

Community Church of Boston
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sunday forums

February 2008
Sundays at 11:00a.m.



February 3rd -- Superbowl Sunday

DAVE CZESNIUK

"The Power of Sport in Today's Society: Lessons Learned from the Ugly, the Bad & Even the Good!"

Dave Czesniuk is the director of operations at Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society. He has managed several healthy development, violence prevention & diversity programs or research initiatives serving both youth and adults. These projects utilize the power and appeal of sport to create social-change opportunities for the global community. Dave was previously a sport psychology consultant and instructor at the U.S.M.A., West Point.

The discussion will focus on recent trends in sport that Dave has addressed with colleagues, students, program constituents and the mass media over the past year. He will also share feedback gained from studying sport and those who participate in it, his 15-year exploration of the various perspectives of sport in society.

February 10th -- JASON LYDON

"Racism's Power to Destroy Us All!"

Crossroads Ministry, and many other anti-racism organizations, look at racism/White Supremacy as a function of three powers: the power to oppress People of Color, the power to privilege White people, and the power to destroy us all. The third power, the destruction of all of us, interacts systemically, interpersonally, and internally. We will look together at some of the impacts these realities have on our larger institutions, in our congregation, and in our personal lives.

Jason Lydon is the Congregational Director at the Community Church of Boston. Jason is also a member of Groundwork, the Unitarian Universalist Youth and Young Adult Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Trainer/Organizer Collective. He is currently at Andover Newton Theological School in the Masters of Divinity program focusing on abolition theology, anti-racist liberation theology, and queer liberation theology.



February 17th -- RAUL MATTA

"Dropping a Wrench in the Military Recruitment Machine"

Every day countless youth, primarily low-income youth and youth of color, are targeted by the United States Armed Services for enrollment. Over and over again they tell lies and make false promises to manipulate young people into signing up to "serve their country". Raul will discuss with us the work being done on a state and national level to empower youth and young adults to speak for themselves and organize together against the military industrial complex.

Raul Matta works with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) in Western Massachusetts on counter-recruitment in schools and with HIPP (Help Increase the Peace Program). He is also a member of the newly developed Anti-Racism Collective (ARC) at Hampshire College.

February 24th -- DAVID SWALLOW, JR. (Wowitan Yuha Mani)

"A Global Warning for This Summer"

David Swallow is a highly respected spiritual leader, sundance chief and one of the headmen of the Lakota Nation. He will speak on what he views as a "global warning" from The Earth, due to many recent harmful anthropogenic activities, prophecies concerning the birth in Pennsylvania a year ago of a rare white buffalo and the importance of coming together as human & spiritual beings to pray for the survival of Turtle Island.

Born and raised near Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Oglala Reservation, Swallow is a member of the Teton Lakota Nation (the band of Crazy Horse).



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