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EYE ON PACIFICA VIDEO & EVENT REMINDERS

See below for the link to the April-May Eye on Pacifica video update and reminders on events this week, including the "Mental Health in our Community" panel event tonight (with livestream option).

Eye on Pacifica - Video Updates from Dr. Lee for April & May 2023

- Click on the link above to hear updates on institutional news, including regarding WSCUC accreditation, faculty matters, and community engagements aligned with our strategic priorities.

Mental Health in Our Community: A Vital Dialogue (with a Depth Psychology Perspective)

- **TONIGHT, May 23rd (5:30-7:30PM) – South Hall at the Lambert Campus (with livestream available for virtual attendance)**
- Co-hosted by Pacifica's Counseling Psychology Department and our Alumni Association (PGIAA), this panel conversation on the current state of mental health in our local community will outline the primary trends and concerns that are affecting our collective well-being. Each panelist will bring forth their unique observations, perspectives, and potential solutions for addressing the issues through myriad approaches: from the practical to the psychological. The open Q&A session will also allow attendees to voice their concerns, comments and questions. Panelists include Pacifica faculty, Dr. Matthew Bennett and Professor Jemma Elliot (co-chairs of the Counseling Department) and Dr. Camille Jarmie Harris (Associate Chair of the Clinical program), along with local community leaders.

THIS COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH EVENT WAS ALSO FEATURED ON THE LOCAL SANTA BARBARA NEWS CHANNEL (KEYT) – CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW THE STORY

The Firey Feminine: Susan Rowland on The Alchemy Fire Murder: Feminine Heroism, American origins and the Climate Emergency

- ***TODAY, May 23rd (noon-1:00PM PT) – free, virtual event (registration required – click on link above to register)***
- Join us for this Pacifica Online Author Spotlight with Dr. Susan Rowland as we talk about her newest JABR detective novel, The Alchemy Fire Murder (Chiron, 15th Feb 2023). In this novel, her newest addition in a series, Susan situates the psychological impact of the climate emergency within the framework of a murder mystery featuring a feminine hero.

MA Counseling Psychology Program Thesis Presentation Day

- ***May 26th at the Ladera Lane Campus***
- The Counseling Psychology Department looks forward to hosting its annual Thesis Presentation Day on Friday, May 26th. This meaningful event provides an opportunity for graduating students of the MA Counseling Psychology program present their thesis research work to fellow classmates, loved ones, faculty, staff, and the larger Pacifica community. Through this work, students have the opportunity to showcase their research findings and experiences throughout the multi-year thesis process. This event is always an important ritual experience, and it is our honor to witness our graduates as they present their research work.

2023 Commencement Ceremonies

- ***May 27th at the Hilton Santa Barbara (and livestreamed – see link above for details)***
- We take this time to congratulate all 2023 graduates on the completion of their graduate degree here at Pacifica Graduate Institute. We appreciate the hard work and dedication that they devoted to their journey here with us. We acknowledge and appreciate all of the patience and steadfastness in each student as they navigated through the uncertainties and challenges of the last few years. As they move into alumni, may the heart and soul of Pacifica carry through to the next chapter of their lives and into the work that they will be doing out in the world. Our graduates serve as an inspiration to current students currently on that same path, the faculty who supported and guided them along the way, the other alums who have new graduates to join their network, and to the entire community who believes in the meaning of a Pacifica education.

An exciting week here at Pacifica!

Lee Mathison

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