

Visions and Ventures Symposium Schedule of Events
(Di)visions and Ventures: Refocusing Our Lens On American Communities

Talks, Book-signings and Local Organizations
All lectures and book-signings will be held in O'Donnell Auditorium

Tuesday, September 12

- 7 p.m., Lecture: Bryan Stevenson: "American Injustice: Humanity, Mercy and Making a Difference"
- 8 p.m., Book-signing

Stevenson is a defense lawyer who founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. He shares stories of those he defended and makes an argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice in his book *Just Mercy*.

Want to get involved in issues addressed by Bryan Stevenson? Stop by Gildersleeve Lounge, lower level, Rogers Fine Arts Center, 8 p.m. Visit with representatives from Community Justice Center, Released and Restored, Legal Aid of Nebraska, CEDARS.

Wednesday, September 13

- 10 a.m., Lecture: J.D. Vance: "Hillbilly Elegy"
- 11 a.m., Book-signing

Vance is the author of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller, *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*. He grew up in the Rust Belt city of Middletown, Ohio, and the Appalachian town of Jackson, Ky. He enlisted in the Marine Corps after high school and served in Iraq. A graduate of the Ohio State University and Yale Law School, he has contributed to the *National Review* and has recently signed on as a CNN political contributor. "Hillbilly Elegy" is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis — that of white working-class Americans.

Want to get involved? Stop by Gildersleeve Lounge, lower level, Rogers Fine Arts Center, 11 a.m. Visit with representatives from the Asian Community and Cultural Center, Fresh Start, Community Action Partnership.

Wednesday, September 13

- 7 p.m., Lecture: Hanna Rosin: "The End of Men: Current Social and Political Implications"
- 8 p.m., Book-signing

Rosin is a senior editor at *The Atlantic* and a founder of DoubleX, *Slate's* women's section. She has written for *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *GQ*, *The New Republic*, and *The Washington Post*, and is the recipient of a 2010 National Magazine Award. She authored *The End of Men*, a portrait of women, men, and power in a transformed world.

Wednesday, September 13: Interactive Activities

These activities are open only to NWU students, faculty and staff.

Poverty Simulation: Knight Field House, Weary Center, 12:30-3 p.m.

What is it like to struggle to pay rent, to have to make choices between food and heating in the winter? This simulation is designed to help you understand the daily challenges of many of our neighbors.

Sleeping Mat Project: Prairie Wolf A, Story Student Center, 1-2:30 p.m.

The homeless population is among the most vulnerable in our society. Help make plarn (yarn made from plastic bags) that will be used to make sleeping mats for those without homes.

The Last Straw: Sociology Pit, Smith-Curtis (lower level), 1-2:30 p.m.

Join students from the Human Health and Disease thread as they lead the board game, The Last Straw, which illustrates social and economic factors that influence the health of marginalized groups in the United States.

Activism Center: Prairie Wolf B, Story Student Center, 1-2:30 p.m.

Take action on issues that are important to you! Write postcards, send letters to the editor, call your local and national representatives, and learn more about how to get involved in Lincoln.

Coming and Staying: Refugee and Immigrant Panel: Callen, Smith-Curtis (lower level), two sessions: 1-1:45 p.m. and 1:45-2:30 p.m.

Panelists include local refugees and immigrants who will share their experiences of journeying and adapting to life in Lincoln.

Campus Dialogues: Locations across campus, 3-4 p.m.

Explore ideas of the symposium through dialogues with small groups of students. Students who registered online to participate in a dialogue group should go to their assigned classroom.

Yoga: Taylor Commons (rain location 2nd floor library), 4:30-5:30 p.m.

All-campus yoga practice will help you connect your mind and body, connect with nature, and connect with friends – old and new. Bring a mat. Yoga Club has 25 mats to share. Mats are also available for checkout at the Weary Center front desk.

Disconnect to Connect

Disconnect from 7 p.m. Tuesday through 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Disconnect to Connect headquarters located in Alabaster Lounge (Old Main), Wednesday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Back by popular demand, Disconnect to Connect is a campus-wide, participatory event that invites students to spend a day offline. No cell phone, no internet, no debit or credit cards, no TV may be used from 7 p.m. Tuesday through 8 p.m. Wednesday. This activity helps students (and faculty and staff) connect with each other in non-meditated ways, to become aware of the digital footprint we involuntarily create and to experiment with consciously choosing when and how to engage digital technology. Wear the (Dis)connect to Connect button for the duration of your participation.

Alabaster Lounge is open all day Wednesday for board games, reading, relaxation and conversation. Everyone who completes the fast is eligible to enter their buttons in a drawing for prizes. Drawings will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Gildersleeve Lounge, lower level of Rogers Fine Arts Center.