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Christ College SYMPOSIUM

Christ College Symposium gathers honors college sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and welcomes other members of the wider University and local communities to join in convivial discussion on a different thought-provoking topic each week.

Winter 2007

Thursdays 6:30-7:30 pm ♦ Christ College Refectory
Mueller Hall, Valparaiso University

~ *Christ College All-College Reading*

January 18

The Making of The Redemptive Self: Stories Americans Live By

Dan P. McAdams '76, Professor of Psychology, Northwestern University

• Each year all Christ College students, faculty, and staff read together a book chosen to delight, inform, and engage the community in thoughtful conversation. To complement the reading, Christ College Symposium invites the author to campus to speak about his or her experience with the text and its ideas. The reading for 2007 is **The Redemptive Self: Stories Americans Live By** (Oxford University Press, 2006), by Valpo and Christ College alumnus Dan P. McAdams. McAdams and **The Redemptive Self** have been honored by the American Psychological Association with two prestigious awards. The Sarbin Award is presented to a psychologist who demonstrates notable achievement in psychology. The William James Book Award commends the outstanding book in general psychology across specialty areas. The APA noted, "This inspiring book...is elegantly written by a noted personality psychologist, who creatively and carefully developed the overarching idea of redemption as a central, organizing theme in the self-defining narratives of generative male and female American adults."

~ *Louis E. and Janice M. Zeile Lecture on Christian Vocation*

January 25

Compassionate Care: The Church's Surprising Legacy

Judith A. Shelly, DMin, RN

Director, Nurses Christian Fellowship Press

• Christ College and the College of Nursing present the sixth Louis E. and Janice M. Zeile Lecture on Christian Vocation at Valparaiso University, an annual lecture made possible by the Zeile family. Dr. Judith Shelly serves Intersarsity Christian Fellowship as director of Nurses Christian Fellowship Press. Her publications include **The Changing Face of Healthcare: A Christian Appraisal** (co-edited with John Kilner and Robert Orr); **Spiritual Care: A Guide for Caregivers**; and **Called to Care: A Christian Theology of Nursing** (with Arlene Miller). Shelly has written and spoken on topics of Christian involvement and responsibility for healthcare in Europe and Asia as well as in the United States. Several of her books have been translated into Korean, Chinese, and Indonesian.

~ *Warren G. Rubel Lecture on Christianity and Higher Learning*

February 1

Opposite Sexes or Neighboring Sexes?

C.S. Lewis, Dorothy Sayers, and the Psychology of Gender

**Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen, Professor of Psychology and Philosophy
Eastern University**

• Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen is a social and cross-cultural psychologist who holds a faculty position in psychology and is a resident scholar at Eastern University's Hestenes Center for Christian Women in Leadership. She has published widely on the philosophy of the social sciences, human sexuality, and the interaction of gender with theology and church history. She has done field work in Central and West Africa and has held previous academic appointments at York University in Toronto and Calvin College. Her most recent book is **My Brother's Keeper: What the Social Sciences Do (and Don't) Tell Us About Masculinity**. This Symposium is the tenth in an endowed series established to commemorate the career of Warren G. Rubel, Professor Emeritus of Humanities in Christ College and Walter G. Friedrich Professor Emeritus of American Literature.

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~Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Lecture

February 8

China's Economic Explosion: Echoes at Home and Abroad

**Thomas G. Rawski, Professor of History and Economics
University of Pittsburgh**

• Thomas Rawski is professor of history and economics and, since 1996, research professor in the University Center for International Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. He has been a visiting scholar at the University of Tokyo, Harvard's Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, and the Australian National University. His research focuses on the development and modern history of China's economy, and he heads a large collaborative project aimed at evaluating China's recent growth spurt from the perspective of global economic history. His many publications include **Economic Growth and Employment in China**, **Chinese History in Economic Perspective**, and **Economics and the Historian**.

~Albert G. Huegli Lecture on Church-Related Higher Education

February 15

The Church's Heart for Learning

Richard John Neuhaus, Editor in Chief, *First Things*

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Room

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• Father Richard John Neuhaus is a noted Catholic intellectual. He is the founder and editor in chief of **First Things**, a journal published by the Institute on Religion and Public Life. Originally from the Ottawa Valley of Ontario, Canada, Neuhaus had a Lutheran background. Ordained a Lutheran minister, Neuhaus was pastor of a poor congregation in a minority area of New York City. He was active in the Civil Rights Movement, knowing Dr. Martin Luther King, before turning to neoconservatism in the 1970s. Neuhaus converted to Catholicism in 1990, and in 1991 was ordained a priest. He is a prominent Catholic figure, well known in Catholic circles both in the United States and Canada as well as in the Vatican. The Albert G. Huegli Lecture on Church-Related Higher Education honors the fifteenth president of Valparaiso University, Albert G. Huegli (1913-1998), who served from 1968 until 1978.

Christ College Student Scholarship Symposium (Session II)

February 22

• The Christ College Student Scholarship Symposium features analytical, critical, creative, and research projects by current Christ College students. Authors will present their work and respond to questions from the audience. (Session I was held October 26, 2006.)



Twenty-First Annual Christ College Freshman Debates

Debate One: Tuesday, March 27
Debate Two: Thursday, March 29

Debate Three: Tuesday, April 10
Debate Four: Thursday, April 12

6:30-7:45 pm Christ College Refectory

The exciting Christ College Freshman Debates are the culmination of first-year students' research, preparation, and practice of the arts of oral argumentation. Teams of freshmen, coached by Christ College faculty and senior students, will debate four timely and significant issues to be announced. Competition is civil and high spirited. At the conclusion of each debate, audience members vote their minds by leaving the assembly through a door marked **PRO** if they favor the resolution or through a door marked **CON** if they oppose the proposition. Votes are counted and announced at the end of the evening.