

Speaker & Event Series

NATIVE AMERICAN WEEK - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JOYCE KING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
11:00 AM - CICCONE THEATRE**

Joyce King (Mohawk) is the Director of the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force. She will share the traditional teachings and environmental knowledge of the Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) that have been handed down for thousands of years, explaining how this ancient knowledge can center our own environmental movement.



DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

PHILLIP ARONSON

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
1:40 PM - A-104**

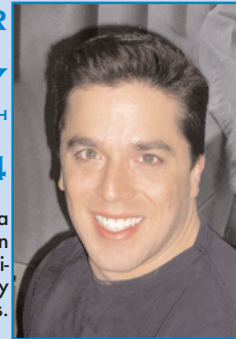
Phillip Aronson's battle with depression and attempted suicide has been chronicled in the book, *Morning Has Broken: A Couple's Journey Through Depression*, which he co-authored with his wife, Emme. Phillip has appeared on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *The Today Show*, *Montel Williams Show*, *CBS Early Show*, *CNN American Morning*, *The Insider*, *Access Hollywood* and has been profiled in *People Magazine* and *Newsweek*, bringing his story of hope, survival and renewal from depression to millions of sufferers, their families and friends. Phillip's focus is clear: "I know there is a reason why I suffered so greatly for so long. I am one face of depression and I am wholly committed to removing the stigma that surrounds this terrible disease."

DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK - FEATURED SPEAKER

SCOTT CHESNEY

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
11:30 AM - ROOM A-104**

After awakening to paralysis at the age of 15 from a sudden spinal stroke, **Scott Chesney** has amassed a resume of transformational experiences, powerful insights, and inspiring stories that cut to the core of the human spirit. He has become a nationally and internationally recognized workshop and keynote presenter, and his positive and inspiring messages have changed countless lives. His insights have been coveted and applauded by Fortune 500 corporations, hospitals/rehab centers, associations, and even an audience at The United Nations.



CARIBBEAN HERITAGE WEEK - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

RENEE CUMMINGS

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
11:00 AM - ROOM A-104**

Renee Cummings is president of Miss Trinidad & Tobago New York, Inc. She has been building New York's Caribbean community one woman at a time. Miss Trinidad & Tobago New York, Inc. has received great international recognition as a first class developmental and academic achievement program for young women. Renee retired the phrase "beauty contest" and re-conceptualized the word pageantry. Her mandate is to empower young women with the right tools to lead the way into the future: "Ours is a revolutionary new attitude as we attempt to redefine the thinking behind pageants. We are bold, bright, and beautiful. We believe academic brilliance is more important than beauty."

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ASIAN HERITAGE WEEK - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. GABE T. WANG
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
 11:00 AM - ROOM A-104

Dr. Gabe T. Wang is professor and chair of the Department of Sociology at William Paterson University. His research focuses on population and socioeconomic development, culture values, and adolescent deviant behavior. Professor Wang is very interested in the socioeconomic development in China and India, and he is currently at work on a book about the subject. In 2003, Professor Wang was recognized as an outstanding Asian-American business and community leader by Bergen Community College Asian History and Heritage Committee.



G.L.B.T. AWARENESS WEEK SPEAKERS

DANNY ROBERTS & RUTHIE ALCAIDE
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
 1:40 PM - ROOM A-104



Danny Roberts describes his presentation style as an "open forum to talk about issues," which is why *The Advocate* has dubbed him "The Accidental Activist." He candidly speaks to young people about his sexuality and coming out, just as he did on *Real World New Orleans*.

Ruthie Alcaide appeared on *Real World Hawaii*. Openly bisexual and a native Hawaiian, Ruthie was born one of triplets and raised by a strict Filipino foster family. After a stint in rehab, she now courageously takes on the issues of sexuality and addiction.



G.L.B.T. AWARENESS WEEK - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JAMES MCGREEVEY
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
 11:30 AM - ROOM A-113

James E. McGreevey was elected the 51st governor of the State of New Jersey on November 6, 2001, and took the oath of office on January 15, 2002. In August 2004, McGreevey made history when he stepped before microphones, declared "My truth is that I am a gay American," and announced his resignation. The story made international headlines-but what led to that moment was a human and political drama more complex and fascinating than anyone knew. McGreevey will now share his story of a life of ambition, moral compromise, and redemption.



INTERFAITH MONTH - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

STEPHEN PROTHERO
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
 1:45 PM - A-104



A historian of American religions, **Stephen Prothero** has written five books. His newest is the New York Times bestseller *Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know—and Doesn't*, which was also nominated for a 2007 Quill Book Award. His first, *The White Buddhist: The Asian Odyssey of Henry Steel Olcott* won the "Best First Book" award of the American Academy of Religion in 1997. *American Jesus: How the Son of God Became a National Icon* was named one of the top religion books for 2003 by Publishers Weekly. Professor Prothero is currently the Chair of the Department of Religion at Boston University.

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