Human Library Event at the Elihu Burritt Library
Spring Semester 2019 “Book” Listing

The Modern Jewish Experience

I think that there are a lot of misconceptions about what Judaism is and who Jews are.

Steven Bernstein

Before and After Hurricane Maria

Students will share their personal experiences before and after Hurricane Maria. A brief video will be shown. Most importantly, students will compare their social and educational stories when they attended schools in Puerto Rico and upon their arrival to the USA.

Genesis Cintron, Yeicy Alejandro, and Abner Rivas

Sexual Assault Survivor

Sexual assault doesn’t discriminate.

Zoe Dominy-Nguyen
**Paranormal Researcher**

Enjoy answering questions regarding how to conduct paranormal research, record spirit voices, capture better psychic photography and more. Have you had experiences with "ghosts" you would like to share, and perhaps explore further what you have experienced, heard or seen?

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**My Vertical Life**

Living life vertically means living it to its fullest potential, from the highest highs to the lowest lows, across the spectrum of possibilities. It's about saying "yes" to life's challenges and recognizing the gifts found at the depths of despair and remaining intensely grateful. Living a vertical life allows you to uncover your potential while collecting moments like a box full of treasures. As a non-traditional student, I have acquired a hearty collection of moments to share.

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**How the STARS Program Helps Students with Disabilities**

After volunteering in the special education room for 3 years I started a bridging program called STARS. The point of the program is to integrate students with disabilities into the mainstream curriculum. 6 years later, the program is still running, helping students of all kinds find their place among peers and faculty.
The Benefits of Campus Involvement

I will be sharing my experiences with Central Connecticut State University: how I became so active in the community, and how it’s helped me grow as an individual. I will also provide advice for others on how they can get involved on campus!

The 'Eyes' Have It

Stories from a sort-of-but-not-fully-blind person in a modernizing age.

My Life as a Carthusian Monk

There are only 600 Carthusian monks in the world. I was one of 24 in Vermont for 7 years living with men from Canada and the United States, France, Norway, New Zealand, Korea, the Philippines, Ethiopia, and a German Prince.
Michele Hartley

Words Spoken by a Christian Woman

I am sharing my testimony about my faith in God and how Christianity has had such an impact on my life. I learned how to put my trust in the hands of God because I realized that God would be with me every step of the way. God loves everyone and we are all his children. God does not hate or discriminate. Love is the moral principle of God.

George Hendrickson

College for GenX

Life at Central Connecticut State University for Generation X. The story of a retired military member that embarked on a college career and fell in love with learning and finding a way to give back to the universe for giving you so much life.

Jelane Kennedy

Being a Lesbian Professional

This is an opportunity to discuss thoughts, ideas, concerns and strategies related to how sexual orientation may impact student's world of work.
A Trans Man's Girlfriend

Dating in your twenties comes with its own set of challenges. While we are trying to establish our own identities, others are starting from scratch and creating a new identity from the ground up. Being in a relationship with someone who is transgender has opened my mind beyond my own expectations. All relationships need a foundation of trust and support. These become much more important when your significant other is in a constant vulnerable state. Being a trans man’s girlfriend has taught me about love for others and myself.

Adventures of a Pansexual, Polyamorous, Differently-Abled, Transsexual, Wiccan

This book is about how the intersectionality of different ways of being are affected by oppression and privilege in society. It is also about how the range of experience and knowledge can help overcome the negative aspects of both. May this book be a blessing to all readers.

Female to Male: A Journey

I discovered my identity as a man while in the second grade. I’ll take you through my emotional journey of catholic school, coming out, and beginning to transition both socially and medically. I am now a student at Central Connecticut State University preparing for graduation and graduate school, living happily as the man I worked so hard to become.
**Discovering Connecticut’s LGBTQ History**

For Professor Mann, this has been a journey of memory and affirmation for the work he did as a young activist; for the students that will be accompanying him, this has been an empowering journey of discovery and heritage.

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**Almost Normal: Growing Up with Spastic Diplegic Cerebral Palsy**

Some people notice my disability right away, by the way I limp, and ask me "what happened" to my legs. Some people don't notice anything until I mention it. I was born with cerebral palsy, and relearned how to walk at twelve years of age, after corrective surgeries. Come learn about what CP is, about the ways in which it still affects me in adulthood, and how you can be a good ally to those with a "barely-there" disability.

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**You Can Be on the Website, Too: Being Part of a Minority at CCSU**

As a first-generation Latina, I would have never imagined my college experience to be this fulfilling. Often times one may feel limited due to the barriers and stereotypes that are presented to them. However, if you refuse to be a statistic you can succeed too. There are endless opportunities here at Central. By connecting with student organizations, faculty and staff, becoming an Orientation Leader; I am able to say I made it on the CCSU website. You can, too.
Karen Ritzenhoff

Germany No More? German Immigrant Mother Raising Bi-lingual Children in America

I have been teaching at CCSU for 25 years. Originally from Germany, I have been living in the United States since 1988. My three children were born in Waterbury Hospital in Connecticut. I would be happy to talk to you about raising my children as bilingual citizens and my ambivalence about actually being from Germany. My kids can imagine studying or living in Germany; I much rather live and work in the States.

Stephen Zukowski

Public Service

Experiences of a U.S. Marine, 24 year police officer, 10 year volunteer firefighter and 15 years as a 9-1-1 Dispatcher.