KINGSBOROUGH’S COMMON READING program was inaugurated at a meeting of the Faculty Assembly in Spring 2001. Like universities across the country, we wanted to adopt a program that would cultivate a reading culture and foster campus community through a single book. Since its inception, the program has been highly collaborative, with participation from every corner of our campus -- in events, meetings, debates, art projects, book nominations, reading groups and more. KCC Reads cultivates community chiefly through the work of our campus-wide cohort—including staff, faculty and students—which organizes events, selects the annual book and supports the broader work of teaching, reading and research through course adoptions across several disciplines.

The utility of a university common reading program is in the way it not only fosters a spirit of community at our school but also functions to enrich students in important ways: research and public speaking skills, critical thinking and writing skills, management and leadership experience, as well as preparing them for senior college or for the career they may enter upon graduation. The program also engages a social justice agenda, through student research elaborating social and political themes of the books and by means of civic engagement work in Brooklyn, in wider New York City, and in the world beyond our campus borders.

We organize an events series in which students, staff and faculty collaborate. Our culminating event for the year is today’s program: the KCC Reads Student Conference, where students present their work on the book—this year, Eating Animals by Brooklyn based novelist Jonathan Safran Foer—in panel and roundtable discussions, debates, posters and power point presentations, and as part of art and science exhibitions. The conference features a Keynote Lecture, this year given by our esteemed author, Jonathan Safran Foer.

In September 2014, at our Inaugural Lecture given (we are pleased to announce) by Professor Paul Ricciardi, Assistant Professor in KCC’s Theatre Program, look for Volume II of our student journal—Paideia: The Journal of KCC Reads—publishing outstanding work presented at today’s conference.
THE KCC READS STUDENT CONFERENCE
on

Eating Animals
By Jonathan Safran Foer

MONDAY & TUESDAY, MAY 5 - 6, 2014
MAC CONFERENCE CENTER

MONDAY, MAY 5TH:

~Plenary Session:

Panel Discussion: Eating Animals Ethically and

3:00: Session 1: Sustainably in Central | Soup & Food Talk in North

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TUESDAY, MAY 6TH:

~Student Conference:

9:00 – 9:10: Welcome Remarks Dr. Reza Fakhari & Dr. Maureen Fadem, MAC Lobby

9:10 – 10:10: Session 2 (concurrent): 2A in Central, 2B in North, 2C in South, 2D in M-239

10:20 – 11:20: Session 3 (concurrent): 3A in Central, 3B in North, 3C in South, 3D in M-239

11:30 – 12:30: Session 4 (concurrent): 4A in Central, 4B in North, 4C in South, 4D in M-239

12:40 – 1:40: Session 5 (concurrent): 5A in Central, 5B in North, 5C in South, 5D in M-239

1:50 – 2:50: Session 6 (concurrent): 6A in Central, 6B in North, 6C in South, 6D in M-239

~KEYNOTE TALK:

3:00 – 4:50: Session 7: Keynote Speaker: Author Jonathan Safran Foer, Central

~Closing Plenary:

5:00 – 6:00: Session 8: Dramatic Performance, Central

Art Exhibit in EAST
Curated by Professor Madeline Sorel, Dept. of Art

Video Installation in EAST
Curated by Professors Brian Katz and D.L. Anderson, Dept. of English

Agriculture Exhibit & Farm Snacks in EAST
Hosted by KCC Urban Farm: Organic Agriculture & Life on the Farm | KCC Talks Interactive Wall | Flavors of the Farm
Curated by Professors Mara Gittleman and Silvia Torres, KCC Urban Farm
MAC Conference Center & M-239

A diagram of the MAC Conference Center, with Session Locations marked:
MONDAY, MAY 5

~SESSION ONE: Plenary Session~

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Central:

Panel Discussion:

“Eating Animals”
Ethically & Sustainably

with Special Guests

Andrew Tarlow, Brooklyn Restaurateur
Owner of Diner, Marlow & Sons, Roman’s, Reynard, Achilles Heel, She Wolf Bakery & Marlow & Daughters

Debra & Laurent Danthine,
Owners of Arcadian Pastures, A Naturally Raised, Grass-Fed, Heritage Breed Farm

Mike Fadem, Assistant General Manager, Estela Restaurant

Moderator: Farin Kautz, KCC Alumnus (Class of 2012)

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in North:

Soup & “Food Talk”

Hosted by

Silvia Torres, KCC Urban Farm Manager

&

Dorothy Ferrante, Sr. College Lab Technician / Farm to Kitchen Coordinator
TUESDAY, MAY 6

~SESSION TWO~

9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Session 2A in CENTRAL:
Workshop: Prof. Ricciardi’s Students Explore the Intersection of Performance & the Activist's Public Speaking Voice
Facilitators: Faith Ann Baird, Phoebe Davis, Shira Davis, Olga Deminga, Jessica Goodridge, Ashley Juarbe, Natalie Kalucki, Alen Marku, Ana Martinez, Akia Matheson, Alexandria Modugno, Valerie Mondiello, Daniel Moshe, Rahsan Noel, Oliver Pierre, David Portillo, Maria Quinones, Dane Shillingford, Oran Spitzer, Matt Vainshtein and Anne Xia.
Convener: Professor Paul Ricciardi, Dept. of Communications and Performing Arts

Session 2B in NORTH:
Roundtable Discussion: Prof. Bruna’s Students Discuss Visual and Reflective Reading Responses to Eating Animals
Facilitator: Professor Liza Bruna, Dept. of English

~SESSION THREE~

10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Session 3A in CENTRAL:
Panel Discussion: Honors Presidential Scholars Present Multiple Views on Eating Animals
Presenters: Alan Hawkins, Sarah Younis, Kinza Butt and Zarina Dyussenbekova.
Moderator: Dr. Rachelle Goldsmith, Director of Kingsborough’s Honor Program

Session 3B in NORTH:
Roundtable Discussion: Prof. Weiss’s Students Discuss Ethical and Health Issues in Eating Animals
Facilitator: Professor Tara Weiss, Dept. of English

Session 3C in SOUTH:
Roundtable Discussion: A Dialogue on “Animals and Us: Cruelty or Sustainability?” with Prof. Radtke’s Students
Discussion Leaders: Abdullah Farrukh, Zaman Arif, Kevin Barthly, Denise Blanco, Nicholas Blom, Dylan Cedar, Shannon Edinbora, Josanne Fraser, Bevonia Harrison, Aman Iftakhar, George Kait, Jessica Miranda, Carlos Quintuna and Rimsha Tariq.
Facilitator: Professor Jennifer Radtke, Dept. of English

Session 3D in M-239:
Speech Session: Prof. Schwartz’s Students Share Informative Speeches on Eating Animals
Speakers: Gina Abraham (Slaughterhouse or Slaughterhell?), Erica Figueroa (Chickens Are Full of Sick), Ekaterina Isayev (Zoonotic Diseases: A Global Threat to Public Health), Sydney Josapnat (Farms), Mushyakh Kikirov (Vegetarian Lifestyle), Cecilia Ragsdale (The PETA Organization), Roma Feldman and Mark Melendez.
Convener: Professor Helaine Schwartz, Dept. of Communications & Performing Arts
~SESSION FOUR~

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Session 4A in CENTRAL:
Workshop: Prof. Ricciardi’s Students Explore the Intersection of Performance & the Activist’s Public Speaking Voice
_Conveners:_ Professor Paul Ricciardi, Dept. of Communications and Performing Arts

Session 4B in NORTH:
Workshop: Hosted by Students of the KCC Urban Farm: “Making Seasonality a Reality”
_FACILITATORS:_ Maya Stansberry, Daphne Brunache and Ben Hanon.
_Conveners:_ Professors Mara Gittleman and Silvia Torres, KCC Urban Farm

Panel Discussion: Honors Students Raising Awareness: Problems of Food Access, Food Awareness and Factory Farming.
_PRESSENTERS:_ Patricia Pjatakova, Nancy Bello and Sarah Kassin.
_Moderator:_ Ms. Helen-Margaret Nasser, Co-Director KCC Honors Program

Session 4D in M-239:
Panel Discussion: Students of The Men’s Resource Center Offer an Ethical Exploration of Eating Animals
_PRESSENTERS:_ Rashidi Ashman and Mark Melendez.
_Moderator:_ Mr. Michael P. Rodriguez, Program Manager, BMI & The Men’s Resource Center
Facilitator: Professor Joseph Terry, Dept. of History, Philosophy and Political Science

~SESSION FIVE~

12:40 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Session 5A in CENTRAL:
Panel Discussion: Students of the KCC Reads Cohort Present Varied Views of Eating Animals
_PRESSENTERS:_ Edith Flores, Antonio Lugo, Iqra Shafiq, Niaz Mosharraf and Jennifer Faybusovich.
_Moderator:_ Ms. Frances Robinson, LMSW, The KCC Women’s Center

Session 5B in NORTH:
Panel Discussion: A Dialogue on Food Justice and Global Food (In)security with Prof. Leggett's Students
_PRESSENTERS:_ Schnontasha Dyce, Jorge Ramos, Alena Ivash, Elizabeth Svalova and Many Soto.
_Moderator:_ Professor Jason Leggett, Dept. of History, Philosophy and Political Science

Session 5C in SOUTH:
Panel Discussion: Prof. Freedman’s Students Present on “Carnism” & Forgetting in the Context of Eating Animals
_PRESSENTERS:_ Joseph Ariza, Ifeoluwa Babalola and Aleksandra Nikolovska.
_Moderator:_ Professor Lisa Freedman, Dept. of English

Session 5D in M-239:
_Moderator:_ Professor Nicole Colbert, Dept. of English
~SESSION SIX~

1:50 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Session 6A in CENTRAL:
Artist Slide Show: Prof. Sorel’s Students Present On: Idea into Image; Creating Concepts for KCC Reads
THE ARTISTS: Lavar Wright, Iulia Zhukova, Karina Fomicheva, Irina Pistov, Zanib Ahmad and Nadia Gavrylichenko.
Facilitator: Professor Madeline Sorel, Art Department

Session 6B in NORTH:
Roundtable Discussion: Prof. Fadem’s Students Discuss Their Research into Diverse & Critical Issues in Eating Animals
Moderators: Ms. Lavita McMath Turner, Director of Government Relations, KCC and Professor Kevicha Echols, Dept. of Health, Physical Education & Recreation

Session 6C in SOUTH:
Multimedia Presentations: Prof. Bruna’s Students Present Creative and Visual Reading Responses to Eating Animals
PRESENTERS: Group I: On factory-farmed animals and health: Nigora Sharipova and Saule Manuela Sagaille.
Group II: Invented dialogues between characters in Eating Animals: Joshua Sobers, Tahir Mumtaz and Boburjon Olimjonov.
Moderator: Professor Liza Bruna, Dept. of English

Session 6D in M-239:
Speeches & Presentations: Eating Animals: Panel Discussion & Informative Speeches with Prof. Schwartz’s Students
PRESENTERS: Michael Colasuonno, Olesya Hivativ, Nida Mahmood and Joseph Martinez
SPEAKERS: Ronald Coombs and Merelis Subera
Convener: Professor Helaine Schwartz, Dept. of Communications & Performing Arts

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~SESSION SEVEN: Keynote Talk~

3:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

Jonathan Safran Foer

author of

Eating Animals

Foer will engage in a dialogue with the Kingsborough community on his first non-fiction book, this year's KCC Reads selection, Eating Animals. He will read from and talk about the book, answer and discuss audience questions and comments, as well as taking time to sign books for students, faculty and staff.

Session 7 in CENTRAL:

Introduction: Dr. Reza Fakhari, Associate Provost 3:10
The Lecture & Q&A: Author, Jonathan Safran Foer 3:20 – 4:30
Book Signing with Jonathan Safran Foer 4:30 – 4:50
~SESSION EIGHT: Closing Plenary~

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Session 8 in CENTRAL:

Dramatic Performance Inspired by Eating Animals:

“The Journey to What Matters”

Director: Professor D.L. Anderson, Dept. of English

~Cast, Crew & Writers~

Prof. D.L. Anderson’s KCC Students:

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