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CCHM Speaker Series Presents

The Trickster: How this Ancient Archetype Helps Us to Imagine a Better World

Vancouver, WA – Clark County Historical Museum, Fourth Plain Forward, and Humanities Washington invite the community to an engaging in-person conversation with Shepherd Siegel, a member of the 2024-2025 Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau program, on Thursday, October 3, 2024. This month's CCHM Speaker Series presentation will take place at Fourth Plain Commons (3101 E 4th Plain Blvd Ste.101, Vancouver, WA 98661.)

Doors open at 6:30 pm. Presentation begins at 7:00 pm.

What do Loki, Banksy, Bugs Bunny, Thelionious Monk, Mae West, Yoko Ono, Raven, Eshù Elégba, and Muhammad Ali all have in common? Whether deity or human, all bring Trickster magic to our world.

The Trickster, a character who animates and enlivens humanity's oldest stories, is frequently misunderstood. Wander and wonder with author Shepherd Siegel through the paradoxes, art, tricks, backfires, pranks, pratfalls, and messianic acts that together form this indestructible component of our collective psyche. From that common ground, we'll share our own personal encounters with tricksterism and come to an understanding of how the journey from moral indeterminacy to moral discovery can inspire us to imagine and create a better world.

Shepherd Siegel (he/him) is an author and activist. He started off as a professional rock and jazz musician before becoming a teacher for incarcerated youth and students with disabilities. He earned his doctorate at University of California, Berkeley, with studies in anthropology and special education. His recent books, *Disruptive Play* and *Tricking Power into Performing Acts of Love* (a Bronze Winner for an INDIES Book of the Year Award and Silver winner of a CIPA Evvy), explore the Trickster in politics and culture.

At a Glance

Who: Shepherd Siegel

What: *The Trickster: How this Ancient Archetype Helps Us to Imagine a Better World*

When: Thursday, October 3, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

Where: Fourth Plain Community Commons (3101 E 4th Plain Blvd Ste.101, Vancouver, WA 98661)

The CCHM Speaker Series season is sponsored by the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission. This month's presentation is co-hosted with Fourth Plain Forward and brought to you by Humanities Washington. Admission is free and open to all.

For more information, contact the museum at 360-993-5679 or outreach@cchmuseum.org.

About Humanities Washington

Humanities Washington is a nonprofit organization dedicated to opening minds and bridging divides by creating spaces to explore different perspectives. For more about Humanities Washington, visit www.humanities.org.

About the Speakers Bureau Program

In communities throughout Washington State, Speakers Bureau presenters give free public presentations on history, politics, music, philosophy, spiritual traditions, and everything in between.

Their roster of over 30 Speakers Bureau presenters is made up of professors, artists, activists, historians, performers, journalists, and others—all chosen not only for their expertise, but also for their ability to inspire discussion with people of all ages and backgrounds. Hundreds of Speakers Bureau events take place each year. [Find a Speakers Bureau event near you.](#)

To reach as many Washingtonians as possible, Humanities Washington partners with a wide range of organizations, including libraries, schools, museums, historical societies, community centers, and civic organizations. Qualifying nonprofit organizations are encouraged to [host a speaker.](#)

The Speakers Bureau program is made possible with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the State of Washington via the Office of the Secretary of State, the Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service at Washington State University, and generous contributions from other businesses, foundations, and individuals.

About Clark County Historical Society and Museum

The Clark County Historical Society and Museum is committed to responsible collections stewardship, innovative collaboration and inspiring exhibitions and programs that engage the community in an exploration of Clark County's past, present and future. Our purpose is to share an understanding of the past that will help to build a better future for generations to come.

About Fourth Plain Forward

Fourth Plain Forward is a place-based 501c3 nonprofit organization in central Vancouver focused on the Fourth Plain Corridor.

We are committed to uplifting Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities, alongside those facing resource limitations and exclusion from mainstream services.

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