

This Week in Core 100

The Core 100 program invites students and faculty to join us for the weekly lecture series. Each week all Core 100 students participate in lecture-discussions with 400 of their classmates. These events take place in the Williamson Theater. We are also able to accommodate individual guests (no permission needed) and classes. There is no permission needed for classes to attend, but please notify Donna Scimeca (x3405) if you plan to bring a class. The lectures are 50 minutes long.

The Lecture Series schedule for the **week of October 15:**

Wednesday, 10/17

- **@ 12:20PM: “*Willowbrook and the Rights of the Disabled*” presented by Jack Gordon**, will look at the the institution of Willowbrook and the struggle for the civil rights of the disabled.
Jack Gordon earned his MS in Education from St. John’s University and his MALS degree from the College of Staten Island.
- **@ 2:30PM: “*Lynching in America,*” presented by Deborah De Simone.** Through the use of postcards created in the first quarter of the 20th century, Professor De Simone will discuss the history of lynching in the United States, the similarities and differences between the lynch mob and the Klu Klux Klan, and explore possible answers to the question: How could people be so cruel?
Deborah De Simone earned her BA in History at Brown University and her Ed. D. in History and Education at Columbia University.

Thursday, 10/18:

- **@ 9:05AM: “Segregation and Integration of the US Military”** aims to explain the African-American experience during World War II as it pertains to race relations, segregation, and military duty. It also explores the history of blacks in the United States military in addition to how the desegregation of the military affected American everyday society.
Niles French is currently an adjunct professor in the History Department at College of Staten Island. He holds an master’s degree in History. He recently published a chapter in [War and Peace in Africa: History, Nationalism, and the State](#) (2010) about the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- **@11:15AM: “*The Role of American Soldiers in the Civil War,*” presented by Arthur Cacace**, will discuss the African American soldiers’ experience in the war between the states, their particular contributions to both North and South, and the impact that these men had on the outcome of the War.
Arthur Cacace earned his MS in Social Studies Secondary Education from the College of Staten Island. Arthur has taught history in the NYC Public School System and has been an adjunct professor for Core 100 at CSI since 2008.
- **@ 5:30PM: “The Reconstruction Period (1865-1877)” presented by Anthony Casella**, Professor Casella will engage students by looking at the Federal government's plan on how to bring the Southern states back into the Union after the Civil War. We will take a look at the plans put forth by Presidents Lincoln and Johnson and the US Congress. In addition, we will examine the resistance that the Southern states demonstrated as a result of policies put in place by the US Congress. Finally we will assess Reconstruction policy put forth by the Congress.
Anthony Casella earned both his BA and MS degrees from St. John's University.
- **@ 6:30PM: “*African Americans and the Civil War: The Story of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry*” presented by Donna Scimeca** discusses the creation of the infantry regiment that saw extensive service in the Union Army during the Civil War. The regiment was one of the first official black units in the United States during the Civil War.

Saturday, 10/20

- **@ 10:30AM: “*The American Civil War: Causes of and Objectives of the Conflict*” presented by John Comfort**, will discuss the causes of the war and also Lincoln's main objective. This presentation will also discuss a brief history of the most deadly conflict in American history.
John Comfort earned his MA in History from the College of Staten Island in 2003 and has taught at CSI in the Core Program and also the American Studies Program since 2006.