

## **ERFSA Zoom Presentations for Fall 2020**

**10 September 2020: *The Enrollment Challenge at HSU: Strategies for Increasing the Student Population and How ERFSA and the Community Can Help* – a presentation and discussion with Jason Meriwether, Vice President for Enrollment Management**

*Maintaining and increasing enrollment remains a significant and ongoing challenge at HSU, now even more so given our current realities. VP Jason Meriwether and the Enrollment Management team have initiated a number of creative strategies to address this issue and are achieving positive results. VP Meriwether will offer insights into the current status of the student population, approaches to sustaining and increasing enrollment, and how ERFSA and other invested community members can contribute to these efforts.*

**8 October 2020: *Coming of Age at the End of the World: An Existential Toolkit for the Climate/COVID Generation* – a presentation and discussion with Dr. Sarah Jaquette Ray, Associate Professor & Program Leader, Environmental Studies Program**

*We are living through the most uncertain time in recent history, with COVID, unprecedented climate disruption, and a movement for racial justice that has become international in scope. What do young people have to do with all of this? How are they feeling about it? What can they do to equip themselves with the emotional, mental, and spiritual resources they will need to advocate for climate and racial justice for the long haul? How can their educators, mentors, and other adults in their life support them? Drawing on her new book, **A Field Guide to Climate Anxiety: How to Keep Your Cool on a Warming Planet**, Dr. Sarah Jaquette Ray will discuss what makes the "climate generation" unique, how they're experiencing global environmental disruption (including the pandemic), and the tools that they--and the rest of us--might need to adapt to a new era of uncertainty, loss, and isolation.*

**12 November 2020: *Humboldt Bay's Vulnerability to Tidal Flooding and Risk from Sea Level Rise* – a presentation and discussion with Aldaron Laird, Co-Chair of HSU Sea Level Rise Initiative**

*We have inherited a historical landscape legacy from the 1890s when more than 8,000 acres of inter-tidal wetlands, salt marsh, were diked off and converted to agricultural uses. Now, 130 years later, sea level rise is increasing the risk to critical regional utility and transportation infrastructure and Wiyot cultural sites. Aldaron will share the results of nearly a dozen sea level rise vulnerability assessments and adaptation plans that have been prepared for Humboldt Bay, and some of the challenges that we face going forward.*

**10 December 2020: *The Anti-Transgender Legislative Movement from 2015 to 2020, An Analysis* – a presentation and discussion with Dr. Loren Cannon, Lecturer in Department of Philosophy and 2019 ERFA award recipient**

*Between the SCOTUS Obergefell ruling recognizing the legality and legitimacy of same-sex marriage to the Bostock ruling affirming that employment discrimination against LGBTQ persons is an unjust form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title VII, there were over 300 separate pieces of proposed legislation specifically targeting transgender persons and their ability to participate fully in society. Dr. Cannon will present a specific breakdown on the types of legislative proposals, their ramifications, and the role the recent SCOTUS ruling has toward securing civil rights for LGBTQ persons.*