



# Mabee Library Events, 2018-2019

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For the 2018-2019 academic year, the library has collaborated with other departments across campus and other individuals and institutions to offer a range of cultural programming through the Mabee Learning Commons. Every one of these events is free and open both to members of the University community and to the public—so, feel welcome to attend any and all events, and to invite your friends and family!

## FALL 2018 SCHEDULED EVENTS

### **Artist Talk, Julia Otterness: Creating Through the Creator**

*August 30, 2018 | 7:00 pm – 8:00pm | Mabee Learning Commons, 1st floor*

If we are created in God's image and HE is the creator of creativity, then we should encourage artists to seek God for creativity and for artists to share their experiences of worship with other Christian artists and the fine arts community as a whole. Julia's work on the 7 Days of Creation will be displayed in the Mabee Learning Commons rotating art gallery during the months of August and September. Presented in partnership with the Department of Arts & Humanities.

### **Constitution Day Lecture**

*September 17, 2018 | 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Mabee Learning Commons, Room 137*

Lecture by Dr. Darin Tuck, MNU Assistant Professor of History: "Founding Religions: Christianity and the State in the US Constitution." Presented in Partnership with the Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences.

### **Cuban Bookmaking Workshop**

*September 20, 2018 | 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Mabee Learning Commons, 1st floor*

Poet and writer Mia Leonin will guide participants through a series of writing exercises to unlock the unique language of self. Visual artist Nereida García Ferraz will teach bookmaking and drawing techniques to unite word and text. Participants will fold and tear recycled papers, found text and materials, and cardboard. Each participant will leave the workshop with one handmade book. Presented in partnership with the Intercultural Engagement Office and Department of Arts & Humanities.

### **Artist Talk, Kelly Kruse: Illumination: Wrestling with God through Visual Art, Poetry, and Music**

*October 25, 2018 | 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Mabee Learning Commons, 1st floor*

Kelly will discuss her first two bodies of work, which study the life and work of John Donne and Johannes Brahms. Through their work, Brahms and Donne wrestle with life, death, humanity, theology, and the God who has dominion over it all. Kelly's modern illuminations inspired by these authors' work will be displayed in the Mabee Learning Commons rotating art gallery during the months of October and November. Presented in partnership with the Department of Arts & Humanities.

### **Poetry Reading, Dr. Denise Low: Former Poet Laureate of KS**

*November 1, 2018 | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Smith 200*

Dr. Denise Low, the second poet laureate of Kansas (2007-2009), will read from her published books of poetry, *Words of a Prairie Alchemist* (Kansas Notable Books Award winner) and *Shadow Light* (2017 Editor's Choice Award winner). Dr. Low teaches literature, creative writing, and American Indian studies at Haskell Indian Nations University. Presented in partnership with the Department of Arts & Humanities.

### **National First-Generation College Celebration**

*November 6-8, 2018 | Mabee Learning Commons*

The Mabee Learning Commons will host a 3-day (Tuesday, November 6 through Thursday, November 8) celebration to highlight the success of first-generation college students, staff, and faculty on our campus. The annual National First-Generation Day was developed out of a partnership between the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) and the Center for First-generation Student Success of NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and will take place on Thursday, November 8, 2018. A number of events will be available for all campus members to participate in and learn more about the collegiate pursuits and experiences of MNU's First-Generation students, staff and faculty. The campus events are a partnership effort between MNU's Library and Intercultural Engagement Office.

### **Documentary Film by Kevin Willmott: William Allen White – What's the Matter with Kansas?**

*November 12, 2018 | 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Mabee Learning Commons, 1st floor*

Film director Kevin Willmott will screen his documentary on William Allen White, the Emporia Gazette editor credited with blocking the Ku Klux Klan in Kansas. Kevin will talk about the making of the film and White's legacy, including his campaign for governor of Kansas in 1924 to spread his anti-Klan message to a broader state and national audience. Kevin is a graduate of Marymount College, receiving his BA in Drama. He received his MFA in Dramatic Writing from New York University. He is an Associate Professor in the Film Studies Department of the University of Kansas. Presented in partnership with the MNU Diversity Advisory Council.

## SPRING 2019 SCHEDULED EVENTS

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### **Book Talk and Panel Discussion, Grant Snider: Resilience Through Creativity**

January 31, 2019 | 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Mabee Learning Commons, 1st floor

Grant Snider is the creator of the popular online strip *Incidental Comics* and the author of *The Shape of Ideas: An Illustrated Exploration into Creativity*. He will share drawings and insights about the joys and pitfalls of the creative life, as well as thoughts about how to stay motivated in your own search for ideas. Presented in partnership with the Student Counseling & Wellness Center.

### **Artist Talk, Tamela Wagner: The Art of Losing Myself**

February 20, 2019 | 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Mabee Learning Commons, 1st floor

Tamela Wagner is a mixed-media Artist who will be displaying her collection of floral and landscape art in the Learning Commons from mid-February to mid-March. Tamela will share the story of her amazing journey through surviving “impossible” brain surgery, and how God brought her art to life as a part of her healing process. Presented in partnership with the Department of Arts & Humanities

### **African American Read-In**

February 18, 2019 | 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm | Olathe Public Library

February 21, 2019 | 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm | Mabee Learning Commons, 1st floor

The National African American Read-In is the nation’s first and oldest event dedicated to diversity in literature. This specific 2-day celebration of this event is sponsored by MNU’s Mabee Learning Commons and Office of Intercultural Engagement, in partnership with the Olathe Public Library. All members of the campus and broader community are welcome to submit 1-2 literary works that they would like to read during the event to [interculturalengagement@mnu.edu](mailto:interculturalengagement@mnu.edu). More details regarding the submission process will be available at the beginning of the Spring 2019 semester.

### **Lecture, Diane Barnhart: The Long Road to Women’s Suffrage in Kansas**

March 4, 2019 | 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Mabee Learning Commons, Room 137

Kansas was historically a leader in women’s right, being just the eighth state to grant female suffrage. Yet the campaign for voting rights in Kansas required more than half a century of determined effort, as women suffered discouraging setbacks in three different statewide initiatives. This presentation will explore the courageous individuals who took on the powerful interests opposed to electoral reform and discover other firsts that Kansas women achieved on the road to full suffrage. Presented in partnership with the Intercultural Engagement Office and Humanities Kansas.

### **Artist Talk, Carol Schwabauer**

March 21, 2019 | 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Mabee Learning Commons, 1st floor

From mid-March to mid-April, Carol Schwabauer will display her collection of mixed media artwork (including paintings and photography). She will display an entirely new collection of her work, created specifically for this display at Mabee Learning Commons. More details will be announced in the spring! Presented in partnership with the Department of Arts & Humanities.

### **Lecture, Stephen Wolgast: Free Speech in Times of Crisis**

March 26, 2018 | 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Mabee Learning Commons, 1st floor

Kansas State University professor Stephen Wolgast will deliver presentation on the First Amendment and the press, examining the reasons free speech is protected, and providing examples of how people in authority dissuade the public from speaking up. Stephen Wolgast is an assistant professor of journalism and digital media at Kansas State University who formerly worked in newspaper journalism for 19 years. Presented in partnership with Humanities Kansas.

### **Story Walk in Celebration of Cezar Chavez**

March 27, 2019 | 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Campus Green and Mabee Learning Commons

In recognition of Cezar Chavez Day, this event will commemorate the legacy of the civil rights and labor movement activist Cesar Chavez. The event will begin with a Story Walk on the campus green and continue with cultural activities and a performance in the Mabee Learning Commons. This event is presented in partnership with the Intercultural Engagement Office.

### **Student Poetry Reading**

April 3, 2019 | 7:00 pm – 8:00pm | Smith 200

MNU’s annual student poetry reading is designed to recognize exceptional poetry from the MNU student body. Students may begin submitting their poems for the reading to [library@mnu.edu](mailto:library@mnu.edu) as soon as February 1st, 2019. Selected poems will be read at the event, which will be a wonderful evening of poetry, fellowship, and refreshments in a candlelit environment. Presented in partnership with the Department of Arts & Humanities.

### **Celebration of Scholarship**

April 9, 2019 | 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm | Mabee Learning Commons, 1st floor

The 2019 Celebration of Scholarship will include a variety of activities designed to recognize and celebrate the work of MNU students and faculty alike. This event will include poster sessions, a panel discussion, flash talks, and a theatrical performance. Additionally, student artwork will be recognized on display in Mabee Learning Commons’ rotating art gallery.