

Local Veterans to Turn Their Uniforms into Art Through Combat Paper NJ Project at Stockton

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The Stockton@Peace lecture series will feature David Keefe, coordinator of the Combat Paper NJ Program and adjunct art and painting instructor at Montclair State University, as its November keynote speaker.

The Stockton@Peace lecture, titled “Transforming Conflict, Building Global Peace, and Healing Minds Using Creative Arts,” will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 19**, 4:30-6 p.m., in F-Wing room F-111. The free lecture is open to the public and is sponsored by the Stockton Center for Community Engagement and the U.S. Institute of Peace.

The lecture, which is part of International Education Week, also features a panel of faculty experts who will discuss the relationship between art and trauma-healing in different international contexts. The panel includes Dr. Christina M. Morus, assistant professor of Communication and Genocide Studies; Dr. Christine Gayda-Chelder, assistant professor of Psychology; Kristin Ryan Morell, LCSW, an adjunct instructor in the Social Work program; and Dr. Jessica Bonnan-White, assistant professor of Criminal Justice.

“Our keynote speaker, David Keefe, will discuss the Combat Paper NJ project and introduce an exhibition of Stockton student veteran artwork. Stockton faculty will explore how art encourages psychological processing, peacebuilding and conflict transformation,” said Dr. Jessica Bonnan-White, founder of the Stockton@Peace lecture series.

The Combat Paper projects exhibited by student veterans and community members will be on display in the F-Wing Atrium on the evening of the lecture.

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