Humanities Lecture Series Spring-2007

February 13, 2007, 7:00 pm, Dion Center Board Room
“Modern India, South Asia and the U.S. Today”
Donald Johnson, New York University
Don Johnson is professor emeritus at New York University. He will address the burgeoning Indian economy as well as the growth of India as a regional and global power. He will also address India’s changing relationship with the United States as both an economic and political partner.

March 20, 2007, 7:00 pm, Dion Center Board Room
“The Myth of Southern Hospitality: Discourse, Ethics and Politics”
Anthony Szczesiul, University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Anthony Szczesiul is English professor at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. Professor Szczesiul will discuss his research and teaching, which focus on American poetry, especially that of Robert Penn Warren, but particularly on the literature of and about the American South.

March 22, 2007, 12:30 pm, Dion Reception Room
“French Canada and the U.S. Today”
Richard Hetu
To celebrate the week of the francophone world, Mr. Richard Hetu, will speak about the current level of anti-American sentiments aimed at the United States. Based on its US experience as a press correspondent based in New York since 1994 for the French Canadian newspaper, La Presse, he views the United States as a very complex and very diverse country that should not be perceived as a monolithic country. He authored a book in 2003, titled "An Open Letter to the Anti-Americans." He also published a book titled "The Road to the West" showing the role of the French Canadian guides in the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the West Coast.

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April 3, 2007, 7:00 pm, Dion Center Board Room
“Allied Intelligence and the Holocaust: Ethical Implications”
Sander Lee, Keene State College
Sander Lee is philosophy professor at Keene State College. Professor Lee’s recent research focuses on the ethics of the response by the U.S. and its allies to the fairly accurate information they possessed at the time about the genocide ongoing in Europe. When must one act to save others? What possible consequences must one accept?

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