# SANTA MONICA COLLEGE PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE ND THE SMC ASSOCIATED STUDENTS 2017 ANNUAL SPRING SYMPOSIUM

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CALIFORNIANS AS GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY IN A POST-TRUTH ERA

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SCREENING OF AGENTS OF CHANGE — A film produced and directed by Frank Dawson Film is screened at 7:00 p.m. and panel discussion is at 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (featuring Director and SMC Dean, Frank Dawson, SMC AS President, Terrence Ware, and a representative from Black Lives Matter) Mon, May 8th, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. | Aero Theatre – 1328 Montana Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90403



## TRUTH VS. POST-TRUTH: IMPLICATIONS FOR CALIFORNIANS DEFENDING THE GALAXY

SMC philosophers deliberate over the meaning and prospects for objective knowledge as a path to public policy in the 21st century. Does the truth matter anymore? Facilitated by SMC Professors Amber Katherine, Paul Klumpe, Ali Mohsen. **Tue, May 9th, 11:15 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.** | **Santa Monica College Humanities and Social Sciences Lecture Hall, HSS 165** 



### SCREENING OF SWIMMING IN AUSCHWITZ — A film written and directed by Jon Kean

Film is screened at 7:00 p.m. and panel discussion is at 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (featuring Director Jon Kean, Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels, SMC Professor Ali Mohsen, and Ahilan Arulanantham from the American Civil Liberties Union) **Tue, May 9th, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.** | **Aero Theatre – 1328 Montana Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90403** 



## WE THE PEOPLE: A PROJECTION INSTALLATION

An education and advocacy video project unveiling personal narratives from SMC and beyond of what it's like to live in the Post Truth-Era when your civil rights are on the line. The video will be followed by a panel discussion where the students who created the project will address how the video can be used as a tool for change.

Wed, May 10th, 6:30 p.m. | Santa Monica College Cayton Center, Second Floor Lobby



#### SANCTUARY-STATE SUPERHEROES TO THE RESCUE!

Join us at the SMC Clock Tower for a speculative theme park to unleash, challenge, and develop your inner Californian political superpowers through games and dialogue on diversity, freedom of expression, immigration, healthcare-for-all and respect for the environment. Presented by One Mile and SMC Public Policy Institute Interns.

Thu, May 11th, 11:15 a.m. - 12:35 p.m. + Santa Monica College Clock Tower Quad



## **THE JUSTICE LEAGUE: KEYNOTE DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL AND STATE POLICYMAKERS** Thu, May 11th, 7:00 p.m. | Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club – 1210 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

The Santa Monica College Public Policy Institute provides nonpartisan community programs exploring key economic, social, and political issues. The Institute—which presents informative discussions on the policy issues that affect our daily lives—proudly offers an Associate in Arts degree and a Certificate of Achievement in Public Policy. Students can choose to specialize in one of five policy areas: Arts and cultural affairs, education, environment and sustainability, public health, and urban/socioeconomic affairs. Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Co-Director and Founding Associate Director; Shari Davis, MPP, Co-Director.

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