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## **Rhodes State College Announces Diversity Lecture Series**

LIMA, Ohio – Rhodes State College announces its Diversity Action Training & Experience Committee (D.A.T.E.) Spring Lecture Series. All sessions are held from 11a-12 pm at Rhodes State in the Science Building, Room 100 and are free and open to the public.

**Hate Crimes: The Law, Where We Are, and Where We Are Going** will be held on **Wednesday, February 18**. Dale Lanigan, Ed. D, Lourdes University, will explore the state of criminal activity associated with racially focused hate. He will also discuss the geographic locations in the United States most affected by hate crimes and the impact on the communities where they occur.

Tameka Taylor, PhD, CDE will present **Can Women Have It All?** on **Wednesday, March 4**. Taylor from Compass Consulting Services, LLC, discusses the many challenges facing today's modern women. She will also explore alternatives to the "I'm Every Woman" mantra most women aspire to live by.

On **Thursday, March 5**, Jennifer Motter, Rhodes State College, will present **Title IX: Who, What, When, Where?** Under the guidance from the U.S. Department of Education Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and recent amendments to the Violence Against Women Act, educational institutions across the nation must have effective polices in place regarding incident reporting of sexual violence. Motter will be providing an update on the amendments and how they affect women attending institutions of higher learning.

**Campus SaVE Act- Protecting Students From Sexual Assault** will be presented on **Wednesday, March 11** by Mark Mathews, Director of Safety & Security at Rhodes State College and The Ohio State University at Lima. The Campus SaVE Act was signed into law in March 2013 by President Obama. This presentation will be outlining the current reporting requirements of the Clery Act and what role it will have on Rhodes State College and other colleges and universities throughout the country.

Mike Follin, Ohio History Connection, will present **Saints Preserve Us! The Irish in America** on **Wednesday, March 25**. Follin portrays Sean O'Shaughnessy, an Irishman, who leaves his homeland with his bride. Learn about their journey across the Atlantic and the reality of "coming" to America, the land of golden opportunity, and finally their settlement in Ohio.

Tobias Spiers, M.A., Bowling Green State University, will present **The Workplace Ally** on **Wednesday, May 6**. This session is geared toward professionals and educators who seek to make their work/classroom space more embracing and affirming of the Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, Questioning (LBGTQ) community. Spiers will discuss how to use language and behaviors that foster inclusive work and learning environments.

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