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## Making the World Better by Rethinking What Kindness Is,

### Who Should Receive It, and How

The speaker shares his thoughts on what we need to rethink the who, what, and how of kindness necessary to build a kinder world, offering a large, robust, and politically engaged re-conceptualization of kindness that restores it to its rightful place at the center of the big and important Enlightenment-era intellectual and political debates.  
Tuesday, January 16, 1:15 to 2:45  
Noel A. Cazenave, Professor of Sociology, UConn



## AI in Education: the Panic and the Promise

We address all the buzz about AI, especially how generative AI tools such as ChatGPT may be changing how we write in schools and workplaces, reviewing the very basics of how Large Language Models work and then reflecting on how educators are using (or fearing) these technologies.  
Thursday, January 18, 1:15 to 2:45  
Thomas Deans, Professor of English and Director of the University Writing Center, UConn

## Making Strides: Exercise for Cancer Survivors

Emerging evidence supports the safety and efficacy of exercise and ways to make strides toward healthy activity behaviors for those living with and beyond cancer.  
Tuesday, January 23, 1:15 to 2:45  
Victoria DeScenza, Assistant Professor in Residence, Kinesiology, UConn



## Acoustic Interactions in Ranid Frogs

American bullfrogs (*Rana catesbeiana*) and green frogs (*R. clamitans*) commonly co-occur in eastern North America. But bullfrogs have louder, longer mating calls than green frogs. This could effectively silence green frogs, exacting a heavy cost on their ability to attract females to the pond. Nevertheless, in natural settings where these species co-occur, green frogs reproduce successfully and populations are stable. How is this possible?  
Wednesday, January 24, 1:15 to 2:45  
Susan Herrick, Associate Professor in Residence, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, UConn



## Seeking Truth in the Age of Disinformation

The proliferation of online misinformation and mainstream acceptance of conspiracy theories has posed challenges for the news media and other American institutions. The presenter shares her research on conspiracy theories and efforts to hold purveyors of disinformation accountable online and in the courts. Participants will learn about libel law and develop news literacy skills.  
Tuesday, January 30, 1:15 to 2:45  
Amanda Crawford, Assistant Professor of Journalism, UConn

## The Social Foundations of Entrepreneurship: Lessons Learned from Expeditions to the Himalayas, the Amazon, the Sahara, and the War in Ukraine

The speaker highlights how the structure of the society we live in shapes the entrepreneurial opportunities available to us, the process by which we organize new businesses to exploit these opportunities, and our chances of success in entrepreneurial endeavors. In doing so, he weaves in stories from his experiences working with entrepreneurs in extreme and quirky social contexts.  
Wednesday, January 31, 1:15 to 2:45  
Ryan Coles, Assistant Professor, Boucher Management and Entrepreneurship Department, UConn

## The Ghosts of Sun Yat-sen: Mixed Legacies in China and Abroad

Sun Yat-sen (1866-1925), widely celebrated as the founder of the Chinese Republic, travelled around the world to raise money for China’s revolution to overthrow the Qing dynasty. This talk explains his enduring popularity despite his limitations as a political leader and looks at different ways in which his image is deployed in monuments, buildings, and museums worldwide.  
Tuesday, February 6, 1:15 to 2:45  
Victor Zatsepine, Associate Professor of History, UConn

## Mansfield Tomorrow: Planning for Mansfield’s Future

The Town of Mansfield strongly supports balanced economic development efforts with sensitivity to preserving the town’s unique blend of rural character and college town amenities to create an attractive location for businesses, workers, and residents. The town has designated both Smart Growth Areas and Rural Conservation Areas to maintain the low-density rural landscape in most of the town while accommodating growth in walkable mixed-use centers, compact residential, and institutional areas.  
Thursday, February 8, 1:15 to 2:45  
Jennifer Kaufman, Director of Planning and Development, Town of Mansfield



## Transforming Urban Vacant Lots: Building Sustainable Communities

This talk highlights the socio-environmental challenges linked to urban vacant lots and provides insights into opportunities and solutions for building sustainable and resilient communities. Using Hartford, CT as a case study, we explore a spectrum of urban design strategies and landscape architectural solutions aimed at converting vacant spaces into valuable assets for our cities.  
Wednesday, February 14, 1:15 to 2:45  
Shogun Park, Assistant Professor, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture, UConn



## Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project

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Twenty-five years ago a closeted lesbian gym teacher in Houston, Texas realized that the stories of her older lesbian friends, including veterans of World War II, were at risk of being lost. She recorded and transcribed interviews with them, scanned their photos at Staples and spiral-bound them into printed books. From there The Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project grew to 900+ interviews, of which the speaker has collected over 80.  
Thursday, February 15, 1:15 to 2:45  
Christine Pattee, PhD in Public Health from Yale University, has had a distinguished career in public health.

## Has Age Discrimination Become the New Normal in the Workplace?

As more older workers populate the workforce, and as there are greater numbers of older workers in the American population, inevitably the number of age discrimination claims will increase over time. Age discrimination complaints account for 20% of the EEOC’s investigations into alleged workplace bias.  
Wednesday, February 21, 1:15 to 2:45  
Robert Bird, Professor of Business Law, UConn



## Connecting School Cafeterias to Locally Grown Food UConn

Extension members share their work leading a program that trains a cohort of K-12 school food service directors to purchase food from farmers and add these fresh products to school meals using seasonal recipes. The “Put Local on your Tray” program also maintains a farm directory to help connect farmers to school districts. In recent years the program has started working with early childhood centers as well.  
Thursday, February 22, 1:15 to 2:45  
Jiff Martin, Extension Educator, Extension Program, UConn

## Forging a New Marine National Monument off the Northeast US

The Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument was initially designated by President Obama in 2016, the result of years of scientific exploration research, public outreach, and the political will to protect a small part of our natural heritage in the Atlantic Ocean. This talk recounts the science, collaborations, ensuing controversies, and ultimate protections for this biodiversity hotspot in the deep ocean.  
Tuesday, February 27, 1:15 to 2:45  
Peter Auster, Research Professor Emeritus, Department of Marine Sciences, UConn

## In Genghis Khan’s Footsteps: Thirty Years of Geological Research Amidst the Stunning Landscapes and Rich Nomadic Culture of Central Asia

Central Asia is vast (Connecticut could fit inside Mongolia 120 times) and is one of earth’s last great geological frontier regions. This talk for a general audience focuses on key scientific discoveries made during 20 research expeditions to Mongolia and western China and includes beautiful photos of natural scenery.  
Thursday, February 29, 1:15 to 2:45  
Dickson Cunningham, Professor, Earth Science Department, ECSU