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Marriage Topic of Oregon Humanities Conversation Project at RCC

GRANTS PASS, MEDFORD, Ore.—Marriage, culture, politics, and the law have intersected dramatically in the last 10 years. To help move the conversation forward, the Rogue Community College (RCC) Diversity Programming Board is hosting an Oregon Humanities’ project, “Something Old; Something New Conversation,” at the RCC Riverside and Redwood campuses on Tuesday, April 28.

Community members are invited to participate in a facilitated discussion about how the institution of marriage has undergone changes, especially in the last decade. This event is part of a statewide project coordinated by Oregon Humanities.

Participants will discuss how, in Oregon, citizens remain in a contentious debate over the definition of marriage in general. What do these debates about marriage--in this state and beyond—reveal about the institution as a whole? Why is a private relationship so publicly significant and contested? Why, when so many people are avoiding or dissolving marriages, do so many others wish to marry at all? These questions and others will be part of a facilitated and open dialogue.

Leslie Dunlap, an assistant professor from Willamette University, will serve as the facilitator. At Willamette she teaches courses in the history of women, families, sexuality, and social movements in the United States.

The Conversation Project will take place on Tuesday, April 28 between 9:30 and 11 a.m. at the Medford Library, 205 S. Central, in the large meeting room and 1:30 to 3 p.m. on the Redwood Campus, 3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass in the Student Center.

Admission to the event is free. For more information, contact Melissa Merryman at 541-245-7727 or mmerryman@rogucecc.edu.

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