WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

3.8.16

ANITA SARKEESIAN

I'll Make a Man Out of You: Redefining Strong Female Characters

Anita Sarkeesian—named one of TIME magazine's 100 Most Influential People and creator of the video webseries "Feminist Frequency"—is a media critic whose work deconstructs stereotypes associated with women in popular culture, and highlights issues surrounding targeted harassment of women in online and gaming spaces. Sponsored by the Associated Students of Santa Monica College, SMC Global Citizenship, SMC Associates and the SMC Alumni Association

Tue, March 8 | 11:15am | Free Main Stage at Theatre Arts Complex 3.10.16

ROSA MORENO

Illuminating Inequity: Rosa Moreno's Quest for Justice

Rosa Moreno—who lost both hands in a factory accident in Mexico—will provide a "front lines" perspective on some of the devastating inequities and safety issues for workers in manufacturing facilities around the world, and the way corporate policies contribute to a corroboration of the observation, "Americans lose jobs; foreign workers lose limbs." Sponsored by the SMC Associates, SMC Global Citizenship, SMC Health Services Center and SMC's GRIT Program.

Thu, March 10 | 11:15am | Free | HSS 165

3.17.16

JACKSON KATZ

Violence Against Women: It's a Men's Issue

Educator, author, and filmmaker Jackson Katz—cofounder of one of the longest running sexual and relationship abuse prevention programs in North American high schools, colleges, sports culture, and the military—is a cultural theorist and the founder and president of MVP Strategies, which provides gender violence prevention and leadership training to institutions in the public and private sectors. Sponsored by the Associated Students of Santa Monica College, SMC Associates and the SMC Foundation.

Thu, March 17 | 11:15am | Free | SMC Pavilion Thu, March 17 | 6:30pm | Free | HSS 165 SMC ASSOCIATES SPRING 2016 LECTURE SERIES

4.19.16

HELENA LAZARO

Beyond Survival

Helena Lazaro—an advocate for sexual assault victims at the nonprofit Peace Over Violence, and the West Coast Director for Natasha's Justice Project (which works to end the rape kit backlog)—shares candidly about her experiences. Through recounting the details of her abduction, cold case, and advocacy work, she addresses the importance of tenacity in times of adversity, and the ability we carry within us to not only heal from trauma, but also use it as a catalyst for growth and change. Sponsored by the SMC Associates and SMC's GRIT Program.

Tue, April 19 | 11:15am | Free | HSS 165

5.17.16

NO MÁS BEBÉS

Film Screening

Join us for a screening of No Más Bebés, the story of 10 Mexican immigrant mothers who sued Los Angeles County, the State of California, and the U.S government for being sterilized in the 1970s without their consent after having emergency Cesarean sections at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center. This year marks the 40th anniversary of their landmark civil rights lawsuit—Madrigal v. Quilligan—asserting that a woman's right to bear a child is guaranteed under the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision. Sponsored by the SMC Associates and SMC's Adelante Program.

Tue, May 17 | 11:15am | Free | HSS 165

5.24.16

NO MÁS BEBÉS

Q/A with Virginia Espino

Join us for a special Q&A session with film producer Virginia Espino about No Más Bebés, the documentary she co-produced with director/producer Renee Tajima-Peña on the landmark lawsuit affirming a woman's right to bear a child. Espino is a senior writer, interviewer, project coordinator, and historian of Latina/o history for the UCLA Center for Oral History Research. Sponsored by the SMC Associates and SMC's Adelante Program.

Tue, May 24 | 11:15am | Free | HSS 165

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