



## The 7th Annual Humanities Symposium September 7-15, 2008

### Sunday September 7

#### **"Debate Camp" & "Game On": A Viewing & Discussion of Two Episodes of The West Wing**

Dr. Bonnie Smith and University Media Writer April Hefner  
2-4:30 pm, Leu Center for the Visual Arts 117 - (AL)

### Monday September 8

#### **"Please Argue With Me!": A Summons to the Symposium**

Dr. Bonnie Smith, Belmont University  
10-10:50 am, Massey Boardroom - (AL)

#### **One of the Greatest Debates in Western History: The Controversy of Valladolid**

Dr. Natalia Pelaz, Belmont University  
2-2:50 pm, Massey Boardroom - (AL)

#### **"The Criticism of Honest Opponents" and Our Heritage of Dissent**

Dr. David Curtis, Belmont University  
5-5:50 pm, Belmont Amphitheatre - (AL)  
(rain location Massey Boardroom)

#### **Debate, Dissent, Dialogue, and Indirection: A Viewing of *Amazing Grace***

Dr. Maggie Monteverde and Mr. Michael Jackson  
6:30-9:30pm, Massey Boardroom - (AL)

### Tuesday September 9

#### **Willie Stark, the Voices of the People, and the Voices of Powerful: Executing Change on a Local Level in Robert Penn Warren's *All the King's Men***

Professor Sue Trout, Belmont University  
11-11:50 am, 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 - 6 pm, Bunch Library Leu Art Gallery - (AL)  
6-7 pm - Refreshments

#### **Extra Terrestrial: The Outsized Influence of Talk Radio in America's Political Discussion"**

Freddie O'Connell, WRVU host Vanderbilt University  
7-8 pm, Bunch Library Leu Art Gallery- (AL)

### Wednesday September 10

#### **Dissent in the Nixon Era: A Conversation**

Dr. Jeff Coker & Dr. Peter Kuryla, Belmont University  
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 University  
7-8 pm, Bunch Library, Leu Art Gallery - (AL)  
8 pm - Refreshments

### Thursday September 11

#### **'Just War and the U.S. Policy of Preemption**

Dr. Ronnie Littlejohn, Belmont University  
11-11:50 am, Frist Lecture Hall (4<sup>th</sup> Floor IHSB) - (AL)

#### **Telling National Stories: A Novel Way to Debate Argentina**

Dr. Paulo Boero, Belmont University  
2-2:50 pm, Frist Lecture Hall (4<sup>th</sup> Floor IHSB), - (AL)

#### **Jihad in Islam: The Creation of a Mujahid Identity in the Past and Present**

Dr. Masood Raja, Kent State University and Belmont Alumnus  
4:30-5:30 pm, Frist Lecture Hall (4<sup>th</sup> Floor IHSB), - (AL)  
6-7 pm - Reception

#### **"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 University  
7-8 pm, Frist Lecture Hall (4<sup>th</sup> Floor IHSB) - (AL)

### Friday September 12

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

Dr. Masood Raja, Dr. Daniel Frick, and Dr. Michael Bérubé  
10-10:50 am, Frist Lecture Hall (4<sup>th</sup> Floor of IHSB) - (AL)

#### **Philologoi on the Value of Democracy**

Dr. Mark Anderson and Belmont Philosophy students  
3-3:50 pm, Frist Lecture Hall (4<sup>th</sup> Floor of 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, Belmont University  
2-4:30 pm, Leu Center for the Visual Arts 117 - (AL)

### Monday September 15

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

moderated by Dr. Maggie Monteverde  
10-10:50 am, Massey Center 100, - (AL)



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