

THE HUMANITIES INSTITUTE IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES PRESENTS

HINDSIGHT/2020:

HUMANISTIC REFLECTIONS ON AN UNPRECEDENTED YEAR

A year-long speaker series in partnership with the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts. All events are free and open to the public and will be hosted virtually at quickcenter.fairfield.edu or thequicklive.com

— FALL 2020 EVENTS —

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23 @ 5 P.M.



Kathleen Fitzpatrick, PhD, Director of Digital Humanities, Michigan State University
Dr. Fitzpatrick is author of *Generous Thinking: A Radical Approach to Saving the University* (2019), *Planned Obsolescence: Publishing, Technology, and the Future of the Academy* (2011), and *The Anxiety of Obsolescence: The American Novel in the Age of Television* (2006). In *Generous Thinking*, she argues that universities can help overcome distrust of academic specialization by moving from isolated and competitive models to those that encourage collaboration, community, and public dialogue. She will talk with Nels Pearson, PhD, about why these approaches are all the more crucial given current events.

MONDAY, OCT. 5 @ 5 P.M.



Lauren Alleyne Poet and Associate Professor of English, James Madison University
Alleyne is the award-winning author of the poetry collections *Difficult Fruit* (2014) and *Honeyfish* (2019) and assistant director of the Furious Flower Poetry Center at James Madison University. She will read from recent work that speaks to issues of race, state violence and protest, and engage audiences in discussions of how poetry allows us to see the human dimensions of these issues as well as to represent experiences that are difficult to speak about.

MONDAY, OCT. 26 @ 5 P.M.



Yolanda Wilson, PhD, Fellow, National Humanities Center and Encore Public Voices
A former visiting scholar in the Department of Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Wilson will discuss intersections of race ethics and medicine in light of the pandemic. Her work on medicine, bioethics, and social justice has appeared in some of the most highly regarded academic journals in bioethics, philosophy, and public health. She is also a widely respected public voice for these issues across multiple media platforms.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17 @ 5 P.M.



Gniesha Dinwiddie, PhD, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
Dr. Gniesha Dinwiddie is a medical sociologist and social epidemiologist with expertise in the social determinants of health, cardiovascular disease epidemiology, chronic disease management, and health services research. She will host a moderated question and answer session on race, class, and the pandemic. She will discuss research approaches for studying the effects of Covid-19 and how mixed-methods research focused on race and class give us a more holistic picture of the pandemic.