

## Quarterly Issues Report KPHR 1Q 2016 January – March

### January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 5:30a-6a KPHR Access Mn

Jigna Desai, Chair of the Department of Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies at the University of Minnesota, discusses the social stigmas attached to autism and how we can better understand autism through the lens of neurodiversity.

### January 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 5:30a-6a KPHR Access Mn

**The Franklin Project** is working to make a year of national service the cultural norm. This week, Geoff Wilson, a project ambassador in Minnesota and Manager of Administration and Engagement for College Possible, discusses the importance of service. We're also joined by three former Peace Corps and AmeriCorps members: Susan Grelling, Founder of the Grelling Charitable Trust; Kate Mortenson, President and CEO of the 2019 Minneapolis Final Four Local Organizing Committee; Sondra Samuels, CEO of the Northside Achievement Zone.

### January 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 5:30a-6a KPHR Access Mn

Sondra Samuels, President and CEO of the Northside Achievement Zone, discusses Minneapolis's achievement gap and NAZ's work to end multi-generational poverty in the Northside community.

### January 24<sup>th</sup> 2016 5:30a-6a KPHR Access Mn

Kristine Dizon, Assistant Conductor of Project Opera in Minnesota, discusses the importance of a music education and how parents can instill a love of music in their children.

### January 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 5:30a-6a KPHR Access Mn

Richard Painter is the S. Walter Richey Professor of Corporate Law at University of Minnesota and co-author of "Better Bankers, Better Banks: Promoting Good Business Through Contractual Commitment." This week, he discusses how a change in financial incentives for bankers could help reform Wall Street.

### February 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 5:30a-6a KPHR Access Mn

Cawo Abdi, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Minnesota, discusses her book "Elusive Jannah: Somali Diaspora and a Borderless Muslim Identity."

### February 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 5:30a-6a KPHR Access Mn

Julia Decker, Teaching Fellow at the Center for New Americans at the University of Minnesota Law School, discusses the Center's work on the Supreme Court case *Mellouli v. Lynch* and its impact of immigration law.

### February 21<sup>th</sup> 2016 5:30a-6a KPHR Access Mn

The number of drunk drivers on Minnesota roads has decreased this decade, but impaired driving from prescription pills, marijuana and other drugs has increased significantly. Gail Weinholzer and Mark Peterson from AAA Minnesota/Iowa discuss the dangers posed by impaired driving, whether it's drunk or drugged driving.

### February 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 5:30a-6a KPHR Access Mn

The LIGO Scientific Group announced this month the first detection of gravitational waves, a discovery that confirms Einstein's general theory of relativity. We discuss this extraordinary discovery with Vuk Mandic, Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy at University of Minnesota. Professor Mandic is part of the LIGO group at the U of M and is one of the lead authors of a companion paper to LIGO's announcement.

### March 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 5:30a-6a KPHR Access Mn

The Center for Victims of Torture works to end torture around the world and provides survivors of torture with physical and mental care. On the first half of the show we talk to Annie Sovcik; she is the Director of CVT's Washington, D.C. office and one of the lead authors of CVT's latest report, "Reclaiming Hope, Dignity and Respect: Syrian and Iraqi Torture Survivors in Jordan. The second half of the show, we discuss CVT's work in Minnesota with the center's Executive Director, Curt Goering.

**March 13th 2016 5:30a-6a KPHR Access Mn**

Paul Thissen is the Minority Leader in the Minnesota House of Representatives; he joins us to discuss the 2016 legislative session and the top priorities for the DFL.

**March 20th 2016 5:30a-6a KPHR Access Mn**

University of Minnesota Law Professor Hari Osofsky discusses the recent Supreme Court decision that could limit the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to reduce carbon emissions; she also discusses the late Justice Antonin Scalia and his impact on key environmental cases.

**March 27th 2016 5:30a-6a KPHR Access Mn**

Sarah Abdella-El Kallassy, a University of Minnesota graduate and former Cryptologic Linguist specializing in Pashto for the United States Marine Corps, discusses her work in Afghanistan and why the U.S. has failed to provide immigration support for many Iraqi and Afghan citizens who served the military.