Bakersfield College Introduces Distinguished Speaker Series - Eric Schlosser

Final speaker in series of nine takes place on April 4th, 2019

The Bakersfield College Distinguished Speaker Series brings community leaders from around the world to Bakersfield, whose achievements have had national and/or international significance, to speak at Bakersfield College. This series includes nine speakers, each will host their own program.

From Fast Food Nation to Command and Control
The ninth speaker of the series, Eric Schlosser, will present his program on Thursday, April 4th at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Levan Center and at 7:00 p.m. in the Indoor Theatre. In addition, the 2:00 p.m. program will be livecasted to the Delano campus. Schlosser started his career as a journalist with The Atlantic Monthly in Boston, Massachusetts and quickly gained recognition for his investigative pieces, earning two awards within two years of joining the staff. Mr. Schlosser’s awards include the National Magazine Award for a two-part series in the Atlantic Monthly entitled “Reefer Madness” and “Marijuana and the Law” and the Sidney Hillman Foundation Award for “In the Strawberry Fields.” Mr. Schlosser also received the Gerald Loeb Award for business journalism from the University of California, Los Angeles in the Anderson School of Management.

Schlosser’s first book, Fast Food Nation, helped start a revolution in how Americans think about what they eat. He discusses the proliferation of fast food chains and its effect on issues such as health, the economy, and working conditions. Fast Food Nation has been distinguished as “eye-opening book” with a “high level of reporting and research.”

Schlosser’s recent book Command and Control reveals the details of America’s effort to prevent nuclear weapons from being stolen, sabotaged, or detonated by accident. Command and Control was a finalist for the 2014 Pulitzer Prize (History), a New York Times Notable Book and bestseller, a Time Magazine Top 10 Nonfiction Book, and won the Gold Medal Award (Nonfiction) from the 2013 California Book Awards.

For a description of the program for the final speaker, including the time and location, please visit https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentevents/dss.

Bakersfield College offers a rigorous and supportive learning environment that fosters students’ abilities to think critically, communicate effectively, and demonstrate competencies and skills in order to engage productively in their communities and the world, while simultaneously contributing to the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of the communities it serves.

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