

“Being Human: Taking the Humanities Beyond the Classroom”
The First Annual Mary Louise White Symposium
SUNY Fredonia
March 16-17, 2006
All sessions are free and open to the public.

Thursday, March 16

- 2:30-3:30 p.m.: Registration (outside Fenton 105)
- 3:30-4:15 p.m.: Being Human: A Vision for the Humanities Today (Fenton 105)
Welcome: Dennis Hefner, President, SUNY Fredonia
Speakers: Paul Schwartz, Dean, College of Arts & Humanities
Christine Givner, Dean, College of Education
Robert Marzec, Associate Professor, English Department
- 4:15-4:30 p.m.: Coffee Break
- 4:30-5:45 p.m.: Keynote Lecture: “Humanities for Humans” (Fenton 105)
Lauren Silberman, Professor of English, Baruch College
Introduction: Theodore Steinberg, Professor, English Department
- 6:00-7:15 p.m.: Reception (*Pre-registration/fee required.*)
- 7:30-8:45 p.m.: The Humanities in the Context of Community: A Roundtable (Fenton 105)
Introduction: Bruce Simon, Associate Professor, English Department
Speakers: Mira Berkley, Board Member, Just My Imagination Workshop;
Assistant Professor, College of Education
Christina Jarvis, Board Member, Just My Imagination Workshop;
Associate Professor/Director, American Studies
Elizabeth Booth, former Executive Director, The 1891 Fredonia Opera House
Leonard Faulk, Director, SUNY Fredonia Center for
Rural Regional Development and Governance
Mike Kirst, Director, Literacy Volunteers-Chautauqua County
AnaMaria Klein, Assistant Professor, College of Education
Thomas Roque, founder, 2XL; member, Dunkirk School Board
Kevin Michki, Music Librarian, Reed Library/ Lecturer, School of Music
Loretta Slaton Torain, Director, Upward Bound Program at SUNY
Fredonia; President, Dunkirk-Fredonia Branch, NAACP

Friday, March 17

- 8:30-9:00 a.m.: Late Registration and Coffee (Williams Center, by S-104)
- 9:00-9:50 a.m.: Keynote Lecture: “Studying History, Viewing Art, Building Community” (Williams Center, S-104)
Marian Bleeke, Assistant Professor of Visual Arts and New Media, SUNY Fredonia
Introduction: Shannon McRae, Assistant Professor, English Department
- 9:50-10:00 a.m.: Coffee Break
- 10:00-10:50 a.m.: The Humanities in Action: Community Outreach (Williams Center, S-104)
Introduction: Ruth Antosh, Professor, Modern Languages and Literature

- Speakers: James Ivey, Chair, Department of Theatre & Dance
 Stephen Rees, Professor, Department of Theatre & Dance
 W. Stephen Mayo, Professor, School of Music
 Aimee Nezhukumathil, Assistant Professor, English Department
 James Stevens, Associate Professor, English Department
 Mira Berkley, Assistant Professor, College of Education
- 10:50-11:00 a.m.: Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:15 p.m. Keynote Lecture: "Dream States: The Public Imagination and the Cultural Disciplines" (Williams, S-104)
 Julie Ellison, Professor of American Culture, English, and Art and Design,
 University of Michigan, and Director of Imagining America
 Introduction: Virginia Horvath, Vice President of Academic Affairs
- 2:00-3:00 p.m.: The Humanities Beyond the Classroom: Student Practice (Fenton 105)
 Introduction: Mary Sasso, Director, International Education
 Speakers: John Arnold, Visiting Assistant Professor, History
 with students from his class HIST 305: The Renaissance
 Jill Marshall, Assistant Professor of Social Studies, College of Education
 and Lindsay Smith, Graduate Assistant, College of Education
 Jeanette McVicker, Chair/Professor, English Department
 with graduate students from her class ENGL 520: Seminar
 on Literary Studies and the Profession
- 3:00-3:15 p.m.: Break
- 3:15-4:30 p.m.: Closing Roundtable: The Humanities on Campus and in Our Community (Fenton 105)
 Introduction: David Ewing, Dean, College of Natural & Social Science
 Speakers: Vivian Conover, Associate Dean/Director of Academic Advising
 Christine Givner, Dean, College of Education
 Virginia Horvath, Vice President of Academic Affairs
 Jeanette McVicker, Chair, English Department/ Professor/Coordinator of
 the Interdisciplinary Minor in Journalism
- 4:30-5:30 p.m.: Wine and Cheese Reception (Café G)

Classes from all disciplines are welcome at the Symposium. For more information on bringing your class, for suggested readings or prompts, or to offer feedback on these events, contact being.human@fredonia.edu or phone (716) 673-3851. The symposium Web site is <http://www.fredonia.edu/departments/english/MLWSymposium/>.

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