ROCKFORD COLLEGE FORUM SERIES—FALL 2012

STUDENTS: See reverse side for current Forum rules and information.

President's Opening Convocation
Friday, August 24, 2012, Noon
Clark Arts Center—Maddox Theatre
The Opening Convocation marks the formal opening of the academic year with a faculty procession in full academic regalia and remarks by President Robert L. Head. The Opening Convocation is a long-standing Rockford College tradition.

The Haitian Project
Deacon Patrick Moynihan
Thursday, September 6, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Clark Arts Center—Maddox Theatre
Deacon Patrick Moynihan serves as President of The Haitian Project (THP), which supports and operates Louverture Cleary School (LCS), a tuition-free, Catholic, co-educational secondary boarding school for economically under-privileged Haitian children. He has a degree in Classics from Brown University and an MA in Religious Studies from Providence College. He is an ordained Deacon in the Rockford Catholic Diocese.

While America Sleeps
Senator Russ Feingold
Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 4:00 p.m.
Clark Arts Center—Maddox Theatre
For eighteen years, Russ Feingold represented Wisconsin in the United States Senate until 2011. He served on the Judiciary, Foreign Relations and Intelligence Committees. Since leaving the Senate, Russ has been a visiting professor at Marquette University Law School and the inaugural Mimi and Peter Haas Distinguished Visitor at Stanford University. He is also the author of the New York Times bestseller While America Sleeps, about American policy, both domestically and abroad, since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and what steps must be taken to ensure that the next ten years are focused on the international problems that threaten America. Feingold graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, received a degree from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, and went on to Harvard Law School.

Constitution Day Lecture
Prof. Robert Evans
Monday, September 17, 2012, 4:00 p.m.
Fisher Memorial Chapel
Department of Economics, Business and Accounting, and Associate Professor of Political Science at Rockford College, will give Rockford College's annual lecture to honor and commemorate the ratification of our federal Constitution. Professor Evans earned his B.A. from Wake Forest University and M.A., from Northern Illinois University.

Tami Tango Trio
Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Clark Arts Center—Maddox Theatre
The renowned Argentinean Tami Tango Trio will perform the tango with music and dance, while featuring the flute, guitar and piano. Eduardo Tami, the group’s leader has been composing and recording music for over 30 years. His six CDs include not only tangos, but also pieces by classical Latin-American composers.

Crazy
Pete Earley
Thursday, October 25, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Clark Arts Center—Maddox Theatre
Pete Earley is an author and former Washington Post reporter who has written 13 books including the New York Times bestseller The Hot House and the 2007 Pulitzer Prize finalist, Crazy: A Father’s Search Through America’s Mental Health Madness. Earley’s account of the John Walker spy ring, Family of Spies, was a New York Times bestseller and CBS mini-series. The Hot House: Life Inside Leavenworth Prison was based on a year that Earley spent inside a maximum security federal prison as an author. His advocacy for strong mental health reform on the public stage has taken him to 46 different states and multiple countries around the globe where he delivers speeches to rally against the troubled mental health systems and for the mentally ill following struggles with the system on behalf of his son.

The Way of the World
By William Congreve
November 15–18, 2012
Thursday–Saturday @ 7:30 p.m.
Sunday @ 2:00 p.m.
Clark Arts Center—Maddox Theatre
In order for the two lovers, Mirabell and Millamant, to get married and receive Millamant’s full dowry, Mirabell must receive the blessing of Millamant’s aunt, Lady Wishfort. Unfortunately, she is a very bitter lady, who despises Mirabell and wants her own nephew, Sir Wilful, to wed Millamant.

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Full-time Rockford College students must attend at least two Forum Series events per semester to meet graduation requirements.

Tickets are required for each event.

Get your FREE Forum admission ticket at the Clark Arts Center Box Office during regular hours of operation. Monday–Friday, 1–5 p.m. Please direct any ticketing questions to the box office at 815.226.4100.

No Forum cards will be distributed after the event has begun. No Forum credit for late arrival or early departure.

All venues are handicap accessible.

If you require child care during the Forum event, please contact the box office manager in Clark Arts Center at 815.226.4032 (one business day in advance) to make arrangements. Please remember that if you arrange for child care, you are expected to attend the Forum (student workers will have been arranged for you) and to arrive at the Forum early enough to enter the event on time. In order for us to be able to watch your child, he or she must be potty-trained.
Q: What is the Forum Series?
A: The Rockford College Forum Series presents speakers from a variety of disciplines and performers of stature in the arts. The series is designed to provide a shared experience for students while broadening their education at Rockford College. The Forum Committee, comprised of faculty and student representatives, selects the events.

Q: Are all students required to attend all the Forum Series events?
A: All full-time undergraduate students are required to attend a minimum of two Forum Series events each semester. (Exceptions: student teachers, BSMS Students and participants in off-campus programs such as Washington Semester or Regent's College.) In most cases, students who reduce their course load below 12 credits at any point in the semester must still meet the Forum Series requirement. Consult with SAS for further information on exceptions to this rule.

Q: Is a ticket required for Forum events?
A: Yes. A ticket is required for all Forum events. Student tickets are free with a Rockford College ID card; one free ticket per student. Tickets must be obtained at the Rockford College Box Office, located in Clark Arts Center.

Q: How is Forum Series attendance taken?
A: In order to receive credit for attendance, you must fill out a Forum card at each event. Forum cards can only be obtained from the faculty member(s) at the door of the event (not other faculty, staff or student workers, etc.). The faculty member(s) will be wearing a badge to identify him/herself. Only one card will be given to each student. Be sure to bring a pen to fill out the card.

No Forum cards will be distributed after the event has begun. If you arrive late, you will not receive a Forum card. Forum cards can only be returned to the faculty member(s) at the door of the event (not other faculty, staff or student workers). Only one card will be collected from each student. No cards will be accepted until the end of the performance—including any question and answer period—or the end of an academic procession. (All students are expected to remain seated until the entire event has concluded.) Please print your information on the cards. If your card cannot be easily read, your attendance cannot be recorded accurately.

Use of cell phones and electronic devices or other inappropriate behavior during any Forum event could result in the loss of Forum credit at the discretion of the Committee.

Q: What happens if the requirement to attend two events a semester is not met?
A: Students who fail to fulfill the Forum requirement by the end of any semester will receive an “F” for that semester.

In the event you are unable to attend two Forum events during a semester:
If you fail your Forum requirement for any semester, the only way to make up the requirement is to submit an essay to the Forum Committee based on event recordings (available in the library) from the semester failed (and only from an event you did not attend).

If you have any failed Forum grades, essays are due no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 12, 2012.

BE FOREWARNED: if you intend to graduate in December 2012, essays to make up past failed Forum grades must be submitted by the deadline listed above. Students cannot expect any essays will be reviewed in advance of the next submission cycle in April, 2013.

Late submissions can be turned in to the Box Office at any time, but will not necessarily be reviewed at the time of submission.

Essay Submission Guidelines:
Printed copies of the forum essays must be submitted to the box office manager in Clark Arts Center. No e-mail submissions will be accepted.

The Forum Committee will only accept and pass essays that meet the following minimum requirements:

1) A minimum of two full pages, double spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, 1” margins, word processed.

2) It must be based on viewing or listening to a recording of a Forum event that you did not attend from the semester in which the “F” was received. The recordings are available in the Howard Colman Library and are for in-library use only.

3) The heading of the essay must include the following: student’s full name, the semester being made up and the name of the event/speaker listened to or watched.

4) The essay must clearly show the student has listened to or viewed the entire recording. In the essays, the committee is looking for:
   • not a simple summary
   • critical thought
   • explanation, reflection, and comment upon content/message of the Forum event.

5) The essay must display correct grammar including sentence structure, subject/verb agreement, clear pronouns, correct punctuation, etc. It should be clearly and concisely worded and well-organized. Be sure to proofread your essay for correct spelling/word choice (remember, spell check cannot catch the difference between “there” and “their,” for example); no use of contractions, slang or conversational tone; avoid passive voice; etc.

The Forum Committee reserves the right to deem an essay acceptable or unacceptable. If the essay is not accepted, it must be rewritten and resubmitted (by a deadline set by the Committee) in order to remove the Forum failure. Save a copy of the essay until any grade changes are finalized.

If you have any questions about the Forum policies, please contact the current Forum Administrator, Dr. Catherine Forslund, at cforslund@rockford.edu or 815.394.5211.

Notice: Failure to complete the Forum Series requirement bars a student from the dean’s list or distinguished scholars list and from receiving a degree.