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"The Beautiful Girls," an episode of AMC's popular "Mad Men" TV show will be shown and discussed 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 in DeBartolo Hall as part of YSU's celebration of Women's History Month. It is among many events scheduled throughout the month. Pictured in this scene from the show are, from the left Joan Harris (Christina Hendrick), Peggy Olson (Elizabeth Moss) and Faye Miller (Cara Buono). Read about this and other Women's History Month events in this edition of YSU News Briefs.

Featured in this week's YSU News Briefs:

***YSU celebrates Women's History Month**

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This Week

Monday, March 5, through

March 31. An exhibit of contraception items, prototypes and manufacturing devices opens at the Rose Melnick Medical Museum as part of YSU's

celebration of Women's History Month. The exhibit features artifacts that are part of the Percy Skuy Contraceptive Collection currently under the auspices of the Dittrick Medical History Center at Case Western Reserve University. See News Brief below.

Wednesday, March 7, 12:15 p.m. Free Music at Noon features New Music & Early Music Ensemble in the Butler Institute of American Art

Wednesday, March 7, 4 p.m. An episode of AMC's "Mad Men" TV show called "The Beautiful Girls" will be screened in Room 3423 of DeBartolo Hall, followed by a panel discussion. The event is part of YSU's Women's History Month celebration.

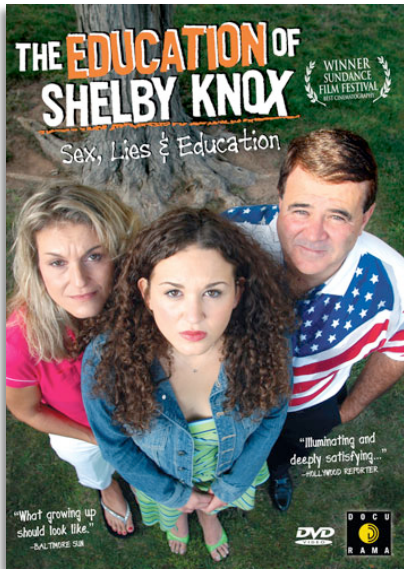
Thursday, March 8, 5:30 p.m. "Women of the World: A Photographic Journey of New Americans in the Mahoning Valley," featuring photographs of immigrant women who have settled in the Mahoning Valley, opens on the fifth floor of Maag Library. The event, part of YSU's celebration of Women's History Month, also features a panel discussion titled "Immigrant Women, International Perspectives" in honor of International Women's Day. See News Brief below.

Women's History Month features lectures, exhibits and more

"Healthy Women: Strong Communities" is the theme of this year's celebration of Women's History Month at Youngstown State University, featuring exhibits, lectures and other events on a variety of topics. The celebration is sponsored by YSU's Women's Studies Program. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Mehera Gerardo at gmgerardo@ysu.edu or 330-941-3459

Here are the activities planned for the month:

Contraception in the 20th Century: Pieces from the Percy Skuy Collection, March 5 through 30 at the Rose Melnick Medical Museum on Wick Avenue at YSU. The Percy Skuy Collection of the Dittrick Medical History Center at Case Western University includes approximately 1,100 artifacts.



Pretty Women & Mad Men, March 7, 4 p.m. in Room 3423 of Williamson Hall. Screening of AMC's Mad Men episode, "The Beautiful Girls," followed by panel discussion.

International Women's Day, March 8, 5:30 p.m., fifth floor of Maag Library. Panel discussion and wine and cheese happy hour.

Reproductive and Sexual Health Sleeping with Uncle Sam, March 21, 5:30 p.m., McKay Auditorium in Beeghly Hall. Lecture by Alexandra Lord, National Park Service.

The Education of Shelby Knox, March 22, 4 p.m., McKay Auditorium in Beeghly Hall. Screening and panel discussion of the 2005 documentary (left) about, Shelby Knox, a teenage girl who joins a campaign for comprehensive sex education in the high schools of Lubbock, Texas.

Sex + Money: A National Search for Human Worth, March 23, 4 p.m., Room 132 of DeBartolo Hall. Screening and discussion with members of Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative Anti-Human Trafficking Core Team of the documentary about domestic minor sex trafficking and the modern-day abolitionist movement fighting to stop it.

Virtue, Vice, and Contraband: A History of Contraception in America, March 26, 10 a.m., Rose Melnick Medical Museum. Lecture by James Edmonson of the Dittrick Medical History Museum at Case Western Reserve University.

The Issues of Today's Women, March 28, noon at the Main Branch of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning Valley, 305 Wick Avenue. Women's achievements are integral to the fabric of history. We learn from their tenacity, courage, intellect and creativity as tremendous sources of strength.

Retirement Security, Women's Security, March 28, 3 p.m. Channing Hall, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown, 1105 Elm St. Panel discussion with Tammy Thomas and members of Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative Health Equity Campaign.

Of Clubs and Whiskers: Gender, Honor, and Violence in the Brazilian Backlands of Ceara, 1845-1889, March 28, 5:30 p.m., fifth floor of YSU's Maag Library. Lecture by Martha Santos of University of Akron.

Sin by Silence, March 30, 1 p.m. in YSU McDonough Museum of Art, co-sponsored by United Purpose II. Screening and discussion of the film about the first inmate-initiated and led support group in the U.S. prison system that reveals the history and stories of the members of the group, Convicted Women Against Abuse.



Sin by Silence, a documentary about Convicted Women Against Abuse will be screened at YSU as part of Women's History Month.



Contraception exhibit at the Dittrick Medical History Center at Case Western Reserve University.

since its early history.

The collection includes a wide range of contraception items, prototypes, and manufacturing devices. Skuy, past president of Ortho Pharmaceutical of Canada, assembled the world's most comprehensive collection of historical contraceptive devices. Through donations and museum purchases, his original collection grew from 650 to approximately 1,100 artifacts. The Dittrick also maintains a collection of literature on the topic, including primary source material as well as historical writings.

In connection with the exhibit, James Edmonson, chief curator at the Dittrick, will talk about "Virtue, Vice, and Contraband: A History of Contraception in America" at 10 a.m. Monday, March 26 at the Melnick Museum.

Edmonson's lecture is free and open to the public.



James Edmonson

The Museum is open to the public by appointment Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Visitors can call Cassandra Nespor at 330-941-4661 to schedule an appointment. Free parking is available next to the Museum. For more information on Women's History Month events, contact G. Mehera Gerardo at gngerardo@ysu.edu or 330-941-3495.

Immigrant exhibit, discussion this week at Maag

"Women of the World: A Photographic Journey of New Americans in the Mahoning Valley," featuring photographs of immigrant women who have settled in the Mahoning Valley, opens 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8 on the fifth floor of Maag Library on the campus of Youngstown State University.

The event, part of YSU's celebration of Women's History Month, also features a panel discussion titled "Immigrant Women, International Perspectives" in honor of International Women's Day. The panel, sponsored by YSU's Women's History Month, Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor and Maag Library, will feature campus and community members whose immigration experiences are documented in the photographic and video exhibit. G. Mehera Gerardo, director of YSU Women's Studies, will moderate the discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

The exhibit, featuring photos from award-winning photographer and filmmaker Maria Bleahu, provides a glimpse into the lives of immigrant women from across the globe – China, Ethiopia, France, India, Indonesia, Lebanon, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Palestine, Peru, Russia, Syria, Ukraine and Vietnam – who currently live in the Mahoning Valley. Photos are mounted alongside a short biography of each subject.



Tania is one of the women featured in the "Women of the World" exhibit.

The exhibit also includes a video presentation with excerpts from interviews with the women. Launa Buetell of MainStream Music Inc. designed and created the video presentation, while Rosemary D'Apolito, YSU associate professor of Sociology, Anthropology and Gerontology, conducted the interviews. D'Apolito is also responsible for organizing various aspects of the project. The photographs and streaming video will be on display throughout the month of March on the fifth floor of Maag Library as part of the ongoing celebration of Women's History Month.

Bleahu, a native of Romania, earned a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology and a bachelor of fine arts degree in photography, both from YSU, and is currently head of the video department at Stark State College in Canton, Ohio. She received a filmmaking certificate from the New York Film Academy. One of her films, "The Fastest Gun in the West," placed 14th at the Cannes Film Festival and won five award nominations at the Soho Film Festival in London.

The exhibit is made possible, in part, by the Ohio Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. At its September 2011 opening at the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor, the exhibit drew more than 200 visitors. In April, the exhibit will travel to the Trumbull Art Gallery.

For more information on Women's History Month events, contact Gerardo at gmgerardo@ysu.edu or 330-941-3459.

New and Early music concerts set for March 7

The Dana School of Music at Youngstown State University presents the Dana Composers Ensemble, Robert Rollin, director, and YSU Early Music Ensemble, Randall Goldberg, director, in two joint concerts on Wednesday, March 7.

The first program will be a free Music at Noon concert in the Butler Institute of American Art's Beecher Court. The second program will be at 8 p.m. in Bliss Recital Hall.

Both concerts are free and open to the public.

Several world premieres will be presented, including three trombone trios: *On the Run* by freshman Michael Lynch; *Captain's Log* by sophomore Jesse Martin; and new work by junior Samantha Hogan. Senior Carol Ann Smolka will premiere her new song, "I Still Dream." Richard Zacharias, Youngstown area composer and a

member of the New Music Guild Inc., will have his *String Quartet No. 2* premiered by a group consisting mainly of Dana alumni. Guest flautist and Dana alumna Michelle Murray will perform Edgar Varèse's *Density 21.5*. Dana faculty Gwyneth Rollin, violin, and Robert Rollin, piano, will present *Lyric Counterpoint on a Theme by Warshawsky*, a set of variations on a famous klezmer melody.

For more information, call 330-941-3636.



Robert Rollin

Social Work Day March 23 on campus

Victoria Marion, president of the Ohio chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, is the featured speaker at Social Work Day on Friday, March 23 on the campus of Youngstown State University.



The event, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center, is held in recognition of Social Work Month in March.

Marion, whose presentation is titled "The Future of Social Work," speaks at 9:50 a.m. She is preceded on the program at 8:50 a.m. by Danielle Smith, executive director of the Ohio chapter of NASW, who will talk about "The Legacy of Social Work." Also on the agenda is Dennis Morawski, chair of YSU's Department of Social Work, and Bradley Smith, director of Ohio NASW Region IV.

The YSU Department of Social Work sponsors Social Work Day to celebrate the profession of social work and to honor—and thank—the many field educators who give of their time and expertise each year to supervise BSW and MSW student field interns.

Benefit Bash for Rookery Radio

Rookery Radio, the student-run Internet radio station at Youngstown State University, hosts the first Rookery Radio Benefit Bash on Saturday, March 24, at the Lemon Grove in downtown Youngstown.

The event will feature new music from local bands and a silent auction (including Cleveland Indians tickets and concert tickets). Rookery t-shirts will be available for sale for the first time.

There is a \$5 cover charge, with all of the proceeds benefiting Rookery Radio.

Live music will be provided by local bands Tweek Tronic, Neon Avenue (http://www.facebook.com/neonavenue?ref=ts&sk=app_2405167945), Words First (<http://www.facebook.com/wordsfirstYO>), Jake Simmons and the Little Ghosts (<http://www.facebook.com/jakesimmonsmusic>). Comedians, and Rookery Radio student DJs, Jesse Huber, Jay Mills and Eric Lewis will provide entertainment between sets.

For more information, visit <http://www.rookeryradio.com/>.

