Life After War: A Community Conversation

GRANTS PASS/MEDFORD—The Rogue Community College Diversity Programming Board will host “Life after War”—a statewide Oregon Humanities Conversation Project—on two campus locations on November 13.

Does war ever end? Many returning soldiers bring wars back with them with physical and emotional wounds that haunt the safety and comfort of home. Homecoming trials are numerous and complicated.

The Conversation Project is being offered for free to faculty, staff, students, and the general public. It will be a 1.5-hour program engaging participants in thoughtful, challenging conversations about ideas critical to our daily lives and the future of the state and nation.

Special guest and freelance photographer, Jim Lommasson will lead the open discussion: Life after War: Photography and Oral Histories of Coming Home, in two venues. He will be leading the first discussion at Riverside Campus in Medford in the RCC/SOU Higher Education Center on 101 S. Bartlett in Room 132 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 13. Later in the afternoon he will be presenting from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Redwood Campus in Grants Pass at 3345 Redwood Highway in the Student Services Center.

Lommasson received the Dorothea Lange-Paul Taylor Prize for his first book, Shadow Boxers: Sweat, Sacrifice and the Will to Survive in American Boxing Gyms. His second book is Pentimento: Portland’s Lost and Found Carousel. He is currently working on a book and traveling exhibition about American veterans from recent wars called Exit Wounds: Soldiers’ Stories—Life after Iraq and Afghanistan.

Oregon Humanities, located in Portland, is an independent, non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and a partner of the Oregon Cultural Trust. It strives to connect Oregonians to ideas that change lives and transform communities. More information about various programs and publications including this Life after War Conversation Project, Think & Drink, Humanity in Perspective, Idea Lab, public program grants and the Oregon Humanities magazine can be found at oregonhumanities.org.

For more information on the November 13 events, contact Sharon Smith, Diversity Programming Board Coordinator by phone at 541-956-7187 or by email at ssmith@roguec.edu.

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