The CCBC Community Book Connection Calendar of Events for Spring 2012
Featuring Keynote Lecture by Rebecca Skloot, Author of The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, and our finale event Being Elmo with Kevin Clash

RUNNING THROUGH THE SEMESTER

Classroom Cash Cab!
Essex Faculty! The Cash Cab will visit your class!
Librarian Karen Quinn-Winsiewski or Librarian Debra Sambuco will lead your class in a 30-minute "quiz show" with questions about The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks. There will be cash prizes, and even a yellow "cab." To schedule a classroom cab visit, contact Karen Quinn-Winsiewski: kpwinsiewski@ccbcmd.edu

FEBRUARY

“Why Must It Always Be The Blacks And The Poor in Baltimore Who Are Asked To Be Guinea Pigs?”
(Paren Mitchel, JET Magazine 1976)
Thursday, Feb. 23, 11:10 a.m.-12:35 p.m.
Dundalk Building K, Student Lounge
Join a discussion on how medical practices were improperly targeted toward “Blacks and the Poor” in Baltimore City during the 1970s. Refreshments will be served. Contact Patricia Quintero Hall: pqquinterohall@ccbcmd.edu

Poet Marilyn Nelson:
Reading and Book Signing
Friday, Feb. 24, 11:15 a.m.-12:10 p.m.
Essex J137 and J100
Poet Marilyn Nelson, winner of the 2012 Frost Medal, will discuss and read from her book Fortunes’ Bones. The book relates the true story of a Connecticut slave named Fortune whose bones are used after his death for anatomy study by his master who was a doctor. The story is told entirely in sonnet form. Reception and book signing to follow in J100. Contact Jadi Keambirioiro: jkeambirioiro@ccbcmd.edu

The Berman Institute of Bioethics Seminar Series—Johns Hopkins University
Monday, Feb. 27 and Mar. 12; seminars run 12:15-1:30 p.m.
Meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Catonsville Library lower lobby by the cafe to travel by school van to Johns Hopkins.
Lunch will be provided, and the event is free, but each seminar is limited to 12 students.
Feb. 27 Dr. Zachary Berger - His interests include patient-provider communication in the hospital, agenda-setting during the outpatient visit, and patient-provider diagnostic concordance.
To register, contact Pat Rennie: prennie@ccbcmd.edu or 443-840-4972.

MARCH

Researching The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
Tuesday, March 6, 11:10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Essex N220
During the summer of 2008, Essex English Department’s Heather Harris was Rebecca Skloot’s Baltimore-based research assistant. She combed through the George Gey archives at Johns Hopkins, the Tissue Culture Association (TCA) archives at UMBC, and the Baltimore City and County court systems. Join her for an informal discussion of researching this book. Refreshments will be served. Contact Heather Harris: hharris@ccbcmd.edu

A HeLa Cell Showcase
Wednesday, March 7, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Essex Building B, Upper Lobby
What is so special about HeLa cells? How are these cancer cells different from normal cells and other cancer cells? Why were these cells able to grow so well in culture when others did not? We will answer these questions by discussing research-based facts from the past and present. Refreshments will be served. Contact Erica DiCara: edicara@ccbcmd.edu

Judith M. Glassgold, PsyD: The Unethical Life of Reparative Therapy: The History and Ethics of Attempts to “Cure” Homosexuality
Wednesday, March 14, 12:20-1:15 p.m.
Essex J137 and J100
Attempts to change sexual orientation have been as extreme as castration, drug and shock treatments, psychotherapy, and deceptive appeals to religious faith. In 2009 the American Psychological Association published a review finding no evidence to support these efforts, calling into question decades of medical and psychological services. The presenter, the Chair of the panel that reviewed the evidence, will discuss the ethical, social, and scientific issues underlying these unnecessary and potentially harmful treatments. Refreshments to follow. Contact Morgan Slusher: mslisher@ccbcmd.edu

April

Learn the Lindy Hop!
Monday, April 16, 9:30am
Essex Dance Studio 1
Come learn the steps Henrietta Lacks danced with her cousins in Turner Station!
Contact Tommy Parlom: tparlon@ccbcmd.edu

A Response from Johns Hopkins
Wednesday, March 28, 10:10-11:05 a.m.
Catonsville H 308A
Author and Johns Hopkins Fellow Karen Kruse Thomas, Ph.D. will speak on the racial divide and segregation in medical care in 1940s and 1950s-era Baltimore, including the activities of black medical civil rights activists at the time. Refreshments will be served. Contact David Hewitt: dhewitt@ccbcmd.edu

Rebecca Skloot and David “Sonny” Lacks
Monday, April 23, 10:00 a.m. at Essex; 2:00 p.m. at Catonsville
Essex Gymnasium; Catonsville O Theatre
Join us for the keynote event of the semester: An address in the morning by author Rebecca Skloot and a Q&A in the afternoon with Rebecca Skloot and Henrietta Lacks’ son, David ("Sonny"). These are free events, but tickets are required. Contact the Box Office: 410.840.2787 or email Lisa Boeren: boeren@ccbcmd.edu to reserve tickets. For more information about the event, contact Heather Harris: hharris@ccbcmd.edu

May

Being Elmo: Kevin Clash on Growing Up in Turner Station and Becoming the Voice of Elmo
Monday, May 14
Dundalk Theater
Elmo is coming to CCBC Dundalk! Join Kevin Clash, the creator of Elmo, and his furry friend for the Dundalk movie premiere of Being Elmo. Stay tuned for further details. Contact Michael Walsh: rwalsh@ccbcmd.edu

For more information visit www.ccbcmd.edu/cbc or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/ccbcmd

All CCBC faculty are invited to borrow films related to the themes in The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks from the CBC film library, maintained by Professor Pat Rennie: prennie@ccbcmd.edu

All CBC events are FREE and open to the public.

JOIN THE DISCUSSION. EXPLORE THE ISSUES. GET INVOLVED.