

LIBERAL ARTS 101 at King's
Thursday evenings 5:30-8:30pm
March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2009..

March 12, 2009. Welcome and Orientation Evening 5:30-7:30pm

Please join us for a welcome dinner and an introduction to the fellow participants, faculty and organizers of the lecture series. Dr. Rick Csiernik, Professor, School of Social Work, King's will lead the meet and greet session. A tour of the campus and the library will take place after the dinner and introductions. The dinner and orientation will take place in the Alumni Lounge in the Wemple Hall. Greeters will be at the front of the Wemple Hall (see enclosed map) to welcome you!

March 19, 2009. Dinner 5:30-6:30pm in the Alumni Lounge
Lecture 6:30-7:30pm in Room W174 in the Wemple Hall
Discussion Groups and Wrap-Up 7:30-8:30 pm in Alumni Lounge
LECTURE #1

“Canadian Perspectives on the US: Working on the Relationship” by Dr. Hugh Mellon, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, King's

On March 4, 2009, the *Globe and Mail* carried the headline “We’re Seen as America’s Second Best Friend”. Inside the news article was discussion of the finding that a random sample of Americans preferred Great Britain to Canada by 36% TO 20%. This kind of finding raises a host of interesting and timely questions for a Canadian audience. What does it mean to be a ‘friend’ to the US? Should Canadians care, or react, to such a finding? What are the various ways in which Canadians and Americans have seen each other over our histories? These and other related topics will be addressed in a general discussion of Canada and its American neighbour to the South, the USA

March 26, 2009 . Dinner 5:30-6:30pm in the Alumni Lounge
Lecture 6:30-7:30pm in W174 in the Wemple Hall
Discussion Groups and Wrap-Up 7:30-8:30pm in Alumni Lounge
LECTURE #2

“What to do about Suffering? On Meaning and Happiness” by Dr. Antonio Calcagno, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, King's

Is there any meaning in suffering? Can one be happy in this life despite suffering? What is happiness? Suffering and happiness traditionally form two of the great themes of philosophy. We will examine various philosophical responses to the problems of suffering and happiness. Thinkers like Epicurus, Epictetus, Boethius and Viktor Frankl will be engaged in order to articulate possible responses. Participants will be asked to think about and comment on the views advanced, ultimately asking whether such positions are justified.

April 2, 2009. Dinner 5:30-6:30pm in the Alumni Lounge
Lecture 6:30-7:30pm in W174 in the Wemple Hall
Discussion Groups and Wrap-Up 7:30-8:30 pm in Alumni Lounge

LECTURE#3

“Murder and Pastels in Miami: The Role of Miami Vice in bringing back tourists to Miami” by Dr. Alison Meek, Associate Professor, Department of History, King’s

This talk will look at how the crises facing Miami in the late 1970s/early 1980s—Cocaine Cowboy drug shootouts, Cuban refugees and race riots—hurt tourism to the area, and to what degree the television show Miami Vice helped to restore Miami’s image and thus bring back the tourists.

April 9, 2009. Dinner 5:30-6:30pm in the Alumni Lounge
Lecture 6:30-7:30pm in W174 in Wemple Hall
Discussion Groups and Wrap-Up 7:30-8:30pm in Alumni Lounge

LECTURE#4

“Art and Perception” by Dr. Diane Humphrey, Associate Professor, Department of History, King’s

How do we perceive the meaning in art? Some scientists believe that artworks are the most important evidence we have for our history as human beings. We will look at the way art has been viewed through previous cultures, and how art reveals our ability to perceive in a meaningful way. A theory of art as two kinds of aesthetics (and two kinds of perception) will be presented.

April 16, 2009. Dinner 5:30-6:30pm in the Alumni Lounge
Lecture 6:30-7:30pm in W174 in the Wemple Hall
Discussion Groups and Wrap-Up 7:30-8:30pm in Alumni Lounge

LECTURE #5

“Extraordinary Aspects of Reality in Altered States of Consciousness: by Dr. Imants Baruss, Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychology, King’s

In this class we will consider a number of altered states of consciousness such as sleep, hypnotic trance, drug-induced states, near-death experiences, and alien abduction experiences, and the manner in which extraordinary aspects of reality are revealed in these states. In particular, we will consider the phenomenon of ontological awakening and the manner in which it can occur in altered states of consciousness..

April 23, 2009. Dinner 5:30-6:30pm in the Alumni Lounge
Lecture 6:30-7:30pm in W174 in the Wemple Hall
Discussion Groups and Wrap-Up 7:30-8:30pm in Alumni Lounge

LECTURE #6

A Broken Heart Still Beats: Loss, Grief and Chronic Sorrow” by Dr. Eunice Gorman, Assistant Professor, Grief and Bereavement Studies (Thanatology) and Social Work, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, King’s

“Only the broken heart know the truth about love” Mason Cooley. After loss of important relationships, difficult life challenges or the death of someone dear to us, we are often broken hearted and do not know how we will survive. We will discuss grief, chronic sorrow, what theorists say about bereavement and ultimately look at protective factors, resilience and coping.

April 30, 2009. Celebration Dinner 5:30-7:30 pm

Participants and faculty will enjoy a festive dinner and celebrate their shared experience of the lecture series. Dr. Csiernik will lead a discussion of the experiences of the group. Certificates will be awarded to all of the participants.