

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (July to September 2017)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston, L 7/26/17, 7pm, 30 min.

Going to college at the University of Massachusetts just got more expensive. In-state undergraduate students at the system's Lowell, Amherst, Dartmouth and Boston campuses can expect to see a three percent increase in tuition and fees – over \$416 a year. In Boston, the campus faces a shortfall of as much as \$30 million with slow enrollment growth. UMass President Marty Meehan joined Greater Boston for a wide-ranging interview.

Greater Boston, L 7/27/17, 7pm, 30 min.

India Jeopardy is just one way these teenagers at the Yawkey Boys and Girls Club in Roxbury are learning about the country they soon hope to visit. It's part of a competition program called Explore India, but actually going on the trip is not a given. The program is sponsored by the Fish Family Foundation, which picks up the tab for each student, which can cost as much as \$5000.

POV, N 09/08/17, 5pm, 60 min.

In a school for individuals with Down Syndrome, four middle-aged friends yearn for a life of greater autonomy in a society that marginalizes them as disabled. Get a humorous and at times tragic look at the limbo of conscious adults.

II. Housing/Urban Development

NOVA, N 07/09/17, 2pm, 60 min.

“Poisoned Water” - The water contamination crisis in Flint, MI, has revealed a disturbing truth about the vulnerabilities of our aging drinking water infrastructure. Discover the chemistry, biology and engineering that led to this disaster.

Windows to the Wild, L 03/23/17, 6pm, 30 min.

Boston's Emerald Necklace offers nature's glory in an urban setting. It's a "self-preserving instinct of civilization," in the words of Frederick Law Olmsted, who designed it and Central Park. Hike the Emerald Necklace with host Will Lange and see who he meets along the way.

Humanity from Space, N 8/03/17, 9pm, 120 min.

From the perspective of space, trace humankind's journey from hunter-gatherer to dominant global species. With mind-boggling data and CGI, the program shows how we've transformed our planet and produced a world of extraordinary complexity. This two-hour special shows how seemingly small flashes of innovation have changed the

course of civilization. As our global population soars, humanity will face numerous challenges in order to survive.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston, L 8/15/17, 7pm, 30 min.

Are Hate Incidents On The Rise In Massachusetts? Overnight, we saw a second incident of hate and violence following the deadly white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. Closer to home, for the second time this summer, the New England Holocaust Memorial near City Hall was attacked. Now 17-year-old boy is charged with vandalism after allegedly smashing one of the memorial's class panels. This latest attack is just the most recent of what could be considered a hate crime in Massachusetts, which leads the nation in such crimes after the election through February, with one hate crime 108,126 people, according to numbers from the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Frontline, L 7/18/17, 10pm, 60 min.

“Life on Parole” - With unique access, FRONTLINE and The New York Times go inside an effort to change the way parole works in Connecticut and reduce the number of people returning to prison. The film follows four former inmates as they try to find work, stay sober and keep out of trouble while navigating their first year on parole.

Frontline, L 7/11/17, 10pm, 60 min.

“Terror in Europe” - Go inside Europe's fight against the rise of Islamist terrorism. As Europe reels from a terror onslaught, top counter-terror officials describe their struggle to contain the unprecedented threat revealed by attacks in France and Belgium.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Greater Boston, L 8/2/17, 7pm, 30 min.

Are The United States' Immigration Rules Too Lax? The message is clear for people not born in the U.S.: Getting to and staying in America is harder than ever. Today, President Donald Trump announced his support for a Senate proposal that would cut legal immigration to the states by more than half by creating what he calls a merit-based points system for green cards. Last week, Massachusetts' highest court ruled it is unconstitutional for local law enforcement to detain a person solely because of the request of a federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent. In response, Gov. Charlie Baker filed a bill yesterday that would require state and allow local law enforcement officials to detain certain individuals at the behest of ICE. That means someone suspected of terrorism, spying or anything else that might make them a danger to national security — or someone who has committed an immigration violation and is in

state or local custody, ready to be released for a serious crime, even one committed decades ago — could be detained up to 12 hours.

Greater Boston, L 7/25/17, 7pm, 30 min.

Latinos are one of the fastest growing demographics in Massachusetts, but when it comes to leadership positions—they are widely underrepresented.

In politics, a small yet symbolic step was taken when Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez was named the first-ever Latino chair of the powerful House Ways and Means committee. But he's one of just seven Latino lawmakers on Beacon Hill, or just 3.5 percent of the entire legislature, while Latinos and Hispanics make up about 12 percent of the state's population.

POV, N 8/21/17, 10pm, 90 min.

Two Native-American judges reach back to traditional concepts of justice in order to reduce incarceration rates, foster greater safety for their communities and create a more positive future for their youth.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

PBS Newshour, N 7/6/2017, 6pm, 60 min.

The challenge of reaching hungry kids when school is out - Summertime is supposed to be fun for children and families, but for millions, the absence of free school meals or discounted lunches is a cause for worry. Special correspondent Lisa Stark of Education Week reports on how food banks try to bridge the gap.

PBS Newshour, N 7/19/2017, 6pm, 60 min.

How proposed cuts to SNAP would affect poor Americans Spending on social welfare programs like SNAP, also known as food stamps, would be dramatically cut under the White House budget unveiled in May. How would a cut affect poor families, the state's budget and even local grocery stores? Special correspondent Cat Wise reports.

PBS Newshour, N 8/24/17, 6pm, 60 min.

How retailers are banking on options and experiences. Is traditional retail dead? There have been more store closings this year than any since the Great Recession, with retailers filing for bankruptcy at a record pace. And yet online retailers like Amazon and Warby Parker are adding brick-and-mortar stores. What's the secret to keeping afloat as shopping evolves? Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports.

VI. Environment/Ecology

NOVA, N 9/10/17, 4am, 60 min.

“Killer Landslides” - In less than two minutes in March, a one-square-mile field of debris slammed into the Washington state community of Oso, killing 41 and destroying nearly 50 homes. Drawing on analysis of other recent landslides around the world, geologists are investigating what triggered the deadliest U.S. landslide in decades and whether climate change is increasing the risk of similar disasters around the globe.

Greater Boston, L 8/21/17, 7pm, 30 min.

For the first time in nearly a century, a total solar eclipse has crossed over the entire nation. The so-called “path of totality” started in Salem, Oregon and swept across the country to Charleston, South Carolina, before moving out to sea. Scientists were ready and waiting to gather information they can only get during a total solar eclipse – data that could change the understanding of the sun itself and how it affects us here on Earth. It’s the subject of a one-hour special airing on WGBH called *NOVA: Eclipse Over America*.

PBS Newshour, N 7/4/2017 6pm, 60 min.

The Environmental Protection Agency cannot delay implementation of a rule limiting methane emissions from new oil and gas drilling wells, according to an appeals court ruling on Monday. William Brangham speaks with Juliet Eilperin of The Washington Post about the obstacle for the Trump administration’s efforts to reverse environmental regulations and the wider implications.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Frontline, L 8/22/17, 10pm, 60 min.

“League of Denial: The NFL’s Concussion Crisis” - Follow one doctor's battle against the NFL to raise awareness about the dangers of head injuries in football. FRONTLINE details how the NFL denied and worked to refute scientific evidence that showed football could cause long-term brain injuries.

Frontline, L 8/01/17, 10pm, 60 min.

“The Vaccine War” - Join an investigation into the science and politics of vaccine safety. Despite a scientific consensus that there is no link between vaccines and disorders like autism, the war over whether to immunize children continues.

ADD and Loving it?, N 9/23/17, 2am, 90 min.

Actor Patrick McKenna is after the truth. "Everything you think you know about ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) is wrong." In this uplifting and entertaining documentary he talks to researchers, specialists and doctors about ADD and ADHD. He also chats with ordinary Canadians & Americans who are directly dealing with the challenges of this common problem. Interwoven with these insights, Patrick shares his own life story and his personal struggle with undiagnosed and untreated ADHD, and, now, his success in living with adult ADD. Though the suffering is real, Patrick is interested in the good news. When ADD is diagnosed and treated, life can become very sweet. A liability can become an asset. As one expert explains, "This is not a diagnosis to fear. This is a diagnosis to understand and embrace." The program amuses and amazes us by actually presenting the facts-what is known for sure. Patrick and director and co-host Rick Green lead viewers through a lively romp about the symptoms of adult ADD and the five keys to turning ADD from a hidden handicap that sabotages your life to an ally that allows you to soar. The production techniques are fantastic! Patrick laughs at the lies, busts the myths, and finally takes on the most controversial aspect of ADD - medication!

VIII. Economy/Business

Frontline, L 9/12/17, 10pm, 90 min.

"Abacus: Small Enough to Jail" - Hear the little-known story of the only U.S. bank prosecuted after the financial crisis. Director Steve James (Hoop Dreams, The Interrupters) chronicles the Chinese immigrant Sung family's fight to clear their names

Suze Orman's Financial Solutions For You, N 9/04/17, 11:00pm, 120 min

We all have financial issues and problems. Suze Orman's latest special sharply focuses on her helping individual viewers "find financial solutions for you." As always, Suze's advice is based not just on numbers, but on a critical understanding of ourselves and our emotional needs. The special's central theme is that our financial decision-making should be guided by an understanding of "the goal of money." As Suze perceptively defines it: "The goal of money is to make you feel secure." Our financial solutions should work to fulfill that goal. In addition, Suze stresses the importance of making financial decisions that you feel comfortable with. Financial problems are caused when you do things with money that do not seem "right" to you, despite pressures and advice from others.

PBS NewsHour, N 7/17/17, 6pm, 60 min

Ivanka Trump products are not made in America It's "Made in America" week at the White House, but President Trump's effort to highlight U.S. manufacturing has sparked questions about where Trump family products are produced. In fact, merchandise sold by

the Trump Organization or sold through Ivanka Trump's fashion line is all made overseas. John Yang learns more from Matea Gold of The Washington Post.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Deepak Chopra, N 8/13/17, 10pm, 90 min.

“The Future of God” - Faith meets science in DEEPAK CHOPRA: THE FUTURE OF GOD - a ground-breaking and thought provoking 60-minute public television pledge special in which world renowned spiritual teacher and medical doctor Deepak Chopra demonstrates that the tools of our most advanced fields of science can be used to answer some of these fundamentally spiritual questions. Most importantly, Dr. Chopra will argue that Religion and Science, when understood at the highest levels, do not contradict each other and, in fact, actually complement each other! Dr. Chopra argues that even those of us brought up in a largely secular, materialistic world, without a devout connection to a religious tradition, can still have a more productive vital life, and a greater sense of well-being and happiness, if we gain a more intimate and powerful connection to the Divine Wisdom of the ages. By combining science, history and philosophy, as only Deepak Chopra can, he delivers a program that embodies and celebrates so much of what is central to the mission of public television: An ongoing, curious and engaging, quest into what it means to be human.

POV, N 07/31/17, 10pm, 60 min.

“Memories of a Penitent Heart” - Follow filmmaker Cecilia Aldarondo's investigation- both a love story and a tribute-of a buried conflict around her uncle Miguel's death during a time when AIDS was synonymous with sin.

Finding your Roots, N 09/27/2017, 5am, 60 min.

“War Stories” - Uncover a long history of military service in the families of Patricia Arquette, Julianne Moore and John McCain, and how this has instilled in each of them an enduring spirit of strength and integrity.

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