

KTSW COMMUNITY ISSUES 7/01/2019 – 9/30/2019 (Placed in file 10/10/2019)
There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by KTSW-FM 89.9, San Marcos, Texas, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of July 1, 2019 and September 30, 2019. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which they appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Public Service Campaigns 7/01-9/30 Varies 50.7 hours

KTSW-FM 89.9 airs multiple public service announcements covering many topics at various times throughout the day, totaling approximately 3.9 hours per week, 50.7 hours for this quarter.

Categories & topics include:

Texas State Student Services: Summer Student Health, First Day of Fall Classes, Financial Aid & Scholarships, Student Business Services
 Community: Hays Caldwell Women’s Center, Boys & Girls Club, Hay’s County Food Bank, PAWS Shelter, Moving Tips, Party In Your Park, Hays County Emergency
 Environmental: Help Mother Nature, Bat Handling
 Health and Wellness: STD Awareness, Dehydration
 Safety: Sun Protection, Drinking & Driving, Water Safety, Texting & Driving

Philosophy Talk July 1 7:00 a.m. 60 minutes
Topic: The Value of a College Education

With 43.3 million Americans burdened with a total of \$1.3 trillion in student loan debt, high school students thinking about attending college are faced with a daunting decision. Should they risk joining the ranks of the indebted in order to get a college degree? The answer depends on the value of a college education. Are college graduates happier, or better prepared for life? Is it the government’s job to ensure that investing in college is worth it for students? Should public colleges be free? Or would that decrease their value? And would studying philosophy increase or decrease the value of a college education? John and Ken get collegial with former Stanford president John Hennessy, in a program recorded live at De Anza High School in Richmond, California.

Alternative Radio July 4 7:00 a.m. 60 minutes
Topic: Palestine: The Pendulum Is Shifting

For decades Palestine and Palestinians were associated with terror and terrorism. In political discourse and popular culture Palestinians were often typecast as blood thirsty killers. As the great Palestinian-American scholar Edward Said once ruefully observed, “Palestine is a thankless cause, one in which if you truly serve, you get nothing back but opprobrium, abuse, and ostracism. How many friends avoid the subject? How many colleagues want none of Palestine’s controversy? How many *bien pensant* liberals have

visit a NASA lab where scientists simulate deep-sea vent chemistry to produce the type of environment that might spawn life. Which site is best suited for producing biology from chemistry?

Find out how the conditions of the early Earth were different from today, how meteors seeded Earth with organics and a provocative idea that life arose as an inevitable consequence of matter shape-shifting to dissipate heat. Could physics be the driving force behind life's emergence?

Alternative Radio **July 11** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: Surveillance Capitalism

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Counterspin **July 12** **7:00 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guests/Topic: Oriaku Njoku & Jill Heaviside on Abortion Rights in Georgia and Beyond

This week on CounterSpin: Republicans have been passing laws restricting access to abortion in various ways for years now, but Alabama has just passed what is effectively an outright abortion ban, stoking fear that one of these disputed cases will make it to the Supreme Court, and we'll see the overturn of Roe v. Wade.

Conversations on Healthcare **July 12** **7:30 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guest/Topics: 2020 Presidential Contender Former Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper on Community Health Centers, Health Equity and Safer Gun Laws

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with former Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, a contender for the Democratic 2020 Presidential nomination on the importance of health equity in this country and the important role of Community Health Centers. They discuss his vision for more comprehensive gun safety laws, addressing health inequity in rural America and addressing America's opioid crisis.

Big Picture Science **July 17** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: New Water Worlds

Conversations on Healthcare **July 26** **7:30 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guest/Topic: Digital Medicine Society Executive Director Jennifer Goldsack on Need for Standards in This New Era in Medicine

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Jennifer Goldsack, Interim Executive Director of the newly-launched Digital Medicine Society, or DiMe, the first organization dedicated to providing guidelines for the emerging reality of digital technology in health care. She talks about the need for creating agreed-upon standards, guidelines and best practices to ensure that digital health technologies live up to their promise of improving health care delivery, research and outcomes without doing any harm.

Big Picture Science **July 31** **7:30 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Topic: Creature Discomforts

Our ignorance about some animals can even lead to their suffering and to seemingly intractable problems. The South American nutria was brought to Louisiana to supply the fur market. But the species got loose and tens of millions of these rodents are destroying the environment. It literally has a bounty on its tail. Hear about research that corrects a menagerie of misunderstandings about our fellow furry, feathered, and scaly animals, and how getting over ourselves to know them better can have practical benefits. Will you still recoil from termites if you learn that they are relevant to the future of robots, global warming, and smart design?

Alternative Radio **August 1** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: The Enduring Power of Protest

Are marches and demonstrations just feel good affairs? You vent some spleen then go home satisfied as if you've done something worthwhile and before you know it the glow wears off? Or does the power of collective action, solidarity and mass mobilizations have a deeper effect? The key to resistance is organization leading to sustained efforts. The danger of demonstrations is if they are not connected to movements. The former is episodic whereas movements are enduring. The historic 1963 March on Washington for civil rights and the subsequent anti-Vietnam War demonstrations had a major impact. Those protests attracted hundreds of thousands. Since the Trump inauguration in January 2017 there have been more protests than during any comparable period in U.S. history, literally millions have turned out. People are getting off of tweets and into the streets in larger and larger numbers.

Counterspin **August 2** **7:00 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guests/Topics: Netfa Freeman on Cuba Sanctions, Reynard Loki on Indigenous Oil Victory

This week on CounterSpin: A former US diplomat to Cuba, Wayne Smith, wrote once that Cuba "seems to have the same effect on American administrations that the full moon once had on werewolves." It comes to mind as you hear of National Security Advisor

John Bolton denouncing Cuba's "malign influence and ideological imperialism"—to an audience including veterans of the failed Bay of Pigs invasion, no less—as the reason for renewed sanctions on the country, including restrictions on US citizens' ability to travel there. It could be an occasion for the press to explore the US's "international outlier" stance toward Cuba. We'll talk about what's happening with Netfa Freeman of the Institute for Policy Studies.

Conversations on Healthcare **August 2** **7:30 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guest/Topic: Mass Medical Society's Dr. Alain Chaoui on Joint Harvard Study on the Crisis of Physician Burnout

This week hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Dr. Alain Chaoui, Past President of the Massachusetts Medical Society on their joint study, conducted with the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, on the 'national health crisis' of physician burnout in America.

Grab Bag Program **August 3** **7:30 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Topic: The Impact Of Technology: A Look At The History And Future Of America-

Can Money Buy Happiness? Having The "Money Talk" With Your Children, How Millennials Should Spend And Budget Their Money, Do Your Homework To Avoid This Property Rental Scam, The Impact Of Technology: A Look At The History And Future Of America

Philosophy Talk **August 12** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: The Doomsday Doctrine

The doctrine of mutually assured destruction is supposed to deter both sides in a war from launching the first nuclear strike. However, the strategy of the US, NATO, and other super powers has been to plan the destruction of nearly all life on Earth. If near total annihilation would be monstrous, ethically speaking, then what should we say about preparing for and planning it? Can there be any moral justification for plausibly threatening a nuclear holocaust? And now that we've gotten ourselves in this situation, is there any realistic and ethical way out? John and Ken avoid going nuclear with writer, activist, former defense analyst and whistleblower, Daniel Ellsberg, author of *The Doomsday Machine: Confessions of a Nuclear War Planner*.

Alternative Radio **August 8** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: The Working Class

Warren Buffett, the much-admired genius investor and one of the world's richest men said, "There's class warfare, all right, but it's my class, the rich class, that's making war, and we're winning." And who are the losers? The working class, people who work for an hourly wage or are salaried. The ruling class has driven down wages and benefits,

Conversations on Healthcare **August 30** **7:30 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guest/Topic: Innovation in the Health Startup World: Venrock Partner Dr. Bob Kocher on New Ventures Driving Health Transformation

This week hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Dr. Bob Kocher, a partner at Venrock, a venture capital entity investing in health IT and health services startups. He also advised the Obama Administration on health policy economics. He talks about emerging trends and new alliances that are driving rapid innovation in health care, aimed at facilitating better primary care and behavioral health access, and facilitating home care.

Grab-Bag Program **August 31** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: Degrees of Separation: Higher Ed

Natasha Warikoo studies how elite universities' arguments for affirmative action can reinforce prejudiced assumptions about race. President Trump has spoken recently about reducing the already limited funds given to historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs). Marybeth Gasman explains why we still need HBCUs and talks about the explosion of other minority-serving institutions. Student loan numbers have skyrocketed in recent years, but some groups of students are affected more than others. Jason Houle explains how the burden of student debt follows the same social divides that much else does: race and class. Stephanie Cellini takes a look at the rise in for-profit colleges and universities and how they often take advantage of the students who are most in need of a leg up.

Philosophy Talk **September 9** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: Philosophy Behind Bars

In 1994, Congress eliminated federal funding for college education in prisons. It was, they argued, unjust for prisoners to be eligible for Pell grants when ordinary citizens could not afford higher education. However, research suggests that education in prisons has positive consequences, such as lower recidivism rates and an improved prison environment. So should we have education programs in prisons? Or is the point of prison to punish inmates for their crimes rather than giving them the education many non-felons never receive? John and Ken take a lesson from Jennifer Lackey, who teaches philosophy at Northwestern University and at Stateville Correctional Center near Chicago.

Alternative Radio **September 5** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: Economic Inequality Kills

Given that people in the U.S. spend more money on health care than the rest of the world combined, then logic would dictate that we have the best health outcomes. Well, we don't. Why? Increasing evidence from epidemiologists—the scientists who study the health of populations—indicates that everything from life expectancy to infant mortality to obesity, can be linked to the level of economic inequality within a given population.

Almost a quarter of U.S. families live in poverty, the highest of all rich nations. Poor health and poverty go hand-in-hand. Checkups are deferred. Pain is endured. People engage in wishful thinking, i.e., maybe that numbness in my foot will just go away. Single payer universal health care would go a long way toward addressing our absurdly expensive health care system and reducing the number of unnecessary early deaths.

Counterspin **September 6** **7:00 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guest/Topic: Steven Rosenfeld on Gerrymander Ruling, Nathan Schneider on Alternative Economic Visions

This week on CounterSpin: Corporate media often indulge in feel-goodism around Independence Day, presuming a shared, uncontested meaning attached to the day's symbols, when for many the holiday in fact evokes the excoriating words of Frederick Douglass, who asked in 1852: "What to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer: a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license." The distance between the democracy media talk about and the system we have is wrenching—and a recent Supreme Court ruling highlights right-wing efforts to increase that gap and set it in stone. We'll talk about what the Court's recent gerrymandering decision means for the whole idea of "one person/one vote" with Steven Rosenfeld, editor and chief correspondent at the Independent Media Institute's Voting Booth project, and author of, most recently, *Democracy Betrayed: How Superdelegates, Redistricting, Party Insiders and the Electoral College Rigged the 2016 Election*.

Conversations on Healthcare **September 6** **7:00 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guest/Topic: 40 Million Patients Strong: Dr. Tom Delbanco on Success of OpenNotes

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter welcome OpenNotes founder Dr. Tom Delbanco on his movement to make clinicians' notes visible to patients through their electronic health records. They discuss the early reluctance of clinicians to participate, the high level of satisfaction from patients gaining access to their notes, with 40 million patients now utilizing OpenNotes.

Philosophy Talk **September 16** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: Freedom of Speech on Campus

In the last few years, conservatives and liberals alike have accused activists on college campuses of silencing contrary opinions. Many have argued—quite vociferously—that activists' unwillingness to hear from people with opposing opinions endangers freedom of speech in higher education. But is there really an Orwellian threat to free speech on college campuses? Are activists' demands for respect actually quashing freedom of thought? And when does one person's freedom of speech impinge on another's? John and Ken share a safe space with Greg Lukianoff, co-author of *The Coddling of the American Mind*.

Big Picture Science **September 11** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: DNA is Not Destiny

Heredity was once thought to be straightforward. Genes were passed in an immutable path from parents to you, and you were stuck – or blessed – with what you got. DNA didn't change.

But now we know that's not true. Epigenetic factors, such as your environment and your lifestyle, control how your genes are expressed. Meanwhile, the powerful tool CRISPR allows us to tinker with the genes themselves. DNA is no longer destiny. Hear the results from the NASA twin study and what happened to astronaut Scott Kelly's DNA after a year on the International Space Station. Plus, whether there's evidence that epigenetic changes can be passed down. And, if we can wipe out deadly malaria by engineering the mosquito genome for sterility, should we do it.

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Counterspin **September 13** **7:00 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guests/Topics: Arun Gupta on No More Camps!, Zoe Carpenter on Oregon Power Grab

This week on CounterSpin: The US is facing humanitarian and political crises, and media will be judged on how they choose to respond. When a government is holding people who have committed no crime in camps that Holocaust survivors describe as "concentration camps," do you, as a media outlet, host dialog about how to put a stop to it—or about how there's a debate about immigration policy in which there are many legitimate positions, one of which, maybe, is the concentration camp position? We'll talk about that with journalist Arun Gupta, one of the organizers behind the NoMoreCamps! campaign.

Conversations on Healthcare **September 13** **7:30 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guest/Topic: The Art of Compromise: Missouri Governor Jay Nixon on Navigating Health Policy in Hyper-partisan Times

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with former Missouri Governor Jay Nixon, now Senior Fellow at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, on ways to create effective health policy in this hyper-partisan era. He discusses successful strategies he deployed as a Democratic governor in a red state that might prove effective across the country and in Washington.

Grab-Bag Program **September 14** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: Climate Gentrification

Solutions to the climate crisis include driving cleaner cars, planting more trees, eating less meat. But how do our housing choices factor into this? Where we build housing and how close it is to mass transit has a big impact on our carbon footprint. Plans to green our cities should include new, urban housing that's convenient to transportation. But this runs the risk of boosting the real estate market and gentrifying the neighborhood out of the reach of all but the wealthy. Can we build smart and affordable at the same time?

Alternative Radio **September 12** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: How Hitler Happened

The post-WW1 Weimar Republic in Germany was the height of European civilization. Its scientists and scholars led the world. Its Bauhaus architecture was the rage. Its arts featured such luminaries as Fritz Lang, Bertolt Brecht, Kurt Weill and Thomas Mann. Yet, out of this modern democracy sprang Nazism, German fascism, and one of the most barbaric regimes ever. How did Hitler happen? It is one of the most important questions of history. What happened in Germany has disturbing resonances for our own time. Fascist-like regimes are taking power in many countries. We ignore disturbing signs at our peril from torchlight parades in Charlottesville with crowds chanting, "Jews Will Not Replace Us" to a synagogue massacre in Pittsburgh to the murder of African-Americans in a church in Charleston. What can we learn from the past to ensure it doesn't happen again?

Counterspin **September 13** **7:00 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guests/Topics: Brenda Choresi Carter on the Electability Myth, Lawrence Glickman on Racism & Euphemism

This week on CounterSpin: There's a vigorous public argument right now—mainly among Democrats, along with some IRBF's, the Inexplicable Republican Best Friends to whom elite media offer op-ed space to offer assuredly good-faith counsel to Democrats — about "electability." The upshot for many seems to be that to beat Trump, Democrats should run someone as much like him as possible, and must on no account run a "nontraditional" candidate, no matter how excited people are about them. It's very "Fears Not Hopes" — and is it even true? A new data-driven study says no, actually; white men are not inherently more "electable" than women or people of color. We'll talk about the Electability Myth with Brenda Choresi Carter, director of the Reflective Democracy Campaign.

Conversations on Healthcare **September 13** **7:30 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guest/Topic - Medicare-for-All on the Campaign Trail: Kaiser's Larry Levitt Explains It All

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Larry Levitt, Executive Vice President for Health Policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation who looks at the differences in proposals from the Democratic presidential candidates. He looks at variations in the "Medicare-for-all" proposals, how it would impact consumers, and examines the shifting role of insurance companies in the ongoing health policy debate.

Philosophy Talk **September 13** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: Changing Minds on Climate Change

There is consensus among scientists that global warming is real and that it's caused by human activity. Despite the overwhelming evidence and the urgency to act, there are still many who are skeptical of or flat-out deny climate change. Are these climate deniers simply impervious to scientific evidence? Or have they just not been exposed to the right kind of information? When it comes to ideologically driven views, is it possible to change people's minds by appeal to facts? Or are humans hopelessly and incorrigibly irrational? The Philosophers don't deny talking to cognitive scientist Michael Ranney, head of the Reasoning Research Group at UC Berkeley.

Alternative Radio **September 26** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: Climate Disruption

Ralph Nader points out the term climate change is a vast understatement and does not convey the gravity of what we are facing. He says, climate disruption is more accurate. Study after study, report after report make it clear that human activity is transforming our planet. With heat waves, droughts, wildfires, floods, melting ice sheets and rising sea levels, millions of people will be at risk. But the fossil-fuel industry with its insatiable hunger for profits continues its assault on the Earth. It has an ally in the president who claims to "have a natural instinct for science," and asserts: "Any and all weather events are used by global warming hoaxsters to justify higher taxes." Note that he asked for and obtained approval to build two sea barriers to protect his golf resort in Ireland from rising water.

Counterspin **September 27** **7:00 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guest/Topic: Ed Morales on Puerto Rico Protests

This week on CounterSpin: Someone was asleep in the Tone Deafness Department at the New York Times, and allowed the paper to describe Puerto Rico as a place where "people enjoy the benefits of American citizenship but cling to their own Spanish-speaking culture." Besides whatever the paper means by "clinging" to a culture, it's weird to say Puerto Ricans do so despite the benefits of US citizenship they rather famously do not enjoy—like real representation in Congress. That tossed-off sentence is one hint that elite outlets are not the first place to look for a serious understanding of fast-

moving but deeply rooted events in Puerto Rico, where massive popular protests have just led to the resignation of Gov. Ricardo Rossello. We'll talk about Puerto Rico with Ed Morales, he teaches at Columbia University's Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race; he co-directed the documentary, *Whose Barrio?*, and he's author of the forthcoming, *Fantasy Island: Colonialism, Exploitation and the Betrayal of Puerto Rico*.

Conversations on Healthcare September 27 7:30 a.m. 30 minutes
Guest/Topic: Microsoft's Voice and AI Evangelist Noelle LaCharite Talks About Transforming Healthcare With Applied AI Coding

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Noelle LaCharite Principal Program Manager for Applied AI and Cognitive Services at Microsoft, and one of the original voice 'skills' developers for Amazon's Alexa. She talks about the promise of applied AI, machine learning and voice technology systems which enable coders, developers or anyone to create their own applications and voice skills to enhance and advance the health care experience.

Grab-Bag Program September 18 7:00 a.m. 60 minutes
Topic: Intelligence Squared: Can AI Change Your Mind?

Intelligence Squared U.S. has debated Artificial Intelligence (AI) before – the risks, the rewards, and whether it can change the world – but for the first time, it debates with AI. IBM Project Debater is the first AI system designed to debate humans on complex topics using a combination of pioneering research developed by IBM researchers, including: data-driven speechwriting and delivery, listening comprehension, and modeling human dilemmas. Project Debater faces world-class debater Harish Natarajan. Will Project Debater change your mind?