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Kate Loy '12 Victoria Montgomery '12
Katie Steider '12

Special Guest

Dr. Tori Haring-Smith, President, Washington & Jefferson College

Guest Speakers

Dr. Prajna Parasher Kristen Shaeffer

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Speak Out! Student Film & Arts Festival



Sunday, April 3rd, 2011
Washington & Jefferson College
Media Room

Why “Speak Out”?

A message from the Festival Directors

Why do we encourage you to speak out? Because you have a voice, and it’s important that your voice be heard. Through this festival, we want to educate people about the gender issues that still exist in our world. We wanted to challenge people to critically analyze these issues, and to tell their story in their own voice. We wanted to open the doors of communication about these issues, so that hopefully, one day, every person will open their ears to listen, open their minds to understand, and open their hearts to accept and appreciate other people. Lend your voice to the effort to change our world for the better.

Inspire. Influence. Invoke change.

Guest Speakers



Prajna Paramita Parasher is a filmmaker/scholar and multi-disciplinary artist practicing at the shifting intersection of classical thought and new technologies. She began her education as a filmmaker in Paris and went on to earn a Ph.D. at Northwestern University. Currently she is an Associate Professor and Director of the Film and Digital Technology program at Chatham University. She is an accomplished and

recognized artist and filmmaker.

Kristen Lauth Shaeffer is a filmmaker, media artist and educator who lives and creates in Pittsburgh, PA. She received her B.A. in Communication Arts and Theater from Allegheny College in 2003, and her M.F.A. in Film and Digital Technology from Chatham University in 2007 where, she currently teaches graduate and undergraduate production courses. Her short films have screened at festivals nationally and internationally. Kristen recently served as co-creator and executive producer of the feature film, *Greetings from Pittsburgh: Neighborhood Narratives*, which celebrates Pittsburgh’s diverse neighborhoods.



Schedule of Events

- 1:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Dr. Tori Haring-Smith
President
Washington & Jefferson College
- Kate Loy, Victoria Montgomery, and Katie Steider
Festival Directors
- 1:10 Presentations by Guest Speakers**
Dr. Prajna Parasher
Director of the Film and Digital Technology program, Associate Professor
Chatham University
- Kristen Shaeffer
Broadcast Studio Manager, Instructor
Chatham University
- 2:15 Student-submitted art pieces**
- 2:50 Student-submitted written pieces**
- 3:20 Student-submitted films**
- 3:50 Round table discussions**
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| Abrienne Rhoad | <i>Sin by Silence</i> |
| Katy Rowley | <i>Cover Girl Culture</i> |
| Lindsay Smith | <i>Arresting Ana</i> |
| Kate Steffens | <i>Tea and Justice</i> |
| Courtney Walsh | <i>Mrs. Goundo’s Daughter</i> |
- 4:40 Awards**