

Debate, Dissent & Dialogue:
The Seventh Annual Humanities Symposium
September 7-15 2008
Belmont University

Sunday September 7

- **“Debate Camp” & “Game On”: A Viewing & Discussion of Two Episodes of *The West Wing***
Dr. Bonnie Smith and University Media Writer and Belmont alumna April Hefner (M.A. '07)
2:00-4:30pm LCVA 117 (AL)

Monday September 8

- **“Please Argue With Me!: A Summons to the Symposium”**
Dr. Bonnie Smith, Department of English, Belmont U
10-10:50 am, Massey Boardroom (AL)
- **“One of the Greatest Debates in Western History: The Controversy of Valladolid”**
Dr. Natalia Pelaz, Department of Foreign Languages, Belmont U
2:00-2:50 pm, Massey Boardroom (AL)
- **“The Criticism of Honest Opponents” and Our Heritage of Dissent”**
Dr. David Curtis, Department of English, Belmont University
5:00-5:50 Belmont University Amphitheatre (rain location Massey Boardroom) (AL)
- **“Debate, Dissent, Dialogue, and Indirection” A Viewing of *Amazing Grace***
with Dr. Maggie Monteverde and Michael Jackson
6:30-9:30pm, Massey Boardroom (AL)

Tuesday September 9

- **“Willie Stark, the Voices of the People, and the Voices of the Powerful: Executing Change on a Local Level in Robert Penn Warren's *All the King's Men*”**
Professor Sue Trout, Department of English, Belmont U
11:00-11:50am, Bunch Library, Leu Art Gallery (AL)
- **Panel on Dissent and Debate in Nashville**
Representative Beth Harwell, Candidates Eric Stansell and Bob Tuke, activist Larry Woods, and radio host Freddie O'Connell
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm Bunch Library, Leu Art Gallery (AL)
Refreshments 6:00-7:00 pm
- **“Extra Terrestrial: The Outsized Influence of Talk Radio in America's Political Discussion”**
Freddie O'Connell, WRVU host Vanderbilt U
7:00-8:00 pm Bunch Library, Leu Art Gallery (AL)

Wednesday September 10

- **“Dissent in the Nixon Era”**
A Conversation with Dr. Jeff Coker & Dr. Peter Kuryla, Department of History, Belmont U
4:30-5:30 pm Bunch Library, Leu Art Gallery (AL)

- **“Reinventing Richard Nixon: Debating Cultural Values and National Identity”**

Dr. Daniel Frick, Franklin and Marshall U

7:00-8:00 pm Bunch Library Art Gallery

(AL)

Refreshments 8:00pm

Thursday September 11

- **“Just War and the U.S. Policy of Preemption”**

Dr. Ronnie Littlejohn, Department of Philosophy, Belmont U

11:00-11:50 am, Frist Lecture Hall (4th Floor Inman Health Sciences Building)

(AL)

- **“Telling National Stories: A Novel Way to Debate Argentina”**

Dr. Paulo Boero, Department of Foreign Languages, Belmont U

2:00-2:50 Frist Lecture Hall (4th Floor IHSB)

(AL)

- **“Jihad in Islam: The Creation of a Mujahid Identity in the Past and Present”**

Dr. Masood Raja, Kent State U and Belmont Alumnus

4:30-5:30 pm, Frist Lecture Hall (4th Floor IHSB)

(AL)

- **Reception for the Symposium Speakers**

6:00-7:00 pm, 4th Floor Lobby IHSB

- **“‘Interesting Point’: *Pulp Fiction*, Postmodern Philosophy, and the Fine Art of Disagreement”** *Keynote Address*

Dr. Michael Bérubé, Paterno Family Professor in Literature at Pennsylvania State U

7:00-8:00 pm, Frist Lecture Hall (4th Floor IHSB)

(AL)

Friday September 12

- **Debate, Dissent & Dialogue Symposium Panel**

Featured speakers Dr. Masood Raja, Dr. Daniel Frick, and Dr. Michael Bérubé

10:00-10:50 am, Frist Lecture Hall (4th Floor IHSB)

(AL)

- **Philologoi on the Value of Democracy**

Dr. Mark Anderson and Belmont Philosophy students

3:00-3:50 pm, Frist Lecture Hall (4th Floor IHSB)

(AL)

Sunday September 14

- **“We Will Not Walk in Fear of One Another””: *Good Night, and Good Luck* and Dissent in the Media**

moderated by Dr. Rich Tiner, Department of Media Studies, Belmont U

2:00-4:30 pm LCVA 117

(AL)

Monday September 15

- **“Please Argue Some More!: A Wrap-Up of Debate, Dissent and Dialogue”**

Panel Discussion moderated by Dr. Maggie Monteverde

10:00-10:50 am, MasseyCenter 100

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