Sherman Alexie to speak at Day of Human Understanding

Shippensburg University will celebrate diversity, inclusion and cultural competence during their annual Day of Human Understanding on April 5. The day will feature a lecture by author Sherman Alexie.


He has earned the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, the PEN/Malamud Award for Short Fiction, a PEN/Hemingway Citation for Best First Fiction and the National Book Award for Young People’s Literature. He also won the Audience Award and Filmmakers Trophy at the 1998 Sundance Film Festival for “Smoke Signals.”

Alexie’s lecture begins at 7 p.m. in the Luhrs Performing Arts Center and is free and open to the public.

Additional Day of Human Understanding activities include a ShipTalks session beginning at 2 p.m. in the CUB. Faculty and students will explore diversity through literacy in the classroom, community and world.

Reisner Dining Hall will feature Native American foods from 4 to 7:15 p.m. Guests may participate in this dinner for $10 or with use of their meal plan.

For more information, contact Stephanie Erdice at (717) 477-1161 or smerdice@ship.edu.
Kudos

On March 17, Dr. Wendy Becker, professor of management, spoke about her 25-year career as an Industrial-Organizational Psychologist at the Metropolitan New York Association of Applied Psychologists (METRO) Career Day at New York University.

Derek Cohenour, applications administrator in Computing Technologies Center, presented “No Plan to eTran: A Look at Our Ellucian eTranscripts Implementation” at the fifth annual Ellucian Conference in Orlando, Fla. from March 19 to 22.

Dr. Robert L. Hale, professor of psychology, reviewed two grants for the Pennsylvania Academy of Sciences during spring break. In addition, the research project “Heart Rate Variability Is Not Related to Antisocial Behavior Symptoms in a College Sample” was accepted for presentation at the 29th Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, in May in Boston, Mass. SU undergraduate students, Katya Nolder, Catherine Drop and Ryan Taylor are co-investigators and will participate in the presentation of the research at conference.

Dr. Cheryl A. Slattery, associate professor of teacher education, presented at the 19th Annual Conference Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Multicultural Education in March, at Dickinson College. The conference theme was “Don’t Let Your Schooling Interfere with Your Education: Exploring Multicultural Education to Develop Communal Consciousness.” Her presentation title was “Getting beyond assumptions about increasing literacy development in diverse households.” Slattery and Dr. Stephanie Jirard, professor of criminal justice, also presented a poster session titled “School to Prison Pipeline: From Chilling Statistics to Interruption Initiatives.”

Ship offers reduced rates for high school students

Shippsburg University is offering discounted tuition rates for Pennsylvania high school students through the new Ship Start program.

Ship Start, a new concurrent enrollment plan, allows juniors and seniors to earn college credits in high school for $100 per credit — a 64 percent savings off Shippensburg’s standard tuition rates. Credits earned count towards a degree at Shippensburg University or can be transferred to another college.

“Studies show that high school students who take advantage of programs like Ship Start increase their likelihood of graduating from college by significantly reducing the time it takes them to earn their degree,” said Jennifer Haughie, associate vice president of enrollment management and dean of admissions. “We’re excited to offer this program that will help students save money and succeed.”

All Pennsylvania public, private and homeschool students are eligible to apply for the Ship Start program. Admission is based on proven readiness for college-level work based on high school performance and SAT, ACT or AP scores.

For more information about the Ship Start program, go to www.ship.edu/shipstart or contact Shippensburg University’s Office of Admissions at (717) 477-1231 or admss@ship.edu.

Register for Social Inclusion and Social Justice Conference

Shippensburg University’s Institute for Social Inclusion will host its second annual Conference of Social Inclusion and Social Justice on Friday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Ceddia Union Building.

The goal of the conference is to promote the concepts of social inclusion and justice through the theme of gaining access to services and support for marginalized populations. This year’s conference will feature national and regional presenters discussing different topics under the theme of access. The presentations will cover best practices and research findings.

To register for this event visit www.ship.edu/INSINC/Conference_Registration/. Cost is $10 for students and $35 for professionals and faculty.

For more information, contact the Institute for Social Inclusion at insinc@ship.edu.

Grades due by 3 p.m. May 18

Spring 2017 grades are due by 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 18. Grade submission will be enabled in the myShip portal on Friday, May 5. All grades will be processed online.
Human trafficking program to be held April 19

Shippensburg University and the Cumberland County Commission for Women will host a program titled “Double Jeopardy: When Human Trafficking and Drug Trafficking Collide” on Wednesday, April 19 at 6 p.m. in Old Main chapel.

The program will feature Rhonda Hendrickson, vice president of programs, director of violence intervention and prevention services at the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, and Steven Turner, crisis advocate and training specialist at the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg.

Hendrickson manages one of the first federal human trafficking grants in central Pennsylvania. The PA Alliance Against Trafficking in Humans: Route 15 Project (PAATH 15), is a 12-county project focusing on enhancing services, interagency collaboration, training and awareness of trafficking along Route 15 in Pa. She chairs the South Central Human Trafficking Response Team and the victim services committee for the statewide implementation workgroup for Act 105, Pennsylvania’s human trafficking legislation. Prior to her role with the YWCA, she ran the Perry County Victim Witness Program, and in 2014 again assumed leadership of this program and merged it with the YWCA’s services in Perry County.

Turner’s advocacy work at the YWCA focuses on human trafficking, sexual assault and domestic violence victims and survivors. Turner has volunteered in programs serving children, both in the Philadelphia and Harrisburg area. He has served as a domestic violence advocate, trainer and pro bono PFA attorney for the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg’s Domestic Violence Legal Clinic, a cofounder of YWCA’s Men Against Domestic Violence Program and a member of the Dauphin County Domestic Violence Task Force. He recently received the Dauphin County Bar Association’s Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award for 2016.

The program is sponsored by the Organizational Development and Leadership Program, the Sociology/Anthropology Department and the Cumberland County Commission for Women. For more information, contact Sociology/Anthropology Department at (717) 477-1735.

Ship named ‘Voter Friendly Campus’

Shippensburg University was recently named a ‘Voter Friendly Campus,’ a designation awarded by the Campus Vote Project and NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. The mission of this designation is to enhance efforts that help students overcome barriers to participating in the political process.

During the 2016 general election Ship and its non-partisan voter registration group, Ship Votes, worked closely with student, faculty and staff organizations and the Campus Election Engagement Project. The groups organized voter education and registration events and coordinated efforts to provide student transportation to the polls on Election Day.

“Our goal in seeking this designation was to establish a permanent commitment to student civic engagement within our campus community,” said Ship Votes advisor and associate professor of history, Catherine Clay.

Ship was one of only 83 campuses in 23 states to receive the designation. The designation is valid through December 2018.

African novelist and literary critic to speak

African novelist and literary critic, Dr. Amadou Koné will speak at Shippensburg University on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. in Grove Hall Forum.

His lecture, “What Does Writing Literature Mean in Africa?” will discuss how African authors have worked to combat injustice and tyranny and search for an African cultural identity.

Born in the Ivory Coast, Koné graduated from the national university and received doctorates from the University of Tours and University of Limoges in France. He has been a professor of French at Georgetown University since 1997 where his research focuses on African oral and written literature. One of his six novels, “Le Pouvoir des Blakoros,” won the Best African Novel Award from the Léopold Sédar Senghor Foundation, while another, “Les Coupeurs de tête,” won the Grand Literary Prize of the Ivory Coast.

This lecture is sponsored by the French Cultural Studies minor, English and Sociology/Anthropology departments, and the International Studies Program. For information, email ism@ship.edu.

U.S. Army War College professor to speak

Dr. John R. Deni, research professor of joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multinational security studies at the U.S. Army War College’s Strategic Studies Institute, will speak at Ship on Wednesday, April 5. His lecture, “Tension and Transformation: German National Identity, NATO and Security Policy in Europe” begins at 7 p.m. in Grove Hall Forum.

Deni’s lecture will focus on a white paper released in 2016, that addressed the future of Germany’s security policy and armed forces.

The lecture is sponsored by the German Studies Minor, Political Science Department, Shippensburg ROTC and the International Studies Program. For more information, contact Dr. Jonathan Skaff at ism@ship.edu.
For more details on university events, please go to www.ship.edu/events.
For more details on athletic events, please go to www.shipraiders.com.

April 4  Baseball hosts Shepherd, 1 and 3 p.m., Fairchild Field
         Take Back the Night, 7 p.m., CUB
April 7  MESA Fusion Fest, 6 p.m., CUB
April 8  Inclusive Basketball, 11 a.m., Henderson Gym
         Baseball hosts Lock Haven, 1 and 3 p.m., Fairchild Field
April 9  Blitz Ball, 12 p.m., ShipRec
         Softball hosts Goldey-Beacom, 1:30 and 3 p.m., Robb Field
April 12 “The Expression of African Identities through the Arts”, 7 p.m., Grove Hall
April 14 Softball hosts East Stroudsburg, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m., Robb Field
         SAFE Drag Show, 6 p.m., Reisner Dining Hall
April 15 Womens Lacrosse hosts Seton Hill, 1 p.m., Robb Sports Complex
         Women’s Tennis hosts Millersville, 2 p.m., Robb Sports Complex
         Baseball hosts Mansfield, 1 and 3 p.m., Fairchild Field