

**ALL LECTURE SCHEDULE
JULY – DECEMBER 2016
ALL MONDAY LECTURES WILL BEGIN AT 2:00 PM
IN THE CINEMA OF PARKSIDE'S STUDENT CENTER**

Some dates will vary from our usual 1st and 3rd Mondays and are underlined.

Be sure to use your parking permit when you park in the Tallent Hall parking lot; then use the shuttle bus which takes you to the front door of the Student Center. The shuttle does not run when classes are not in session; park in the Student Center main lot and use your parking permit.

JULY

04 HOLIDAY

11 *THE RACINE ZOO*

BETH HEIDORN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Heidorn will discuss what has been happening at the Zoo since her arrival in April 2015 and the beginning of plans for the Zoo's 100th anniversary in 2023. She plans to bring some "animal ambassadors" in their role as educators.

Beth Heidorn began her life, her education, and her career in Minnesota, staying for 15 years as the Director of Education at the Minnesota Zoo. California beckoned and she continued working in education at several zoos before becoming general manager of Jungle Island in Miami. Family and the Midwest led her to Racine and her current position as Executive Director of the Racine Zoo.

18 *THE HISTORY OF HABITAT – BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO BUILD HOMES, COMMUNITIES AND HOPE*

**LeANN LAUNSTEIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RACINE HABITAT
LEIGH ANN ELCANO, OFFICE AND PROGRAM ASSISTANT
JAN ROLAND, FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER**

These three spokespersons will look at the history of Habitat for Humanity as an international non-profit charity, from the concept idea in Americus, Georgia, its founding in 1976, and its interest by President Jimmy Carter in 1984. This interest brought the organization to international visibility. They will also look at the history of Racine Habitat for Humanity, from the affiliate founding in 1984 to today, as they have completed their 85th house closing. The impact of Habitat, from the environmental to the economical will be addressed as well as a call to action for all to become involved.

LeAnn Launstein became the third Executive Director of Racine Habitat, in 2013, succeeding her predecessor who had been the director for 22 years. She was a Milwaukee County Supervisor for 10 years, followed by 10 years as director of a non-profit agency in West Allis that provided services to over 2000 older adults. She attended the University of Michigan and UW-Milwaukee, majoring in mathematics. LeAnn is a board member of the Oak Creek–Franklin Foundation for Education and volunteers as an 8th grade algebra teacher at her church’s school.

LeighAnn Elcano has been with Habitat Racine since July 2014. She has degrees in anthropology (with studies in Sabah, Borneo), was once an Animal Care Specialist in the Racine Zoo, and is married to a Racine dentist. In addition to their four children they have a dog named Alfredo.

Jan Roland is part of a group of dedicated volunteers who have spent the past 27 years making Habitat an integral partner in the redevelopment of Racine’s central city. He has been the board president for over 20 years. After graduating from Carthage College, he owned a business-contracting firm in Racine for 40 years, while serving on many community committees and boards.

AUGUST

01 *CURRENT LEGISLATIVE ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO KENOSHA AND RACINE – PANEL PRESENTATION*

**PETER BARCA AND SAMANTHA KERKMAN
WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVES
Moderator:**

Peter Barca is a Kenosha native, earned his undergraduate degree from UW-Milwaukee and an M.A. in public administration and educational administration from UW-Madison. He began his career as a teacher of students with special needs. Mr. Barca has served in the WI Assembly twice, from 1985–1993 and again since 2009. He is currently the Assembly Minority Leader, having assumed this position in 2011. Mr. Barca and his wife have two adult children. He serves on a wide number of non-profit boards and commissions in Kenosha, including the Parkside Foundation Board.

Samantha Kerkman represents the 61st Assembly District, which now includes most of Kenosha County outside the City of Kenosha. She was first elected in 2000 and served as Majority Caucus Sergeant at Arms for three terms. Ms. Kerkman is a Burlington native, earned a BA from UW-Whitewater, lives in Powers Lake and has two children. She is a member of several community organizations.

15 “GRID TALK”

**CARLOS CHACON, DIRECTOR, RENEWABLE ENERGY
S&C ELECTRIC COMPANY, FRANKLIN, WI**

“Grid Talk” is the name of this company’s electronic newsletter. Combining solar panels with batteries to keep electricity flowing when the sun isn’t shining has long been the target for companies working in the emerging technologies of the power grid. More attention is being focused on this area recently due to falling battery and solar prices, and national and international clean-energy and climate change policies.

Carlos Chacon has a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Marquette University. He has 20+ years experience in the electrical power industry, most of it in the Milwaukee area, dealing with wind and solar power and energy storage components. In his current role, Mr. Chacon “leads a multidisciplinary team to support renewable energy projects for site developers and electric utilities and the development of breakthrough products and services designed to reduce cost through increased durability when deployed in the field.”

SEPTEMBER

05 LABOR DAY

12 BEGINNING CLASSES; PARKING EVEN MORE PROBLEMATIC

**19 *THE FASCINATING HUMAN AND PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY OF
WISCONSIN***

**RICHARD WALASEK, PH.D., PROFESSOR OF GEOGRAPHY, UW-
PARKSIDE**

Dr. Walasek will examine and describe Wisconsin’s past and present characteristics.

Dr. Walasek has lived in Wisconsin and Illinois his entire life, earning his degrees in both states. He began with a BS in Landscape Architecture and completed his doctorate in Economic Geography. Dr. Walasek has focused his interests and teaching on human geography, especially patterns of electricity use, transportation networks, population growth, and political influences. He is the Director of Geography Bowl, a popular, long-running contest for high school students in our area. Dr. Walasek has received a Parkside teaching award and has the distinction of being professor at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside longer than any other faculty member.

26 *THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS – 96 YEARS YOUNG!*

**MARY KAE NELSON, PRESIDENT
JOANNE BARNDT, VICE-PRESIDENT
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY**

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan grassroots organization rooted in the Women’s Suffrage Movement, is alive and well in Wisconsin. Volunteers work to protect and engage voters, defend the environment, and address other issues pertinent to making democracy work. The speakers will discuss three issues, using PowerPoint, to demonstrate the League’s process for educating citizens in a multi-issue world.

Ms. Nelson and Ms. Barndt are serving current terms in office from 2015-17, and are both long-time members of the League.

OCTOBER

03 THE APP FACTORY AT UW-PARKSIDE and APP DEVELOPMENT

DEREK RILEY, PH.D., ASST. PROFESSOR, COMPUTER SCIENCE

Derek Riley grew up in Onalaska, WI and studied computer science and mathematics at Wartburg College in Iowa. He earned his Ph.D. in computer science from Vanderbilt University in 2009. The main focus of his graduate school research was modeling, simulation, and computational analysis of biochemical processes using stochastic techniques. Prof. Riley’s current research includes software engineering, modeling and simulation research and also includes interdisciplinary work in mobile/distribute computing, computer ethics, and computer science education. He also started the App Factory to put software engineering theories into practice in an interdisciplinary environment.

Dr. Riley: “The UW-Parkside App Factory is a new creative, professional, interdisciplinary group on campus that develops mobile apps for community clients throughout southeastern Wisconsin. We provide conceptual designing and prototype mobile development services to help find solutions and strategies for technology challenges. Students, both graduate and undergraduate, and faculty from computer science, business, art, and other disciplines collaborate to create these apps in a ‘startup company’ environment. Students gain real world experience working with clients and working on live projects as part of internships or course work. This presentation will describe how the App Factory works and demonstrate some example projects we have developed. We will also discuss the development process and how we use agile methods to develop projects quickly.”

17 “THE SHAKESPEARE PRISON PROJECT”

**JONATHAN SHAILOR, PH.D. PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION,
UW-PARKSIDE**

The Shakespeare Prison Project is an amazing example of how the unexpected and amazing can happen in the most unexpected place. Dr. Shailor works with inmates of the Racine Correctional Institution who study and perform Shakespeare’s works. This work has been celebrated in *The New York Times* and on *National Public Radio*.

Jonathan Shailor is the director of the Certificate Program in Conflict Analysis and Resolution, the Center for Ethnic Studies, and the Shakespeare Prison Project. He earned his Ph.D. in communication from the University of Massachusetts. He was honored in 2015 for 20 years of work with prisoners at the Racine Correctional Institution, teaching courses in theater, conflict resolution, and mindfulness-awareness meditation. As part of a special award for being a distinguished scholar, Dr. Shailor is to present his work in the field of communication to an international group of scholars in Munich, Germany in September.

NOVEMBER

**07 *FAILURE AT THE FACUET: THE WISCONSIN CENTER FOR
INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM’S LOOK AT THE STATE’S
DRINKING WATER QUALITY***

DEE J. HALL, MANAGING EDITOR, WI WATCH

Isn’t our drinking water pure, crystal clear and just what the doctor ordered? Doesn’t it come from the lake or a good, deep well? If so, then what do you suppose investigative journalists were investigating and what did they learn about this necessity of life?

Dee J. Hall is a Madison native, graduated from the Indiana University’s journalism school, and spent 8 years in Arizona before coming home to be editor and reporter for the Wisconsin State Journal. She is co-founder of the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism and joined the staff as managing editor in June 2015. Ms. Hall has won more than three dozen local, state, and national awards for her work, including the 2001 State Journal Investigation that uncovered a \$4 million-a-year secret campaign machine operated by Wisconsin’s top legislative leaders.

21 “GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING!”

MICHAEL FRONTIER, Ph.D.; GRADUATE SUPPORT AT THE JOHN XIII EDUCATIONAL CENTER, RACINE. And member of ALL.

Earlier this year, Dr. Frontier spoke up after a meeting during which many difficulties in our area and state had been delineated and told the audience that there really are many good people doing many good, positive things in our area. We asked Mike to bring us up to date on these constructive activities and events, thus providing a positive end to our 2015 lecture series.

Michael Frontier was born in Chicago, earned his bachelor’s degree from Loyola University, a master’s in early childhood education, and a doctorate in urban education from UW-Milwaukee. His career in education began when he took a temporary teaching job to pay for the medical school to which he had been accepted. He was struck by the needs of students living in the heart of the city and felt that the needs of the urban poor had to be addressed if our country was going to be successful. For Mike, urban education was right here in the Racine Unified School District, where he spent his 31-year professional career. The needs continue; Mike has been on the Racine Unified School Board for several years and now serves as its president.

DECEMBER

06 *HOLIDAY GALA*