

Peace Studies and Student Life present

Seeking a Just Society

Symposium Series

**“ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL”:
STUMBLING TOWARDS A DIVERSE AND EQUAL SOCIETY**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 12:00 NOON
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, ARAPAHOE CAMPUS**

On the eve of another Supreme Court decision on gay marriage, **Hon. Jean Dubofsky** (former Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court and lawyer for the plaintiffs in *Romer v. Evans*) will join us to discuss the American experience of equality as the Courts over the years have articulated “equal rights” and attempted to craft a “jurisprudence of equality”. **Lunch provided, sponsored by the Office of the President.**

**SEX, RELIGION AND MONEY:
ALL THE SUBJECTS YOU SHOULDN'T DISCUSS AT DINNER**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 12:00 NOON
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, ARAPAHOE CAMPUS**

In recent cases, the Supreme Court has once again plunged awkwardly and contentiously into these “private” areas and joined them with new corporate rights and powers. **Naropa Professor John Cobb** will discuss the Citizens’ United and the Hobby Lobby case and their rationale and implications for the future? We will discuss the future of a women’s right to choose and access to contraception, and connect back to the “personalization” and empowerment of the corporation.

**FORGIVING THE UNFORGIVEABLE?
TRAUMA, REMEMBERING AND THE EMERGENCE OF THE UNEXPECTED**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 6:30PM
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, ARAPAHOE CAMPUS**

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa (TRC) established a unique platform on which unexpected human moments emerged in the encounter between perpetrators of gross human rights violations and survivors/victims of these human rights abuses. At the core of the transformative moments that unfold in these encounters is empathy, elicited by the reciprocal expression of remorse in perpetrators, and in forgiving responses by survivors. Drawing on her research on forgiveness, **Dr. Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela** will discuss how the expression of emotions and memories, and the exchange of identifications which played out at the TRC created an extraordinary setting of unique and unexpected possibilities, the most significant of which was forgiving what some scholars have described as “the unforgivable.”

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