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WEEK

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Centrum resident presents reading

Centrum resident Ande Diaz presents a reading on "Careers in Public Service," this Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m., in building 205 at Fort Worden State Park.

Diaz will read from her book *The Harvard College Guide to Careers in Public Service*. While Diaz completed the book for a series published by Harvard College, she would have preferred the title to be *Refuse to Choose: Make Both a Living and a Difference*. At the reading, she is interested in creating a dialog with her audience about incorporating a public service ethic into work and life choices.

According to Diaz, the emerging global culture requires a broader definition of citizenry. "Our goal as communities should be to develop critically thinking and caring world citizens for the 21st century. My work involves fostering healthy and diverse

communities that are compassionate and embrace a respect for difference."

Diaz is an independent career consultant, and the Assistant Dean in student affairs and multicultural program development at Princeton University. Prior to that, she spent seven years listening to and advising Harvard and Radcliffe students and alumni career-changers who have a passion for community service, the arts, or both. Diaz leads workshops and runs programs to teach job-search tools. Two of her most popular workshops are "Job-Hunt Strategies for the Not-for-Profit Sector" and "Professional Development for Artists." Diaz has authored several other publications on such topics as informational interviewing, trends in arts management, and careers in the arts.

While at Centrum, Diaz has

been researching intentional communities. She has a particular interest in adapting the best practices of co-housing solutions for use by low-income families and new immigrant families who often have less familiarity with and access to U.S. resources.

Diaz is a practicing artist working in papier-maché and ceramics. She is an avid appreciator of Afro-Caribbean music, jazz, and blues, and holds a bachelor of arts degree from Yale University and a master in education degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She also has a Certificate in Arts Management from the University of Massachusetts Arts Extension Service.

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