

THE JEANNE SAUVÉ FORUM SERIES

SOCIAL CONNECTEDNESS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In Collaboration With Kim Samuel

Throughout the fall of 2017, please join us as we showcase inspiring personal and organizational stories about overcoming social isolation, and explore the power and role of social connectedness in today's challenging global context. Each event will be moderated by Kim Samuel, Professor of Practice at McGill University's Institute for the Study of International Development, and will be held in English. Food and refreshments will also be served. Please visit jeannesauve.org and socialconnectedness.org for more information.

- 09/18** **COMPOUNDING FACTORS WITHIN THE GLOBAL REFUGEE CRISIS**
Join us for a discussion on the ongoing struggle for security and belonging of over 65 million refugees and displaced people around the world, and on new responses needed from the international community. Guest speaker: Emina Ćerimović, Researcher, Disability Rights Division, Human Rights Watch.
- 09/25** **THE POWER OF TRADITIONAL AND NEW MEDIA TO UNITE AND DIVIDE**
Join award-winning journalists who will reflect on today's media landscape and share perspectives on how the media is informing, and misinforming, populations about shared global challenges. Guest speakers: Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan, Senior Correspondents, The Washington Post.
- 10/02** **YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL CHANGE BEYOND CANADA 150**
Join representatives from leading youth empowerment organizations to hear inspiring stories of how youth are leading social change in Canada in its 150th year and lessons for the future. Guest speakers: Kluane Adamek, Our Voices: Yukon First Nations Emerging Leaders; and Jennifer Corriero, Co-Founder and Executive Director, TakingITGlobal.
- 10/16** **GHETTOIZATION AND GENTRIFICATION: GETTING TO SOCIAL HOUSING THAT WORKS**
Join us for a discussion at the intersection of architecture, urban planning and social justice in which we will consider lessons from the June 2017 Grenfell Tower fire in London and broader issues affecting the ability of low-income individuals to belong in the urban environment. Guest speaker: Dominic Richards, CEO, Architekton (UK).
- 10/23** **TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION: BUILDING COMMUNITY FROM INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES**
The report of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission issued calls to action across multiple sectors. Join us for an inspiring conversation with young Indigenous leaders who are driving efforts to build capacity within their communities, grounded in the strengths of their languages, cultures and knowledge. Guest speakers: Becky Cook, Misipawistik Cree Nation; and Gabrielle Hughes, DPhil candidate, University of Oxford.
- 10/30** **RE-THINKING FOOD: RURAL AND URBAN, LOCAL AND GLOBAL**
Join representatives from leading NGOs in exploring why food banks and food systems are failing to alleviate food insecurity and undernourishment around the world, and how food policy can be harnessed to build social connectedness. Guest speakers: Rachel Gray, Executive Director, The Stop Community Food Centre (Toronto); and Patrick Holden, Founding Director and Chief Executive, The Sustainable Food Trust (UK).
- 11/06** **OVERCOMING POVERTY THROUGH COMMUNITY BUILDING**
Join us for a discussion of the latest developments and challenges in the ongoing fight against global poverty, with perspectives from both global policy and grassroots experts. Guest speakers: Sabina Alkire, Director, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford; and Marlene Ogawa, Program Manager, Synergos Institute in South Africa.
- 11/13** **CAN SOCIAL CONNECTEDNESS ACT AS PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE?**
The world is ageing: By 2050, almost 17 percent of the global population will be aged 65 or older. Join us to learn how individuals, government and community organizations can work together to embrace ageing populations and identify innovative, intergenerational pathways to social connectedness. Guest speaker: Bethany Brown, Researcher, Older People's Rights, Human Rights Watch.
- 11/20** **HOW CAN COMMUNITIES ADVANCE CLIMATE ACTION IN THE TRUMP ERA?**
Join us for a critical discussion on what the future holds for the global effort to combat climate change, arguably the greatest challenge facing humanity and source of increased social isolation. Guest speaker: Angel Hsu, Assistant Professor, Yale-NUS College and Yale School of Forestry; Principal Investigator, Environmental Performance Index.
- 11/27** **HOLISTIC EDUCATION: LEARNING APPROACHES THAT BUILD SOCIAL CONNECTEDNESS**
Resolution of many of the world's complex challenges will depend on a new generation of young leaders. What are we doing or can we do to nurture and support transitions of young people through education and into their professional lives to ensure we build a more just, sustainable and peaceful world? Guest speakers: Richard Dunne, Head Teacher, Ashley Primary School, Walton on the Thames (UK); and Ian Skelly, Writer for HRH The Prince and Wales and BBC Broadcaster.
- 12/07** **NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US**
Achieving the Global Human Right of Accessibility: A Powerful Tool to Build Inclusivity for All
Join esteemed Harvard law school professors in exploring the visible and invisible barriers to accessibility that still persist for people with disabilities, in spite of legally-binding global and national conventions and policies; and in defining pathways to equality grounded in respect, recognition and reciprocity for all members of society. Guest speakers: William Alford, Chair, Harvard Law School Project on Disability and Vice Dean for the Graduate Program and International Legal Studies; and Michael Stein, Executive Director, Harvard Law School Project on Disability and Extraordinary Professor, University of Pretoria Faculty of Law.

Events will be held from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
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