

Join Poughkeepsie AAUW to learn more about:

Extending Hospitality to 21st-Century Students at DCC

Thursday, January 9, 2020

7:00 pm

Unitarian Universal Fellowship of Poughkeepsie*



Presented in partnership with the Poughkeepsie AAUW International-Diversity Committee, we will welcome **Marcia Butland, Assistant Dean, Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability** at Dutchess Community College, on January 9th. With the demographic changes in today's student population, Marcia's talk will focus on DCC's efforts to respond to these shifts. This thoughtful look at DCC's experience will also help illustrate the need and opportunity to establish a community-wide Hospitality Resource to welcome the area's minority and international residents and visitors.

In addition, we will get a sneak preview of an upcoming special program that reports on the recent teacher exchange arranged by Ellie Charwat's Poughkeepsie-Oaxaca Friendship Committee.

In August 2019, three Dutchess County educators – **Blanca Calderon, Franky Perez, and Joyette Walton** – traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico, under the sponsorship of the Poughkeepsie-Oaxaca Friendship Committee, which organized the trip. Oaxaca is the native state of many Mexicans who live in Dutchess County.

During their trip, the teachers met public officials and toured the local school district, gathering significant insight into the backgrounds of the growing number of Mexican children now attending schools in Dutchess County.



Poughkeepsie Middle School teacher **Joyette Walton** and counselor **Franky Perez** will speak about their experience as part of this teacher exchange. They will also present two brief videos that capture their interactions with the Oaxaca school district and highlight Oaxacan children enrolled in Dutchess County schools. Their accounts will also offer a glimpse at what our community can do to welcome the contributions of Oaxacans and incorporate aspects of their culture into our own.

***Directions:** Hooker Ave. to South Randolph **OR** take Route 9 to Sharon Dr. (near Holiday Inn). At the end of Sharon turn left onto Beechwood, then the first right onto Ferris Lane. Take immediate left to S. Randolph. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie is on the right.

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