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Lang Center Events & Announcements
Please join us on Friday, December 1, 2017

This day's events celebrate the vision and legacy of Eugene Lang '38, H'81 who, in his generous support of the arts, education, and the common good at Swarthmore College and around the world, let his life speak and inspired many others to live liberal arts lives.

**Living the Liberal Arts Presentations**  
Friday, December 01, 2017 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
Location: Pearson-Hall, Lang Performing Arts Center

**Living the Liberal Arts Poster Sessions and Reception**  
Friday, December 01, 2017 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM  
Location: Lobby, Lang Performing Arts Center

**Fetter Chamber Music Concert**  
Friday, December 01, 2017 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Location: Lang Concert Hall, Lang Music Building

Please follow this link to register by November 15.

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**New Episode from War News Radio on the Rohingya Refugee Crisis**

War News Radio fills the gaps in the media's coverage of the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, and beyond by providing balanced and in-depth reporting, historical perspective, and personal stories.

Listen to the latest podcast on the Rohingya Refugee Crisis via PodBean.

**Biological Media**  
**A lecture by Adam Dickinson**  
Monday, Nov. 13 | 4:30-6:00 PM | Lang Center

Through the proliferation of plastics and chemical pollution more generally, petrochemicals constitute forms of social, material, and biological writing. How might contemporary writers respond to the capacity of petrochemical hyperobjects to influence
Do endocrine disrupting chemicals put pressure on literary forms and genres? Arguing for the critical potential of an ecopoetics that mixes science and art (through pataphysics and biosemiotics), this presentation will include a reading and a discussion of the poetics and research involved with two related books of poetry: *The Polymers*, which is an imaginary science project that combines the discourses, theories, and experimental methods of the science of plastic materials with the language and culture of plastic behaviour, and *Anatomic*, which involves chemical and microbial testing on my body in order to see the chemicals in my blood and urine, as well as the western-diet-influenced microbes in my stomach, as forms of media expressing my own strange intimacy with the energy sources of my historical moment.

Adam Dickinson’s poetry has appeared in literary journals and anthologies in Canada and internationally. He has published three books of poetry. His most recent book, *The Polymers*, was a finalist for the Governor General’s Award for Poetry, the Trillium Book Award for Poetry, and the ReLit Award. His forthcoming book *Anatomic* involves him testing his blood and body for chemicals and microbes in order to reframe the body as a being overwritten by toxic chemicals yet constantly subject in necessary ways to the biosemiotic interference of other microbial lifeforms. He teaches poetics and creative writing at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario.

*Sponsored by the Environmental Studies Program and the Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility.*

**Why Do They Return?**

**A lecture by Erin Corbett ’99**

*Monday, Nov. 13 | 4:30-6:30 PM | Kohlberg, Scheuer Room*

Despite progressive efforts toward restructuring how the system prepares incarcerated individuals for re-entry into their home communities, little is understood about the factors that determine whether someone re-offends. Erin Corbett ’99 argues for a closer examination of the limited educational and postprison employment opportunities that contribute to the phenomenon.

Erin Corbett ’99 is the founder and CEO of Second Chance Educational Alliance Inc., a nonprofit that provides participating ex-offenders with access to postsecondary opportunities. She completed her doctorate of education from the University of Pennsylvania in May.

*Sponsored by the Swarthmore College History Department, Black Studies Program, Black Cultural Center, and Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility.*

**Uninvited Girl: An Immigrant Story**

*Saturday, Nov. 14 | 7:15 PM | Lang Performing Arts Center, Pearson Hall Theater*

Written and Performed by Nimisha Ladva
Directed by Edward Sobel
A wonderful short play appropriate for middle school age children and older. A conversation with the playwright will follow. Please arrive by 7:15 pm as the doors will close by 7:29 pm. There will be no late seating.

*Sponsored by Swarthmore College Libraries, the English Department, and the Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility.

Classifieds for Students

Leadership Opportunity | Synapse

Synapse is a national organization that empowers undergraduates like you to work together to improve the lives of individuals with brain injury. Student-led chapters collaborate with physicians and community organizations to organize events to provide individuals with brain injury with opportunities to connect with and support one another, foster relationships between students and individuals with brain injury through a structured buddy program, and plan lectures by physicians and researchers on the latest advances in the field. Synapse currently has chapters at MIT, Stanford, Oregon State University, the University of Pennsylvania, UCLA, and the University of Washington. Applications to found a Synapse chapter at your university are now open! The application can be found here, and is due November 17, 2017 at 11:59PM PST.

Please direct any questions regarding the organization or application process to synapsenational@gmail.com. If interested, please apply at this link.

Job Opportunity | Impact America AmeriCorps (Seniors Only)

Impact America, a nationally recognized, award-winning nonprofit, provides an opportunity for recent graduates to engage with communities of need in a meaningful way, broadening their perspectives and making a real impact in their communities. The AmeriCorps Member position combines service with our nationally unique initiatives: FocusFirst, a high-tech vision care initiative for preschoolers; SaveFirst, a high-quality tax preparation initiative for low-income families; SpeakFirst, a debate initiative for talented and motivated middle and high school students in Alabama; CollegeFirst, a Summer Advanced Placement Institute focused on math and science for high schoolers in Alabama; and Stories from the Line, an initiative that
navigates the complexities of poverty through the development of a series of short films. This announcement is open to current seniors and recent graduates who may be interested in working with Impact America. Positions are available in Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Florida beginning in July 2018. A limited number of positions are also available starting in December 2017 in a variety of cities across Alabama (Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Huntsville, Montgomery), Tennessee (Memphis, Knoxville, Nashville, & Chattanooga), & South Carolina (Greenville & Spartanburg). Applications reviewed on a rolling basis. Priority deadline to apply for December start date: November 16. Priority deadline to apply for July start date: December 4.

Learn more and apply here.

Volunteer Opportunity | Let's Get Ready
Let's Get Ready, a nonprofit organization that provides high school students from historically under-served communities and first-generation-to-college students with free SAT preparation, admission counseling and other support services needed to gain admission to and graduate from college, is currently looking for volunteers for Spring 2018.
If interested, please contact Katie Bonner.

From Our Friends on Campus

Making Globalization Work for All
A lecture by Richard M. Locke, Ph.D., provost of Brown University and professor of political science and public and international affairs.
Friday, Nov. 3 | 4:30 PM | Kohlberg, Scheuer Room

Sustainability Student Leaders Symposium
Swarthmore, Emerson, and Champlain Colleges will be co-hosting this year’s Sustainability Student Leaders Symposium.
Sunday, Nov. 5 | 11:00 AM - 5:30 PM | Science Center 101
Learn more about this event at https://www.ssls2017.com.

Afterlives of Revolution: Russia Today in Context
There has never been a more crucial time to understand Russia. Join us on the revolution’s centennial anniversary for a wide-ranging discussion that will include history, music, gender studies, women’s rights, contemporary literature, politics, and art.
Tuesday, Nov. 7 | 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM | McCabe Library Atrium

Past to Present: Queer Identity at Swarthmore
In honor of the Intercultural Center’s 25th anniversary, please join us at a celebration of LGBTQ+ history and activism.
Saturday, Nov. 11 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Beginning in the Scheuer Room, Kohlberg Hall
Please register online.

What Goes Around Comes Around: The Circle of Trash at Swarthmore
This exhibition illustrates the lifecycle of our trash at Swarthmore, the impact of our choices and the history of student environmental justice activism at Swarthmore. Exhibition opens Monday, Nov. 13 | McCabe Library, Cratsley Lounge

**From Our Friends in the Community**

**Theaters of Refusal**
All interested TriCo faculty and students are welcomed to attend the lectures, as well as the associated film series and the BiCo Theater performance, of *Riot Antigone*. Monday, Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 | 7:30 PM | Great Hall, Bryn Mawr College | Bryn Mawr, PA

[Learn more about the event here.](#)

**Diversity, Demographics and Development**
A conversation on immigration and the American city with three experts from the University of Pennsylvania.
Tuesday, Nov. 7 | 5:30-7:00 PM | Mayor's Reception Room, City Hall | Philadelphia, PA

[This event is free and seating is capped at 110, so please click here to RSVP.](#)

**Democracy after Populism**
Jan-Werner Mueller, Professor of Politics at Princeton University and author of *What is Populism?*, will illuminate the concept of populism and point to ways in which populism has revealed weaknesses and problems in contemporary democracies. Book signing to follow.
Wednesday, Nov. 8 | 5:00 PM | Rainey Auditorium, Penn Museum | Philadelphia, PA

[Free and open to the public, but please register here.](#)

**Strides Saves Lives 5K Run/Walk**
Project Libertad is hosting a 5K to raise money to open a shelter for sex trafficking victims. 100% of the race proceeds will go towards the cause.
Saturday, Nov. 11 | 10:00 AM | Rose Tree Park | Media, PA

[Purchase your ticket and learn more about the event here.](#)

**Higher Education-Community Partnerships for Democracy and Social Change**
The conference will feature 100 speakers, including fourteen college and university presidents, as well as leaders of major national and global higher education organizations.
November 16-17 | University of Pennsylvania, Houston Hall | Philadelphia, PA

[Register and learn more about the event here.](#)

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