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ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LIST

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**DIALOGUE 2017 QUARTERLY REPORT: OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER
GUESTS AND SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTIONS**

Oct. 1, 2017 – Phillip Cunningham, assistant professor of media studies, Quinnipiac University.

Subject Matter: Cunningham delved into this fall's "take a knee" controversy with various pro athletes and others choosing to get on one knee during the playing of the national anthem to protest police brutality against minorities and related issues. He broadened the discussion by commenting on the historic record of politics and sports colliding over controversial issues, including such stars as Muhammed Ali, Jackie Robinson, and Olympic medal-winners. Cunningham talked about how racism, work rules, and career ambitions play into this story.

Oct. 8, 2017 – Ron Pinciario, executive director of Connecticut Against Gun Violence.

Subject Matter: Pinciario discusses the renewed potential for additional gun control measures in reaction to the mass shooting incident in Las Vegas. He advises that Congress is looking at loosening of some existing restrictions such as rules on the sales of silencers. Pinciario is pessimistic about any Congressional action on gun control in the current session. He also discusses the political power of the NRA—the National Rifle Association.

Oct. 15, 2017 – Alan Bruce, professor of sociology at Quinnipiac University.

Subject Matter: Bruce explains a letter he and 150 other scholars, professors, and law enforcement officials have sent to the national news media urging them not to publicize the names and images of shooters in mass killings present, past, and future. He noted that extensive media coverage of these individuals can tempt other psychologically unbalanced individuals to plot violent actions to "top" or "best" the killing records of previous incidents. Bruce comments on the likelihood that the historically independent U.S. media might respond to the letters. He offers some examples when media outlets do restrict the personal information they use on the air or in print.

Oct. 22, 2017 -- Bill Seymour, chief of staff at the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Subject Matter: Over the last several years, Connecticut approved various teen driving restrictions and guidelines designed to curb teen driving fatalities and injuries. In the program, Seymour describes the success of those laws, discusses the annual high school driving safety video competition, and zero tolerance for drinking, texting, and cell phone use of any kind for teens who drive.

He also discusses the importance of parental involvement in influencing and monitoring their teens driving activity.

Oct. 29, 2017 – Mick Bolduc, epidemiologist at the State Department of Public Health.

Subject Matter: Bolduc, who deals with vaccines in his work at the Public Health Department, talks about the importance of getting an annual flu shot. He dispels myths surrounding flu shots, and describes the dramatic difference between the common cold and the flu, and their impacts on an individual's health. Bolduc discusses flu vaccine production and distribution. He also offers insights about a new vaccine against the shingles virus that will be ready for use in about 90 days. It will likely replace the existing vaccine as the primary protection against shingles.

Nov. 5, 2017 – Jim Wadleigh, CEO of Access Health CT.

Subject Matter: Despite Republican efforts in Washington to restrict or repeal "Obamacare", Wadleigh says the health insurance coverage program is still alive, and currently in the enrollment period for 2018. He discusses changes in the cost of individual health coverage as well as the limited options available for Connecticut residents. Wadleigh discusses the challenges his organization faces in promoting public awareness about the ACA, or "Obamacare" in the face of political controversy in Washington.

Nov. 12, 2017 – State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-Derby), the Republican leader in the State House.

Subject Matter: Klarides offer a GOP leader's view on why the effort to pass a state budget this year went on much longer than most observers had predicted. She describes structural changes in budgeting and bonding that are included in the budget, items that persuaded Republicans to vote for the document. Klarides talks about the strained relationship between legislative leaders in both parties and Democratic Gov. Dannel Malloy. Klarides also is asked about her potential interest in running for governor in 2018.

Nov. 19, 2017 – State Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Looney (D-New Haven).

Subject Matter: In the show, Looney offers his Democratic viewpoint of the bipartisan process that produced a state budget after months of wrangling and delays. He discusses the politics of the deal, including the highly unusual passage of a Republican-inspired budget plan that was ultimately vetoed by Gov. Malloy. Looney also discusses whether the agreed-to budget will stay "in balance" for long, or become part of a continuing deficit struggle for lawmakers.

Nov. 26, 2017 – Timothy Phelan, president of the Connecticut Retail Merchants Association.

Subject Matter: In this annual interview, Phelan offers some predictions on the holiday gift-shopping season and its impact on merchants and consumers. He discusses the growing challenge of online shopping that is cutting into sales for so-called “brick and mortar” retail outlets across Connecticut and the nation. Phelan explains the sales tax problem—local retailers must charge this tax, while many out-of-state online outlets do not collect the tax, tempting shoppers with lower costs on big ticket items. Phelan also discusses holiday shopping trends.

Dec. 3, 2017 - Jay Kaplan, director of the Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton.

Subject Matter: Kaplan describes the history of the annual Christmas Bird Count conducted across North America for more than a century. He explains why this “citizen science” exercise is important to scientists and birders alike. Kaplan offers some insights on how our birds are coping with the threats posed by land development and global warming. He also explains the process of counting the birds in winter.

Dec. 10, 2017 - Howard Schwartz, executive communications director for the Connecticut Better Business Bureau.

Subject Matter: Schwartz discusses holiday shopping strategies for consumers including the topic of shopping online vs. in local stores and malls. He discusses the value of seasonal jobs for people seeking to make some extra money before year’s end. Schwartz advises consumers about the rules on “return” policies for gifts. He also discusses how best to sign up at a health club, to lose the extra pounds you may put on during the holiday season.

Dec. 17, 2017 – Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman (D-CT).

Subject Matter: Wyman explains the personal and political factors linked to her recent decision not to run for governor in 2018. She rejects the so-called “rubber stamp” theory that any campaign she mounted would be hurt by her close association with Gov. Malloy. Wyman also discusses the continuing struggle to keep the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) thriving in Connecticut, despite Republican efforts in Congress to cripple or repeal the health insurance program. Wyman also weighs in on her “tie-breaking” activity in the State Senate as presiding officer for that body because of the 18 to 18 makeup of Democrats and Republicans.

Dec. 24, 2017 – Brenda Watson, acting director of Operation Fuel.

Subject Matter: Watson describes the history and role of Operation Fuel which helps low-income families pay their heating bills each year. She explains how the program works, its limitations, and the challenges of finding enough

money in a tight economy. Watson talks about the ongoing effort Operation Fuel makes to advise low-income families how to better insulate their homes, so fuel costs can be kept down. She also describes the limitations on state and federal aid used to ease the home heating fuel cost crisis.

Dec. 31, 2017 – Ray Noonan, associate policy fellow at Connecticut Voices for Children.

Subject Matter: Noonan delves into new census data that shows some progress in Connecticut: overall poverty is down, so is the population that does not have health insurance. Racial and ethnic disparities also are down a bit. Noonan explains that despite this good news, great challenges remain. He said the data shows median household income remains flat in Connecticut. Noonan also warns that governmental and tax changes at the state and federal levels threaten to wipe out the slight gains that have been made.

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