Bakersfield College Introduces Distinguished Speaker Series

Six in series of nine takes place on February 7th, 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. The events will take place throughout the remainder of the year and early 2019.

Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress
The six speaker of the series, Carol M. Swain, will present her program on Thursday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Levan Center. Swain’s work on representation and race relations has earned her national and international accolades. A widely recognized expert on race, immigration reform, and religious liberty. Professor Swain has served on the Tennessee Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and the National Endowment for the Humanities Council. She is a conservative television analyst and former professor of political science and law at Vanderbilt University. Swain commentary on current social and political issues can be heard nationally on Bott Radio and American Family Radio’s Two Minutes to Think About it with Dr. Carol M. Swain.

How does congress represent the interests of American Americans? Must blacks be represented by blacks to be properly heard? How do members of Congress respond to the needs of blacks in their districts, and what do congressional voting records reveal? In this presentation Dr. Carol M. Swain examines the problems of representing the interests of African Americans by studying the constituency relations and roll-call voting of black members of congress from a variety of districts - historically black, newly black, heterogeneous, and primarily white-and of white members from districts with either a black majority or a significant black minority.

The Remainder of Speakers throughout the Series
The Distinguished Speak Series consists of nine speakers from around the world that will come to Bakersfield College to discuss the significance of achievements. The schedule of remaining speakers is listed on the following page.

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Following Carol M. Swain, these speakers will be arriving at Bakersfield College on the following dates:

- Eric Schlosser, *From Fast Food Nation to Command and Control* – Thursday, April 4, 2018

Descriptions of the programs of each speaker, including the time and location, will be released as the events approach. For more information, 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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