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SSU alumni, faculty, other members of the campus community, and the general public are invited to attend.

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Friday, April 8, 2022, 11:00 am
Clark Memorial Library, Flohr Lecture Hall

A Clinical Sociologist as Mayor: Intervention in Local Politics

After moving to Portsmouth, Ohio in 2013, I initiated a number of projects to assist with community development in the area. In 2017, I decided to run for the Portsmouth City Council in



order to ensure more of these projects would be implemented. I was elected to a four-year term that began January, 2018, and I am currently the First Ward Representative and Mayor of Portsmouth. This presentation will describe how I have applied a Clinical Sociology perspective in my role as

a Portsmouth City Council member. This is demonstrated in my efforts to produce more inclusive definitions of Portsmouth and the people that live within it. It also is found in the work I have put into the transformation of spaces in the downtown, such as the construction of a new dog park and a new skate park. I have adopted a Clinical Sociological perspective in my council actions and my community engagement, and this is evident in both the outcomes I have produced and the methods I have employed to produce these outcomes. At a time when many feel despair about national politics, I believe it is critical to show the value of Clinical Sociology in local politics.

