

# School of Arts & Letter Events (SOAL) | Fall 2020 (Archived)

**July 30,  
August 27,  
September 24,  
October 29, &  
November 19  
(Thursdays at  
3:30 pm)**

## **SOAL Collective Action Series Book Club via TEAMS**

- Chapters 1 to 4: Thursday, July 30 at 3:30 pm
- Chapters 5 to 8: Thursday, August 27 at 3:30 pm
- Chapters 9 to 12: Thursday, September 24 at 3:30 pm
- Chapters 13 to 15: Thursday, October 29 at 3:30 pm
- Chapters 16 to 18: Thursday, November 19 at 3:30 pm

**Location: via TEAMS (virtual sessions)**

**Series Organizers: [Dr. LaVette Burnette](#) | [Dr. Andre Nicholson](#) | [Mrs. Alison Nooks, MBA, MA](#)**

### **MGA FACULTY & STAFF WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE SERIES:**

In order to join the series via Microsoft TEAMS, log in using your MGA credentials. Then, click the "Teams" tab and enter CODE *xm0ycay* or email [soalcollectiveactionseries@mga.edu](mailto:soalcollectiveactionseries@mga.edu) (the organizers) to be added to the SOAL Collective Action Series Teams group. If you have questions, please do let us know.

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Our first endeavor in this series is focused on the MGA value of ADAPTABILITY with a book discussion of Ibram X. Kendi's *How to be an Antiracist*. Kendi is the founding director of the Antiracist Research and Policy Center at American University and is now. He offers a combination of history, law, and personal accounts of his journey to free himself of racist ideologies. The book's goal matches our values as we use self-examination and transformation to form a just and equitable society. The book club intends to start the antiracism dialogue, share resources for personal growth, and offer tangible tools to help our faculty, staff and students.

Each meeting will include a discussion of reading prompts, our shared impressions, and suggestions of actionable ideas to implement in our lives and interactions with students.

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**August 31 -  
October 2**

**Art Exhibition: Antonio Martinez, Recent Work**

Gallery Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8am - 5:30pm; Friday, 8am - 12pm

Location: Peacock Gallery, Russell Hall | Cochran Campus

**Gallery Talk Online: Facebook Live**

**Tuesday, September 8**

**6pm**

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**Thursday,  
September 17**

***SOAL Collective Action Series PANEL:***

***Lived Experiences: A Discussion on Race, Diversity and Equity***

*Date: Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 3:30 pm via TEAMS*

*OPEN to Students, Faculty and Staff (A link sent via MGA email to one week prior to the event)*

**PANELISTS:**

**Jenia Bacote, J.D.**

MGA Director of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity | Title Ix Coordinator

**Tesia Baker**

President, MGA Student Government Association

**Joshua Hill, M.A.**

English Lecturer, MGA School of Arts & Letters

**Jeffrey Tarver, M.P.A.**

Assistant Professor Of Criminal Justice, MGA School Of Education And Behavioral Sciences

***Moderator:***

**Andre Nicholson, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor Of Media And Communication, MGA School Of Arts & Letters

***Chat Room Facilitators:***

***Lavette Burnette, Ph.D.***

Associate Professor of Media and Communication

School of Arts & Letters

***Alison Nooks, M.B.A., M.A.***

Online Academic Program Coordinator &

Media, Culture and Arts Faculty (Adjunct)

School of Arts & Letters

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**Thursday,  
October 1**

**Virtual Book Club: *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes**

2pm

Sponsored by the English Studies Organization

For access to the link, contact [Dr. Shane Trayers](#), or visit Instagram @MGAESO for the link to the Virtual Book Club

**Wednesday,  
October 7**

**MGA Music Faculty Concert**

Location: SLC Amphitheater | Macon Campus *(please observe social distancing)*

5:30pm

**Contact:** [Dr. Rebecca Lanning](#)

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**Monday,  
October 5 -  
November 25**

**Art Exhibition: Abby Newman, Pottery**

Gallery Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8am - 5:30pm; Friday, 8am - noon *(please observe social distancing)*

Location: Peacock Gallery, Russell Hall | Cochran campus

**Gallery Talk: Online Facebook Live**

**Monday, October 12**

6pm

[Link to the Peacock Gallery Facebook Page](#)

**Contact:** [Professor Charlie Agnew](#)

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**Wednesday,  
October 14**

**MGA Percussion Ensemble, Miguel Castro, Director**

Location: SLC Amphitheater | Macon Campus *(please observe social distancing)*  
5:30pm

**Contact:** [Dr. Rebecca Lanning](#)

**Wednesday,  
October 21**

**MGA Jazz Ensemble and Chamber Music Groups**

Location: SLC Amphitheater | Macon Campus *(please observe social distancing)*  
5:30pm

**Contact:** [Dr. Rebecca Lanning](#)

**Thursday,  
October 27**

**Book Club: *The Boatman's Daughter* by Andy Davidson**

Location: Virtual (link to be announced)  
2:00pm

Sponsored by the English Studies Organization

**Contact:** [Dr. Shane Trayers](#)

**Wednesday,  
October 28**

**MGA Chamber Singers and Guitar Ensemble**

Location: SLC Amphitheater | Macon Campus *(please observe social distancing)*  
5:30pm

**Contact:** [Dr. Rebecca Lanning](#)

**Monday,  
November 2**

**Viewing of *The Great Gatsby***

Location: SOAL Theatre | Macon Campus *(limited seating; please observe social distancing)*  
6:00pm

Sponsored by the English Studies Organization

**Contact:** [Dr. Shane Trayers](#)

**Wednesday,  
November 4**

**Lecture: Dr. Monica Miller on *The Great Gatsby***

Location: Virtual (link to be announced)  
2:00pm

Sponsored by the English Studies Organization

**Contact:** [Dr. Shane Trayers](#)

**Wednesday and  
Thursday,  
November 4 & 5**

**Play: *The Distance Between Us***

Location: Russell Hall Auditorium | Cochran Campus (*this performance will follow all Covid-19 safety precautions*)  
6:30pm - 8:00pm

**Contact:** [Dr. John Iverson](#)

**Tuesday,  
November 10**

**Recital: Taylor Smith, Percussion**

Location: Arts Complex Theatre | Macon Campus (*please observe social distancing*)  
7:30pm

**Contact:** [Dr. Rebecca Lanning](#)

**Tuesday,  
November 10**

**Netflix Watch Party: *I Lost My Body*  
(National French Week)**

Location: Online (see instructions on flyer)  
7:00pm

**Contact:** [Dr. Sabrina Wengier](#)

**Wednesday,  
November 11**

**Panel: "What Can You Do with an English Major besides Teach?"**

Location: Virtually through TEAMS  
3:30pm

Please see your campus email for an invitation to TEAMS, or contact Dr. Sharon Colley below.

**Contact:** [Dr. Sharon Colley](#)

**Panelists:**

- **Katherine Gripp:** Communications Manager for the nonprofit National Novel Writing Month
- **Rachel Ness-Maddox:** MGA English graduate, now a third year law student at Mercer University
- **Andy Davidson:** Novelist, who is author of *In the Valley of the Sun* and *The Boatman's Daughter* and who is a faculty member within MGA's English Department

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**Monday -  
Thursday,  
November 9 - 11**

**Writing Center Event: Grammarpalooza!!!**

Location: Patio outside TEB 226 | Macon Campus (*social distancing will be observed*)  
12:30 - 2:30pm daily

Students may come on one of the days to engage in a 40 minute writing refresher, reviewing a number of common grammar and usage errors. The theme this semester is "Gremlins!"

**Contact:** [Dr. Sharon Colley](#)

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**Monday,  
November 16**

**Recital: Ashli Axtell, Lecture Recital**

Location: Arts Complex Theatre | Macon Campus (*please observe social distancing*)  
7:30pm

**Contact:** [Dr. Rebecca Lanning](#)



**Monday,  
November 16 -  
20**

**Arts Extravaganza!**

Location: Macon and Cochran Campuses *(please observe social distancing)*

**Cochran Campus: Second Floor Gallery, Russell Hall**

- Student Art Exhibit
- Raku Pottery Demonstration (3:30 - 5:30pm, November 16)

**Macon Campus: SOAL Lobby**

- Student Photography and Art Exhibit
- Art Installation

**Online Play: 11/11/2020: An Online Adventure - Now Showing 11/18/2020**

- Go online to the [Theater webpage](#)
- View the [Online Play Flyer](#)

**Contact: [Dr. Sheree' Keith](#)**

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**Tuesday,  
November 17**

**Recital: Alexis Brown, Percussion**

Location: Arts Complex Theatre | Macon Campus *(please observe social distancing)*  
7:30pm

**Contact: [Dr. Rebecca Lanning](#)**

**Wednesday,  
November 18**

**Play: 11/11/2020: An Online Adventure - Now Showing 11/18/2020**

Location: Online (scan the QR Code below to link to the show, starting 11/18)  
7:30pm

**Contact:** [Dr. Stephen Wisker](#)

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**Thursday,  
November 19**

**Recital: Novian Stephens, Voice**

Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon Campus *(please observe social distancing)*  
7:30pm

**Contact:** [Dr. Rebecca Lanning](#)

**Thursday,  
November 19**

**Netflix Watch Party: Snowden**

Location: Online (see instructions on flyer)  
7:00pm

**Contact:** [Dr. Sabrina Wengier](#)

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