

Syllabus for Fall 2019

Pacific Union College Community Speaker Series

(GNRL 100)

Interspersed Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
Church Sanctuary

“Knowledge for a World Lived in Common” is the theme for the Community Speaker Series.

During the Community Speaker Series, we will explore important and interesting topics designed to expand our knowledge base as Christians and citizens who must function effectively and ethically in a world lived in common. As members of a dynamic global Church and worldwide community, what are the competencies and skill sets that we must possess and embody in order to truly make a positive difference in our world? How can we exercise integrity, develop a moral compass and be of real service in a complex world lived in common? The Community Speaker Series seeks to engage us in reflecting intentionally on some of these essential societal topics intellectually, spiritually and culturally.

What is the Community Speaker Series?

The Community Speaker Series is designed to be a time when the entire campus community comes together. We gather to learn, to celebrate, to worship together, and to exchange new ideas.

While the Community Speakers Series meets in the PUC Church, it is not “church,” nor is it simply a worship service. Rather, it is PUC living and learning together as a gathered community. Sometimes we sing together; sometimes we pray together; we both laugh and weep. We think together about anything that concerns us: faith, service, diversity, the natural world, art—even politics, sometimes. **As with everything we do, everywhere we do it, we are in God’s presence.**

What are the Student Learning Outcomes for GNRL 100?

Students who attend and participate in the Community Speaker Series will:

- *Begin to gain knowledge on important societal topics to prepare them to function as effective Christians for a world lived in common;*
- *Feel themselves to be a part of the PUC community;*
- *Be inspired to practice the gospel imperative to serve others;*
- *Appreciate and learn from diversity and diverse perspectives at PUC.*

How do I receive academic credit for the Community Speaker Series?

All students registered for seven or more credits are automatically registered for the course GNRL 100 worth 0.1 units each quarter. Attending at least **FIVE** of the **SIX** programs this quarter earns a grade of S; failure to meet this attendance requirement results in an F grade. These grades appear on the college transcript and are counted in the GPA. Card swipers will swipe your ID card as you enter and as you exit to record your attendance. If you misplace your ID, you may use a sign-in sheet at the narthex to record your attendance **ONCE** during the quarter.

The Community Speaker Series attendance records may be viewed on Student Planning/WebAdvisor (wedadvisor.puc.edu), and should be checked frequently. If you notice that you did not receive credit for a program that you know you attended, please submit a request for credit form online (visit puc.edu/communityspeakerseries for more information). Please note: all requests for credit should be submitted BEFORE grades are posted at the end of the quarter.

What is the tardy policy for the Community Speaker Series?

Students who swipe in after 10:05 a.m. or do not swipe out following the program (or leave early) will not receive credit for attending that given Community Speaker Series program. Since the Community Speaker Series begins at 10:00 a.m., please make every effort to be there on time.

Will I receive Attendance Credit for the Community Speaker Series?

After you have attended your required number of programs, two attendance credits are available for the additional Community Speaker Series programs you attend. These additional credits will apply to your Religious and Community Service attendance requirement.

What happens if I cannot attend the Community Speaker Series?

Remember that you have to attend FIVE programs this quarter to receive credit for the course. If you anticipate unusual, persistent schedule conflicts throughout the quarter, attendance waiver request forms are available online (visit puc.edu/communityspeakerseries). Please note that students requesting proration on the basis of a work conflict must submit a letter from their employer indicating the student's Thursday work hours.

Who is exempt from the Community Speaker Series?

Students registered for six or fewer credits, parents with infants/children at home, students in the BSN program, students completing their student teaching, and students with a baccalaureate degree are exempt from the Community Speaker Series. To ensure that you are placed on the exemption list every academic year, please submit an exemption request form online (visit puc.edu/communityspeakerseries).

Whom should I contact if I have questions?

Email communityspeakerseries@puc.edu

The Community Speaker Series Civility Clause

To be "civil" means to refrain from rudeness. To this end, please come on time, put away cell phones, textbooks, laptops, or whatever might distract you or others from the program at hand. Carrying on extended conversations during the program is distracting to others and disrespectful to the speaker. Please choose to be civil, not rude, during our time together at the Community Speaker Series.

Community Speaker Series Schedule: Fall 2019

April 4	Educator of the Year
April 11	Student Week of Prayer
April 18	SA Elections
May 2	National Day of Prayer
May 16	Awards Colloquy
May 30	Student Association Farewell