



Mount Wachusett
Community College

THE HUMANITIES PROJECT

A World of Ideas in Your Community

REVISITING 1984

George Orwell's *1984* is a dystopian novel about a future world where "war is peace; freedom is slavery; and ignorance is strength"; where "Big Brother is Watching You"; and where the "Ministry of Truth" disseminates lies, what we today might call "fake news." What can *1984* teach us about resistance and resilience; freedom and truth; and the responsibility of a free press to challenge power? How much of *1984* has come true? How much remains science fiction?



Commissioned artwork by MWCC alumnus Dylan Safford

FREE EVENTS

Open to the general public

SEPTEMBER 2018

20 **Fundraiser Hike** | Wachusett Mountain, Princeton
4:30PM
Hike a mountain and help raise money for the MWCC Humanities Project at the 5th Annual Hike for the Humanities.

24 **Panel Discussion** | MWCC Room 115
12-2PM
Whose News Is It? Panel discussion on media bias and fake news, in collaboration with the Tea-Time Speaker Series.

OCTOBER 2018

10 **Lecture** | Levi Heywood Memorial Library
6:30-8PM
Big Brother Meets Alexa: Surveillance in *1984* and 2018. Facilitated by MWCC faculty Reed Hillman and James Bigelow.

NOVEMBER 2018

15 **Lecture** | Beals Library, Winchendon
6:30-8PM
Sexuality and Gender in *The Handmaid's Tale* and *1984*. Facilitated by MWCC faculty Shelley Errington-Nicholson and Michelle Valois.

FEBRUARY 2019

21 **Lecture** | Leominster Public Library
6:30-8PM
Fake News: How to Spot It; What to Do about It
Facilitated by MWCC faculty Susan Goldstein and Ellen Pratt.

MARCH 2019

27 **Film Screening** | MWCC North Café
12:30-2:30PM
1984 – Film version of the novel, directed by Michael Radford.

APRIL 2019

04 **Lecture** | Athol Public Library
6:30-8PM
Can the US Constitution Save Us From *1984*?
Facilitated by MWCC faculty Dan Soucy and Jim Korman.

11 **Poetry Reading** | MWCC North Café
12:30-1:30PM
The Poetry of Hope and Resistance with Martín Espada.