8:45  Opening Plenary; Keynote speaker

Ed O’Malley, President / CEO, Kansas Leadership Center, Wichita, KS
Nothing Changes Without More Leadership – From You
“Snark,” passive aggressive behavior, complaints about “them” and hero stories about “us”. All of this is too rampant in society today and none of it is useful for progress on our most pressing issues. This session will explore how healthy civil discourse happens if people champion it, putting aside risks and wading into productive and provocative dialogue.

9:30  BREAK (Refreshments)

9:45  CONCURRENT SESSIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS 1

Civility Scholarship Panel:  Room 227
Soo-Hye Han, Department of Communication Studies
The Impact of (In)civility in Online Discussions
This presentation discusses findings from a series of experiments examining the impact of civility and incivility in online discussions. It will touch on the role of modeling and meta-communication in online settings and the implications of civility and incivility for critical thinking.
Amelia Hicks, Department of Philosophy
“Touchy Topics” in the Classroom
We, as educators, want to give students the opportunity to think through the questions that matter most to them. But many of us also avoid those discussions,
fearing that those questions are "too touchy" for the classroom. How can we facilitate productive discussions of those questions without inviting chaos in the classroom?

Donald Saucier, Department of Psychology
Beliefs in Pure Good and Pure Evil Affect Prosocial and Antisocial Orientations Toward Others
My students and I have been conducting a research program to examine how fundamental beliefs in human potential for both pure good and pure evil influence prosocial and antisocial attitudes, orientations, and behaviors toward others. I will overview the results of several of our studies to discuss how individuals’ beliefs in pure good and pure evil influence their tendencies to trust, forgive, blame and seek vengeance against others.

Dialogue / Demonstrations:
Terrie McCants, Conflict Resolution Certificate Program Room 209
Two Modes of Conversational Circles
Two methods of conflict transformation through group dialogue are demonstrated.
COMM 545 Communication & Democracy Students Cottonwood Room
National Issues Forums: Safety and Justice
Demonstration of NIF discussion frameworks, based on a topic receiving national and campus focus.

10:45 BREAK

11:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS 2

“Four Year of Ramen and Poverty”: Using Photovoice to Engage the Voices of Food Insecure Students
My research employs Photovoice, a participant-led research method in which participants share their experience with a particular phenomenon
through photographs, to generate understanding of the challenges faced by students who experience hunger. The photos are used to facilitate dialogue among participants, rendering it an ideal way to engage the voices of marginalized populations.

Jon Herington, Department of Philosophy
Is security a conversation-stopper?
Security is a politically powerful concept. When someone claims that their security is threatened, it often feels as if we should stop talking and start acting. This is a mistake. The ambiguity of "security" requires us to ask: What goods do we want to secure? How much insecurity are we willing to tolerate? What other values are we willing to sacrifice in order to secure those goods? The invocation of security is just the beginning of the conversation.

Mary Kohn, Department of English
Languages divided: Segregation and the role of linguistic prejudice in speaker evaluation
This talk presents research on the role of segregation in perpetuating language differences in the United States. Evidence from a 20-year longitudinal study demonstrates that participation in so-called "Mainstream American English" correlates with access to majority-white schools and neighborhoods. Given the extensive research on linguistic discrimination, I will facilitate a discussion on how linguistic differences must be considered when creating environments for civic discourse.

Dialogue / Demonstrations:
Gregory Paul, Department of Communication Studies
Room 209
Victim Offender Dialogue
Demonstration of mediation techniques that offer an alternative to retributive justice responses to wrongdoing.
Kylie Moody and Marcia Hornung, Dialogue, Deliberation, and Public Engagement Certificate Program
Cottonwood Room
Intergenerational Communication
Through dialogue, people from different generations identify similarities and consider how to communicate more effectively to a shared purpose.
12:00  **LUNCH** - Visit the 2nd Floor Food Court and bring your lunch back to the Flint Hills Room for Conversational Cafés

**Conversational Cafés**

12:00 – 3:00  Engagement Opportunities Tables

1:00  **Mid-Day Plenary: Keynote Speaker**

**Carolyn Lukensmeyer, Exec. Director, National Institute for Civil Discourse, Tucson, AZ**

**In civility and Political Dysfunction: How Did We Get Here and What Can We Do?**

This presentation explores the causes of incivility and political dysfunction, the impact of the 2016 Presidential election, and what we can do now. How did we get to this point, where incivility and political dysfunction have become the social norm? How did the 2016 Presidential election change the conversation and the tone? What can Americans do to help move the country forward? How can we listen and talk to “the other side?” This presentation will explore these key questions and provide participants with a mechanism to help shape our country’s future.

2:00  **BREAK**

2:15  **CONCURRENT SESSIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS 3**

**Civility Scholarship Panel: Civil Discourse Competencies for Extension Service**

**Flint Hills Room**

**Tim Shaffer, Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy**

**Extension’s Roots in Civil Discourse and Democracy Building: Where We’ve Been and Why It Matters**

Since its founding, Extension has engaged diverse communities around public issues in multiple ways. An often overlooked chapter of Extension’s history offers an example of how Extension agents used deliberative discussion to help community members understand complex issues and one another.

**Rachel Welborn, Southern Rural Development Center**

**Rapid Response Team on Civil Discourse:** Assessing Extension’s Capacity to Respond
Throughout the early months of 2016, news stories of racial unrest frequented the media outlets. In response, the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) established the first Rapid Response Team, giving a charge to explore civil discourse around race relations. This pilot response to an emerging need involved a scan of the Cooperative Extension System’s resources and expertise while assembling a competency matrix and developing next step recommendations to help move CES forward in advancing civil discourse.

Trudy Rice, K-State Research and Extension
The Art of Facilitation - Process Matters!
A comprehensive training curriculum for professionals and community volunteers to increase their skills in meeting management, dealing with conflict, understanding group dynamics, and tools for decision making. This training enables Extension professionals and volunteers to facilitate community conversations on the 5 Grand Challenges: Water; Feeding the World; Health; Growing Tomorrow’s Leaders; and Community Vitality.

Dialogue / Demonstrations:

Linda Duke, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art
Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS)
Demonstrating a mode of question, answer, and paraphrase using art to stimulate critical thinking and communication.

PLAN 661 Students Community Development Workshop
Illustrating the Charrette process
A dialogue on possibilities for West Stadium.

De-Escalation Techniques
Officer Alexander Robinson (Riley County Police Department)
How to resolve issues in high-stress environments.

3:15 BREAK
3:30  **Film: “E.O. Wilson: Of Ants and Men”**  
Cottonwood Room
An Emmy-nominated documentary on the life and contributions of one of America’s most notable scientists and conservation champions.  
Wilson’s ground-breaking book “Sociobiology” demonstrated that human nature could be studied scientifically along with that of other advanced social species.  
His latest book, “Half-Earth” offers a similarly revolutionary plan to preserve the earth’s biodiversity.

5:30  **Reception for the film producer: Dr. Graham Townsley**  
Cat’s Pause