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A fuller list of events for the 46th Commemoration of May 4, 1970.

A series of events have been organized by the May 4 Task Force and other campus organizations, including book discussions and signings, concerts, and the annual Candle Lit Walk, Vigil and Commemoration. Kent State President Beverly Warren also will speak at the commemoration on May 4.

The Kent State University May 4 Visitors Center, supported by the College of Arts and Sciences, will also host a series of events on state violence with the theme “Cambodia After Kent State,” with a focus on the aftermath of the Cambodian Genocide during the Khmer Rouge regime. These programs, held on April 26, 27 and 28 on the Kent Campus, are free and open to the public.

April 26
At 7 p.m. in the Kent Student Center Kiva, Chum Mey, a survivor of the infamous S-21 Security Center in Phnom Penh, will relate his story of imprisonment, survival and forgiveness. Throughout its existence, S-21 detained and tortured more than 12,000 men, women and children. His life will provide the focal point for a broader discussion on state violence with Kent State students from across the globe. A reception hosted by Kent State’s Office of Global Education will follow.

April 27
At 7 p.m. in the University Auditorium at Cartwright Hall, Loung Ung, author of "First They Killed My Father," will provide a powerful address on her childhood experience under the Khmer Rouge. More broadly, Ung will discuss the reality of girls’ education in contemporary Cambodia. Joining Ung is Jamie Amelio, founder and CEO of Caring for Cambodia, a nonprofit organization committed to improving the educational system of Cambodia through the creation of more than 20 model schools.

April 28
At 7 p.m. in Schwartz Center, Room 177, LinDa Saphan, lead researcher/associate producer and genocide survivor and director John Pirozi will host a screening of their award winning film "Don’t Think I’ve Forgotten: Cambodia’s Lost Rock and Roll." Their film examines popular music from the pre-Khmer Rouge era and explores the impact of music in the struggle for political, ideological and social change. It depicts the musical and political history of Cambodia from the 1950s to the mid-1970s.

May 3
The May 4 Task Force will host presentations by students in the Kent State course May 4, 1970 and It’s Aftermath, starting at 5:30 p.m., as well as a book discussion on Kent State: Death and Dissent in the Long Sixties by Tom Grace, one of the nine wounded students shot on May 4, 1970, starting at 8:00 p.m. both events in the Lecture Hall (214) in Oscar Ritchie Hall. That evening the Candle Lit Walk and Vigil will begin at 10:00 p.m. on the Kent State Commons. The march will begin at the Victory Bell and will continue around campus, concluding at the Prentice Hall parking lot, where lighted markers indicate where the four victims — Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer and William Schroeder — were killed. The candle bearers will then start the vigil that will continue throughout the night until the commemoration begins at noon on Wednesday.
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- The Kent State University Bookstore will host a book signing event from 10-11:30 a.m. at the bookstore with authors Craig Simpson and Greg Wilson, Ph.D. (Above the Shots, released in April), Thomas Grace, Ph.D., (Kent State: Death and Dissent in the Long Sixties), Jerry Lewis, Ph.D. & Thomas Hensley, Ph.D., (Kent State & May 4th: A Social Science Perspective), Laura Davis, Ph.D. and Mark Seeman, Ph.D., (This We Know), and David Hassler (May 4th Voices: Kent State, 1970).

- The annual commemoration begins at 11:30 p.m. on the Kent State Commons and includes remarks by KSU president Beverly J. Warren, a keynote speech by Samaria Rice, remarks by long time local labor/civil rights activist Staughton Lynd, performances by a member of the Kent Gospel Choir and Sue Jeffers. The rain location will be the Kent State Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center (MACC) located next to the Student Center.

- The Kent State University Honors College will host a “Research Uncorked” event at 5:30 p.m. at Venice Cafe in downtown Kent. The discussion, focused on May 4, 1970 and the conflict between freedom of public expression and the unauthorized use of governmental force used to suppress it, will be led by Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., professor and coordinator of doctoral education in the School of Communication Studies, and Richard Serpe, Ph.D., department chair and professor in the Department of Sociology at Kent State.

- A Gospel Choir Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Cartwright Hall Auditorium.

For more information about events commemorating May 4, visit the May 4 Task ForceFacebook page or contact Dufner, president of the May 4 Task Force, at adufner@kent.edu or Idris “Kabir” Syed, faculty advisor of the May 4 Task Force, at isyed@kent.edu.

For more information about Kent State’s May 4 Visitors Center, visitwww.kent.edu/may4.