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## **Common Reading Program (CRP) 2015-2016 Events for the Campus Community**

### ***Fall Semester***

#### **Academic Convocation**

Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 3:00 pm  
Peterson Recreation Center

- Academic Convocation, the annual event to welcome and to celebrate Providence College's new students and faculty members, will feature guest speaker, Dr. Michael J. Sandel, author of the College's common reading selection, *Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?* Sandel is the Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Government at Harvard University, where he has taught since 1980. An expert in political philosophy, Sandel has taught a variety of courses, such as "Ethics, Biotechnology, and the Future of Human Nature" and "Globalization and Its Critics." His undergraduate course "Justice" has been taught to more than 15,000 students and was the first Harvard course to be made freely available online and on television. A reception, Q&A with Sandel, and book signing will follow.

*Co-sponsored by the Office of College Events and the Common Reading Program*

#### **Francisco Oller: Rolling Through Life**

Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm  
Slavin Center '64 Hall

Francisco Oller '16 (San Juan, Puerto Rico) will give a motivational speech about how he overcame rejection and bullying to live a life filled with optimism and self-acceptance. Oller has Pelizaeus-Merzbacher Disease, which affects his coordination and motor abilities.

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#### **One Campus, One Question: A Year of Dialogue on Justice 2015-2016 Request for Programs**

Deadline: October 16, 2015



Students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to submit proposals for dialogue-centered programming related to *Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?* by Michael Sandel and topics of justice more generally. Up to \$500 is available per proposal. Please visit the [Difficult Dialogues site](#) for more details.

*Co-sponsored by the Office of Institutional Diversity, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Common Reading Program, and the Difficult Dialogues Implementation Team*

#### **President's Opening Remarks & Keynote Address**

Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 10:00 to 10:45 am  
Peterson Recreation Center, Lower Level

- College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 offers his personal greetings and official opening to New Student Family Weekend for families of the Class of 2019. The winners of the Common Reading Program essay contest will be announced, and prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners. Then guests will enjoy a special presentation by Jaqueline MacKay, Director of the Parent Program, Dr. Wanda Ingram, Senior Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and Dr. James Campbell, Assistant Vice President of Student Development and

Compliance. Orientation provided an opportunity for students and parents to learn about adjusting to a new environment and all that entails. Please join the conversation as they continue the dialogue about what to expect in regards to mid-semester challenges for students and how parents can provide them with an extra measure of support.

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**Beyond the Finish Line: A Conversation with Jeff Bauman**

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Slavin Center '64 Hall

- On April 15, 2013, Jeff Bauman stood at the finish line of the Boston Marathon waiting for his girlfriend Erin to finish the race. As he awaited her arrival, he saw a figure walk past and leave a black backpack only a few feet from Bauman. Moments later, the first of two explosions echoed down Boylston Street. Bauman was severely injured in the attack, losing both his legs and suffering from many other threatening injuries. Amongst the smoke, a peace activist named Carlos Arrendondo emerged and quickly lifted Jeff into a nearby ambulance, saving his life. He woke up in the hospital to two FBI agents knocking on his door. He told them what he had seen moments before the blast and the FBI soon identified the two subjects. Within a few days, Jeff Bauman, a normal 27-year-old man, became a national hero. Since that day, Jeff has remained a beacon of hope, strength and resilience. He now shares his story throughout the nation with a presentation that is sure to move and inspire.

*Co-sponsored by the Board of Programmers, the Common Reading Program, the Office of Student Affairs, and Student Congress*

***Spring Semester***

**Film Screening & Discussion: *Documented***

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Moore Hall Room III

Pizza and refreshments provided

- In 2011, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas outed himself as an undocumented immigrant in the New York Times Magazine. [\*Documented\*](#) chronicles his journey to America from the Philippines as a child; his public struggle as an immigration reform activist/provocateur; and his journey inward as he reconnects with his mother, whom he hasn't seen in 20 years. A broken immigration system leads to broken families and broken lives.

*Co-sponsored by the Sociology Department, the English Department, the Providence Immigration Rights Coalition (PIRC), the Office of Institutional Diversity, and the Common Reading Program*

**Faculty Panel on Justice**

Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm

McPhail's

Pizza provided; Cash bar (21+ with ID)

- Dr. Dana Dillon, assistant professor of theology, moderates a discussion on: *How does the topic of Justice come through in your research?* The faculty panel consists of Dr. Christopher Arroyo, associate professor of philosophy, Dr. Kara Cebulko, assistant professor of sociology, Dr. Stephen Mecca, professor of engineering-physics-systems, and Dr. Trina Vithayathil, assistant professor of global studies.

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