



Dwight Hall

Center for Public Service and Social Justice

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SOCIAL INNOVATION LAB

Events & Workshops

Fall 2016

- Wednesday, September 7
7 PM
SI Lab Open House/Orientation:
Simone Seiver '17 & Patrick Sullivan '18, The Connecticut Bail Fund
Dwight Hall Library
- Wednesday, September 14
5:30 PM
SI Lab Workshop with Alden Woodcock of EMERGE Connecticut, a Transitional Workforce Development Program for recently released ex-offenders
Dwight Hall Common Room
- Monday, September 26
5 PM
YEI & Startup Grind New Haven: Michelle Peluso
Dwight Hall Common Room
(Tickets to this event have been made free via sponsor United Illuminating. A ticket is required for entry, numbers be capped.)
- Wednesday, September 28
3 PM
SI Lab Workshop with Patrick Streubi, founder of Fairtrasa, a social enterprise with the mission of empowering marginalized small-scale urban farmers to lift themselves out of poverty.
Dwight Hall Library
- Wednesday, October 12
6 PM
Screening and Talk Back with Deb Gottesman & Buzz Mauro '84:
How I Got Over, a documentary about the *Life Stories* project, a curricular model that teaches people from typically marginalized populations how to create original dramatic works for the stage and screen using their real-life experiences as inspiration.
Dwight Hall Common Room
- Wednesday, October 26
6 PM
SI Lab Workshop w/ Nate Houghton, founder of the Congo Leadership Initiative, a nonprofit organization that trains young leaders and entrepreneurs in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
Dwight Hall Common Room
- November 9 & 10
2016 Jane & William B. Curran '49 Distinguished Mentors: Dorothy Porter '84 & The Rev. Canon Nicholas Porter '84
Dwight Hall Common Room & Various Locations on Campus
- Wednesday, November 30
6 PM
Open Workshop for Lab Project Proposals
Dwight Hall Library

Fall Speakers:

Alden Woodcock is the Deputy Director of EMERGE Connecticut, a self-sufficient social enterprise with a dual commitment to helping formerly incarcerated persons and at-risk youth make a successful return to their families as responsible members, and to their communities as law-abiding, contributing citizens. EMERGE provides former offenders entering or re-entering the workforce with applied skills training, paid work opportunities, and wrap-around support services that include educational, health, and life skill supports, better positioning them to attain stable employment and economic stability. Alden joined EMERGE in January of 2013 after graduating from Southern Connecticut State University in 2012. He is dedicated to EMERGE's participants and passionate about the betterment of his community.

Patrick Streubi is the founder of Fairtrasa, a social enterprise with the mission of empowering marginalized small-scale urban farmers to lift themselves out of poverty. He developed a unique Three-Tier Farmer Development Model that links sustainable agriculture with community empowerment and access to international markets. Today, Fairtrasa is a vertically integrated group with 15 companies in 12 countries and one of the largest fair trade fruit exporters from Latin America. For his work with Fairtrasa, Patrick has been selected an Ashoka Fellow, an Endeavor Entrepreneur, and a Yale World Fellow, and has been named four times as “Social Entrepreneur of the Year” (Schwab Foundation, 2014, ABC* Foundation and Univision, 2012, Visionaris, 2009). Patrick was chosen by the World Economic Forum as a New Champion and he is a member of the Clinton Global Initiative. He serves as Social Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Yale University.

Deb Gottesman and Buzz Mauro '84 are the founders and co-executive directors of The Theatre Lab. Professional actors who have appeared on numerous regional theatre stages, Deb and Buzz teach a variety of classes at The Theatre Lab for novices and professionals. They have been featured as guest lecturers at George Washington University, Georgetown University, and the U.S. Congressional Page School, among others. Together they are recipients of the prestigious Linowes Leadership Award for their educational contributions to underserved communities. In addition to offering acting classes for anyone who wants to take them, The Theatre Lab pursues a social justice mission through its Life Stories program, a curricular model that teaches people from typically marginalized populations – incarcerated youth, seniors in assisted living, homeless women, wounded veterans, and many other groups – how to create original dramatic works for the stage and screen using their real-life experiences as inspiration.

Nathaniel (Nate) Houghton is an experienced startup leader and a believer in the potential of entrepreneurship for international, local, and personal development. He is passionate about catalyzing positive change through entrepreneurship with a particular focus on technology startups operating in challenging markets. Nate is a Director at NextGen Venture Partners where he leads portfolio support for NextGen-backed startups, firm-wide monitoring and evaluation efforts, and revenue initiatives. He also supports NextGen's investment team during the diligence process. Nate founded the Congo Leadership Initiative, a nonprofit organization that trains young

leaders and entrepreneurs in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. CLI has trained over 1,500 young leaders who have started more than 250 social and for-profit ventures.

2016 Jane & William B. Curran '49 Distinguished Mentors **The Rev. Canon Nicholas Porter '84 & Dorothy Porter '84** are the co-founders of Jerusalem Peacebuilders, an interfaith non-profit organization with the mission of creating a better future for humanity across religions, cultures, and nationalities. Their programs focus on uniting Israeli, Palestinian, and American youth and providing them with the opportunities and skills they need to become future leaders for peace in the global community. Nicholas is the executive director and also director of the Leadership Camp in Vermont. A long-time resident of Europe and the Middle East, he is an educator and Episcopal priest. His academic credentials include: BA in Soviet and Middle Eastern Studies from Yale University, MA in Middle Eastern Studies from the American University in Cairo, MA in War Studies from the University of London, MA in Divinity (Theology) from Yale University. Dorothy Porter is the co-founder and Vice President of Jerusalem Peacebuilders. She is responsible for fundraising, volunteer-staff recruitment, and quarter-mastering at the camp. Also a long time resident of Europe and the Middle East, Dorothy holds a BA from Yale University and an MFA (London).