

The MCC Institute on Disability & Community Inclusion
and Communitas invites you to
The Gunnar and Rosemary Dybwad
~ 2014 Seminar ~

April 21, 2014 ❖ 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Manchester Community College
Great Path Academy ~ Community Commons

Keynote Speaker: Peter Karanja

Peter Karanja came to the US from Kenya. He now lives in East Hartford, works in Hartford, and gives every moment of his life to helping and praying for others.

He will discuss his book, *Free To Go*, which chronicles his early life in rural Kenya, his disability, and his continued positive journey through life.

The value of reading a story like Peter's is not in drawing out sentimental "inspiration" for his "courage" (in the language overused to describe people with disabilities, in order to keep their lives at a safe distance). As artist and disabilities activist Neil Marcus writes, "Disability is not a brave struggle or 'courage in the face of adversity.' Disability is an art. It's an ingenious way to live." May Peter's story make us free to go into that creative space where our limits meet our possibilities. ~ *Kate Foran*



Featuring:

- ❖ *The announcement of the 2014 Gunnar and Rosemary Dybwad Award Recipient*
- ❖ *Presentation of the Dr. Jonathan M. Daube Award for Inclusion and Accessibility*
- ❖ *The opportunity to meet and network with MCC students, faculty and community members interested in issues of full participation in community life by **all** people*

You are invited as a guest of Communitas to this lecture. *This Seminar is funded by the MCC Institute on Disability & Community Inclusion/Dybwad Fund.*

Please let us know by April 14, 2014 if you will be attending:

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Dybwad Lecture Series

Monday April 21, 2014

Afternoon Highlights



4:00 – 4:30 *Welcome & Introductions ~*

Dr. George G. Ducharme, Director

*Manchester Community College Institute on Disability
and Community Inclusion*

MaryJo Archambault

*Coordinator of the Disabilities Specialist Degree Program and
the Therapeutic Recreation Program*

Announcement of Dybwad Scholarship Award Recipient

4:30 – 5:00 *Presentation of the Dr. Jonathan M. Daube Award
for Inclusion and Accessibility. Presented by
Dr. Jonathan Daube.*

5:00-6:00 *Peter Karanja. Following Peter's talk, he will be doing a book signing.
His book will be available for sale (\$10.00).*

6:00 – 6:30 *Cookies & conversation. Our time together will allow for
conversation. We want everyone to feel welcome to share their thoughts and
ideas!!*

*Rosemary and Gunnar Dybwad have left us with a spirit that teaches us to
welcome everyone into our "family" of friends. They opened their home and
hearts to many who wanted to learn how to help children and adults with
intellectual disabilities become more involved in school and community life. By
listening to parents all over the world, they caused an international association of
parents to be formed, which provides support to countless families in remote
regions and villages throughout the globe. But their memorable gift to all who
knew them was their ability to welcome and listen – one person at a time.*

*We, here at Manchester Community College, are very proud to host the annual
Rosemary and Gunnar Dybwad Lecture Series.*

