

March 17, 2014

Community Service Opportunity: Newark Community Clean-up

On Saturday March 22nd, from 9-11am, come help clean-up Newark! Meet at the Newark Municipal Building (220 South Main Street). Email Caitlin at delcollo@udel.edu by Wednesday, March 19th to RSVP. Please include your t-shirt size and whether or not you will need a ride to the Municipal Building. We look forward to seeing you there!

Spring Bake Sale

Need a study break? Craving something sweet? Stop by the SAPA Spring Bake Sale on 3/24 from 9am-5pm! We'll have treats to celebrate the impending arrival of Spring. For every item that you purchase, you will get one entry into a raffle to win a dozen specialty cupcakes of your choice! Like to get creative? Sign-up to bake something yummy!

For more information or to sign-up, please contact Jessica Mitchell at mitchj@udel.edu

Who: SAPA

What: Spring Bake Sale

When: Monday, March 24th from 9am-5pm

Where: SPPA Break-room, Graham 183

<https://sites.udel.edu/sapa/files/2014/03/SAPA-Spring-Bake-Sale-268xi9n.pdf>

School of Public Policy and Administration Research Seminar

Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 12:20 – 1:10 p.m.

Graham Hall, Room 185

Leland Ware, Louis L. Redding Chair and Professor of Law and Public Policy

COLORBLIND RACISM IN FRANCE: BIAS AGAINST ETHNIC MINORITY IMMIGRANTS

In 2004 the French parliament adopted a law that prohibits female students from wearing headscarves in public schools. In 2010 a law was passed that prohibits women from wearing face-covering veils in public places. American civil rights laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of an "individual's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin." France's veil laws would not be permitted in America as they violate American antidiscrimination laws and the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution which insures freedom of expression and religion. The French justify the veil laws with the doctrine of *laïcité*, which prohibits the display of conspicuous religious symbols in public places. The laws are also grounded in principles of French Republicanism which discourage the assertion of ethnic identities. They also purport to protect Muslim women from gender discrimination.

This article shows that race and ethnicity are important, but largely unacknowledged, aspects of the immigration debate in France. Immigrants from North and sub-Saharan African are criticized for failing to embrace French values and traditions. This is particularly so in the case of Muslims as Islam is considered by many to be incompatible with French values. The problem is not that ethnic minorities refuse to integrate into French society. The real issue is France won't allow them to do so. Ethnic minorities are treated as permanent *étrangères* unworthy of acceptance by the majority population. The animus directed at ethnic minorities is predicated on negative stereotypes and implicit assumptions of French cultural superiority.

Répondez s'il vous plaît (RSVP)!

Lunch will be served for seminar participants who confirm their participation in advance, courtesy of SPPA. If you would like to participate in lunch, please inform Diana Simmons (dwalls@udel.edu) in the School office, so that she can order enough food.

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DIP Project Showcase

May 10th, 2014

Multipurpose Room in Trabant

Event Hours: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

The Design Innovation and Positivity Club are hosting a University of Delaware Project Convention on May 10th, 2014. The DIP Convention will expose a student and public audience to the latest in UD college student innovations.

DIP is on the lookout for amazing art, fashion, electronics, handcrafts, social impact projects, mechanical creations and other projects. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of the showcase, please submit a project submission at the link provided. Project Submission.

Also, photographer, videographer, t-shirt design, booklet design, and other advertisement positions are open.

Further Information about the event can be found at:

<http://www.dipshowcase.com/>

<http://www.dipmovement.com/>

Questions can be directed to:

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Contemporary Issues Series Speaker

The next speaker in the School of Public Policy and Administration Contemporary Issues Series will be Delaware's United States Senator Tom Carper. He will speak at 5 p.m. in 127 Memorial Hall on Tuesday, March 18th. Prior to serving as United States Senator, Mr. Carper served as Delaware's State Treasurer (6 yrs.), U. S. Congressman (10 yrs.), Governor (8 yrs.) and now United States Senator (13 yrs.). He also has his MBA from the University of Delaware.

Last year, Senator Carper became chairman of the full United States Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs (HSGAC). In a talk titled "Bits, Bytes and Bureaucracy: How government is Dealing with Emerging Threats", Senator Carper will discuss many of the important issues facing his committee.

Also in the last two weeks, it was announced that Senator Carper will be assuming the chairmanship, of the Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works Sub-Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

All SPPA students, faculty and students are welcome.

Thanks,

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(Jason Bourke, Kelly Smith, Brooke Gessner, Amanda Brown, David Carter, David Karas, Gabrielle Vicari, Verity Watson, Benjamin Wallace, Nadine Sabater)

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