Hughes Center Hosts Ruth J. Katz Presentation on the Affordable Care Act

On April 6, the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy hosted Ruth J. Katz, director of the Health, Medicine and Society Program at The Aspen Institute, an educational and policy studies organization based in Washington, D.C.

Katz presented “The Making of the Affordable Care Act: An Insider’s Account of Healthcare Policymaking,” sharing her insights with the Stockton community in the Campus Center Theater.

“Ruth Katz is a superb public servant,” said Daniel J. Douglas, director of the Hughes Center, highlighting her extensive career in public service both on and off Capitol Hill.

Her presentation outlined the political and bureaucratic efforts that went into the passage of the Affordable Care Act, and how subsequent rulings by the Supreme Court left several million people ineligible for coverage because of their states’ actions. Katz also rebutted various myths about the Affordable Care Act, stating, for instance, that it has led to job creation, not job losses. She said despite problems with its initial implementation, such as problems with the website, the act will prove to be popular and effective in the long run, as is Medicare, now celebrating its 50th year.

Following, Douglas provided Katz with questions from the audience.

Katz previously served as Chief Public Health Counsel with the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the U.S. House of Representatives. The committee has legislative jurisdiction over domestic health programs, including Medicare, Medicaid, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration, and national health reform efforts.

She was the lead Democratic committee staff member on the public health components of the health reform initiative passed by the House in November 2009.

“Ruth is a Ventnor native, with sand in her shoes and saltwater in her veins. We are fortunate she found her way back to share her experience with students and members of the community,” Douglas explained.
Israeli Film Artist Eran Riklis Speaks to Dr. Marcia Fiedler’s Class

Eran Riklis, one of Israel’s leading film artists, shared his inspiration for his films with students in Dr. Marcia Fiedler’s GAH 2239: Old Testament and Film class on March 30.

Riklis has written and directed internationally acclaimed films such as Dancing Arabs (2014), The Syrian Bride (2004) and Lemon Tree (2008).

During the lecture, Riklis talked about moving to Brazil when he was 15 while his father was stationed with the Israeli embassy there. It was during the Vietnam War Era and a year after the Six-Day War in Israel. Riklis described how the country was under a dictatorship and how he was exposed to the political and social changes of the time. After reading about the struggles of the main character, Randle McMurphy, in One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest in his high school literature class, Riklis said he was inspired to tell stories.

Riklis said Randle’s story showed the internal struggle of humans, which is the core of cinema.

“Think about any system,” he said. “[It’s] about an individual against some kind of system.”

Riklis showed short clips from his films, including Dancing Arabs, Zaytoun and Lemon Tree, and discussed the themes, storylines and direction of each.

In his latest film, Dancing Arabs, the main character, Eyad, grows up in an Arab town and has the chance to go to a prestigious Jewish boarding school in Jerusalem. The film shows how he tries to fit in with his Jewish classmates.

“The students in Old Testament and Film saw firsthand how Riklis was able to use his films to teach people that it is possible to find some common ground between people regardless of their obvious differences,” explained Dr. Fiedler. “Many characters in Riklis’ films are from opposing sides concerning political and social issues in Israel, but the characters are able to find a common interest or goal.”

The visit was made possible through the Department of Academic Affairs at the Consulate General of Israel to the Mid-Atlantic Region. Dr. Fiedler first became involved with the Israeli consulate last summer when she was invited to participate in an academic round table.
Faculty and Staff Present at NJEDge Faculty Showcase at NJCU

A number of Stockton faculty and staff recently presented at the NJEDge Faculty Showcase at New Jersey City University (NJCU).

Dr. Tina Zappile, assistant professor of Political Science, presented “Go Global! A Collaborative Online Course for Incoming First-Year Students” during the Ignite session. An Ignite session is a quick fire presentation where each presenter or team of presenters has five minutes, 20 slides and 15 seconds per slide. The slides are advanced automatically.

Dr. Linda Feeney, director of E-Learning, served as moderator of the Ignite session.

Later in the day, Dr. Amy Ackerman, associate professor of Instructional Technology, and Dr. Doug Harvey, associate professor of Instructional Technology, joined Dr. Zappile for the poster session, giving conference attendees a more detailed look into the “Go Global!” experience.

Audrey Wolfson Latourette Presents at NYU School of Medicine

Audrey Wolfson Latourette, Distinguished Professor of Business Law, was invited to present at the New York University School of Medicine, NYU Langone Medical Center, Division of Medical Ethics on March 25 as part of its series, “Colloquium on Medical Ethics.”

Latourette presented “Plagiarism, Fraud and Ghostwriting: Legal and Ethical Implications for the Scientific Research Community” to an audience composed of physicians and Ph.D.s in a broad variety of the sciences.

“While it is based on my original research regarding plagiarism, it delves significantly into the issues that are of greatest interest to the medical and science community,” Latourette said. “The research has been fascinating and has expanded my expertise in this area.”

During her lecture, Latourette explained how “in the scientific arena, the charge of plagiarism frequently involves self-plagiarism, wherein the author republishes the same article with only minor modifications and without citation to the original piece, or engages in data fragmentation. Further, scientists are often cited for self-plagiarism when they utilize the methodology they employed in a prior article without giving reference to that site. Evidence of plagiarism can result in the revocation of National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding or in being debarred by the NIH from applying for federal monies for substantial lengths of time.”

Over the past several months, Latourette was also invited to present in Puerto Rico and California. She presented “Strategies and Legal Issues With Regard to Articulation Agreements with Two Year Institutions of Higher Education” at the Universidad Sagrado de Corazon, San Juan, Puerto Rico, from October 26-27; and “Plagiarism: Legal and Ethical Implications for the University” at the University of La Verne School of Law, Ontario, Calif. on Feb. 10. Latourette said La Verne Law filmed her presentation and intends to share it with the entire undergraduate university for purposes of instructing regarding plagiarism.
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“‘Go Global!’ is the culmination of a year-long collaboration of faculty, administrators and staff to provide select incoming students an opportunity to earn credits for a six-week online course prior to their first fall semester,” said Dr. Zappile. “The program is part of a strategy to retain incoming first-year students by introducing them to a series of global challenges and essential learning outcomes through the use of technology. Results from a student survey suggest several key learning outcomes were achieved.”

In the afternoon session, Dr. Feeney; Dennis Fotia, assistant director of E-Learning; and David Lechner, assistant professor in the Library, presented “From Pulp to Pixels: A Case Study of Digitizing a Paper Assessment Process.”

In the past, the Richard E. Bjork Library at Stockton University utilized a paper workbook for instruction in research methods. In summer 2014, the workbook was converted to electronic format and delivered using Blackboard, the University’s learning management system. Dr. Feeney, Fotia and Lechner detailed in their presentation the conversion process, its results, lessons learned and future plans.

Institutional Research Launches Online Institutional Data Dictionary

An online institutional data dictionary is now available to help the campus community understand types of data related to various areas of institutional reporting to external agencies. It is intended for users who are concerned with related data instructions and definitions.

This first edition of the data dictionary primarily contains data terms and elements as defined by major state and federal reporting agencies. Users will be able to search for terms by entering any keyword, or search for any terms by a specific data category. This dictionary was prepared and edited by Stockton’s Institutional Research staff and staff from several other offices on campus. These offices continue to work together to revise and update data entries and definitions. Click here to start using the dictionary. Click here for a wealth of institutional information and data reports.

Stockton Welcomes Sharon Kalani; Cindy Gove Takes on New Role

Sharon Kalani has been named the executive assistant of Administration and Finance. Kalani spent the past 20 years working at Proskauer Rose LLP, a law firm located in New York, N.Y. She and her family relocated from New York to return to Kalani’s hometown, Hammonton, N.J. Kalani obtained her B.A. in Education from Rowan University. During the winter, she travels to Stratton, Vt. “as much as possible,” said Kalani, who skis while her husband and children snowboard. The family spends summer weekends in Ocean City where they enjoy boating and wake boarding.

Cindy Gove has been named project manager in Facilities and Plant Operations. Gove most recently served as the executive assistant of Administration and Finance. For 19 years, Gove owned her own business for horse and rider supplies. She was also a landscape designer and operated a landscape construction business. In addition to the outdoors and gardening, Gove enjoys music, painting and spending time with her daughters, family and friends. She holds a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Delaware Valley College and is working toward her master’s degree in Instructional Technology.

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