Interactive TEDxOaklandUniversitySalon to highlight Connections

In the spirit of re-engaging the Oakland University community between large TEDx events and igniting discussions on issues of interest, TEDxOaklandUniversity will host its first Salon, Monday, March 27, 2017, 5:30-9 p.m., in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms on the campus of Oakland University.

This independently organized event, licensed by TED, will feature local voices focused on the importance of Connections.

Smaller than a formal TEDx event, a TEDx Salon hallmark is lively, interactive, focused discussions where attendees actively participate. Think of it as a gathering with the smartest people you know. At the OU event, attendees will connect with concepts focused on helping them live their best life, make the world a better place and strengthen their most important relationships.

“There will be something for everybody, an opportunity for everyone to connect, participate and learn,” says TEDxOaklandUniversity coordinator Amy Rutledge, special instructor, management information systems. “The Salon approach is a smaller gathering which allows for a lively, spirited exchange of ideas. By encouraging audience participation, there is more sharing of ideas, more opportunity for every person who attends to learn something and add something to conversation. Everyone benefits.”

Specifically, attendees of the TEDxOaklandUniversitySalon will get to know and exchange ideas with:

- **Terri Orbuch, Ph.D.**, also known as The Love Doctor®, is America’s most trusted relationship expert. This author, speaker, therapist and professor will build on her TEDxOaklandUniversity talk which received more than one million views. Dr. Orbuch’s insights will help you evaluate and strengthen your relationships.

- **Lisa Jesswein**, a two-time kidney transplant recipient, cancer survivor, divorcée and host of Positive Now on Empower Radio, will help you build a plan to overcome fears and navigate setbacks.

- **Nicholas Kristock**, an entrepreneur with a passion for service and founder of several non-profit ventures, believes the world needs pioneers to create solutions to everyday problems. His conversation will ignite your enthusiasm for social entrepreneurship.

To keep in the spirit of a Salon and create a greater sense of community, space is limited. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased after March 1 at the Oakland University Center for Student Activities service window, located on the lower level of the Oakland Center. Tickets are available by phone and will call pick up. Call the CSA at (248) 370-4407. For more information visit [www.TEDxOaklandUniversity.com](http://www.TEDxOaklandUniversity.com).

This event is sponsored by the Oakland University School of Business Administration and School of Engineering and Computer Science.

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