

RIVIER COLLEGE HUMANITIES LECTURE SERIES (FALL 2006 TO SPRING 2007)

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Humanities Lecture Series 2006-2007

September 26, 2006, 7:00 pm, Dion Center Board Room

“The U.S. Supreme Court Today and Its Recent Decisions”

Daniel Breen, Ph.D., J.D., Newbury College

Daniel Breen is history professor at Newbury College in Brookline, Massachusetts. Professor Breen combines the expertise of a Ph.D. in history from Boston College with that of a J.D. from Emory University to discuss the current Supreme Court and the reasoning in some of its more important recent decisions.

October 2, 2006, 12:30 pm, Dion Center Reception Room

“Piano Demonstration and Discussion”

Sergey Schepkin, pianist

The Russian-American pianist Sergey Schepkin has performed in many countries of the world. He has won great acclaim for his performances and recordings of J.S. Bach, and was hailed by The New York Times as "a formidable Bach pianist . . . [who] plays with the passion and drama of a young Glenn Gould." "No one who loves Bach can afford not to listen to these performances." The Essential Listening Companion catalog considered Schepkin's recording of Bach's "Goldberg" Variations as one of the top three recordings of that work on the piano along with one by András Schiff and the 1981 version by Glenn Gould. The American Record Guide deemed Schepkin "the major Bach interpreter of his generation."

The Humanities Series thanks the Division of Liberal Arts for its additional support of this event.

October 16, 2006, 7:00 pm, Dion Center Board Room

“The Ethics of Cloning”

Timm Triplett, University of New Hampshire

Timm Triplett is a philosophy professor at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire. Professor Triplett will provide an update of his talk several years ago on the discussion surrounding the ethics of cloning in light of recent scientific advances and political developments.

February 13, 2007, 7:00 pm, Dion Center Board Room

“Modern India, South Asia and the U.S. Today”

Donald Johnson, New York University

Don Johnson is professor emeritus at New York University. He will address the burgeoning Indian economy as well as the growth of India as a regional and global power. He will also address India's changing relationship with the United States as both an economic and political partner.

March 20, 2007, 7:00 pm, Dion Center Board Room

"The Myth of Southern Hospitality: Discourse, Ethics and Politics"

Anthony Szczesiul, University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Anthony Szczesiul is English professor at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. Professor Szczesiul will discuss his research and teaching, which focus on American poetry, especially that of Robert Penn Warren, but particularly on the literature of and about the American South.

April 17, 2007, 7:00 pm, Dion Center Board Room

"Allied Intelligence and the Holocaust: Ethical Implications"

Sander Lee, Keene State College

Sander Lee is philosophy professor at Keene State College. Professor Lee's recent research focuses on the ethics of the response by the U.S. and its allies to the fairly accurate information they possessed at the time about the genocide ongoing in Europe. When must one act to save others? What possible consequences must one accept?

All events are sponsored by the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

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