

This November is the 4th annual **Social Justice Month** at Skidmore College. This movement is a month of many events related to various social justice issues. Social Justice Month's vision is to bring the campus together to engage students in social justice issues, and give a voice to voiceless groups. Although these injustices might feel far off, they are very connected to our lives and Social Justice Month wants to inform the campus of these injustices and equip students how they can help. This year's main themes are related to education, human rights, and hunger & homelessness. Types of events include workshops, speakers, documentaries, information tabling, panel presentations, interactive activity, and dialogues, and more, and over 50 organizations on campus are co-sponsoring Social Justice Month. Following is the detailed schedule of Social Justice Month.

### **Monday, November 3**

#### ***Environmental Justice: Brown Bag Dialogue - Energy, Exploitation, and Solutions***

**8PM ICL** - Office of Student Diversity Affairs & Skidmore Unplugged

Ever thought about the impact of energy production on communities of color? Are campaigns such as Skidmore Unplugged effective? What are possible solutions to make a difference? Come join OSDP and Skidmore Unplugged in raising awareness on the implications of energy production in marginalized communities. Dinner will be provided.

### **Tuesday, November 4**

#### ***Educational Equality: Film Screening of "To Educate a Girl"***

**8PM Emerson Auditorium** - UNICEF

Sponsored by Skidmore's UNICEF Chapter, "To Educate a Girl" is a documentary highlighting the stories of several girls in Nepal and Uganda to investigate the barriers to equal access to education for girls.

### **Wednesday, Saturday 5**

#### ***Fracking: Film Screening of "Triple Divide"***

**6PM Emerson Auditorium** - Skidmore Unplugged

Shale gas extraction has inevitable impacts. Public Herald's documentary "Triple Divide" investigates how the impacts are being handled by the state and industry. The story highlights the need for more investigative journalism and detailed discussion. A discussion led by a Skidmore faculty member will be followed.

### **Saturday, November 8**

#### ***Educational Outreach: Cultural Night Market***

**6PM Spa** - Asian Cultural Awareness Club

Come learn about various cultures with performances, food, and gifts from a variety of clubs such as ACA, Skidaiko, NihonGo!, HAYAT, African Culture Club, and Chinese Culture Club. All proceeds will be donated to the Franklin Community Center, which supports at-risk children with afterschool programs.

**Monday, November 10**

***Geoengineering: Film Screening of “What In the World Are They Spraying”***

**8PM Gannett Auditorium – United Minds**

This documentary investigates the phenomenon known as geoengineering. It pictures the story of a rapidly developing industry called geoengineering, driven by scientists, corporations, and government’s intent on changing global climate, controlling the weather, and altering the chemical composition of soil and water – all supposedly for the betterment of mankind, but the effect has been devastating to crops, wildlife, and human health.

**Tuesday, November 11**

***Settler Colonialism: Brown Bag Dialogue & Workshop - Kat Yang-Stevens and Settler Colonialism***

**12:30PM ICC, 4:30PM ICC - Office of Student Diversity Programs**

Kat Yang-Stevens is a cisgender queer woman and first generation Asian American of Chinese ancestry living on occupied Cayuga nation territories, they center the needs of communities living on the front-lines of environmental racism and degradation and work to address intra-movement racism and the barriers that it presents to creating meaningful multicultural alliances. The Brown Bag Dialogue and workshop on settler colonialism will focus on what settler colonialism is and the connections between settler colonialism and the oppression of indigenous communities.

**Tuesday, November 11**

***Political Conflict: Discussion about ISIS with Professor Ocakli***

**7PM Davis Auditorium – Hayat & International Student Union**

Professor Ocakli from the Government Department will provide an informative lecture about the current state of the issue regarding to ISIS. The talk will be followed by an open discussion and Q&A session.

**Wednesday, November 12**

***Community Organizations: Presentations from the Giving Circle & Seeds for Peace***

**8PM Emerson Auditorium – Benef-Action**

Mark Bertrand, a local Saratogian, will be giving a presentation regarding his volunteer work through his founding of The Giving Circle, an organization with a mission to connect communities in need locally, nationally, and internationally with those with the resources to help. Additionally, Sue Johnson, who founded Seeds for Peace, will also give a talk.

**Monday, November 17**

***Undocumented Students and Education: Brown Bag Dialogue - A Dreamer’s Nightmare: The Lack of Access to Education for Undocumented Students***

**5PM ICC - Office of Student Diversity Programs & Melvin Alvarez-Ortez ‘15**

Ever wondered about the role that liberal arts institutions such as Skidmore play in accommodating undocumented students? Do you think that the Dream Act is effective? Are we violating human rights for DREAMERS? Come join the conversation for this special Brown Bag brought to you by OSDP and Melvin Alvarez-Ortez ‘15. Dinner will be provided.

**Monday, November 17*****Food Insecurity: Film Screening of “A Place at the Table”*****7PM Library Viewing Room – SkidEats**

50 Million Americans—1 in 4 children—don’t know where their next meal is coming from. This documentary highlights the stories of three such Americans. A Place at the Table shows how the issue could be solved forever, once the American public decides that ending hunger is in the best interests of us all.

**Tuesday, November 18*****Reproductive Justice: The Politics of Sex and Reproductive Justice - Lecture by Sara Alcid*****7PM Gannett Auditorium - VOX**

Sara Alcid from Everyday Feminism is a reproductive health and justice advocate based in Washington, DC. As a queer feminist with an academic background in Gender and Sexuality Studies, Sara bridges her strong theoretical and historical understanding of feminism with a modern practice of radical everyday feminism. Her work and writing ranges from the intersection of environmental health and reproductive health to dating as a feminist. While at Skidmore, she is going to discuss sexual assault on college campuses and how this social problem directly impacts reproductive right.

**Wednesday, November 19*****Microloans and Poverty: Film Screening of “Bonsai People”*****7:30PM Emerson Auditorium - FeelGood**

FeelGood believes in partnership, not charity. This philosophy is embodied in Bonsai People, a documentary about different individuals and communities that end their own hunger and rise out of poverty through the use of microloans. Small loans of money can be used to spark an individual business, which in turn can create an economy between multiple communities.

**Thursday, November 20*****World Hunger and Socio-economic Inequalities: Hunger Banquet*****7PM Tang Teaching Museum – Carmen Lin '16 & Josh Saunders '15**

The Hunger Banquet is an interactive event that allows participants to experience how our decisions affect others in the world. The banquet will help participants visualize and understand the current global hunger problem. Professor Nurcan Atalan-Helicke from the Environmental Studies Program will lead a discussion about food insecurity and food distribution. RSVP at [skidmoresjm@gmail.com](mailto:skidmoresjm@gmail.com)

**Thursday, November 20**

***Climate Refugees: Film Screening of "The Island President"***

**7PM - 9PM 2nd Floor Dining Hall** - International Student Union

The Island President is a documentary about the efforts of then-President of the Maldives Mohamed Nasheed to tackle rising sea levels resulting from climate change. It follows his first year of office, and shows a rare and candid glimpse into the politics of environmental issues, and lets us see what life is like in the Maldives, the lowest lying nation on earth. The movie screening will be followed by a Q&A/discussion panel.

**Friday, November 21**

***Homelessness and LGBTQ People of Color: Screening of "Pier Kids: The Life"***

**5PM ICC** - Queer Lives in Color

Pier Kids: The Life follows three gay and transgender youth of color over the course of three years who, after being kicked out of their home for their sexuality, have become homeless on the same NYC street the Gay Rights Movement began on so long ago.

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