

## PERPSECTIVE PROGRAMS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2016

**4-10 REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST** – Estimates vary, but most indicate at least 60-million people died in World War Two, making it the deadliest war in history. Of that total, some 11-million died in the Holocaust. This effort, aimed at killing Jews, was referred to by the Nazis as “The Final Solution,” and resulted in the deaths of some two-thirds of all Jews in Europe. In addition to the 6-million Jews who died, the Nazis targeted other groups...such as homosexuals, Gypsies, the disabled and mentally infirm, and Jehovah's Witnesses. In today's Perspective program the thoughts and efforts of one educator whose mother survived the Holocaust. Guest: Jewish educator Julie Kohner.

**4-17 THE EROSION OF JOURNALISM** – The media is the constant target of criticism and the butt of many jokes, and one of the former editors of Life magazine says as long as there is a blurring of the lines between news, opinion, and entertainment there is little change in the future. He says far too often there is no distinction between what the public needs to know, what it wants to know, and what is just fun to know. And he believes the media, in general, is in a period of enormous transition, although he is not sure where that transition is headed. Guest: Gerald Moore, author of LIFE Story: The Education of an American Journalist. Moore joined LIFE magazine at the age of 27, working as a writer and eventually editor.

**4-23 ADDRESSING THE U-S INCARCERATION RATE** – The United States incarcerates more people than any other nation in the world. So just what is it that has gotten us to this point? It has been believed for some time that politicians, in their effort to get re-elected, have pushed the idea that the public needs to be protected from violent criminals...and, those criminals need to be punished. One researcher does not believe that is the case. Guest: Peter Enns is the author of Incarceration Nation: How the United States Became the Most Punitive Democracy in the World. Enns is also an associate professor in the Department of Government at Cornell University, executive director of the Roper center for Public Opinion research, and the former faculty director of Cornell's Prison Education Program.

**5-1 THE IMPACT OF EVICTION ON POVERTY** – In looking at the causes of poverty, one researcher feels we have it all wrong. For some time there have been the thought that the poor are lazy with bad morals, or that they are impulsive and irresponsible with no family values. Or maybe they are simply not very bright! But what if the problem is that poverty is profitable? The research done for the book Evicted is based on a study of tenants in low-income housing in the de-industrialized city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. That study indicates that the main condition holding the poor back is rent. Guest: Matt Desmond is the author of Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City. He is the John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences and co-director of the Justice and Poverty Project at Harvard University. Desmond is also the author of three other books: On the Fireline: Living and Dying with Wildland Firefighters, Race in America, and The Racial Order.

**5-8 CAMPAIGN FINANCE** – Campaign finance has become an issue at every level of politics. And for the Democrats in the presidential battle finance reform is a major issue. Despite efforts and promises for change, one expert says, “Anyone promising that the world will be completely different immediately is blowing smoke to a certain extent.” On today's Perspective program a look at the massive amounts of money in politics and efforts to reform their impact. Guest: Daniel Weiner, senior counsel at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law. The center is a nonpartisan law and policy institute that seeks to improve U-S systems of democracy and justice, and advocates for campaign finance reform. In looking at campaign finance.

**5-15 A CONVERSATION ABOUT RACE** – Despite any progress that has been made, the United States has a race problem. A problem that has been around for a long time, and is not going away anytime soon. And the problems encountered in Ferguson, Missouri, can be seen elsewhere around the country. In fact, Dennis Parker, director of the ACLU's Racial Justice Program, says, “The truth is that the issues that are coming up in Ferguson are perhaps much more dramatic than in other places, but they're not peculiar to there.” Guest: Vershawn Ashanti Young is an associate professor of drama and speech communication at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada...and a recognized scholar in the areas of language, writing, and identity.

**5-22 THE BIRTH OF THE UNIVERSE** – Light from the birth of our universe...the big bang...arrived at our solar system after traveling through space for over 13-and-a-half billion years. Very simply put, that means our universe is over 13-and-a-half billion years old. That light, by the way, is called the cosmic microwave background, or C-M-B...and if you have a television that still uses an antenna, you can even see it. On today's Perspective program, a look at how scientists are now using the cosmos as a laboratory to search for new physics...and just why that is important. Guest: Dr. Lyman Page, the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor in Physics, and the Chair of the Department of Physics at Princeton University.

**5-29 THE ROLE OF A PUBLIC RESEARCH UNIVERSITY** – According to a study called the Lincoln Project, since the recession, public research universities have seen greater cuts than any other sector of higher education. And while the support from some states is slowly inching upward, there are concerns that support will never again reach pre-recession levels. The project has released five reports on the financial problems confronting public research universities. The final report, which was just recently released, offers advice for how public research universities can thrive in what some are calling the new normal. Guests: Mary Sue Coleman, the Lincoln Project co-chair, president of the Association of American Universities, Jonathan Cole, former provost and dean at Columbia University and author of The Great American University

**6-5 EDUCATION ETHICS** – Every day educators are forced to make decisions that affect not only the children they are responsible for, but also our wider communities. In a time of inadequate funding and the intrusion of politics...teachers, administrators,