

# Brain Candy

Evening Lecture Series - Rhodes College 2016 Summer Writing Institute

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## **"Star Wars and the Monomyth."**

**Professor Joe Jansen, Greek & Roman Studies**

*Tuesday, June 14 @ 7-8PM, Buckman Hall rm 108*

This lecture will explore the influence of Joseph Campbell's conception of the monomyth on the three original *Star Wars* films and the latest installment in the series, *The Force Awakens*. While the latter conforms to many of the stages of the hero cycle, the film breaks from the mold of the monomyth in some very important ways, as it tries to tell the story of a heroine compatible with the sentiments and values of the 21st century. The source of inspiration for this reimagining of the heroic quest can be found in Medieval Romance and modern novels, such as Lewis Carol's *Alice in Wonderland*.

## **"Nothing tastes as good as being skinny feels".**

**Professor Rebecca Klatzkin, Psychology**

*Wednesday, June 15 @ 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 for both men and women.

## **Fiction Reading. Courtney Santo and Marshall Boswell**

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

Novelists Santo (Summer Writing Institute faculty) and Boswell (Professor of English) will read from their work and talk about their writing process. Q&A to follow.

## **Pop Culture → Pop Modernism.**

**Professor Marshall Boswell, English**

*Monday, June 20 @ 7-8PM, Buckman Hall rm 108*

Whether you know it or not, much of the pop culture you absorb is "postmodern" in intent (or even post-postmodern, whatever that might be). But what exactly IS postmodernism? And how has pop culture absorbed these ideas. In this session, we'll explore these ideas, and also answer the question: What do Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert have in common with Thomas Pynchon and Andy Warhol?

## **Fiction Reading. Brandy Wilson and Dev Varma**

*Tuesday, June 21 @ 7-8PM, Palmer Hall-Hardie Auditorium*

Writers Wilson and Varma, both Writing Institute faculty, will read from their recent work and talk about their writing process. Q&A to follow.

# COLLEGE PREP

## SUMMER WRITING INSTITUTE 2016

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.

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### **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS: CHOICES AND DECISIONS**

Tuesday, June 14: 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.

### **WRITING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY**

Thursday, June 16: 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.

### **MAXIMIZING CAMPUS VISITS**

Monday, June 20: 4 -5 PM; Buckman Hall rm 108

Megan Starling, Associate Director of Admission at Rhodes, will explain how to maximize your campus visit and best interact with admission representatives. General Q&A to follow.