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Are Manners Extinct? ECC Professor to Discuss the Demise of Courtesy

Professor Francesca Bishop will present “@#%&*!!!: The Decline of Civility in America”*

Is there time for niceties in day-to-day life? Have people forgotten common courtesies? In the latest event from the El Camino College Center for the Arts Resident Artist Series, award-winning communications professor Francesca Bishop will debate how declining civility in everyday life and politics impacts society. The discussion “*@#%&*!!!: The Decline of Civility in America” is scheduled for 7 p.m. July 27 in the Campus Theatre.

Bishop is a nationally-recognized debate coach who led El Camino College’s outstanding debate team to 12 national championships in the last 15 years. She was recognized for her success in 2014 as the recipient of the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association Howe/Wyman Award for excellence in coaching and service to the forensics community. Bishop teaches argumentation and debate, mass communication and public speaking at El Camino College.

Communication Studies courses at El Camino College are designed to improve personal and professional communication skills in interpersonal and group settings. Classes build skills in research, organization, critical thinking, argumentation, and forensics (competitive speaking). Core classes satisfy California State University General Education (CSUGE) transfer requirements for any major.

The ECC debate team is open to students of all majors and is ranked seventh in the nation. The team is a perennial powerhouse and consistently wins championships at every level of competition, against a variety of college and university teams nationwide, including two-year, four-year, and Ivy League schools.

Are manners deteriorating in contemporary society? Come to “*@#%&*!!!: The Decline of Civility in America” on July 27 and decide for yourself. Tickets to the speech are \$15 and may be purchased at www.centerforthearts.org, by phone at 310-329-5345 or toll-free at 800-832-ARTS. The Ticket Office is open Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and one hour prior to the performance. Campus Parking is \$3. The ECC Campus Theatre is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance.

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