



*Office of the Master, Vanier College
is pleased to announce the following*

Upcoming Events

Encounter Canada: A Symposium on Free Speech on University Campuses

Co-sponsored by:

Office of the Master, Vanier College

Office of the Master, McLaughlin College

Centre for Practical Ethics

Tuesday March 17th, 2009, 12 – 5 pm, The Renaissance, 001 Vanier College

Speakers to include:

Noel Badiou, Director, Centre for Human Rights, York University

“Freedom of Expression in a Human Rights world”

Professor Susan Dimock, Centre for Practical Ethics, York University

“Free Speech, Academic Freedom, and the Role of Universities”

Professor Ian Greene, Public Policy, Administration and Law, York University

“The Supreme Court’s Decision in Keegstra and Restraints on Free Speech”

Professor Stephen Newman, Department of Political Science, York University

“Why Classroom Speech Isn’t Always Free Speech”

Professor Wayne Sumner, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto

“Hate Speech and the Law”

The War on Terror in the First Century

U50 College Masters Public Lecture Series

Presented by Professor Emeritus Paul Swarney

Wednesday March 18th, 2009, 7 p.m. The Renaissance, 001 Vanier College

As part of York University's celebration of its 50th anniversary, the college masters have designed a lecture series which will highlight for members of the York University community, and the community at large, a sample of the diverse research in which faculty members at York University are involved. Each of York's nine colleges will host one such talk. The speakers and talks have been selected for the excitement in doing research that each speaker exhibits, and the fact that the talks will be geared to a general audience, with no technical knowledge of the subject matter, or the topic, being presupposed. This is, simply put, an outreach initiative, which the college masters are proud to present to, and for, the community.

Vanier College U50 Public Lecture by Paul Swarney: Wars against terror were notable features in the world of Caesar Augustus and his immediate successors. Attacks in what are now modern Iraq, Israel, Egypt and Germany generated calls for vengeance, retribution and solutions, most of which proved as violent and dangerous as the attacks themselves. The era beginning with Augustus and ending with the death of Nero finally concluded with two horrendous acts of vengeance - the complete destructions of Cremona in Italy and Jerusalem in Judea. Reactions often produced internal squabbles among those seeking to right perceived wrongs and dangerous shifts in public opinion on how to deal with these ancient “terrorists”. The outcome of debates about diplomatic or military solutions nearly bankrupted the Roman system and almost destroyed absolutely those who were targeted as terrorists. The use and abuse of terror as instruments for promoting political and even religious agendas in the first century are perhaps distant rumblings remarkably echoed in our own age.

How to Improve Your Academic Essay: Challenges and Opportunity

Professor Eric Lawee

Monday March 23rd, 2009 3:30 p.m., The Renaissance, 001 Vanier College

This workshop will focus on demystifying the writing process for the production of effective academic essay writing assignments at the undergraduate university level. Professor Lawee will discuss ways in which students can best prepare themselves to meet the challenges of planning and producing academic essays. The interactive lecture is intended to be relevant to students from a variety of disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences, and will offer students an adaptable model for the writing process from the beginning to the end of an assignment. The interactive approach is intended to encourage questions and discussion of student concerns regarding academic writing. Classes welcome. If you are planning to bring a class to this event, please contact the Master's Office 416-736-5192 or email vanier@yorku.ca.

Changing Canada for Women

President Emerita Lorna R. Marsden, York University

Tuesday April 7th, 2009 3:30 p.m., The Renaissance, 001 Vanier College

Since Confederation significant changes have occurred in the lives of women. Fluctuations in the status of women in Canada are a symptom of failures to institutionalize change as well as a result of other pressures. Some of these are explored.

Vanier College "Mini" Book Sale

Light reading: fiction, non-fiction, leisure, personal interest, travel books

April 29th to May 1st, 2009, The Renaissance, 001 Vanier College

(Because of the recent labour disruption, our *Annual* Book Sale will take place on September 29 – October 2, 2009. We continue to welcome book donations.)

Vanier College Productions

Presents: *Urinetown*, The Musical

March 26th through April 4th, 2009, Fred Thury Studio Theatre, 258 Vanier College

For ticket reservations, please call 416-736-2100, x40023.

Convocation Reception

Date tba, The Renaissance, 001 Vanier College

Vanier College will honour the June 2009 Graduates and recognize their special achievements.

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