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Lectures

Perspectives on the Common Good Lecture Series

William Jewell College's "Perspectives on the Common Good" lecture series focuses on themes of selfhood and responsibility, challenging listeners to explore the complexities of values in a pluralistic world. The "Perspectives" theme for 2011-12 is "Global Awareness: Who Is My Neighbor?" Through the generosity of several benefactors, William Jewell has created a distinctive lecture series that facilitates both internal and external community conversation about defining contemporary issues. All lectures are free and open to the public on the William Jewell campus in Liberty. See listings below for times and locations.

The Common Good Lectures are: The Peggy Kern Lecture on Women and Society; The Cope Lecture on Science, Technology and the Human Experience; The Everett P. Truex Economic & Financial Forum; The Carl F. Willard Distinguished Teacher Lecture; and The Distinguished Executive Lecture in Business and Leadership.



Tuesday, October 11
The Cope Lecture on Science, Technology and the Human Experience
Dr. David Walton, *global and public health advocate*,
7:30 p.m., John Gano Memorial Chapel



Tuesday, October 18
Everett P. Truex Economic & Financial Forum, 7:30 p.m.
Matt Urbanek, *Chief Financial Officer of ViraCor-IBT Laboratories, Inc.*
Yates-Gill College Union, Gill Family Meeting Room



Tuesday, November 8
The Carl F. Willard Distinguished Teacher Lecture
Dr. John Westlie, *Professor of French*
7 p.m., Yates-Gill College Union, Room 221



Tuesday, March 27
The Peggy Kern Lecture on Women & Society,
Jennifer Thompson, *human rights advocate*
7:30 p.m., John Gano Memorial Chapel



Tuesday, April 10
The Distinguished Executive Lecture in Business and Leadership
Scott McCormick, *Chief Vision Officer, VML*
7:30 p.m., Yates-Gill College Union, Gill Family Meeting Room

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Spiritual Life Chapel

William Jewell College promises students an outstanding liberal arts education that cultivates leadership, service, and spiritual growth within a community inspired by Christian ideals and committed to open, rigorous intellectual pursuits. Weekly chapel services welcome Jewell community members of all faiths and provide a spiritual connecting point for the campus and larger communities. Services at 10:15-10:35 a.m. Wednesdays in John Gano Memorial Chapel are open to the public. For more information, contact the Dean of the Chapel's office at 816-415-7556.



The Smith Lectures in Contemporary Jewish Life and Thought

The Smith Lectures in Contemporary Jewish Life and Thought will be offered as an extension of the academic offerings at William Jewell College for the 2011-2012 academic year. Funding for the lectures has been provided by the family of Edward and Beth Smith through the Jewish Community Foundation of Kansas City. Leading the Smith Lectures throughout the 2011-2012 academic year will be Rabbi Neal Schuster, Senior Jewish Educator at the Hillel chapter and faculty member at the University of Kansas. **Lectures are at 6 p.m. Sunday evenings in the Gill Family Meeting Room of Yates-Gill College Union.**

Sunday, September 25, 2011: Becoming the Responsible Self—a Jewish perspective on three foundational questions: What is real? What can we know? How should we live? This session will lay the foundation for understanding the Jewish ethos and worldviews. It references the College's core curriculum, which is organized around an examination of what constitutes the "Responsible Self."

Sunday, October 30, 2011: Between Universal and Particular—Are the Jews an insular people, or a cosmopolitan one? An exceptional people, or an ordinary one? Are they even a people at all? If so, how, who belongs, and what is their purpose?

Sunday, February 19, 2012: Questions Heaped Upon Questions—How Jews think and why. An exploration of the basic modes of Talmudic discourse and Jewish thought and how it has shaped the essence of the Jewish ethos.

Sunday, April 15, 2012: What Shall I Do With This People—The place of Jews and Judaism in the world. How Judaism has transformed the world. Is there still a "Jewish Problem" to be solved? If so, what is it, is there a solution, and what happens when Israel is added to the equation?