

Faculty Center

NEWS

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Brown Bag Series to Feature Emily Maher

Physics professor Emily Maher will be the Brown Bag speaker on Friday, April 3, at 3 p.m. in the Faculty Center. Her talk is entitled "Seeing Invisible Particles: Neutrinos, Fermilab, and the MINERvA Experiment."

Neutrinos are the most abundant, but least understood particle in the universe. The MINERvA experiment, a collaboration of 21 institutions from 7 countries, aims to help better understand neutrinos.

To study neutrinos, we first need to make massive amounts of them, which we do at Fermilab, a national accelerator laboratory located outside of Chicago. Then we must make the neutrinos interact, which we do by sending them through an 8-ton detector that we built 100 meters underground at Fermilab.

Finally, we have to analyze the millions upon millions of events to find the neutrino interactions. "In this talk, I will present an overview of each step and tell you about the interesting things MINERvA has learned about neutrinos," Maher said.

April Joy of Teaching Series

Tuesday, April 7, 3:00 p.m.:

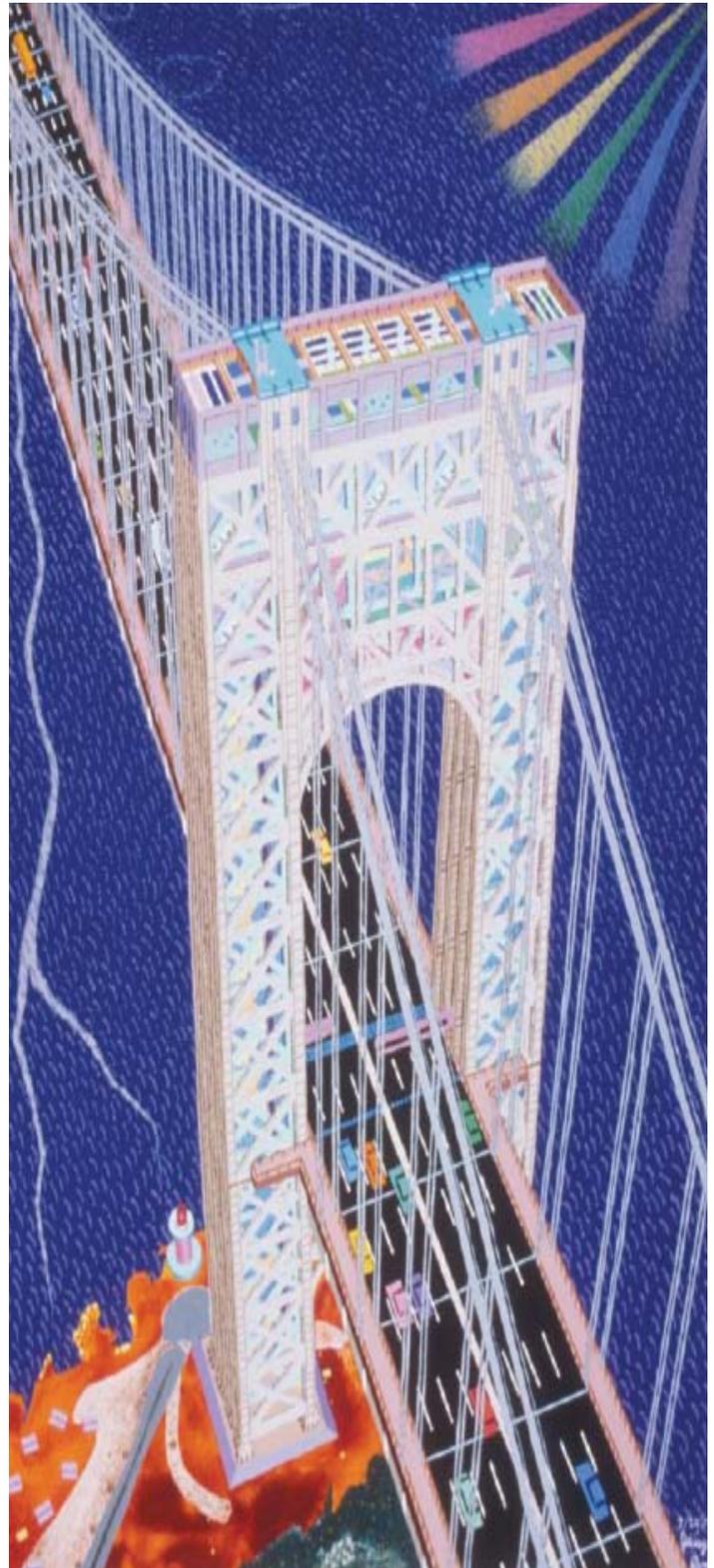
Teaching Intersectionality

Everyone knows that you are never "just" your class, gender, race OR nationality but that these variables mutually construct identity and experience. So how do we teach students to think in the both/and integrative ways that intersectional analysis requires?

Anthropologist **Beth Notar** (Anthropology, Trinity College) and sociologist **Miliann Kang** (Women's Studies, UMASS Amherst) will facilitate group discussion of the challenges and necessities of teaching intersectionality.

Sponsored by CCSS, SOCI/ANTHRO/SOWK and WMST, they will later engage in a 5PM public panel discussion with Karen Cardozo on "RepresentAsians," highlighting issues of cultural and political representation in the transnational field of Asian/American Studies.)

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Art by Jessica Park

Program by Tony Gengarely on April 24

Joy of Teaching:

Tuesday, April 14, 3:00 pm:
The Mental Health of Our Students

An increasing number of students are coming to college with more serious and complex mental health issues. This trend has resulted in an increase in the overall number of students, clinical visits, and emergency contacts we are seeing in Counseling Services.

Students seem to be less able to manage their emotions, tolerate frustration, solve problems on their own, and generally seem to be less resilient. Please join Heidi Riello, Director of Counseling Services, as she facilitates a discussion around these issues and asks, "How is this issue of resilience evidenced in your work with students?"

Jessica Park:

Friday, April 24, 3:00 pm:
An Artist Who Has Transformed Her Life

Jessica Park is an artist who has transformed her life through art, someone with a profession and personal dignity who is not a category or a label or a diagnosis.

In this presentation, Tony Gengarelly will focus on the transformations she effects by the creation of her art--first, how her perceived disability of autism becomes an ability in the act of transforming reality through her art; then, how her life has been changed by her career as an artist.

Finally, he will lead a discussion on how we can alter our assumptions and perceptions about difference and diversity by encountering her work.

Name in the News

Tony Gengarelly has published an article in the current edition of the *Folk Art Messenger*. It is titled "Inside the Outside: Reconsidering Our Views about Art" and is a compilation of ideas generated at MCLA last March at Gallery 51 during the run of the show of the same name.

He will also be giving a talk at Lesley University, April 11, on the Jessica Park Project as part of a symposium to celebrate the art of Jessica Park, an exhibition in the university's Atrium Gallery, which he helped to organize.

That's a Faculty Center Fact

April will be our last full month in our temporary space in Eldridge Hall! In addition to a Brown Bag presentation and three Joy of Teaching sessions, the weekly Tea with TED sessions continue. As always, to find out the specific dates and times, you can check the full Faculty Center Calendar, which can be accessed through the Faculty Center button on the left hand of your Portal screen.

Faculty Center April Calendar

Tea with TED: Every Thursday at noon in the Faculty Center.
Have a TED Talk to share? Send it to Adrienne

On the schedule for April:

- 4/2 Dance vs. powerpoint: a modest proposal
- 4/12 OPEN!
- 4/20 No Tea with TED: Undergraduate Research Conference!
- 4/26 I'm not your inspiration, thank you very much
- 4/30 OPEN!

Mind's Eye Reading: April 9, 6 p.m. Place: TBA

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