

Brain Candy

Evening Lecture Series - Rhodes College 2015 Summer Writing Institute

Fiction and Poetry Reading. Professors [Courtney Santo](#) and [Michael Gossett](#)

Tuesday, June 16 @ 7-8PM, Palmer Hall-Hardie Auditorium

Poet Gossett and novelist Santo, both Writing Institute faculty, will read from their recent work and talk about their writing process. Q&A to follow.

"Nothing tastes as good as being skinny feels". Professor [Rebecca Klatzkin](#)

Wednesday, June 17 @ 7-8PM, Buckman Hall rm 108

I can't eat that, I'm on a diet! I hate the way I look! Does this make me look fat? Have you ever said or felt anything like this? If so, you're not alone. Seventy percent of 18-30 year old women don't like their bodies and over one-half of teenage girls and one-third of teenage boys use unhealthy behaviors to control their weight. In this session, we'll explore common misconceptions about eating and weight concerns and how the media may play a role. We'll also discuss how these unhealthy thoughts and behaviors can lead to eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and binge eating disorder.

"Literary Liars." Professor [Patrick Gray](#)

Thursday, June 18 @ 7-8PM, Buckman Hall rm 108

In his masterpiece of utopian literature, *The Republic*, Plato famously excluded poets and story-tellers from his ideal city on the grounds that they tell lies. This session considers Plato's argument, the poets' response, notable examples of literary mendacity, and the ethics of fiction.

"Never Grow Up: The Walt Disney Company, Nostalgia, and the Drawbacks to Staying Young Forever".

Professor [Keith Corson](#)

Sunday, June 21 @ 7-8PM, Buckman Hall rm 108

Building a business empire by focusing on family-friendly entertainment, the Walt Disney Company has become synonymous with ideas of innocence and nostalgia. Their theme park ads urge visitors to discover their "Disney Side," with kids experiencing unparalleled joy and adults finding their inner-child just by setting foot in the "Happiest Place on Earth." Without dismissing the sincere joy that can be found in its films and theme parks, this talk will complicate Disney's use of innocence and nostalgia by looking at the consequences of seeing the world through the eyes of a child. We will use films and theme park attractions to explore the ways in which Disney shapes a collective socio-political consciousness by cultivating a sense of child-like engagement that is, by definition, uncritical.

The Rhetoric of "Fake" News: The Ironic Arguments of John Stewart and Stephen Colbert.

Professor [Leslie Petty](#)

Monday, June 22 @ 7-8PM, Buckman Hall rm 108

A few years ago, the New York Times published an article entitled, "Is John Stewart the Most Trusted Man in America?", which described *The Daily Show* as "a genuine cultural and political force." In this session, we will discuss how John Stewart - along with colleague Stephen Colbert - has established such credibility and persuasiveness through the unlikely medium of comedy. In order to do so, we'll view a few clips from the *Daily Show* and *The Colbert Report* and discuss their rhetorical strategies, and we will also discuss how these shows potentially redefine what Americans consider journalism.

Fiction Reading. Professors [Marshall Boswell](#) and [Caki Wilkinson](#)

Tuesday, June 23 @ 7-8PM, Palmer Hall-Hardie Auditorium

Fiction writer Boswell and Poet Wilkinson will read from their work and take questions about both the craft of writing and strategies to getting published.

COLLEGE PREP

SUMMER WRITING INSTITUTE 2015

The College Prep program, runs several weekdays 4-5 PM. Rhodes College professors and staff will offer you valuable instruction and information on applying and getting in to college. The program this year has three components.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS: CHOICES AND DECISIONS

Tuesday, June 16: 4 - 5 PM; Buckman Hall rm 108

[Ben Wescott](#), Senior Assistant Director of Admission at Rhodes, will inform you of the ins and outs of college admission, both generally and at Rhodes specifically. He'll hold a lengthy question and answer session. At the end of the session, students will be able to sign up for individual or group meetings with the Admission Office.

MAXIMIZING CAMPUS VISITS

Thursday, June 18: 4 -5 PM; Buckman Hall rm 108

[Jessi Wilson](#), Senior Assistant Director of Admission at Rhodes, will explain how to maximize your campus visit and best interact with admission representatives. General Q&A to follow.

WRITING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY

Monday, June 22: 4 - 5 PM; Buckman Hall rm 108

Nothing gets students more nervous than writing the college application essay. In this session, English Professor [Rebecca Finlayson](#) will teach you how to impress the admission departments at the country's best colleges.