

# HASTINGS COLLEGE LECTURE SERIES

## STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

NOVEMBER 6, 2019



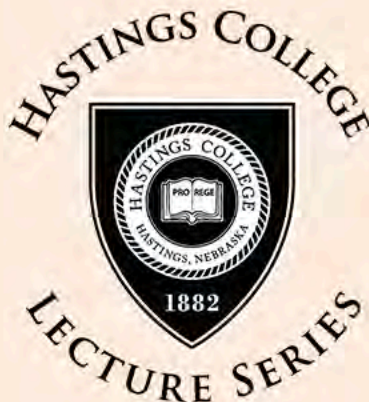
# INNOVATION

# ABOUT:

## HASTINGS COLLEGE LECTURE SERIES

The Mission of the Hastings College Lecture Series is to encourage and provide financial support for extraordinary artistic, cultural, and academic experiences for the Hastings College community. The Student Symposium Committee focuses on one topic and brings to campus a variety of speakers, performers, and experiences related to the current year's theme. Speakers of all types – in the past the Student Symposium has invited photographers, musicians, authors, researchers, and legal experts – deliver lectures related to a centralized event theme.

The 2019 HCLS Student Symposium revolves around the theme of "innovation." The students on the committee focused on a broad range of topics such as innovation within the job force, competitive eating, art, and much more. Join us this year to hear about unique and unparalleled experiences that many dynamic people have both overcome and witnessed.



# NOVEMBER 6:

## **DR. BRIAN KLOPPENBORG '06**

**"ACHIEVING INNOVATION IN THE WORKPLACE: FROM SOLO INVENTOR TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE"**

**8:30 AM | WILSON AUDITORIUM**

Dr. Brian Kloppenborg is a Research Scientist at Georgia Tech Research Institute and Founder of Pratum Labs, LLC, a data science and machine learning company. He received his Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Denver and had post-doctoral research fellowships at the Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy and Georgia State University. While in academia he was an author on more than 50 publications, including two in the prestigious scientific journal, *Nature*.

Kloppenborg left academia in 2013 to explore the private sector. Since then, he consulted or worked for a wide variety of customers from Silicon Valley startups to government agencies. He is the recipient of more than \$1.5 million of research grants from Internal Research and Development funds, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and the Department of Energy (DoE).

## **PHIL TIEMEYER**

**"LGBTQ RIGHTS, THE LAW, AND THE PECULIAR CASE OF THE MALE FLIGHT ATTENDANT"**

**10 AM | PERKINS AUDITORIUM**

Phil Tiemeyer is Associate Professor of History at Kansas State University. His book *Plane Queer: Labor, Sexuality, and AIDS in the History of Male Flight Attendants* examines the contributions of flight attendants to legal struggles for gender equality and LGBTQ rights. The book has won critical acclaim in the scholarly world and also led to publicity on NPR's Morning Edition, the Philadelphia Inquirer, Salon.com, and other media. Dr. Tiemeyer is currently working on a second book, *Aerial Ambassadors*, which examines flight attendants working for airlines from the so-called Second World and Third World during the Cold War.

# NOVEMBER 6:

## **ALICIA GRULLÓN**

**"POLITICS OF PRESENCE: THE USE OF ART AND  
SOCIAL PRACTICE"**

**11 AM | WILSON AUDITORIUM**

Alicia Grullón moves between performance, video, and photography. She channels her interdisciplinary approach towards critiques of the politics of presence--an argument for the inclusion of disenfranchised communities in political and social spheres. Grullón's works have been shown in numerous group exhibitions including Franklin Furnace Archives, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, BRIC Arts | Media House, School of Visual Arts, El Museo del Barrio, Columbia University's Wallach Art Gallery, and Performa 11.

She has received grants from several institutions including the Puffin Foundation, Bronx Council on the Arts, and the Department of Cultural Affairs of the City of New York. Reviews and essays regarding Alicia's work can be found in the New York Times, Village Voice, Hyperallergic, Creative Time Reports, Art Fag City, and ArtNet News. Grullón has participated in residencies in the United States, South Korea, and Germany, and has presented workshops as part of the 2017 Whitney Biennial with Occupy Museums, Creative Time Summit '15, and The Royal College of Art, among others. Grullon is recent recipient of the inaugural Colene Brown Art Prize.

## **MARY BOWERS**

**"EATING FOR EQUALITY: OPPORUNITY AND  
REPRESENTATION IN SPORTS"**

**12 PM | HSU A&B**

At 5'3" tall on the outside and 6'12" on the inside, Mary Bowers is one of Major League Eating's most recognizable personalities. If variety is the spice of life, hers is a life filled with flavor. For over a decade, she worked with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in high-security project management, providing her clients with tools to detect and prevent threats, ensure public health and safety, and facilitate international trade and travel. And now, she's ready for the main course! Mary's mission is to combine her expertise in high-security project management and competitive eating to encourage government officials, community leaders, and the members of the public to provide families with the education, nutrition, body awareness, and mental health support resources that inspire a healthier, happier world.

# NOVEMBER 6:

## CHRIS JUNKER

### "ADDRESSING SEXUAL HEALTH IN NEBRASKA SCHOOLS"

**1 PM | WILSON AUDITORIUM**

Chris Junker has been at the Nebraska Department of Education since 2010. She has over 25 years of experience in the field of HIV/AIDS/Sexual Health Education. Working with adolescents and educators to understand the value of comprehensive sexuality education and helping adolescents to develop skills to make healthier choices when it comes to HIV/STD, pregnancy, substance abuse, suicide, bullying, healthy relationships and matters related to LGBTQ.

Junker is the founder and advisor of the award winning HIV/AIDS Peer Educators, the Sunny "D's" at Hastings Senior High School, as well as the co-advisor of the Peer HIV Educators (PHIVE-O) at Hastings College, in Hastings, NE. Junker is responsible for the administration for both the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the School Health Profiles for Nebraska and is instrumental in the production of the following two data documents: "State of Nebraska, YRBS Survey Results" documentation and the "NE Adolescents...Keeping Them Healthy".

Junker is a member of the Nebraska HIV Care and Prevention Consortium, the NE Substance Abuse Prevention Advisory Counsel for the NE Dept of Health and Human Services, the planning team for the Healthy Youth NE Conference, the Interagency School Health Survey Committee (ISHSC), the Society of State Leaders of Health and Physical Education, the board of directors for The Bridge recovery house for women, the Nebraska AIDS Project and the League of Women Voters.

## MIKAELAH MOLIFUA '17

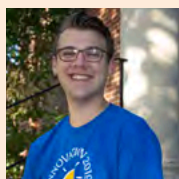
### "COACHING WITH CANCER"

**2 PM | PERKINS AUDITORIUM**

Mikaelah was born in Vista, CA to her parents Nielson and (Day-Knee) Dani Molifua. In 2001, the Molifua family moved to Lincoln, Nebraska and stuck. In 2013 Mikaelah graduated from Lincoln North Star High School and decided to continue her education at Hastings College in the fall. As an undergrad, Mikaelah cheered for the Broncos Cheer Team and lead the team as co-captain for three of her four years. She graduated in 2017 with a BA in English in Secondary Education. Not ready to venture into her own classroom, Mikaelah decided to continue her education and pursue her Masters in the Art of Teaching, K-12 Physical Education and, yes at Hastings College, if you're wondering. She also was a volunteer assistant coach for the cheer and dance teams.

During the summer of 2018, she would be asked to take the opportunity of a lifetime and become the head coach for those teams while recovering from a recent ACL repair and a later diagnosis of stage IV ovarian cancer. Now a 2019 MAT graduate, Mikaelah continues her love for coaching as the head cheer and dance coach while still battling her cancer.

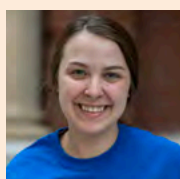
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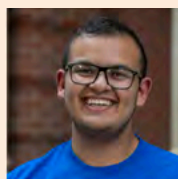
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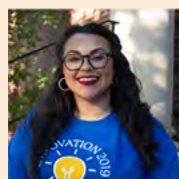
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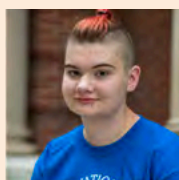
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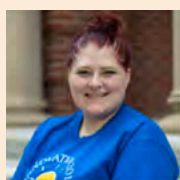
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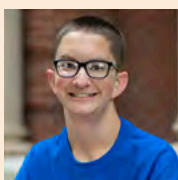
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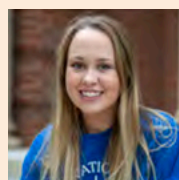
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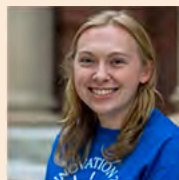
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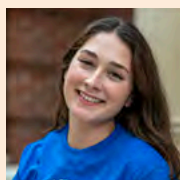
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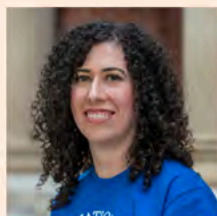
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