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The UNIVERSITIES at Shady Grove

USG is an innovative model for expanding access to quality higher education in the Montgomery County Region. As a regional center for the University System of Maryland, USG brings together nine of Maryland's top public universities, all at one convenient location. USG collaborates with its partner institutions to offer more than 60 of the most popular upper-level undergraduate and graduate degree and certificate programs on a full and part-time basis.

USG links the region's growing and diverse student population with top-level programs that match their needs and those of the region. Strong partnerships with the business, government, and civic communities keep USG in touch with workforce demands from business, nursing, and teaching to the rapidly expanding biotechnology and information technology areas.



Rockville Institute

Research for the Advancement of Social Science

The Rockville Institute for the Advancement of Social Science is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to advancing the social sciences by performing research and disseminating research findings to the public. Research areas that the Institute associates are active in include health care, education, employment and training, criminal justice, Native American issues, racial/ethnic minorities, substance abuse prevention and treatment, and children and families.

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Whether you are seeking to transfer to complete your bachelor's degree, or have decided to go on to graduate school, the Universities at Shady Grove lets you explore those options and receive your degree without ever leaving Montgomery County. We've also taken special steps, working closely with area community colleges, to make sure that transferring to USG to complete your bachelor's degree is an easy and seamless process. At USG you enroll in the university that offers the degree program that you want, and you receive your degree from that university.

MORE THAN 60 UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED INCLUDING:

- Biological Sciences
- Biotechnology Studies
- Business
- Communication
- Computer Information Systems and Technology
- Construction Management Technology
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Education
- Engineering
- Geographic Information Systems
- Health Systems Management
- History
- Homeland Security Management
- Hotel and Restaurant Management
- Investigative Forensics
- Laboratory Management
- Library Sciences
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Public Health Sciences
- Publications Design
- Respiratory Therapy
- Simulation and Digital Entertainment
- Social Work

No single campus in the University System of Maryland offers the diversity of degrees that are available at USG.

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The Universities at Shady Grove
& Rockville Institute
present

CONTEMPORARY Social issues

2010 SEMINAR SERIES

Informing and fostering public conversations
about contemporary social issues

Innovations in Health Care Delivery
Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

**Barriers to Employment
for People with Mental Illness**
Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

**The Health Disparities Solution—
Is It Merely Putting Theory into Practice?**
Thursday, April 1, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

**Health Communication in the New Millennium:
Getting Health Information to a Population
Through New Media**
Thursday, April 29, 2010, at 4:00 pm

All programs will be held at the Universities at Shady Grove



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The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) and the Rockville Institute have come together to offer this dynamic, interactive seminar series to stimulate an exchange of ideas among practitioners, researchers, policymakers, students, and the public at large about contemporary social issues.

Social scientists and researchers at the forefront of their study areas will be on hand to present fact-driven, research-based findings and implications on relevant and important issues and ideas. All are welcome to hear the panels of presenters and engage in a discussion about the present circumstances of and what the future holds for these important social issues.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Community Organizations
- Businesses
- Students
- Public Interest Groups
- Policymakers
- Parents / Seniors
- Educators

THE SERIES IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Programs will be held at:

The Universities at Shady Grove
The Camille Kendall Academic Center
Building III, Room 3241
9636 Gudelsky Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Directions to USG:

www.shadygrove.umd.edu

For additional information please go to:

www.rockvilleinstitute.org



Innovations in Health Care Delivery February 11 - Thursday - 4:00 PM

Discover what several local innovative health care institutions are doing to improve the quality, efficiency, and equity of services provided to the public. Find out how you can stay up to date on innovations in health care occurring across the nation.

Speakers:

Veronica Nieva, Ph.D., Westat
Judith Rogers, Ph.D., MSN, RNC,
Holy Cross Hospital



Barriers to Employment for People with Mental Illness March 4 - Thursday - 4:00 PM

The number of individuals qualifying for disability benefits due to mental illness, and not working as a result, has grown rapidly in recent years. Lack of access to treatment or employment support services prevent some people with mental illness from achieving their goal of returning to work. Learn how these barriers can be overcome.

Speakers:

William Frey, Ph.D., Westat
Roline Milfort, Ph.D., Westat
Shree Paralkar, St. Luke's House



The Health Disparities Solution— Is It Merely Putting Theory into Practice? April 1 - Thursday - 4:00 PM

Health disparities negatively impact the lives of vulnerable, minority populations because of unequal access and unequal services in the health care delivery system. What are the key issues? How can they be addressed?

Speaker:

Donna Durant Atkinson, Ph.D., Westat
Brenda Leath, MHSA, PMP, Westat
(Community Representative, TBD)



Health Communication in the New Millennium: Getting Health Information to a Population Through New Media April 29 - Thursday - 4:00 PM

Blogs, apps, social media, online videos, computer games, and text messaging are all part of the new media landscape that have fundamentally changed information flow. How do health communicators use these new vehicles to reach their audiences and get their messages heard?

Speakers:

Simani Price, Ph.D., Westat
Jennifer Berktold, MA, Westat