issues-within-criminal-justice-system)
- 3) Poland-Ukraine: 30 Years of Polish-Ukrainian Reconciliation Process, Dr. Magdalena Nowak (Louie Brown Scholar)

January: Convict Leasing in Valdosta and Why You Should be an Africana Studies Major. Dr. Tom Aiello (HIST)

February:

- 1) Politics of Memory in Central Europe Since 1989. Jiří Lach (Louie Brown Scholar)
- 2) Settler Tenses: Queer Times and the Settler Colonial American West. Dr. Ryan Wander (ENGL)

March: Transatlantic Relations in the Context of China's Rise. Dr. Michael Baun. (POLS)

April: Linking Student Skill Development to Career Readiness in Experiential Learning in Psychology. Deborah Briehl. (PSYCH)

2022-2023 CoHSS Lecture Series Presentations

August: "I Got Something to Tell You": The Life and Comedy of Jacki "Moms" Mabley, Sarah Fitzgerald (HIST)

September: Behavioral Health Issues and the Criminal Justice System, Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Boggs (GUEST)

October: Faculty from Modern and Classical Languages alongside Native American and Indigenous Studies present an Indigenous People's Day Panel Discussion with Erika Parra (MCL), Fred Knowles (NAIS), Dixie Haggard (NAIS), and Susan Wehling (MCL), facilitating

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Lecture Series 2023-2024

November: Rev. Susan Gage (St. Barnabas Episcopal Church) interviewed by A.J. Ramirez (WGST), “A Woman, a Lesbian, and a Priest Walked into the Church...and We’re All the Same Person?”

['A Woman, a Lesbian and a Priest' coming to VSU | News | valdostadailytimes.com](#)

January: “Safer Biking and Walking in the Southern Georgia Region: Two VSU-SGRC Partnership Projects,” with students Nikki Ballard, Erica Glover, Autumn McAtee, and Nashie Wesley, Brandon Atkins (CRJU), Anne Price (SOCL), and Paul Vincent (GEOG)

[VSU students research ways to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety in their community \(walb.com\)](#)

[Bikeability: VSU students research pedestrian safety | | valdostadailytimes.com](#)

February: Meme Archaeology: How the Internet Shifts Language and Culture, Emma Kostopolus (ENGL) and Eric Blix (ENGL)

March: Reverse Gerrymandering Index: Putting the 2022 Congressional Election within a Historical Context, Bernie Tamas (POLS)

April: The APA Apology: The Case for Black/African Psychology, M. Denise Lovett (PSYCH)

Spring 2022 Lecture Series Presentations

Free Speech, Academic Freedom, and the Contemporary Moment in Higher Education. Dr. Adam Wood (ENGL), Dr. Sandra Jones, VSU Director of Student Diversity and Inclusion, Dr. Peggy Moch, VSU Professor of Math and Campus Representative, American Association of University Professors

[ZACHARY: Free speech celebrated on college campus | Opinion | valdostadailytimes.com](#)

Partnering for Possibilities: Adel’s Downtown Development and the Political Science Capstone Experience. Dr. Joseph Robbins (POLS), Ms. Brandie Dame, Director of City of Valdosta Main Street Program, Ms. Tracie Washington, VSU BA in Political Science Student

[Students help restructure Downtown Adel | Local News | valdostadailytimes.com](#)