

**You, your family, friends and classes are invited**  
**Saturday, October 3, 2009 – Classes without Quizzes**  
**9 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast**  
**Clark Hall Lobby, SJSU Campus**  
**Free and Open to the Public**

**Please come and support our six faculty participants from the College of Social Sciences**

**Dr. Lawrence Quill, Political Science**

**Civil Disobedience: (Un) Common Sense in Mass Democracies**

**9:30-10:20**

What is the connection between civil disobedience and democracy? What role is there for civil disobedience as the state's authority is challenged by the rise of global corporations and societies come to terms with a world dominated by global threats, anxiety, and 'risk'? If traditional politics, conducted via party machines has surrendered innovation and vision to the interests of economic citizens - the transnational corporation - what are the consequences for political life? What are the consequences for political freedom? This session will strive to answer these questions and more with the help of Quill's book *Civil Disobedience: (Un) Common Sense in Mass Democracies*.

**Dr. Frances Edwards, Political Science**

**Are You Ready? Disaster Preparedness in Earthquake Country**

**9:30-10:20**

With the rampant spread of Swine flu, the looming possibility of another Hurricane Katrina or the threat of another Loma Prieta Earthquake, you do not want to be unprepared for the next disaster to hit California. Learn about emergency preparations that will be useful in any disaster event, including earthquakes, floods, wild land fires and pandemics. Personal preparedness, family preparedness and community preparedness will be described, along with action steps to take right now to get ready. Steps will be illustrated with examples of household damage from the Northridge Earthquake, and easy and inexpensive actions to take now to protect your home and family in disasters and day-to-day emergencies. Handout materials include guides for developing emergency kits for the home and car, and guidance on developing a Community Emergency Response Team with your neighbors.

**Dr. Anne Marie Todd, Communications Studies**

**Get Green!**

**9:30-10:20**

Trying to "green" your lifestyle? Looking for ways to encourage your family and friends to live more sustainably? In this class, we will calculate our personal ecological footprint, and discuss simple things we can do to reduce our impact on the environment, and save

money in the process. This class emphasizes involving the whole family in greening the household. We will explore effective ways to talk with children about environmental issues, and share practical tips and ideas for saving energy, conserving water, and reducing waste.

**Dr. Federico Varona, Communication Studies**

**Appreciative Inquiry**

**10:30-11:20**

The course will explore Appreciative Inquiry (AI), a philology of knowing, a methodology for managing change, an approach to leadership and human development. AI is cooperative search for the best in people, their organizations, and the world around them and gives way to imagination and innovation; instead of negation, and criticism. The goal of AI is to achieve excellence.

The course will cover an introduction to Appreciative Inquiry and the Four Phases of the process of conducting an Appreciative Inquiry: 1. Discovery: Discover what gives life to a system (i.e. an organization) when it is at its best performance in human terms. The Appreciative Interview is the core of Appreciative Inquiry. 2. Dream: Create new and irresistible images of the ideal system (i.e. organization) we want to have. 3. Design: Propose the new culture and structures needed for the ideal system created in the dream phase. 4. Destiny: Define the programs that need to be implemented to live the new system. The course includes an application exercise on a topic appropriate for the specific audience.

**Dr. Andy Wood, Communications Studies**

**City Ubiquitous: Place, Communication and the Rise of Omnitopia**

**11:30-12:20**

Andrew Wood, author of the recently published book, *City Ubiquitous: Place, Communication and the Rise of Omnitopia* (Hampton Press), talks about his research into today's intersection of technology, urban life, and communication. Wood defines this phenomenon as follows: When you can flow from place to place, experiencing it all as one vast interior, cocooned in your own bubble, interacting with other people and natural parts of the world only as a series of objects, you're in omnitopia.

As an experiment in 2004, Andrew flew to New York intending to drive the 3000 miles back to San Jose without saying more than 10 words a day to the people he encountered. As it turned out, he spoke only five words during the cross country trip through airports, motels, restaurants and gas stations. As a communication studies professor, he wonders just what that means. Wood will describe his research on the rise of omnitopia and its enabling technologies (ATMs, cell phones, laptops, credit-card readers, ticket kiosks, iPods, online shopping), and discuss the implications of the increasing availability of technologies that remove the need for personal interaction.

**Dr. E. Bruce Reynolds**

**Kings and Constitutions: Instability in Thailand's Politics**

**11:30-12:20**

The Southeast Asian nation of Thailand has recently experienced political turmoil, as shown by the mass demonstrations by two rival factions: the 'yellow shirts' (who shut down Bangkok's airport last year and forced the government from office) and the opposition 'red shirts' (who disrupted a summit meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in Pattaya earlier this year). The mini-course will provide historical background to the contemporary political divide and the prospects for resolving the situation.

**12:30 – BBQ lunch - Stay and enjoy a free barbecue on campus!**

### **Classes for Kids**

As a part of Classes Without Quizzes, Classes for Kids will be provided for children ages 5 – 12 so parents may attend and enjoy the event with their children. Kids will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of fun, physical activities, so remember to have your kids wear active clothing and sneakers.

### **Schedule**

9 a.m. Check-in and registration at Clark Hall

9:30 – 10:20 a.m. Icebreakers

10:30 – 11:20 a.m. Fun and Games

11:30 a.m. – 12: 20 a.m. Tag, You're It!

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Barbecue lunch

Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their children at the assigned registration table. Teens are welcome to visit the teen center at Martin Luther King, Jr. Library.

Register your child for Classes for Kids

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

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