Faculty Lectures

Each semester, Commonwealth Honors College celebrates faculty who have made a significant contribution to research or creative activity. These faculty share their ideas and insight with honors students in plenary sessions open to the campus community. The lectures highlight academic excellence and scholarship and are also designed to complement the Honors Seminar course entitled "Ideas that Changed the World."

Past Lectures

Fall 2013

A Cure for Severe Asthma: New Hope for the Future
Wilmore Webley
10/01/2013 - 6:30pm Campus Center Auditorium

Spring 2013

The Tenacity of Lost Objects
Prof. Noy Holland, English Department
04/23/2013 - 7:30pm Student Union Ballroom

Silent Spring and the Gift of Good Land
Craig Nicolson, Director, Academic Sustainability Programs, College of Natural Sciences
04/02/2013 - 6:30pm Campus Center Auditorium

The Fatal Truth: The Cult of Violence in Western Political Thought
Daniel Gordon, Professor of History and Associate Dean, Commonwealth Honors College
03/05/2013 - 6:30pm Student Union Ballroom

The Roles of Innovation and Imagination in Archaeology of Pompeii
Eric Poehler
02/06/2013 - 6:30pm Campus Center Auditorium

Fall 2012

The Writer’s Perspective: Literary Imagination and Living History
Sabina Murray, Professor, English
11/26/2012 - 6:30pm Campus Center Auditorium

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(un)Silent Sea
Sheila Patek, Associate Professor, Biology
11/07/2012 - 6:30pm Student Union Ballroom

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What Would Plato Say about Africa’s Odious Debts?
Léonce Ndikumana, Andrew Glyn Professor of Economics, Department of Economics and Political Economy Research Institute
10/03/2012 - 6:30pm Campus Center Auditorium

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Spring 2012

Our Planet, Under Pressure: Current Status and Future Prospects
Raymond Bradley
04/04/2012 - 6:30pm Student Union Ballroom

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Coming Out for Change
M. V. Lee Badgett
03/15/2012 - 6:30pm Campus Center Auditorium

Multiple Modes of Inquiry and the Nature of Reality
David K. Scott
02/14/2012 - 6:30pm Campus Center Auditorium

Fall 2011

Art as Intellectualism
Nicholas McBride
11/29/2011 - 6:30pm Campus Center Auditorium

Puffers Pond: What's Happening of Great Scientific Importance
Lynn Margulis, Distinguished University Professor, Geosciences
10/17/2011 - 6:30pm Campus Center Auditorium

Advertising and the End of the World
Sut Jhally, Professor, Communication
11/07/2011 - 6:30pm Campus Center Auditorium
The Great Lie of Ideals: From Plato to General Education  
David Lenson, Professor and Program Director, Comparative Literature  
09/14/2011 - 6:30pm Campus Center Auditorium  

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Spring 2011

Reading W.E.B. DuBois in the Context of the Present Economic Crisis  
Amilcar Shabazz  
02/23/2011 - 6:30pm Student Union Ballroom

Seeing the Light in the 21st Century: R U Still in Plato's Cave?  
Scott Auerbach  
01/26/2011 - 6:30pm Campus Center Auditorium

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