

From Monologue to Dialogue: Building Community



March 9 WHY IS COMMUNICATION SO DIFFICULT?

Focus: Judith Cohen Lecture: **Jimmy Tingle**, stand-up comedian, social and political commentator, actor, writer, practitioner of non-violence, activist, recipient of the Peace Abbey Courage of Conscience Award

March 16 THE MEDIA: INFORMER OR MANIPULATOR?

THE PUBLIC: DISCERNING OR NAÏVE? Focus: Barbara Villandry

Lecture: **Stephanie Leydon**, WGBH, Emmyaward winning radio & television journalist, passionate about community engagement



March 23

HOW DOES NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION (NVC) FACILITATE COLLABORATION?

Focus: Virginia Loftus Lecture: **Gail Carroll**, a certified NVC trainer, teaches NVC and has a private practice offering empathy and mediation

March 30 CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN GENERATIONS

Focus: Paula Chandoha

Lecture: **Linda Weltner**, activist, former *Boston Globe* columnist, author of *Family Puzzles: A Private Life Made Public*



IS THERE MORE? INVITING DEEPER DIALOGUE

A group of 3 couples who have been listening to one another for 22 years share the structure, tools and insights they have honed for deepening and transforming relationships through dialogue



April 13 CAN DIALOGUE CHANGE VIOLENT BEHAVIOR?

Focus: Chris Farrow-Noble Lecture: **Elizabeth Englander**, prof psychology, dir *Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center* at Bridgewater State, author of *Bullying and Cyberbullying* and *Understanding Violence*

April 20 THE POWER OF CIVIL DISCOURSE TO BUILD COMMUNITY

Focus: Paula Chandoha Lecture: **John Fiske**, award-winning family and work mediator and mediation trainer





April 27 WHAT ARE THE OUTER AND INNER VOICES DRIVING CONSUMPTION?

Lecture 1: will discuss the outside influences that drive us to consume

Lecture 2: **Laura Ferrer**, clinical psychologist and personal coach, instructor Harvard Medical School/McLean Hospital

May 4 POLITICAL CORRECTNESS: BLESSING OR CURSE?

Focus: Michael Vallee

Lecture: **Tim McCarthy**, Harvard Kennedy School, director Sexuality, Gender, and Human Rights Program at the Carr Center





May 11 ARE FEMINISTS STILL SPEAKING THE SAME LANGUAGE?

Focus: Muna Killingback Lecture: **Diane Grossman**, prof philosophy, chair Women's & Gender Studies, Simmons, author of *Existentialism and the Philosophical Tradition*, and *Looking at Gay and Lesbian Life*

Thursdays in Harvard Sq, Cambridge MA 11:30 am Focus 12 noon–1 pm Main Lecture 1 pm–1:30 pm Discussion

At Democracy Center, **45 Mt Auburn St**, cnr DeWolfe St (We regret that it is not wheelchair accessible.)

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