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Swarthmore College

Faculty Lecture Series

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Research and Innovation

Faculty Lecture Series

Swarthmore has a generous leave policy that allows faculty to spend every seventh semester conducting intensive research for publication to better integrate disciplinary and cross-disciplinary explorations into the classroom upon return.

One Wednesday every Month at 4:30pm

After completing their sabbatical faculty are asked to present their research findings to the greater Swarthmore community. In the tradition of the liberal arts, lecturers pitch their talks to the diverse public, valuing inspiration and dialogue.

Featuring for 2015-16

Christy Schuetze (SocAnth)	September 23
Bob Rehak (Film Studies)	October 7
Elizabeth Stevens (Theater)	November 18
Patricia Reilly (Art)	February 17
Stephen Bensch (History)	March 16
Rachel A. Mertz (Biology)	April 6
Keith Reeves (Political Science)	April 27

McCabe Library Atrium

Holding lectures in the atrium of McCabe Library promotes a transparency and openness that is often lacking in the research process itself. The space helps to make the “hidden labor” of academic research visible to students, colleagues and staff. And it emphasizes the crucial place of libraries and archives in higher education.

In the Liberal Arts Tradition

Humanities

The Humanities study how and why we form relationships, express our thoughts, feel, imagine, process, and create, in short: document the human experience. Humans have used philosophy, literature, religion, visual arts, music, history and language to understand and record our world: how to communicate what we think; how to interpret what we read, see and hear; how to understand and respond to difference, how to question what seems obvious or inevitable.

Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

The Natural Sciences are concerned with the description, prediction, and understanding of natural phenomena, based on observational and empirical evidence. Validity, accuracy, and social mechanisms ensuring quality control, such as peer review and repeatability of findings, are amongst the criteria and methods used for this purpose. Mathematical endeavor is based upon logical argument, abstraction, and develops the ability to analyze and solve quantitative problems. Engineering and Computer Science require creativity and confidence in applying scientific knowledge and mathematical methods to solve conceptual and technical problems of ever-growing complexity.

Social Sciences

The Social Sciences study institutions and the social functioning of human society. Social Sciences deal with interpersonal relationships of individuals as members of society. They tell us about the world beyond our immediate experience, and can help explain how societies work in historically and culturally specific phases - from the causes of unemployment or what helps economic growth, to how and why people vote. Social Science research provides vital information for governments and policymakers, local authorities, non-governmental organizations and others.

Interdisciplinarity

At Swarthmore faculty often teach and research across disciplinary boundaries. In that process, they connect different methodologies, theories and practices leading to innovative results, constructively and dialogically engaging and critiquing patterns of thoughts.

