

## **Issues and Programs: Quarterly Topics: January – March 2021**

During the period January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021, WYSU-FM's programming treated the following issues of public concern:

### **AGING AND RETIREMENT**

### **ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

*We Go Forward with a Sanity and a Love*

*Sunday, January 17, 2021, 7:00 am, 1 hour*

In the 1960s, Nikki Giovanni was a poet of the Black Arts Movement that nourished civil rights. She's also a professor at Virginia Tech, where she brought beauty and courage after the 2007 shooting there. And she's an adored voice to a new generation — an enthusiastic elder to us all.

*Performing During the Pandemic*

*Tuesday, January 19th, 2021 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

Gina Marinelli talked with Las Vegas musician and Youngstown native, David Perrico about how the pandemic has affected the performing arts.

*Songs for the Struggle - Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement, Part 1*

*Saturday, February 6, 2021 10:00 pm, 1 hour*

This is a musical survey featuring the music jazz musicians have recorded that called attention to the fight for Civil Rights. *Songs for the Struggle* is a deep dive into these works, ranging from Louis Armstrong singing *Black and Blue* to saxophonist Sonny Criss celebrating the men he called *The Black Apostles*. David Murray and Cassandra Wilson tell the story of how Blacks were driven from their homes during Reconstruction.

*Songs for the Struggle - Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement, Part 2*

*Saturday, February 13, 2021 10:00 pm, 1 hour*

This is a musical survey featuring the music jazz musicians have recorded that called attention to the fight for Civil Rights. *Songs for the Struggle* is a deep dive into these works, ranging from Louis Armstrong singing *Black and Blue* to saxophonist Sonny Criss celebrating the men he called *The Black Apostles*. David Murray and Cassandra Wilson tell the story of how Blacks were driven from their homes during Reconstruction.

*The Question: Who Am I? and Movies We Love*

*Sunday, February 28, 2021, 7:00 am, 1 hour*

So many of us have been getting through this year by watching movies at home by ourselves, or with friends on Zoom, inventing new ways to grieve and to hope, to keep ourselves laughing, all through the simple act of watching stories unfold on our screens. Movies have the power to unearth the many layers of our identities; to help us answer the question: Who am I?

*Before You Know Kindness as the Deepest Thing Inside*

*Sunday, March 7, 2021, 7:00 am, 1 hour*

It's pretty intriguing to follow poet Naomi Shihab Nye's idea that most of us actually "think in poems" whether we know it or not. Rarely, as she points out, do you hear anyone say they feel worse after writing things down. That, she says, can be a tool to survive in hard times like these. We also hear her read her beloved poem "Kindness" and tell us the story behind it.

## **BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND FINANCE**

*Smash the Mirror: Imagining a Different System*

*Sunday, January 10, 2021, 6:00 am, 1 hour*

A lecture by David Harvey, the Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Geography at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. He is the author of many books, including *The Limits to Capital*, *A Brief History of Neoliberalism*, and *Spaces of Global Capitalism*.

*Community Transportation Issues*

*Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

Gina Marinelli talked with Sara Lown, Public Finance Manager for the Western Reserve Port Authority.

*Corporatism's Threat to Democracy*

*Sunday, March 7, 2021, 6:00 am, 1 hour*

A lecture by Ralph Nader, founder of Public Citizen, he is a long-time advocate for consumer safety and workers' rights. He is the author of numerous books including *Return to Sender*, *Unstoppable*, *To the Ramparts* and *Breaking Through Power*.

*World Trade under Biden*

*Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

Tim Francisco talked with YSU professor Paul Sracic about President Biden's position on trade.

## COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL GROWTH

### *Finding another Way*

*Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, 11:00 am, 60 minutes*

Conflict is a part of life. But in a polarized world, reaching resolution is harder than ever. This hour, TED speakers explore creative and extraordinary ways of approaching conflict. Guests on the show include authors Shaka Senghor and Ebony Roberts, zoologist Lucy King, and radio journalist Jad Abumrad.

### *Increasing Community Safety*

*Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

Gina Marinelli talked with Guy Burney about reducing violence throughout the community.

### *It Takes Time*

*Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00 am, 60 minutes*

We live in an era of instant gratification. But some things — to reach their full potential — simply cannot be rushed. This hour, TED speakers explore what we can learn from ideas that take time. Guests include zoologist Lucy Cooke, neuroscientist Matthew Walker, architect Julia Watson, and NASA engineer Nagin Cox.

### *Building Resilient Relationships*

*Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00 am, 60 minutes*

How do we build more trusting and empathetic relationships, even during a crisis? This hour, therapist Esther Perel shares ideas on creating lasting bonds in romance, family, and at work.

### *The Gratitude Chain*

*Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00 am, 60 minutes*

When A.J. Jacobs set out to thank everyone who made his morning cup of coffee, he realized the chain of thank-you was endless. This hour, Jacobs shares ideas on gratitude—and how to make it count.

### *How We Experience Sound*

*Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00 am, 60 minutes*

Sound surrounds us, from cacophony even to silence. But depending on how we hear, the world can be a different auditory experience for each of us. This hour, TED speakers explore the science of sound. Guests on the show include NPR All Things Considered host Mary Louise Kelly, neuroscientist Jim Hudspeth, writer Rebecca Knill, and sound designer Dallas Taylor.

### *Improving Housing Conditions*

*Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

*Tim Francisco talked with YNDC Director Ian Beniston about strategies to improve housing conditions in Youngstown.*

### *How to Citizen*

*Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00 am, 1 hour*

*Last year's election saw historic voter turnout. But in a divided democracy, how else can we commit to our civic duties? This hour, Baratunde Thurston joins Manoush with ideas on how to citizen.*

### *The Vitality of Ordinary Things*

*Sunday, March 28, 2021, 7:00 am, 1 hour*

Michael Longley's is one of Northern Ireland's foremost living poets. He is known, in part, as a poet of "the Troubles" — the violent 30-year conflict between Protestants and Catholics, English and Irish. And he is a gentle voice for all of us now, wise and winsome about the everyday, never-finished work of social healing.

## **CRIME AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

### *Human Trafficking in the Region*

*Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, 6:45 & 8:45 am*

Gina Marinelli talked with Sister Anne Victory about Human Trafficking in the Mahoning Valley.

### *How We Are Confronting Human Trafficking*

*Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

Gina Marinelli talked with Judge Rene Disalvo about Human Trafficking.

## **EDUCATION**

### *Listen Again: School Of Life*

*Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 11:00 am, 1 hour*

Right now, many kids aren't in their classrooms — but there is so much to learn outside of school as well. This hour, TED speakers explore life lessons that teach us far more than any textbook. Guests on the show include politician Stacey Abrams, sailor Tracy Edwards, educator Alvin Irby, and LGBTQ rights advocate Ash Beckham.

*Education for Students with Autism*

*Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

Gina Marinelli talked with Paul Garchar, CEO of Potential Development about education for students with Autism.

*A Life Worthy of Our Breath*

*Sunday, March 14, 2021, 7:00 am, 1 hour*

Krista interviewed the wise and wonderful writer Ocean Vuong on March 8, 2020 in a joyful, crowded room full of podcasters in Brooklyn. A state of emergency had just been declared in New York around a new virus. But no one guessed that within a handful of days such an event would become unimaginable. Most stunning is how presciently, exquisitely Ocean speaks to the world we have come to inhabit.

## **ENVIRONMENT, NATURE AND AGRICULTURE**

*YSU Legacy Forest*

*Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

*Gina Marinelli talked with Cathrine Cala about the YSU Legacy Forest.*

*How “Wintering” Replenishes Us*

*Sunday, January 24, 2021, 7:00 am, 1 hour*

In so many stories and fables that shape us, cold and snow, the closing in of the light — these have deep psychological as much as physical reality. This is “wintering,” as the English writer Katherine May illuminates in her beautiful, meditative book of that title — wintering as at once a season of the natural world, a respite our bodies require, and a state of mind. It’s one way to describe our pandemic year: as one big extended communal experience of wintering.

*Our Relationship with Water*

*Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00 am, 60 minutes*

We need water to live. But with rising seas and so many lacking clean water — water is in crisis and so are we. This hour, TED speakers explore ideas around restoring our relationship with water. Guests on the show include legal scholar Kelsey Leonard, artist LaToya Ruby Frazier, and community organizer Colette Pichon Battle.

*I Worship Every Bird I See*

*Sunday, January 31, 2021, 7:00 am, 1 hour*

The ornithologist Drew Lanham is lyrical in the languages of science, humans, and birds. He’s a professor of wildlife ecology, a self-described “hunter-conservationist,” and author of the celebrated book *The Home Place: Memoirs of a Colored Man’s Love Affair with Nature*. His way of seeing and hearing and noticing the present and the history that birds traverse is a revelatory way to be present to the world and to life in our time.

## **FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS**

*The True Hard Work of Love and Relationships*

*Sunday, February 14, 2021, 7:00 am, 1 hour*

As people, and as a culture, Alain de Botton says, we would be much saner and happier if we reexamined our very view of love. His New York Times essay, “Why You Will Marry the Wrong Person,” is one of their most-read articles in recent years, and this is one of the most popular episodes we’ve ever created.

## **GENDER**

### **IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES**

*Puerto Rican Families Relocation to Youngstown*

*Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

Gina Marinelli talked with YSU professor Nicolle Pettit about Thrive Mahoning Valley, a project to support families relocating to the Mahoning Valley from Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricanes Maria and Irma.

*The Place That Makes Us Documentary*

*Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

Tim Francisco talked with Karla Murthy, Producer of *The Place That Makes Us*, a documentary about Youngstown.

### **MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*Cutting Through Corporate Media BS*

*Sunday, February 7, 2021, 6:00 am, 1 hour*

A lecture by Jeff Cohen, founder Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR), the New York-based media watch group in 1986. He was also founding director of the Park Center for Independent Media at Ithaca College, where he was an associate professor of journalism.

### **MEDICINE AND HEALTH**

*The Soul in Depression*

*Sunday, February 7, 2021, 7:00 am, 1 hour*

We’re increasingly attentive to the many faces of depression and anxiety, and we’re fluent in the languages of psychology and medication. But depression is profound spiritual territory; and that is much harder to speak about. Krista opens up about her own experience of depression and talks with Parker Palmer, Anita Barrows, and Andrew Solomon.

*What's Happening in Our Nervous Systems?*

*Sunday, March 21, 2021, 7:00 am, 1 hour*

Clinical psychologist Christine Runyan explains the physiological effects of a year of pandemic and social isolation — what's happened at the level of stress response and nervous system, the literal mind-body connection. And she offers simple strategies to regain our fullest capacities for the world ahead.

## **MILITARY, WAR, AND VETERANS**

*The NRA Unmasked*

*Sunday, March 14, 2021, 6:00 am, 1 hour*

A lecture by Frank Smyth, an independent journalist who has covered the NRA for many years. He is the author of *The NRA: The Unauthorized History*.

## **PHILANTHROPY AND ASSISTANCE**

*Legal Aid for Renters*

*Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

Tim Francisco talked with John Petit to discuss legal aid for those evicted during the pandemic.

## **POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT**

*Capitalism, the Pandemic & the Two-Party Monopoly*

*Sunday, January 3, 2021, 6:00 am, 1 hour*

A talk featuring Kali Akuno, a co-founder and executive director of Cooperation Jackson, a grassroots eco-socialist organization encompassing a network of worker cooperatives and supporting institutions; and Richard Wolff, a Professor of Economics Emeritus at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and currently a visiting professor at the New School in New York. He is the author of numerous books including *Democracy at Work* and *Capitalism's Crisis Deepens*.

*Repercussions of Presidential Election*

*Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

Tim Francisco talks with YSU professor Paul Sracic about the US Presidential Election.

*January 6: Inside the Capitol Siege*

*Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 3:00 pm, 4 hours*

Breaking News coverage from NPR on the events at the Capitol in Washington D.C.

*Civil Resistance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

*Sunday, January 17, 2021, 6:00 am, 1 hour*

A lecture by Erica Chenoweth who teaches Human Rights and International Affairs at Harvard Kennedy School where she directs the Nonviolent Action Lab at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy. She is the author of *Civil Resistance: What Everyone Needs to Know*.

*NPR Inauguration Special*

*Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 11:00 am, 3 hours.*

NPR's live coverage of Inauguration Day events. Following the swearing in ceremony for President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris, President Biden will give his inaugural address.

*Democracy: Theirs and Ours*

*Sunday, January 31, 2021, 6:00 am, 1 hour*

A lecture by Angela Davis, professor emerita at the University of California at Santa Cruz. She's the author of many books, including *Women, Race and Class*, *Blues Legacies and Black Feminism*, *Abolition Democracy*, and *Freedom is a Constant Struggle*.

*Consequence of Capitalism*

*Sunday, March 21, 2021, 6:00 am, 1 hour*

An interview with Noam Chomsky, Institute Professor Emeritus in the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy at MIT and Laureate Professor of Linguistics and Haury Chair in the Program in Environment and Social Justice at the University of Arizona. At 92, he is still active; writing and giving interviews to the media all over the world.

## **RACE, IDENTITY AND CULTURE**

*Youngstown Area Black History Month Events*

*Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

Gina Marinelli talked with talks with Ken King events throughout the area for Black History Month.

*Chaos or Community?*

*Sunday, February 14, 2021, 6:00 am, 1 hour*

A lecture by Michael Eric Dyson, a globally renowned scholar of race, religion and contemporary culture, who is the Centennial Chair and University Distinguished Professor of African American and Diaspora Studies at Vanderbilt University. Among his many books are *April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King's Death and How it Changed America*, *Tears We Cannot Stop*, *Holler If You Hear Me: Searching for Tupac Shakur*, and *Jay-Z: Made in America*.



*James Baldwin's Legacy*

*Sunday, February 21, 2021, 6:00 am, 1 hour*

A lecture by Eddie Glaude Jr., the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of African American Studies at Princeton, where he is also the Chair of the Center for African American Studies and the Chair of the Department of African American Studies. He is the author of *Democracy in Black and Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and its Urgent Lessons for Our Own*.

*Science Fiction Author Octavia Butler*

*Sunday February, 21st, 2021, 4:00 pm, 1 hour*

The NPR Program Throughline looked at the life of African-American science fiction author Octavia Butler.

*Black History ... And the Future*

*Saturday, February 27, 2021, 11:00 am, 1 hour*

This hour features powerful conversations on how we can confront the past to move toward a better future. Guests include historian and preservationist Brent Leggs, community organizer Colette Pichon Battle, and computer scientist Joy Buolamwini.

*Preserving the Former Black YMCA in Youngstown*

*Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

Tim Francisco talked with Dr. Ben McGee about preserving the former Black YMCA in Youngstown.

**REGIONAL, NATIONAL, & INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

*National News Headlines*

*Monday – Friday, 5 minutes at the top of every hour*

Hourly from National Public Radio.

*Business Journal Report*

*Monday – Friday, 4:35 pm & 5:35 pm, 5 minutes*

Local business news.

*The Takeaway*

*Monday – Friday, 6:00 pm, 1 hour*

A daily news alternative featuring critical conversations, live reports, and listener participation, from PRI.

*Regional News Headlines*

*Monday – Friday, 6:06 am, 7:06 am & 8:06 am, 3 minutes*

News report consisting of stories from the local newspaper The Vindicator, from the [newsoutlet.org](http://newsoutlet.org) and from the Ohio Statehouse News Bureau.

*Morning Edition from NPR*

*Monday – Friday, 6:00 am – 9:00 am, 3 Hours*

*All Things Considered from NPR*

*Monday – Friday, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, 2 Hours*

*Fresh Air*

*Monday – Friday, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, 1 hour*

In-depth interviews with prominent cultural individuals.

*Weekend Edition*

*Saturday – Sunday, 8:00 – 10:00 am, 2 hours*

## **RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY**

*Anti-Semitism in the Capitol Insurrection*

*Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes*

Tim Francisco talked with YSU professor Jacob Labendz about the anti-Semitic presence during the insurrection at the Capitol building.

*Pausing to Breathe*

*Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00 am, 60 minutes*

Breathing is essential to life. And lately, the safety of the air we inhale, or the need to pause and take a deep breath, is on our minds a lot. This hour, TED speakers explore the power of breath. Guests include former world champion free diver Tanya Streeter, journalist Beth Gardiner, activist Yvette Arellano, paleontologist Emma Schachner, scent historian Caro Verbeek, and mindfulness expert Andy Puddicombe.

*Be a Blessing*

*Sunday, February 21, 2021, 7:00 am, 1 hour*

What do religious people and traditions have to teach as we do the work ahead of repairing, renewing, and remaking our societies, our life together? Krista's conversation this week with Rabbi Ariel Burger, a student of the late, extraordinary Elie Wiesel, delves into theological and mystical depths that are so much richer and more creative than is often imagined even when that question is raised.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### *Living as an Improvisational Art*

*Sunday, January 3, 2021, 7:00 am, 1 hour*

And as we move beyond 2020, we turn to Mary Catherine Bateson to help us understand the puzzle of being ourselves, of rising to our best capacities and gifts, in all of our complexity and strangeness. She is the daughter of the great anthropologists Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson, and she is a linguist and anthropologist herself.

### *Beauty as a Compass for Truth*

*Sunday, January 10, 2021, 7:00 am, 1 hour*

“Having tasted beauty at the heart of the world, we hunger for more.” These are words from Nobel physicist Frank Wilczek in his book, *A Beautiful Question*. It’s a winsome, joyful meditation on the question: Do cosmic realities embody beautiful ideas? — probing the world, by way of science, as a work of art. He’s now written a wonderful new book, *Fundamentals: Ten Keys to Reality*.

### *Life Stages of the Brain*

*Saturday, March 6, 2021, 11:00 am, 60 minutes*

In each stage of life, our brains morph and change. This hour, TED speakers explore pivotal chapters where the brain can either flourish or decline – and what control we might have over brain health. Guests include neuroscientists Kimberly Noble, Adriana Galván, Sandrine Thuret, and Lisa Mosconi.

### *Through The Looking Glass*

*Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00 am, 60 minutes*

Our senses can only take us so far in understanding the world. But with the right tools, we can dig deeper. This hour, TED speakers take us through the looking glass, where we explore new frontiers. Guests include astrophysicist Emily Levesque, wildlife filmmaker Ariel Waldman, psychedelic-assisted psychotherapist Rick Doblin, and science fiction author Charlie Jane Anders.

## STREAMING FEATURES ON WYSU.ORG

*January 6, 2021 1:00 pm*

*Coverage of Congress Tallying the Electoral College Votes*

*January 7, 2021 1:30pm*

*Joe Biden Announces Attorney General Pick*

*January 7, 2021 2pm*  
*Ohio Governor Dewine COVID-19 Press Conference*

*January 12, 2021 3pm*  
*Ohio Governor Dewine COVID-19 Press Conference*

*January 12, 2021 6pm*  
*Congress Debates and Votes on Resolution Endorsing the Use of the 25th Amendment*

*January 14, 2021 2pm*  
*Ohio Governor Dewine COVID-19 Press Conference*

*January 14, 2021 7:15pm*  
*President-elect Biden Addresses Nation about Vaccination and Economic Relief Plans*

*January 19, 2021 10am*  
*Confirmation hearing for Homeland Security Secretary*

*January 19, 2021 2pm*  
*Ohio Governor Dewine COVID-19 Press Conference*

*January 19, 2021 3pm*  
*Confirmation hearing for Defense Secretary*

*January 20, 2021 10am*  
*Inauguration Day Ceremonies*

*January 20, 2021 7pm*  
*First Press Conference of Biden Administration*

*January 25, 2021 6:55pm*  
*Nancy Pelosi Delivers Article of Impeachment to Senate*

*February 2, 2021 2pm*  
*Ohio Governor Dewine COVID-19 Press Conference*

*February 4, 2021 2pm*  
*Ohio Governor Dewine COVID-19 Press Conference*

*February 9, 2021 1pm  
Impeachment Coverage*

*February 9, 2021 2pm  
Ohio Governor Dewine COVID-19 Press Conference*

*March 25, 2021 1:15pm  
President Biden Press Conference*

## **WORLD AFFAIRS**

*American Exceptionalism  
Sunday, January 21, 2021, 6:00 am, 1 hour  
A lecture by historian Howard Zinn on American exceptionalism, which has been a fundamental tenet of U.S. foreign policy. Zinn's masterpiece, *A People's History of the United States*, continues to sell in huge numbers. Among his many other books are *You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train*, and *Failure to Quit: Reflections of an Optimistic Historian*.*

*From Neoliberalism to Neofascism  
Sunday, February 28, 2021, 6:00 am, 1 hour  
A lecture by Prabhat Patnaik, an internationally renowned economist. He is a professor emeritus at the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi. He is the author of *Monopoly Capital Then and Now* and *The October Revolution* and the *Survival of Capitalism* and co-author with his wife, Utsa Patnaik, of *The Drain of Wealth and Capital and Imperialism: Theory, History, and the Present*.*

## **NPR Programs Subject List (Detailed story list available upon request)**

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Politics and Government  
Race, Identity and Culture  
Religion  
Science and Technology

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