

WERU Issues & Programs Q4 2021

Change Agents 9/2/21, 4-5pm (58 mins): Conversations with Human Rights Advocates

Producer/Host: Steve Wessler

Conversations with Human Rights Advocates: Examining issues affecting transgender people including (1) discrimination and violence and (2) the issues affecting Black and other transgender people of color

Guests:

Jennifer Levi, director of GLAD's Transgender Rights Project and a nationally recognized expert on transgender legal issues. Levi led the legal fight against President Trump's transgender military ban in both *Doe v. Trump* and *Stockman v. Trump*. Levi has also been a leader in working on harm reduction for incarcerated transgender people. She is a law professor at Western New England University, co-editor of *Transgender Family Law: A Guide to Effective Advocacy* (2012), and serves on the Legal Committee of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health. She is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School and a former law clerk to the Honorable Judge Michael Boudin at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Tre-Andre Valentine, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition. They are a queer, transgender indigenous Carib Indian, South Asian and Black immigrant from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. They have over 10 years of experience in supporting LGBTQ+ survivors of domestic violence, grassroots organizing, community engagement, fundraising, training facilitation, educational programming and development (specializing in anti-oppression and LGBTQ+ inclusion).

Conversations from the Pointed Firs 9/3/21, 4-5pm (58 mins): Earl H Smith "Downeast Genius: From Earmuffs to Motor Cars, Maine Inventors..."

Host: Peter Neill

Producer: Trisha Badger

The guest for Friday, September 3rd is Earl H Smith, a native of Waterville, a 40-year veteran of Colby College, former dean of the college, recently retired, and author of *"Downeast Genius: From Earmuffs to Motor Cars, Maine Inventors who Changed the World"*.

Key Discussion Points:

- INVENTION
- MAKER CULTURE, FIX-IT CULTURE
- SPIRIT OF PLACE
- HISTORY OF INVENTIONS AND PATENTS

Maine Currents 9/7/21, 4-5pm (58 mins): 20 Years Post-9/11 – Listening Back to WERU’s Coverage

Producer/Editor/Host: Amy Browne

Some of the historic segments on today’s show were coproduced with Meredith DeFrancesco

The 20th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy is this coming Saturday, so this week we take a listen back at how the WERU community responded, what was happening behind the scenes at the station in the hours and days that followed, and how our news coverage was impacted—and we’ll hear from David Weeda, one of the organizers of an event in Bucksport this coming September 11th.

Talk of the Towns 9/8/21, 4-5pm (58 mins): Reflections on Retirement

Producer/Host: Ron Beard

What is some of the new research into older people and creativity? How did that factor into your own views about what retirement might be for you?

How do people deal with big changes in their lives? Are there any helpful stages?

What have been some of the reactions to your book, as you have done readings and talks?

Guest: Rebecca Milliken, author of *Gaining Altitude—Retirement and Beyond*, published by Atmosphere Press, 2021

Common Ground Radio 9/9/21 4-5pm (58 mins): Traditional Foodways

Producer/Host: Holli Cederholm, MOFGA

On this episode of Common Ground Radio, we discuss traditional food systems with Barry Dana. Barry is a former Penobscot Nation chief and an advocate for Penobscot values, traditional foodways, language revitalization and education, and environmental protection along the Penobscot River. Growing up on a Wabanaki reservation on the Penobscot River, he learned canoeing, basket making, snowshoe making, hunting, gathering, and other Native traditions from his elders. Barry studied forestry and education at the University of Maine – Orono.

Let’s Talk About It 9/10/21, 4-5pm (58 mins): Domestic abuse by a police officer

Producer/Host: Patrisha McLean

Technical assistance: Tammy Oropesa

Music: Roan Yellowthorn of Blue Elan Records

- Weaponizing of children
- Police cover-up for one of their own
- Financial abuse

Guest: Amy Burns talks with Patrisha about how she thought he would protect her because he was a police officer but ended up terrorizing her and her son, and how reporting his

abuse to the Maine State Police resulted once again in our state in no accountability, no justice.

Dawnland Signals 9/16/21, 4-5pm (58 mins): History of Native activism at USM

Producers/Hosts: Maria Girouard, Esther Anne

Engineer: Jeffrey Hotchkiss

Critical conversations of truth, healing, and change in the Dawnland: History of Native activism at USM

- Mikhu's experience as a native student
- The Land Recognition Committee
- Hopes for the future

Guest: Mihku Paul, First Nations poet, visual artist, storyteller, and activist. She was born into the Maliseet Nation and she is a member of Kingsclear First Nation in New Brunswick, Canada.

Democracy Forum 9/17/21, 4-5pm (58 mins): The Two-party System and the Future of Our Democracy

Host: Ann Luther, League of Women Voters of Maine

We talk about the history and the future of the two major parties,

How parties change and evolve, how/why they splinter.

Are the parties too strong or too weak?

Are the two major parties in this moment so polarized that the system itself is undermined?

Has the modern two-party system made us ungovernable?

What reforms and options might be realistic? — multi-member districts, proportional representation, ranked choice voting?

Guests:

Lee Drutman, senior fellow at New America. He is the author of Breaking the Two-Party Doom Loop: The Case for Multiparty Democracy in America

Sandy Maisel, Goldfarb Family Distinguished Professor of American Government at Colby College (emeritus)

Downeast Diversity 9/21/21, 4-4:30pm (28 mins): Stories of People and Culture in Maine- From the Mouth of Babes

Producer/Host: Alyne Cistone

- Challenges of growing up as a brown girl in Maine
- How youth can engage and lead their communities in impacting meaningful change
- Sirohi's personal journey and her many contributions to Racial and Climate Justice

Guest: Sirohi Kumar, A local high school student at Mount Desert Island High School and a Student and Community leader as well.

Community Wellness Watch 9/29/21, 4-5pm (58 mins): Local housing resources for children & families during pandemic

Producer/Host: Emma Weiss, WERU intern

Program Topic: Local providers offering housing for children and families in need throughout the COVID-19 pandemic

- Learning about housing children and families in need throughout the pandemic from a number of different perspectives
- Discussion of changes and adjustments made to practices housing children in families in homeless shelters, foster care, and private homes during the pandemic
- Challenges and triumphs from clients and staff throughout the pandemic
- Learning how listeners can access these services or become volunteers

Guests :

Travis Bryant, Executive Director Foster Families of Maine Inc. & The Kinship Program in Bangor and Saco

Robin Chamberlain, Director Safe Families for Children throughout Maine

Tracey Hair, Executive Director H.O.M.E. Inc. in Orland

Conversations from the Pointed Firs 10/1/21, 4-5pm (58 mins): “The Historic Taverns and Tearooms of Maine”- an interview with the authors

Host: Peter Neill

Producer: Trisha Badger

The guests for Friday, October 1st are Kathy and Bill Kenny, authors of “The Historic Taverns and Tearooms of Maine” published by the History Press of Charleston, South Carolina (May 31, 2021). The conversation centers around the social history and political culture of Maine as nurtured in unexpected places.

- Maine History
- Prohibition
- Spirit of place, community
- Women’s suffrage
- Taverns and tearooms

Maine Currents 10/5/21, 4-5pm (58 mins): “Truth Tellers” – the new Kane-Lewis film based on Americans Who Tell the Truth

Producer/Editor/Host: Amy Browne

Our guests today are artist Robert Shetterly, the creator of the “Americans Who Tell the Truth” portrait series. His latest book is called *Portraits of Racial Justice: Americans Who Tell the Truth*, and filmmaker / documentarian Richard Kane, of Kane Lewis Productions. They have just released a new film called *Truth Tellers*, about Robert Shetterly’s work. Cameo by co-producer Melody Lewis-Kane

Tune in to hear some clips from the new film, which debuted at the recent Camden International Film Festival, as well as a discussion of Shetterly’s latest book.

Change Agents 10/7/21, 4-5pm (58 mins): The struggle for basic rights for Maine farm workers

Producer/Host: Steve Wessler

- Examining the conditions for farm workers in Maine
- Discussing the racial bias against farm workers imbedded in US laws
- Discussing the important pending legislation in Maine to provide farm workers with greater rights

Guests: Thom Harnett and Mike Guare are both lawyers from Maine who have and continue to work to provide farm workers with the same rights that other American workers have. Thom is a state representative from Gardiner. Mike works for Pine Tree Legal Assistance.

Let's Talk About It 10/8/21, 4-5pm (58 mins): Mother/Daughter Talk About Abuse by Husband/Father

Producer/Host: Patrisha McLean

Technical assistance: Tammy Oropesa

Music: Roan Yellowthorn of Blue Elan Records

In this rerun from 2020, mother and daughter Rhonda and Ashley talk about how they were controlled and tormented by the same man in similar and different ways and how they have healed their own relationship

Talk of the Towns 10/13/21, 4-5pm (58 mins): How Maine Land Trusts are building on the legacy of land protection

Producer/Host: Ron Beard

- How do land trusts, including Blue Hill Heritage Trust, carry out the work of private land protection in Maine?
- In addition to protecting land by owning it or by permanently restricting some forms of development, how else do your organizations work with landowners and other partners to promote conservation values through public access and use, as in the case of trails, wildlife observation and hunting?
- How has Maine Farmland Trust worked with farmers to protect farmland and to provide access to new farmers and help those farmers make their operations viable?
- How has Maine Coast Heritage Trust worked with local volunteer and fisheries experts to increase fish passage, including for river herring in the Bagaduce River watershed and at Walker Pond?

Guests:

Hans Carlson, Executive Director, Blue Hill Heritage Trust

Sarah Simon, Program Director, Farmland Access/Farm Viability, Maine Farmland Trust

Ciona Ulbrich, Senior Project Manager, Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Common Ground Radio 10/14/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Keynote Addresses from the 2021 Common Ground Country Fair – Karen Washington and Stacy Brenner

Producer/Host: C.J. Walke

- Karen Washington – “Food Justice is More Than Growing Food and Feeding People”
- Stacy Brenner – Farm Viability Through Land Justice and Farmworker Rights
- 2021 CGCF Keynote addresses

Speakers:

Karen Washington, Rise & Root Farm, Black Urban Growers

Stacy Brenner, Broadturn Farm, Scarborough, ME

Democracy Forum 10/15/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : In Government We Trust — Or Do We?

Host: Ann Luther, League of Women Voters of Maine

We talk about trust and distrust in government.

What is the history of distrust in government in the US?

How has it been weaponized in the last half-century?

What do we lose when we have a blanket distrust in government: who loses and who gains?

What motivates strategic attempts to weaken government?

In what way is distrust a weapon in the arsenal of attempts to weaken or reduce government?

Guests:

Amy Fried, John Mitchell Nickerson Professor of Political Science at the University of Maine

Steven Webster, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Indiana University

Downeast Diversity 10/19/21- Stories of People and Culture in Maine: Indigenous 2021

Producer/Host: Alyne Cistone

Downeast Diversity: Stories of People and Culture

Indigenous 2021

-A special episode to commemorate and celebrate Indigenous People Day

-Musical feature by Firefly, a member of the Penobscot Nation

-Jason(Firefly) and Donna lead the community in celebrating IPD.

Guest: Firefly, Musician and keeper of Penobscot traditions.

DEBUT! 10/20/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) 50+ Aging in Rural Maine: “A View From Augusta”-What the Maine Legislature Did in 2021 for Older Mainers

Producer/Host: Suzanne Carmichael, [AARP Maine](#) volunteer

Issues that AARP Maine worked on during the 2021 Maine legislative session

- New retirement savings plan
- Prescription drug bills
- Internet bills
- Long-term family caregiver issues
- Relevance of voting laws to older Mainers
- New law protecting vulnerable road users

Guests:

Japhet Els, Advocacy and Outreach Director for AARP Maine

Bridget Quinn, Advocacy and Outreach Director for AARP Maine

Dawnland Signals 10/21/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Beyond the Claims- Stories from the Land and the Heart

Producers/Hosts: Maria Girouard, Esther Anne

Engineer: Jeffrey Hotchkiss

Critical conversations of truth, healing, and change in the Dawnland: Wabanaki REACH's Truth Telling Initiative

- What Wabanaki REACH's truth-telling project is about and what groundwork has been done
- What the learning curve has been like and what experience the guests bring to the project
- What the project hopes to accomplish

Guests:

Kate Russell, Wabanaki REACH Project Coordinator and Stephanie Bailey, Passamaquoddy from Motahkmihkuk and Project Story Collector.

Coastal Conversations 10/22/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Ocean Acidification- How Can States and Local Communities Respond?

Producer/Host: Natalie Springuel

Maine coastal and ocean issues: Ocean Acidification, how can states and local communities respond?

- What is Ocean Acidification? Much like carbon dioxide wreaks havoc on the atmosphere, CO₂ in the ocean triggers a series of chemical processes that lower the pH of the water, making it more acidic. This can cause problems for shellfish, a concern in a state like Maine where shellfish harvesting is an important part of our coastal economy.
- What can states and communities do about it? We'll explore the last decade of how states and communities have been responding to ocean acidification, including Maine, with lessons learned for the East and West coasts.

Guests:

Jessie Turner: Secretariat of the Ocean Acidification Alliance, guest editor of special Ocean Acidification issue of Coastal Management Journal

Aaron Strong: Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at Hamilton College and formerly professor at the University of Maine

Parker Gassett: Marine Extension Associate with Maine Sea Grant, coordinating efforts on climate resilience at the community level.

Wabanaki Windows 10/26/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : 'Unpacking Sovereignty' (7th in a series)

Producer/Host: Donna Loring

Production assistance: Jessica Lockart, WMPG

-John Deane's letter to Maine Governor and Executive Council 1830

-The failure of his mission to purchase the two Lower Townships

-His recommendations of a Coercive system to control the Tribes

Guests:

Professors Harald Prins Historian and expert on Wabanaki History Emeritus Kansas State University, Dr. Darren Ranco, Assoc Prof of Anthropology and Chair of Native American Programs University of Maine

Special- Downeast in Action 10/27/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Maine's Climate Action Plan

Producer/Host: Kate Macolini

-Local organizations' efforts toward meeting MCAP goals

-Interview with CAN

-Interview with ACTT

Guests:

Tony and Anne Ferrara with Climate Action Net

Johannah Blackman with A Climate To Thrive

Power for the People RETURNS! 10/29/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Electric Vehicles

Producer/Host: Steve Kahl

-Overview of how EVs work

-Models on the market

-Tax credits and rebates

Guests:

Michael Stoddard, Director of Efficiency Maine

Tim Sample, Maine humorist and 'car guy', helping Efficiency Maine with PSA on EVs

Community Wellness Watch 11/2/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Local mental health and substance use recovery services

Producer/Host: Emma Weiss, WERU intern

Program Topic: Local providers offering mental health and substance use recovery services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic

- Learning about mental health and substance use recovery throughout the pandemic
- Discussion of changes and adjustments made to practices providing mental health services and recovery support during the pandemic
- Challenges and triumphs from clients and staff throughout the pandemic
- Learning how listeners can access these services or become volunteers

Guests:

Theresa Mastricolo, Supervising Manager, Midcoast Recovery Coalition in Camden

Dr. Megan Houseknecht, Clinical Psychologist, Mount Desert Island Hospital Behavioral Health Center in Bar Harbor

Dr. Andrés Abreu, Director, Physician, Psychiatrist, Mount Desert Island Hospital Behavioral Health Center in Bar Harbor

Healthy Options 11/3/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Enhancing Learning and Resiliency Through Reducing Stress and Anxiety

Host/Producer: Rhonda Feiman

Co-Producer: Petra Hall

Technical assistance: Joel Mann & Amy Browne

Program Topic: Enhancing learning and resiliency through reducing stress and anxiety

1. What are the different kinds of stress?
2. When might stress be a helpful thing to experience, and how can we utilize it in a positive way?
3. Learn how to do “box breathing” as a tool for resetting the nervous system.
4. What is a flow state and how can it be achieved?

Guest: Ian Ramsey, educator at North Yarmouth Academy, where he teaches mindfulness and other techniques to enhance learning and resiliency. He directs their Kauffmann Program for Environmental Writing & Wilderness Exploration, and is a founding board member of Physiology First, a nonprofit that offers students around the world science-based tools they can use to reduce stress and anxiety.

Change Agents 11/4/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Kristallnacht, the book “The Night of the Broken Glass” and Anti-Semitism in US schools

Producer/Host: Steve Wessler

Program Topics: Kristallnacht in light of narratives in the book “The Night of the Broken Glass” and anti-Semitism in US schools

- The book “The Night of the Broken Glass” causes many people to realize that the violence of Kristallnacht was far more deadly.
- Anti-Jewish degrading language and so-called “jokes” are used in US schools.
- The use of degrading language about Jews negatively impacts some Jewish students

Guests:

Catherine Share. She teaches a course on the Holocaust at Congregation Bet Ha’am in South Portland, Maine. Natalie and Julia are 8th grade students who are in Catherine Share’s class.

LGBT Tea Time 11/4/21, 5:30-6pm (28 mins): Transgender

Host: “Chuck”

Engineer: Rachel Albury

A roundtable discussion with members of OUT Maine’s Queer Futures program.

- Intrusive questions to trans and non-binary people.
- Preferred name vs. legal name being used at school.
- Safe spaces including housing and bathrooms that are trans-friendly.

Conversations from the Pointed Firs 11/5/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : “Mythical Creatures of Maine: Fantastic Beasts from Legend and Folklore”

Host: Peter Neill

Producer: Trisha Badger

Conversations from the Pointed Firs, talking with Christopher Packard, author of “Mythical Creatures of Maine: Fantastic Beasts from Legend and Folklore”. Chris is a full-time high school science teacher, and prior to taking up teaching and writing he worked as an ecological restoration technician, field biologist, naturalist, and outdoor educator. His new book explores rich Maine folklore—tales of humans confronted by strange beasts, both wonderful and terrifying. Based on meticulous research into legend and folk tale, the resulting book is an encyclopedia, a field guide to the mythical creatures that maybe can be found in Maine and beyond—if you’re looking in the right places.

- Maine History
- Nature
- Spirit of place, community
- Logging and the outdoors
- Myth, Legend, Folklore
- Maine writing

Guest:

Christopher Packard, author of “Mythical Creatures of Maine: Fantastic Beasts from Legend and Folklore” published by Downeast Books (September 1, 2021)

BoatTalk 11/9/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : cold weather clothing now and then

Producers/Hosts: Mike Joyce, Alan Sprague

Program Topic: cold weather clothing now and then

- 1600-1700's pickups
- cold weather clothing for pilgrims
- modern cold weather clothing

Guests: Tim Garrity MDI Historical Society, Jerry Richards Gill NA

Talk of the Towns 11/10/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Recruiting the next generation of volunteer firefighters

Producer/Host: Ron Beard

Community concerns and opportunities: Recruiting the next generation of volunteer firefighters

-What led to your involvement in your town fire department? Who invited you to get involved? Is this a family tradition for you? Why is the role volunteer fire fighter important to you and your community?

-How are changes in your community affecting your ability to staff your department with volunteers? If you look back in time, what were the most effective ways that you brought new volunteers into your department? What works today?

-In general, what are you looking for in volunteers... is there a range of duties and skills that volunteers can contribute? What is the range of time commitments and training expected?

-Please share your top reasons for why you became a firefighter in your town and why you continue to serve

Guests:

Stephan Blanchard, Lieutenant, Blue Hill Fire Department

Ryan Hayward, Chief, Stonington Fire Department

Brent Morey, Chief, Deer Isle Fire Department

David Carter, Chief, Sedgwick Fire Department

Zach Soares, volunteer firefighter, Bar Harbor Fire Department

Cynder Johnson, volunteer firefighter and EMT, Bar Harbor Fire Department

Common Ground Radio 11/11/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Keynote Address from the 2021 MOFGA Farmer to Farmer Conference – Dr. Gladis Zinati – Rodale Institute

Producer/Host: C.J. Walke

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- Gladis Zinati – “Linking Soil Health to Plant Health: Connecting the Dots”
- Linking soil health to crop health and human health
- Nutrient cycling and carbon sequestration

Speaker: Dr. Gladis Zinati, Director of Vegetable Systems Trial, Rodale Institute, Kutztown, PA

Let’s Talk About It 11/12/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : “Growing Up In Domestic abuse- Man’s Perspective”

Producer/Host: Patrisha McLean

Technical assistance: Tammy Oropesa

Music: Roan Yellowthorn from Blue Elan Records, and Clara Shneid, Kathryn Brunhaver, Suzie Assam from DocSong

Drinking as a factor in domestic abuse, mother/son relationship, breaking the cycle. Guest Andy talks about growing up with a violent, angry father and also about getting out himself as an adult but his mother still being trapped.

- Growing up with an angry and controlling father
- Breaking the cycle
- Wanting to get your mother to safety

11/17/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) 50+ Aging in Rural Maine: “Five Major Health Issues Facing Older Rural Residents”

Producer/Host: Suzanne Carmichael, AARP Maine volunteer

“Five Major Health Issues Facing Older Rural Residents”

- Transportation problem getting health care (why, options, lack of public awareness)
- Health care access issues
- Role of social connectedness
- Nutritional challenges
- Role of poverty

Guests:

John Gale, President, National Rural Health Association, Senior

Research Associate, Maine Rural Health Research Center (University of Southern Maine)

Democracy Forum 11/19/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Freedom of Religion, Freedom from Religion: Politics and Religion in America

Host: Ann Luther, League of Women Voters of Maine

Freedom of Religion, Freedom from Religion: Politics and Religion in America

- What is the constitutional foundation of the separation of church and state?
- Why is it important?
- Is freedom of religion in the Bill of Rights? How did the doctrine emerge and develop from the prohibition on the establishment of religion?

- How is the interpretation and practice affecting modern politics?
- What is the intersection of political activism and religious groups, now and in our history?

Guests:

Mark Brewer, Professor of Political Science and Department Chair, University of Maine
Vincent Phillip Muñoz, Tocqueville Associate Professor of Religion & Public Life,
Department of Political Science, Concurrent Associate Professor of Law, Notre Dame
University

Wabanaki Windows 11/23/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : 'Unpacking Sovereignty' (8th in a series)

Producer/Host: Donna Loring

Production assistance: Jessica Lockart, WMPG

- Rise of the Timber Industry
- Rising power of Indian Agents
- State's effort to replace sovereignty with Guardianship

Guests:

Professor Harald Prins Historian and expert on Wabanaki History Emeritus at Kansas State University.

Associate Professor of Anthropology Darren Ranco, Penobscot Nation Tribal Member, Chair of Native American Studies University of Maine Orono.

Dawnland Signals SPECIAL 11/25/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : If You Lived During the Plimoth Thanksgiving

Producers/Hosts: Maria Girouard, Esther Anne

Engineer: Jeffrey Hotchkiss

Critical conversations of truth, healing, and change in the Dawnland: If You Lived During the Plimoth Thanksgiving— New children's book teaches the truth

- How the author came to write this book
- Resources for teaching truth about history
- The importance of teaching from an indigenous worldview

Guest: Chris Newell, Passamaquoddy from Motahkmihkuk, author and Co-founder/Director of Education for Akomawt Educational Initiative

Coastal Conversations 11/26/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : From the Sea Up #1

Producer/Host: Natalie Springuel

Maine coastal and ocean issues: From the Sea Up #1

With the holiday season upon us, it is time to talk seafood. Fresh, sustainable, Maine seafood that is!

For the next three episodes of Coastal Conversations, we are featuring a series of stories produced by The First Coast and the Island Institute. The series, called From the Sea Up, introduces the people and species that make Maine seafood so incredible, both for our taste buds and for our coastal economy. It's perfect listening to inspire your holiday feasts!

Community Wellness Watch 11/30/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Food insecurity in our community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic

Producer/Host: Emma Weiss, WERU intern

Each month, WERU intern Emma Weiss sits down with local healthcare providers and other professionals to talk about how they have adjusted their practices throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and how they continue to keep our communities healthy and safe.

- Learning about food insecurity throughout the pandemic
- Discussion of changes and adjustments made to practices providing food security services and related support during the pandemic
- Challenges and triumphs from patrons, volunteers, and staff throughout the pandemic
- Learning how listeners can access these services, donate, or become volunteers

Guests:

Anna Wind, Healthy Eating and Magic Food Bus Coordinator, Healthy Peninsula in Blue Hill

OJ Logue, Interim Executive Director, Bar Harbor Food Pantry in Bar Harbor

Joe Ryan, Executive Director, Area Interfaith Outreach Food & Energy Assistance in Rockland

Change Agents 12/2/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : American Jews Advocating for the Rights of Palestinians

Producer/Host: Steve Wessler

This December edition of Change Agents focuses on American Jews supporting the rights of Palestinians. Stefanie Fox is the director of Jewish Voice for Peace. JVP advocates for the rights of Palestinians. JVP supports the call of Palestinians to boycott, divestiture and sanctions against Israel. Rabbi Brant Rosen founded a non-Zionist synagogue in Chicago. He is a member of JVP. Both guests are anti-Zionist.

Conversations from the Pointed Firs 12/3/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Talking with Lincoln Paine

Host: Peter Neill

Producer: Trisha Badger

Peter Neill's guest for Friday, December 3rd is Lincoln Paine, maritime historian and author of "The Sea and Civilization: A Maritime History of the World", and "Down East: An Illustrated History of Maritime Maine". This is a fascinating discussion about the history of our coastal places in Maine—from the days when England declared every white pine in the

State to be the King's property, to the future of Maine's coasts—from industry to how and where we go for recreation and renewal.

- Maine History
- Maritime History
- Spirit of place, community
- Logging and shipbuilding

Guest: Lincoln Paine, maritime historian and, author of "The Sea and Civilization: A Maritime History of the World", and "Down East: An Illustrated History of Maritime Maine" published by Tilbury House.

Maine Currents 12/7/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Word Festival Interview with Bob Keyes, author of a new book on Robert Indiana

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

On this month's edition of Maine Currents, we bring you to the Word Festival in Blue Hill in October 2021. Reading from their website: "Every October, Word brings together readers, writers, and tellers of tales to celebrate the written and spoken word—fiction and non-fiction, children's literature, poetry, drama, nonfiction, storytelling and more. The festival takes place in Blue Hill, Maine where a literary tradition of great thinkers and artists extends over two hundred years and includes Jonathan Fisher, Mary Ellen Chase, and E.B. White to name a few. Many writers continue to call the Blue Hill peninsula home as does a large community of passionate readers. To celebrate this rich heritage, Word presents three days of author readings, a poetry crawl, writing workshops, panel discussions, school events, and spoken word performances to sold out crowds."

One of the events this year was an interview with Bob Keyes, author of the new book, *Isolation Artist: Scandal, Deception, and the Last Days of Robert Indiana*, conducted by Paul Sacaridiz, Executive Director of Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. The talk was recorded via zoom by festival organizers, and we thank them for making it available to our listeners.

Talk of the Towns 12/8/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : Working Toward Universal Health Care in Maine

Producer/Host: Ron Beard

What are Maine voters being asked to consider... what does the referendum question intend to change/create?

Outline the concept of health insurance... how is health care paid for in Maine (private pay and insurance: private, employer-based, publicly supported (Medicare, Medicaid/Maine Care)

What would Universal Health Care do for consumers, employers, health care providers, insurance companies? Are there predicted health outcomes that we can anticipate, based on how the concept works elsewhere?

Is Universal Health Care as you are proposing it the same as Medicare for All... how is it different?

Who is covered under the present system, how well are they covered, who is left out?

Remind us about the referendum process in Maine... how does it work... what is the role of groups like Maine Health Care Action... what is the role of citizens, of the legislature, of the Governor with initiatives like this?

Guests:

Lisa Savage, Maine Health Care Action board member, retired educator, Skowhegan

Rachel Herbener, volunteer, Belfast

Valerie Dornan, volunteer, retired teacher, experience NHS in England, Hancock

Bill Clark, Maine Health Care Action Board member, retired physician, Brunswick

Common Ground Radio 12/9/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : PFAS Contamination in Soils and Water Sources

Producer/Host: C.J. Walke

- PFAS “forever chemicals” and their historic use in industry
- How PFAS moves through, soils, crops and livestock
- Current testing efforts and attempts at remediation in Maine

MOFGA’s PFAS Maine Farmer Information and Support

Guests:

Ryan Dennett, Farmer Programs Director, MOFGA, Unity, ME

Jacki Martinez Perkins, Organic Dairy and Livestock Specialist, MOFGA, Unity, ME

Caleb Goossen, Organic Crops and Conservation Specialist, MOFGA, Unity, ME

Dawnland Signals 12/16/21, 4-5pm (58 mins) : The Power of Poetry

Producers/Hosts: Maria Girouard, Esther Anne

Engineer: Jeffrey Hotchkiss

Critical conversations of truth, healing, and change in the Dawnland: The Power of Poetry

- How each guest came to be writers of poetry
- How poetry can be used to build community
- Guests and hosts recite poems

Guests: Mihku Paul, Maliseet and Penthea Burns, Wabanaki REACH Board Co chair

Boat Talk 12/14/21, 4-5 pm (58 minutes)

Producers/hosts: Alan Sprague, Mike Joyce & John Johanson

Topics:

Ralph Stanley RIP

Lobstering issues with Shelia Dasset of Downeast Lobstermen's Association

Wabanaki Windows 12/28/21, 4-5 pm

Host: Donna Loring

Engineer: Joel Mann WERU Orland Maine, Jessica Lockhart, WMPG Portland Maine

Issue: Indigenous People's Sovereignty "Unpacking Sovereignty"

Key Discussion Points:

- The Maine historic environment of the 1800's setting the stage for Indian court cases
- Murch v Tomer 1842 first important precedent setting case for Maine Indian Law
- State v Newell 1892 resulting devastating court opinion

Guests:

- Professor Harald Prins Historian and expert on Wabanaki History Emeritus at Kansas State University.
- Associate Professor of Anthropology Darren Ranco, Penobscot Nation Tribal Member, Chair of Native American Studies University of Maine Orono.