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STATEWIDE “THINK AND DRINK” EVENT SERIES TO DEBUT IN THE TRI-CITIES

KENNEWICK – Nonprofit Humanities Washington, along with Columbia Basin College Arts and Humanities Division, are bringing the popular statewide “Think and Drink” series to the Tri-Cities on November 3 at 7:00 p.m. Think and Drink events are hosted conversations on provocative topics held in pubs and tasting rooms throughout the state.

The program debuted in Seattle in 2011 and has expanded to other cities including Spokane, Yakima, and Tacoma. The events are free and open to the public, and are often sold out.

“We couldn’t be more excited to bring the Think and Drink program to the Tri-Cities,” said program director Zaki Barak Hamid. “Too often most of us get our news from filtered sources, and we explore topics in front of our digital devices rather than with each other. Think and Drink events allow people to explore an important topic with experts in a relaxed setting, not to mention hear from others in their community.”

The debut event, “Drawing Ire: Political Cartooning in Uncertain Times,” will take place in the run-up to the 2016 election and explore how the centuries-old tradition of political cartooning speaks to our modern, divided society. We are drowning in memes, gifs, and YouTube clips that give us near-instant commentary and humor on political events and issues. What do political cartoons offer that other forms of expression do not, especially in this time of major political and racial divisions?

The event features nationally-syndicated cartoonist Milt Priggee, who will discuss how the most charged topics of the day—from racial divisions to political polarization—are being reflected through the lens of political cartooning. What should and shouldn't be off-limits?

The event will feature Priggee's own work as well as that of his friend—and political opposite—conservative cartoonist A. F. Branco. Priggee will also be live drawing during the event. The event will be held at The Country Gentleman Restaurant.

“Drawing Ire” is presented in partnership with Columbia Basin College Arts and Humanities Division.

At A Glance

What: “Drawing Ire: Political Cartooning in Uncertain Times,” a Think & Drink event

When: 7:00 p.m., November 3, 2016

Where: The Country Gentleman Restaurant, 9221 W Clearwater Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336

Cost: Free

Online: humanities.org/programs/think-drink

Questions? Email David Haldeman at david@humanities.org or call 206.682.1770 x108

About Think and Drink Events

Think & Drink events are hosted conversations at pubs and tasting rooms on provocative topics and new ideas. Events are held periodically throughout the year in Spokane, Seattle, Yakima, and Tacoma.

About Humanities Washington

Humanities Washington sparks conversation and critical thinking using story as a catalyst, nurturing thoughtful and engaged communities across our state.

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