“Eavesdropping on America’s Conversation About Race”

Award-winning journalist Michele Norris is a host and special correspondent for NPR. Previously, Norris served as co-host of NPR’s “All Things Considered,” public radio’s longest-running national program. Norris and “All Things Considered” received many of journalism’s highest honors, including a Peabody Award, duPont Award, an Overseas Press Club Award, and she was named the 2009 Journalist of the Year by the National Association of Black Journalists.

Before joining NPR, she served as a correspondent for ABC News, reporting extensively on education, inner city issues, the national drug problem and poverty. While at ABC, Norris earned an Emmy Award and Peabody Award for her contribution to the network’s coverage of 9/11.

Norris is the author of the 2010 best-selling memoir, “The Grace of Silence,” which began as a quest to uncover how America talked about race in the wake of the 2008 presidential election and became an eye-opening family history lesson revealing Norris’ family’s racial legacy and a window on America’s complicated racial history. The book also led to “The Race Card Project,” a blog that asks people to submit their thoughts and observations about race in six words.

Admission is free, but a ticket is required. Please contact the Ticket Office at 717-691-6036.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

“Understanding the César Chavez movie: Race, Activism and Mexican-American Farmworkers”
Film and discussion: Dr. Sheila Rodriguez, Modern Languages
6:30-9 p.m. | Parmer Cinema

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Opening Reception
Choral Reading #ineeddiversity
4-4:30 p.m. | Howe Atrium

“Being Sayers and Doers of the Word: The State of the Humanities and Inequality In Higher Education”
Dr. Peter Powers, Dean of the School of Humanities
4:30-5:15 p.m. | Boyer 131

“Beyond the Notion of ‘Hospitality’: A Theological Examination of Power and Inclusion and Its Implications for Christian Higher Education”
Dr. Robert Reyes, Human Development and Family Science
5:30-6 p.m. | Boyer 131

Dr. Fabrizio Cilento (film), Dr. Joseph Huffman (history), Dr. Michael Shin (biology), and student and staff participants in the Genetic Ancestry Project
7-8:30 p.m. | Parmer Cinema

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

“Let’s Talk: A Conversation About Race and Dialog-to-Change Model Expanding in Harrisburg”
Panel discussion: Tina L. Nixon, CEO, YWCA Greater Harrisburg; Amanda L. Arbour ’09, racial justice program coordinator, YWCA Greater Harrisburg; Patricia Gadsden, founder/director, Life Esteem, Inc.; Tara Leo Auchey, founder/editor, Today’s the Day Harrisburg
3:45-5 p.m. | Boyer 131

Symposium Keynote Address: “Eavesdropping on America’s Conversation on Race”
Michele Norris, award-winning journalist, host and special correspondent for NPR
7 p.m. | Parmer Hall, Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship and Performing Arts

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

“Recalibrating the Witness of the Church Amidst Racialized Violence in America: Towards Counterintuitive Solidarity with the Oppressed”
Drew Hart ’04, Ph.D. candidate at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
9:10-10:10 a.m. | Boyer 131

“Race for Beauty: Mapping the Social Contours of Early 20th Century Harrisburg”
Dr. David Pettigrew and Dr. James LaGrand (history) and students
10:20-11:20 a.m. | Boyer 337

“Six Words: Dances Inspired by the Race Card Project”
GiViM, Messiah College Dance Ensemble
7-8 p.m. | Poorman Black Box Theatre, Climenhaga Building

Closing Reception
8 p.m. | Upper Lobby, Climenhaga Building

RELATED CAMPUS EVENT: FEB. 27 AND 28
SAB Lost Films: “Dear White People”
Parmer Cinema, Boyer 137
Films cost $2 for students and $4 for guests. Showtimes are Friday at 6 and 9 p.m. and Saturday at 3, 6 and 9 p.m.