Faculty Lecture Series

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.”

Upcoming Lecture

"The Writer’s Perspective: Literary Imagination and Living History"
Sabina Murray, Professor, English
November 26, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Campus Center Auditorium

A look at the power of engaging history in one’s fiction—of inviting the real into the imagined

Past Lectures

“(un)Silent Sea"
Sheila Patek, Associate Professor, Biology
November 7, 2012
"What Would Plato Say about Africa’s Odious Debts?"

Léonce Ndikumana, Andrew Glyn Professor of Economics, Department of Economics and Political Economy Research Institute
October 3, 2012

"Our Planet, Under Pressure: Current Status and Future Prospects"

Raymond Bradley, University Distinguished Professor of geosciences and director of the Climate System Research Center
April 4, 2012

"Coming Out for Change"

M.V. Lee Badgett, Professor, Economics and Director, Center for Public Policy and Administration
March 15, 2012

"Multiple Modes of Inquiry and the Nature of Reality"

David K. Scott, Former Chancellor, University of Massachusetts Amherst
February 14, 2012

"Art as Intellectualism"

Nicholas McBride, Professor, Journalism
November 29, 2011
"Advertising and the End of the World"

Sut Jhally, Professor, Communication

November 7, 2011

"Puffers Pond: What's Happening of Great Scientific Importance"
Lynn Margulis, Distinguished University Professor, Geosciences

October 17, 2011

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"The Great Lie of Ideals: From Plato to General Education"

David Lenson, Professor and Program Director, Comparative Literature

September 14, 2011

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