

Worcester State University 2020 Action Plan

This past year the Massachusetts State College Association (MSCA) and the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (BHE) agreed to new language in the faculty contract that recognizes community engaged teaching, service, and scholarship within the criteria for tenure, promotion, and post-tenure review. Sparked by this change in the contract, *Pathways Toward Equity* is an initiative at Worcester State with a priority of raise awareness about the voting cycle and deliberative dialogue and to develop a network to advance community engaged methods in curricular and co-curricular endeavors, shown to positively influence classroom learning, students' self-efficacy, and feelings of belonging, which in turn create the spirited political environment to spur voting registration and voting itself.

Here are some of our events:

October 21, 2019	Forum with John Reiff - Center for Teaching and Learning
November 9, 2019	Dinner with Dr. Timothy Eatman - Worcester State University
November 19, 2019	John Saltmarch & Gene Corbin - Center for Teaching & Learning

January 14, 2019	<p>On Wednesday, January 15, 2020, Worcester State University will welcome Campus compact, Nancy Thomas and the Institute for Democracy and Higher Education</p> <p>In this workshop, researchers at the Institute for Democracy & Higher Education at Tufts University's Tisch College will draw from their research to cover the gamut of "all things political" on college and university campuses, ranging from voting basics to managing politically charged discussions across differences of ideology and identity. Participants will examine recent trends in student voting and the practices on campus that promote inclusive student electoral engagement and leadership and learn how to lead politically charged discussions that are inclusive and candid. The workshop will also include time dedicated to institutional planning, action, and change.</p>
February 11, 2020	Worcester State University: Center for Teaching and Learning
February 18, 2020	Worcester State University: Center for Teaching and Learning
February 28, 2020	Consortium Retreat - Boston, MA
March 2020	MA Carnegie Classification Workshop
March/April 2020	Consortium Visits to other State Universities
April/May 2020	Faculty Development Workshops
May 2020	Assessment Retreat
May 2020	Keynote and Consortium Workshop - DHE Conference - Holy Cross

As with the last election cycle, we will also be doing Democracy Cafes. here is the line up from last cycle, which we will be replicating:

Non-partisan, pop-up information sessions on important issues and the major parties' positions on them. Gain insight into what's at stake when you vote on November 8th. FREE AND OPEN TO ALL.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

10:30am - Foreign Policy (Carl Herrin, Office of the President)
Student Center, Fallon Room #320

11:30am - Student Debt (Dr. Bonnie Orcut, Economics)
Student Center, Foster Room #318

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:00am - Immigration (Hilda Ramirez, Latino Education Institute) Wasylean Hall, 7 Hills Lounge - 1st floor

11:00am - Income Equality (Bill Shakalis, Library)
Student Center, Fallon Room #320

1:00pm - Voter Suppression (Dr. Dan Shartin, Philosophy)
Student Center, South Auditorium, Rm #110

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

10:30am - Climate Cafe (Dr. Allison Dunn, Earth, Environment & Physics) Student Center, Foster Room #318

11:00am - WSU & Constitution Day Results (Dr. Mark Wagner, Binienda Center) Library, LRC Cafe, Library - 2nd floor

1:30pm - Criminal Justice Reform: Prisons (Professor Charles Brownlee, Criminal Justice) LRC Cafe, Library - 2nd floor

2:30pm - Child Care Issues & Election 2016 (Dr. Carol Donnelly, Education & Eve Gilmore, Edward Street Day Care Center)
Children's Lit Room, Library - 2nd floor

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

2:30pm - Supreme Court (Dr. Robert Brooks, Criminal Justice)
Student Center, Fallon Room #320

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:30am - LGBTQ Issues (Vicki Gruzynski, Library)
Student Center, Fallon Room #320

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

11:30am - Supreme Court (Dr. Robert Brooks, Criminal Justice)
Student Center, Fallon Room #320

12:30pm - Student Debt (Dr. Bonnie Orcut, Economics)
Student Center, Foster Room #318

1:30pm - LGBTQ Issues (Vicki Gruzynski, Library)
Student Center, South Auditorium, Rm #110

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:30am - FILM: Citizen USA: A 50 State Road Trip
Learning Resource Center, Room 121
(Presented by Dr. Tona Hangen, History)

Director Alexandra Pelosi travels to naturalization ceremonies in all 50 states and meets brand-new citizens to find out why they chose America as their home. 2001. 1h9m

10:00am - Domestic Health Policy (Dr. Catherine Worsnop, Health Sciences) Wasylean Hall, 7 Hills Lounge - 1st Floor

2:30pm - Hate Speech & Propaganda
(Dr. Carlos Fontes, Communication), Wasylean Hall, Seven Hills Lounge, 1st floor

2:30pm - FILM: Good Night & Good Luck
Ghosh Science & Tech, Room 102

(Presented by Professor Suzanne Gainor, Communication & Dr. Charlotte Haller, History.
Sponsored by the Binienda Center for Civic Engagement)

This film, starring George Clooney and David Strathairn, chronicles the real-life conflict between CBS News broadcaster Edward R. Murrow and the U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy, who held Congressional hearings to root out Communists in America in the early 1950s. Murrow dedicated himself to reporting the facts and enlightening the public about these 'witch hunts', despite pressure from CBS corporate sponsors to desist. 2005. 2h33m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

10:00am - Federal Reserve, Banks and Bailouts, (Dr. William O'Brien, Economics), Children's Lit Room, Library - 2nd floor

10:00am - Democracy & The Arts (Dr. Sam O'Connell & Professor Adam Zahler, Visual & Performing Arts)

LRC Cafe, Library - 2nd floor

11:30am - Environment & Election 2016 (Dr. Pat Benjamin, Earth, Environment & Physics),
Children's Lit Room, Library - 2nd floor

1:30pm - Voter Suppression (Dr. Dan Shartin, Philosophy)
Student Center, Foster Room #318

2:30pm - Immigration (Hilda Ramirez, Latino Education Institute)
Student Center, Fallon Room #320

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:30am - Higher Education (Dr. Ryan Forsythe, Enrollment Mgmt) Student Center, North Auditorium,
Rm #111

1:00pm - Gender & Politics (Dr. Kristin Waters, Philosophy)
Student Center, Fallon Room, #320

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

10:30am - Law & Order, Police Violence, and Guns
(Dr. Charlotte Haller, History)
Student Center, North Auditorium, Rm 111