

# “Voices in the Sand”

A Retirement Tribute to Professor Bill O’Connell



A staged reading of monologues from O’Connell’s book and documentary “Homeless in Paradise” produced by students in COM 107: Small Group Communication and Musicians Club

DATE

**THURSDAY  
MAY 8, 2025**

TIME

**11:00 a.m.  
- 12:15 p.m.**

LOCATION

**VAN NOSTRAND  
THEATRE  
(SAGTIKOS)**

**Free entry; please bring a can of food for our food pantry!**

SUNY Suffolk Communication Professor Bill O’Connell brings the underbelly of Venice Beach homeless to life on the stage. Take the journey into this heart wrenching lifestyle filled with grief, paranoia, and social anxiety. Homelessness is often ignored and criminalized by mainstream American culture, though Professor O’Connell explores homelessness from a unique eye-opening perspective...through the eyes of 15 homeless people he met for the first time in 2004.

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