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***RED LIGHT NIGHT: "Disruptive Thinking"***

**CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO--** Thursday, March 24th, at 7:00 p.m., the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri will host their second *Red Light Night* of this season with the topic "Disruptive Thinking" based on conversations about race and equality that circulate in our society today.

The Diversity Peer Educators from Southeast Missouri State University, along with faculty advisor Natalie Sandoval, have worked together to coordinate a 2-hr comprehensive presentation at the Arts Council. A select panel of group members will open the session with an interactive activity aiming to help the audience identify and acknowledge difficult questions. The group hopes to get people thinking about these challenging conversations that we, as a society, often avoid but so desperately need to have. The opening icebreaker activity will be followed by a panel discussion where the group hopes challenging questions will continue to be addressed, and a mutual understanding can be reached. The ultimate goal is a constructive conversation and safe environment where relationships can be built.

Diversity Peer Educators is an organization at Southeast Missouri State University committed to educating students in the region about tolerance, difference, and culture through innovative programming, team building exercises, and controversial conversations.

*Red Light Night* is a series of after-hours discussions on controversial and taboo topics within the arts. *Red Light Nights* will be presented by guest lecturers and panelists at the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri in Downtown Cape Girardeau on select Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Please note, topics and discussion are intended for a mature audience.

Join other arts supporters in controversial discussions during *Red Light Nights*. The Arts Council of Southeast Missouri is located at 32 North Main Street in Cape Girardeau, MO. Galleries are open Tuesday- Saturday, from 10am to 4pm.