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The Virginia Humanities Conference for 2006 will be held at the University of Mary Washington on March 10-11 under the leadership of Co-Presidents Dr. Mara Scanlon and Dr. Chris Foss. The theme for this conference will be "Ethics." Further information about the Conference will be forthcoming.

In 2007 the Virginia Humanities Conference will be held at Christopher Newport University under the leadership of Dr. George Hillow.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Registration
Founders Room, Stanley Library Annex (Second Floor)

Coffee, juice and pastries available.

10:15-10:30 a.m.
Welcome
Founders Room, Stanley Library Annex (Second Floor)

Welcome to the Conference
Peggie Barker, Ferrum College, VHC President

Welcome to Ferrum College
Dr. Leslie Lambert, Academic Dean, Ferrum College

10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
Concurrent Session
"The Tools We Use"
Founders Room, Stanley Library Annex (Second Floor)

Chair: Mara Scanlon, University of Mary Washington

"Synthesizers at the Met: Beyond Minimalism"
Mary Jean Speare, James Madison University

"GIS and Data Collection Technology"
Linwood B. Clayton, Ferrum College

"Technology of the Primitive: The Rope in Tarzan's Jungle Tales"
Stanley A. Galloway, Bridgewater College

10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
Concurrent Session:
Panel Discussion
"What is Human and Where is Nature? Reflections on the Age of Technology from the Wilderness"
AV Auditorium, Stanley Library

Chair: Kip Redick, Christopher Newport University

Undergraduate Panel:
"What We Bring with Us into the Wilderness: Exploring Heidegger and the Technological Tether"
Kelly Garner, Christopher Newport University

"Separating from Technology"
Patricia Kathleen Downey and Ryan Michael Miller, Christopher Newport University

"A Spiritual Flight"
Mike Hilleary, Christopher Newport University

"Reflections on Rudolph Otto's Characterization of the Holy and Mount Rainier"
Matthew Humphreys, Christopher Newport University

12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.

Lunch

Cafeteria, Franklin Hall

Reserved seating.

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Session

"Sharing and Preserving Our Words: Oral Tradition or Technology?"

Founders Room, Stanley Library Annex (Second Floor)

Chair: Constance Smith, University of Mary Washington

"Spring Cycles: Planting in the Signs"
Jay Hansford C. Vest, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

"Tech Savvy and City Slick: Augusto de Campos's Experiments with the Word and Technology"
Angelica J. Huizar, Old Dominion University

"The Age of Texting"
D. Kirk Richardson, Virginia University Commonwealth

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Session

"Finding Humanity in Technology"

Room 202B, Stanley Library Annex

Chair: Richard Smith, Ferrum College

"Hammer, Chain, Furnace, and Anvil: Blake's Dismay at and Affirmation of Industrial Progress"
Philip F. O'Mara, Bridgewater College

"Technology and the Marginalized: Empowering Women in the Bush of Kenya"
Jean S. Filetti, Christopher Newport University

"Humanity in the Age of Technology"
Kim J. Kipling, Radford University

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Concurrent Session

"Teaching with Technology"

Room 201, Stanley Library Annex

Chair: John Kitterman, Ferrum College

"Time Machine: Teaching the Long Nineteenth Century with Twenty-First Century Resources"
Christofer Foss, University of Mary Washington

"Shakespeare Online: An Interactive Analysis"
Charmayne Staloff, Graduating Senior, University of Mary Washington

"Implementing a Seminar Course" CANCELLED
Mary D. Best, Christopher Newport University

3:00-4:30 p.m.
Concurrent Session
"Using Technology to Create and Preserve"

Room 202B, Stanley Library Annex

Chair: George Hillow, Christopher Newport University

"Take It to the Web, but Don't Get Taken to the Cleaners"
Cy Dillon, Ferrum College

"From a Pencil to a Mouse: The Creation of Izzy's Fire"
Nancy Wright Beasley, Author; Adjunct, Virginia Commonwealth University

"Women with T-Squares: Developing a Regional Perspective by Tracing Forgotten Architects and Design Professionals"
Gail McMillan, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

4:30-5:30 p.m.
Musical Hour

Vaughn Chapel

Participants:
Dr. Erma Rose
Professor Susan Spataro
Ferrum College Concert Choir
Ferrum College Collegiates
Ferrum College Handbells

(Note: Program will be provided at the door.)

6:00-7:00 p.m.
Dinner
Cafeteria, Franklin Hall

Reserved seating.

7:00-10:00 p.m.
Special Session
AV Auditorium, Stanley Library

Movies:
Girl with a Pearl Earring (2004)
Johannes Vemeer is commissioned to paint the portrait of a young maid serving in his household, giving the world one of the greatest paintings ever created. (100 minutes)

Short Circuit (1986) A robot escapes into the real world and decides that he is human. (99 minutes)

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

10:00-10:30 a.m.
Registration
Room 101, Stanley Library Annex

10:30-12:00 noon
Plenary Session and Keynote Address

Room 101, Stanley Library Annex

Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Peggie Barker, Ferrum College, VHC President

Keynote Address:
"Tools for Thought"
Dr. W. Gardner Campbell, Associate Professor of English and Assistant Vice President for Teaching and Learning Technologies, University of Mary Washington

12:00-1:30 p.m.
Delegates' Luncheon & Business Meeting

Magnolia Room, Cafeteria, Franklin Hall

(For VHC Delegates only)

12:00-1:30 p.m.
Lunch

Cafeteria, Franklin Hall

Reserved seating.

1:30-3:00 p.m.
Concurrent Session
"The Human Element of Technology"

Room 201, Stanley Library Annex

Chair: Christofer Foss, University of Mary Washington

"A Biological View of Technology"
Yan Kuang, Ph.D Candidate, Indiana ~~CANCELLED~~ State University

"A Postmodern Technological Paradigm"
George Teschner, Christopher Newport University

"Operating a Semantic World Through Syntactic Machines"
Lori J. Underwood, Christopher Newport University

1:30-3:00 p.m.
Concurrent Session
"Teaching Without Technology"

Room 202B, Stanley Library Annex

Chair: Cy Dillon, Ferrum College

"Successful Teaching without Technology: Using Games to Teach English to Students Who Are Deaf"
Debra Josephson Abrams, Gallaudet University

"Circumventing Those Technologically Dysfunctional Moments"
Linwood Clayton, Ferrum College

3:00 p.m. Conference Ends

Biographies

Virginia Humanities Conference

W. Gardner Campbell, keynote speaker for this year's Conference, is presently Associate Professor of English and Assistant Vice President for Teaching and Learning Technologies at the University of Mary Washington. He earned his B.A. in English from Wake Forest University and both his M.A. and Ph.D. in English from the University of Virginia. The recipient of numerous awards and grants, Dr. Campbell has presented scholarly papers on Milton, Renaissance literature, film, and instructional technology at many national and international conferences and has served as a keynote speaker several times previously. Campbell has had numerous articles published and has served as a contributing editor to several volumes including a forthcoming one of Milton's poetry. He has also authored and designed an interactive multimedia CD-ROM.

Erma L. Rose is currently Professor of Music at Ferrum College where she teaches piano, music history and theory, and directs the college choirs and handbells. She has served as Director of the Franklin County Community Chorus since 1996. Dr. Rose received her Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Science in Piano degrees from Pittsburg (Kansas) State University. She did post-graduate work at the University of Southern California, completing her Ph.D. in Music Education with emphasis in vocal coaching and accompanying at the University of North Texas in Denton. While there, Rose studied harpsichord with Dr. Charles Brown and accompanying with Harold Heiberg.

Susan M. Spataro is presently serving as an Instructor of Music at Ferrum College where, in addition to teaching classes, she also directs the jazz ensemble, pep band, and classical ensemble, and serves as accompanist for the Concert Choir. In addition to free-lance work, she serves as the accompanist for the Franklin County Community Chorus and the Lakeside Singers. Professor Spataro received her B.A. in Music from Moravian College and her Master of Music degree from Temple University. Upon graduation Spataro was hired by Temple as a piano and theory instructor. She later opened her own music school in the Philadelphia area and was a tenured member of the Allentown Symphony for 17 years. Spataro has performed with the Lehigh Valley Chamber Orchestra, Pennsylvania Sinfonia, and the Basically Baroque Ensemble, and also served as a supply organist and free-lance musician in the Philadelphia and Lehigh Valley areas.

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