

Filling Station: A Faculty Research Presentation Series Announces its First Event on September 25, 2015

A new forum that celebrates the importance of faculty research will commence this term on the Brighton Campus at Monroe Community College. Titled “Filling Station: A Faculty Research Presentation Series,” this forum will take place three times each semester during College Hour (12-12:50). Created by Tony Leuzzi (English/Philosophy), “Filling Station” enables faculty to share their current research with students, professional colleagues, and other members of the college community. Drawing its name from the title of an Elizabeth Bishop poem, each seeks to furnish attendees with intellectual food. In its inaugural season, “Filling Station” features presentations by Michael Boester (Chemistry and Geosciences), E. Jethro Gaede (Anthropology/History/Political Science/Sociology), and Angelique Stevens (English/Philosophy).

The first of the three presentations will take place on Friday September 25, 2015, in Room 8-200. Professor Angelique Stevens summarizes this presentation as follows:

“In South Sudan, millions of women and children trek for up to eight hours a day to collect water from marshes or hand-dug wells where water is often contaminated with parasites and bacteria. The results are often sickness and even death. Water for South Sudan (WFSS) is making a difference by providing access to clean, safe water and facilitating hygiene education. This past February, the organization celebrated its tenth anniversary of drilling water wells in remote areas of South Sudan. Those ten years have resulted in 250 wells serving almost half a million people in the world’s newest country. The impact of those 250 wells is largely unknown, however. In January 2015, I travelled, as a board member of Water for South Sudan, to the country for two months to conduct a survey of the wells. This evaluation covered five areas of research: 1) maintenance, 2) well use patterns, 3) water quality, 4) functionality, and 5) sanitation & hygiene. In my presentation, I will discuss the results of the survey and the WFSS connection to the socio-political impact of water in rural areas of South Sudan.”

Stevens’s presentation will run for approximately 30 minutes; it will then be followed by a 15-20 minute question-answer exchange between Stevens and members of the audience.

Naturally, all attendees are welcome. If any faculty is interested in bringing entire sections of a course to an event, please contact Leuzzi at aleuzzi@monroecc.edu.

(An earlier notice pertaining to the philosophical and pedagogical concerns of “Filling Station: A Creative Reading Series” was posted in The Daily Tribune on May 01, 2015. You can access that post here:

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