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Ocean County Library Presents Virtual Discussion of *American Creed*

TOMS RIVER – Join the Ocean County Library for a virtual discussion of the PBS documentary *American Creed*, 6:30 PM Tuesday, February 16.

The online panel consists of Rutgers University Assistant Professor Dr. Nicole Mirra; author and social media host Gregory Andrus; entrepreneur Joel Markel; and communications and civics expert Claude E. Taylor.

Dr. Mirra's work in urban teacher education explores critical literacy and civic engagement among students and instructors in classroom, community, and digital environments.

Gregory Andrus has conversed with thousands of people in New Jersey's coastal towns. Their stories are the foundation of his Portraits of the Jersey Shore website and Facebook page, and his weekly Facebook Fireside Chats.

Joel Markel, founder of Preferred Home Health Care and Nursing Services and host of radio's "Preferred Company," devotes his efforts to helping veterans coping with PTSD, families facing pediatric cancer, and homeless individuals.

Claude E. Taylor, Director for Academic Transition and Inclusion in the Monmouth Center for Student Success, lectures at Monmouth University and teaches Communication Ethics, Media Literacy, Political Communication and Civic Participation.

American Creed, viewable at <https://vimeo.com/454180616/6008e761c3>, pairs Condoleezza Rice and David M. Kennedy in an exploration of America's common ideals from diverse viewpoints, in pursuit of a unifying American Creed. They chat with people of diverse backgrounds, in various occupations, throughout the United States.

The *American Creed* Community Conversation Event is supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Registration is required for this free virtual program. To register, visit www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events.

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