

**2020 SECOND QUARTER PROGRAMS AND ISSUES REPORT FOR:
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Issues addressed during the reporting period:

**Addiction & Recovery
Age & Retirement
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Science/Technology**

How Civic Deserts Alienate Youth

Guests: Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg and Felicia Sullivan, researchers

According to a recent study, 60% of millennials in the United States lack access to a political life. Researchers Felicia Sullivan and Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg have found a link between our disappearing libraries, schools, and community centers – and a dramatic change in how young people feel about themselves and their government.

Air Date: April 5, 2020

What's Next for the Labor Movement?

Guests: Steve Striffler, Director of the UMass Boston Labor Resource Center, and Steven Tolman, President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO

Unions have been a defining force in American political life for decades. But recently, there have been many challenges to unions' power. Host Anna Fisher-Pinkert talks with Steve Striffler of UMass Boston's Labor Resource Center, and Steven Tolman of the AFL-CIO about the rise of the gig economy, restrictions on public-sector unions, and what it all means for our region and our nation.

Air Date: April 12, 2020

Asian Americans in Politics

Guest: Paul Watanabe, Director of the Institute for Asian American Studies, UMass Boston

Maybe you've been following George Takei's political Facebook posts, or maybe you've seen the comparisons made between Japanese internment during World War II and the calls for a Muslim registry. Asian Americans, and the issues that matter to them, are in the political spotlight. With help from political scientist Paul Watanabe, we're taking a look back on the political forces that have shaped the Asian American experience in the U.S. – and looking forward to see what the future might hold.

Air Date: April 19, 2020

Untangling Middle East Foreign Policy

Guest: Leila Farsakh, professor of political science, UMass Boston

President Trump has promised to fight ISIS abroad, and he has also promised a less interventionist stance than his predecessors. What could Trump's foreign policy mean for American interests in the Middle East? Political economist Leila Farsakh helps us understand the context for U.S. foreign policy.

Air Date: April 26, 2020

We're Not Gonna Take It: Politics and Protest

Guest: Erin O'Brien, Chair, Political Science Department, UMass Boston

Is protest really effective? From Tea Partiers to the Women's March to Town Hall Meetings, we take a look at what forms of protest get politicians to sit up and take notice. Political scientist Erin O'Brien helps us sort through the memes, polls, boycotts, and marches.

Air Date: May 3, 2020

The Politics of Anger

Guest: Michael Milburn, psychologist and author of *Raised to Rage: The Politics of Anger and the Roots of Authoritarianism*

If there's one emotion that characterizes the last year in politics, it's anger. Michael Milburn and Sheree Conrad examined political anger and authoritarianism back in 1996, and they're back to reexamine connections between political rage and the popularity of authoritarian figures.

Air Date: May 10, 2020

After Trauma, Can Mindfulness Help?

Guest: Stephanie Hartwell, sociologist

From victims of violent crime to former inmates, Stephanie Hartwell believes that mindfulness techniques can help traumatized people to move forward. We'll examine what makes mindfulness effective, and how it can change lives and communities.

Air Date: May 17, 2020

Menstruation Mythbusting

Guest: Chris Bobel, Associate Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at UMass Boston

Half the world experiences it - but no one wants to talk about it. Menstruation researcher Chris Bobel talks about the stigma around periods - and new technologies that are changing how we view our own bodies.

Air Date: May 24, 2020

Climate Change: How We Know What We Know

Guest: Robyn Hannigan, Dean of the School for the Environment at UMass Boston

Not sure if climate change has hit your hometown? Trying to distinguish fact from fiction? Environmental science expert Robyn Hannigan catches us up on the latest climate news.

Air Date: May 31, 2020

From City Hall to the Senate Floor: Women of Color are Ready to Run

Guest: Carol Hardy-Fanta, author of *Contested Transformation: Race, Gender, and Political Leadership in 21st Century America*

In the wake of Donald Trump's surprising win, pundits are scratching their heads. Was America just not "ready" for a female president? Is this a backlash to the first ever black President of the United States? According to Carol Hardy-Fanta, whether the country is "ready" or not, women and minorities are transforming the American political landscape. Hardy-Fanta shares her data-driven analysis of political leadership in a new book, *Contested Transformation: Race, Gender, and Political Leadership in 21st Century America*.

Air Date: June 7, 2020

Racism, Fear and Getting Help

Guest: Tahirah Abdullah

In the last year, incidents of racism in the workplace, in neighborhoods, in Hollywood, and on the presidential campaign trail have all made headlines. What are the long term mental health impacts of experiencing racism? Host Anna Fisher-Pinkert talks with professor of psychology Tahirah Abdullah about mental illness, stigma, racism, and more.

Air Date: June 14, 2020

Out of Many, One? Immigration in American History

Guest: Monica Pelayo

Is America a "nation of immigrants," or is it a nation designed to keep outsiders apart? Host Anna Fisher-Pinkert talks with historian Monica Pelayo about the history of immigration in the 20th century, and parallels to the past in our contemporary immigration debates.

Air Date: June 21, 2020

In the Crosshairs: Why Mass Shootings Happen

Guest: Louis Klarevas

Newtown. Aurora. San Bernadino. Orlando. After every mass shooting, there's one lingering question: Why? In his book, *Rampage Nation*, Louis Klarevas examines the stories and statistics behind the most violent attacks of the last decade. Host Anna Fisher-Pinkert talks with Klarevas about his new book, and why he thinks gun control is the solution to preventing mass shootings in the future.

Air Date: June 28, 2020