

## Community College Month Book Talk

The college is recognizing community college month with a book talk featuring MCCC affiliated authors.

**Please encourage your students to attend the book talk which will include an opportunity to ask questions, meet the authors, and purchase a signed copy of the books. Maybe you can offer extra credit for attending. If so, let me know ([pricep@mccc.edu](mailto:pricep@mccc.edu)) and I'll have a sign-in sheet available.**

The event takes place on Tuesday, April 30, from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. Light refreshments will be available at 4PM in the lobby of the CM building. The book reading is in CM 110, and the book signings and meet and greet will be in the CM building lobby.

Here is a list of the authors who will be speaking and a short description of their books. Although she cannot attend, we will have books for sale by Professor Emerita, Angela McGlynn.

### **Dr. Jo Anne Craig (“When Is It my Time to Cry”)**

*This book begins with the past and ends with the future for Olivia. When the walls end up coming down on her, it is then that she realizes deep down inside she has never truly forgiven all who wronged her. What she thought she had forgiven people for, really still lingered in her heart. Through obstacles and emotional setbacks, the story shows how she thrives and succeeds in life in spite of the difficult challenges of her life’s journey.*

### **Dr. Padhraig Higgins (“A Nation of Politicians: Gender, Patriotism, and Political Culture in Late Eighteenth-Century Ireland (History of Ireland & the Irish Diaspora)”)**

*In A Nation of Politicians, Padhraig Higgins argues that the development of Volunteer-initiated activities expanded the scope of political participation. Using a wide range of literary, archival, and visual sources, Higgins examines how ubiquitous forms of communication—sermons, songs and ballads, handbills, toasts, graffiti, theater, rumors, and gossip—encouraged ordinary Irish citizens to engage in the politics of a more inclusive society and consider the broader questions of civil liberties and the British Empire. Winner of the Donald Murphy Prize for Distinguished First Book, American Conference for Irish Studies ...from Amazon.com*

### **Charles Stansbury (“Three Crooked Roads”)**

*"Three Crooked Roads" focuses on three sensitive issues: 1. Gang Violence, 2. Obesity and 3. Homelessness. Offering solutions for making choices that bolster self-esteem, the book is written for those who find themselves at crossroads in life. Whether a person is a recent high school graduate, or just starting a new phase in life, avoiding the perils that come with making uninformed decisions is welcome advice. This book offers guidance and direction that is useful in a classroom setting or in working with groups who need support to succeed at each stage in life.*

**James Franklin (“Inside Out: Fifty Years Behind the Walls of New Jersey’s Trenton State Prison”)**

*The true story of a man who spent 50 years behind the walls of New Jersey's maximum-security Trenton State Prison, first as a guard and then as a teacher. Harry Camisa witnessed 13 electrocutions, was taken hostage twice and stopped the escape of five violent felons. Camisa knew all of NJ's notorious criminals from 1950 through 2002, ranging from Charlie "The Bug" Workman, who killed Prohibition-era mobster Dutch Schultz; serial killer Richard Biegenwald; accountant John List, who killed his entire family and evaded capture for 17 years; to Richard "The Iceman" Kuklinski, as well as Rubin "Hurricane" Carter. This new edition of a true-crime classic includes the killing of biker Robert "Mudman" Simon by Ambrose Harris on the prison's death row.*

**Dr. Vera Goodkin (“In Sunshine and in Shadow: We Remember Them”)**

*The author, Vera Herman Goodkin was born in Czechoslovakia. After the Nazi occupation her father and mother as well as nine year-old Vera endured harassment and humiliation because they were Jews. Finally they fled their home, and later they were caught and imprisoned separately. Happily the three came to Budapest, Hungary, where they were saved and reunited by Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Jewish lives. The family immigrated to the United States in October 1947. This memoir of Vera's coming of age during the Nazi occupation as well as her memories of her family members is a family history as well as a personal history. Readers will be inspired and moved by this memoir.*

**Dr. Peter Horne (“Women in Law Enforcement”)**

*Ever since the founding of police departments in the United States in the mid-19th century, policing has been viewed by most people as a traditionally male occupation. Men still are the overwhelming majority of police officers. Women in policing now make up approximately 13-14 percent of all employees, and the women who pioneered this entry into a male-dominated profession faced many obstacles, but also experienced many rewards. Women have brought about changes in policing and made steady, albeit modest, strides in law enforcement since the 1970s. This book covers the history of women in law enforcement and provides a blueprint for improving on these gains for police women in the future.*

**Board Trustee Rev. William Coleman (“Community Renewal Thru Rejuvenation of the Soul”)**

*This book is about changing a community from the inside out. When rejuvenation takes place, we are a new creation. A blueprint for urban renewal is possible through the I-R.I.S.E. approach. I-R.I.S.E. is an acronym for using Integrated Resources to Instill Self-Sufficiency and Empowerment. It offers guidance for how to build trust and rejuvenate the souls of community residents by making a connection with the broader community. This will help establish sustainable forums for fellowships, community building, capacity building and community organizing.*