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Talks, screenings mark Women's History Month at HCC

Holyoke Community College will celebrate Women's History Month with several events in March on the main campus, 303 Homestead Ave., Holyoke. All Women's History Month events at HCC are free and open to the public.

Monday, March 9: WCCH-FM 103.5, the college radio station, will dedicate the day to music written and performed by women. In addition, the station will take requests all month long for music written or performed by women. To make a request, send an email to 1035wcch@hcc.edu.

Tuesday, March 10: "Alumni Champions: Women in Business," a discussion with successful HCC alumni, 11 a.m. to noon in the student lounge on the second floor of the Campus Center.

Wednesday, March 11: "Calling in

the Calling Out Culture: Building the Human Rights Movement," a discussion led by feminist, activist and educator Loretta Ross about oppression, consciousness and rejecting the politics of fear, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Room 301 of the Kittredge Center. Ross is a visiting professor of practice in the School of Social Transformation at Arizona State University and previously a visiting professor at Hampshire College in Women's Studies.

Thursday, March 12: "Puerto Rican Needleworkers Are American Workers,"



Loretta Ross

a talk by Aimee Loiselle exploring the history of Puerto Rican women working in the textile and garment industry, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in HCC's Center for Excellence (Frost 265). Loiselle is a postdoctoral fellow with the Reproductive Justice History Project at Smith College.

Monday, March 23: Staged reading of playwright Rosemary H. Knower's "Failure is Impossible," which includes excerpts from the writings and speeches of Abigail Adams, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth and others, presented by HCC students enrolled in a Learning Community course called "She Persisted," at 2 p.m. in HCC's Black Box Theater (FPA 111).

Tuesday, March 24: Showing

of "The Untapped Genius That Could Change Science for the Better," a 15-minute TED Talk by Jedidah Isler, the first black woman to earn a Ph.D. in astrophysics from Yale University, 1 p.m. in HCC's Center for Excellence, Frost 265. A discussion led by Adrienne Smith, HCC interim dean of science, technology, engineering and math, will follow the screening.

Wednesday, April 1: Screening of "Fannie Lou Hamer: Remembering a Voting, Women's and Civil Rights Activist," a 25-minute documentary, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by a discussion in the PeoplesBank Conference Room in HCC's Kittredge Center.

There will also be exhibits around campus all month celebrating inspirational women. For more information, please visit hcc.edu/whm.