

**'Salute to Stockton' Speaker Series Continues
with Presentations on Women in Sports,
Community Projects and Freedom Songs**

Public Invited to August Events at Congregation Beth Judah in Ventnor

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Friday, Aug. 12: “The Powerful ‘Town- Gown’ Engine” - Laurie Greene, associate professor of Anthropology, will speak on “Community Engagement: Connecting College & Community to Effect Change.”

This presentation will discuss the challenges and prospects for joint projects which connect universities to their local communities. Greene will look at the role that Stockton plays in the redevelopment of the Atlantic City region, the impact on quality of life, and how community organizations might help cultivate this mutually beneficial relationship.

Greene holds a Ph.D. from Tulane University. A Ventnor resident, she also owns the local business, Yoga Nine. Though specializing in Linguistic Anthropology, she has been active in area nonprofits and, through partnerships with local organizations and community members, has helped to created ongoing programs which connect Stockton students and faculty to community partners.

Friday, Aug. 19: “Summer Song fest” - Beverly Vaughn, professor of Music, will host the festive finale to the series with a program of African American spirituals and songs focusing on freedom, deliverance, brotherhood and joy.

Vaughn, a mezzo-soprano known for her velvety tone and vibrant personality, is Music program coordinator as well as Vocal/Choral program coordinator at Stockton. She has won numerous awards and citations for her teaching and has also received several awards from the regional organizations for outstanding community outreach and service.

She holds a master’s degree in voice performance and a doctoral degree in musical arts, both from Ohio State University.

Vaughn conducts the College Chorus and the Stockton Chorale along with both The Stockton Oratorio Society and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, which she founded. These choral organizations have traveled to Europe and have enjoyed overwhelming regional acclaim under her direction.

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