



GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES XXI

2015-2016

Celebrating 21 Years of Diverse Voices



9/23/15

Henry Muñoz III

Board Chairman and Chief Creative Officer of Munoz & Co., Co-founder of TheDream.US.

Latino Culture and Identity

Henry R. Muñoz III is a nationally respected voice in the discourse about the imprint of Latino culture and identity upon American society in the 21st century. A designer, social activist, opinion leader and philanthropist, Muñoz works across multiple platforms that converge at the intersection of politics and the built environment.



10/21/15

Michael Twitty

Food Writer, Scholar, Culinary Historian and Educator

"Afroculinaria"

Noted culinary and cultural historian Michael Twitty is the creator of *Afroculinaria*, the first blog devoted to African-American historic foodways and their legacy. He has appeared on "Bizarre Foods America" and "The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross" with Henry Louis Gates Jr. His upcoming book *The Cooking Gene* documents the connection between food history and family history, from Africa to America, from slavery to freedom.



11/11/15

Matthew Crawford

Author and Senior Fellow at the University of Virginia's Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture

"The World Beyond Your Head"

Philosopher and mechanic Matthew Crawford is the author of the *New York Times* best-seller *Shop Class as Soulcraft: An Inquiry into the Value of Work* and *The World Beyond Your Head: On Becoming an Individual in an Age of Distraction*. In *The World Beyond Your Head*, Crawford investigates the challenge of mastering one's own mind, with implications for the way we raise our children, the design of public spaces, and democracy itself.



2/17/16

Benjamin Todd Jealous

Civil and Human Rights Leader, former NAACP President, Venture Capitalist and Author

Mass Incarceration and Justice in America

Benjamin Todd Jealous, former NAACP president, recently joined the Silicon Valley venture capital firm Kapor Capital. Jealous says, "reforming the nations criminal justice systems is one of the most urgent civil right issues of our time. More African American men are entangled in the criminal justice system today than were enslaved in 1850."



3/16/16

Jennifer Boylan

Author, Political Activist and Anna Quindlen Writer In Residence at Columbia University's Barnard College

"Stuck in the Middle With You: Parenthood in Three Genders"

Jennifer Finney Boylan is the author of the memoir *Stuck in the Middle With You: Parenthood in Three Genders*, one of the first best-selling works by a transgender American. She is an activist for LGBT people – and transgender men and women in particular – through her writing and her involvement on the board of directors of GLAAD and on the board of trustees of the Kinsey Institute for Research on Sex, Gender, and Reproduction.

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- For more information, please visit grcc.edu/lecture or call (616) 234-3390
- All lectures begin at 7:00 p.m. at Fountain Street Church, 24 Fountain St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- FREE and open to all
- ASL Interpreted
- Book signing follows the Twitty, Crawford, Jealous and Boylan lectures

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