

Two Events - October 15th

Jonathan Mooney



In the summer of 2002, Jonathan traveled around America in an old short school bus that he converted into an RV to explore disability culture in a journey that led him straight to the myth of normalcy.

Like many people with disabilities, Jonathan had spent his life chasing that myth. But on the Short Bus, he learned that people with disabilities make up a nation-wide movement that actively resists the constraints of normalcy. In this presentation, he brings to life some of the individuals with disabilities that he encountered, and shows how public institutions enforce normalcy. Drawing on his own experiences, he illustrates that "normal" is a state that no one visits: everyone must embrace their radical difference.

4 pm, Gifford Auditorium

Lecture:

“Short Bus Stories: A journey beyond normal”

**H.B. Crouse Hall (HBC)
Main Campus,
Syracuse University**

Central to the disability rights movements is the idea that disability is not a medical issue, but first and foremost a civil rights issue. And moreover, the powerful idea that people with disabilities are a minority group, with different experiences, who are united by a shared history of marginalization and discrimination.

Jonathan outlines the paradigm of minority rights and explores its consequences for parents and advocates of people with disabilities.

Drawing upon his own personal experiences with rejecting a disability identity and trying to "pass" as normal, and disability groups, such as Deaf Pride who demand to be valued as they are, Jonathan explores the legality, history, and theory of conceptualizing disability as a civil rights issue.

7 pm Watson Theater

Lecture & Discussion

“Freaks, Spazzes, and Gimps: Disability Rights, Pride, Community, and Culture”

Film Shorts:

- **Inclusive Post-**

Secondary Education:

Living the dream

- **Elementary Ed**

(Ed Smith School documentary)

**Waverly Ave - just up the hill
from Bird Library
Syracuse University**



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Information and Accessibility

Both facilities are accessible. CART will be provided for the lecture and discussion and the films are captioned. For parking information go to www.safetyrules.net/parking.html or contact Ted Finlayson-Schueler at 446-6333 or email tfinlays@syr.edu.