

LEON S. PETERS ETHICS LECTURE SERIES

FALL 2010

The Healing Power of Religion: A Panel Discussion

Thursday, September 30, 7-9PM

Peters Educational Auditorium in the Student Recreation Center

This event is coordinated by Dr. Sudarshan Kapoor in conjunction with the 20th Anniversary of the Peace Garden and Gandhi Memorial at Fresno State. Participants from a variety of religious traditions will explore core ethical values and reflect upon how these values can help bring people together across religious difference. Participants will include: Reverend Brian Jessup, Imam Syad Ghazvini, Dr. Veena Kapoor, and others to be announced.

Chris Hedges, “Empire of Illusion: The End of Literacy and the Triumph of the Spectacle”

Wednesday October 6, 8-9 PM

Rancheria Reading Room in the Henry Madden Library

Pulitzer prize-winning author and journalist Chris Hedges charts the dramatic and disturbing rise of a post-literate society that craves fantasy, ecstasy and illusion. Hedges argues in his new book, Empire of Illusion, that we now live in two societies. One, the minority, functions in a print-based, literate world, that can cope with complexity and can separate illusion from truth. The other, a growing majority, is retreating from a reality-based world into one of false certainty and magic. In this “other society,” serious film and theatre, as well as newspapers and books, are being pushed to the margins.

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David Schechter, “Mudslinging and Negative Ads: Is it possible to run an ethical political campaign?”

Wednesday, October 27, 5-6 PM, Engineering East 191

Professor Schechter will discuss ethical issues arising in the context of the Fall 2010 elections: advertising, conflicts of interest, campaign finance, political consultant 'codes of ethics' and other issues that arise in thinking about democratic elections

David Schechter is Chair of the Political Science Department at Fresno State. In 2008, he worked as campaign manager for Mayor Ashley Swearingen's campaign.

Karen Bell, “Political Policy, Individual Dissent, and Social Peace”

Wednesday, November 10, 5-6 PM, Engineering East 191

Professor Bell will discuss civil disobedience, with a specific focus on Thoreau. She will consider the relationship between individual conscience and public policy, while also considering issues relating to law and social harmony.

Karen Bell is a Professor in the Department of Philosophy at Fresno State. Her research focuses on ancient Greek philosophy, virtue ethics, and critical thinking.

Malik Simba, “Black Marxism and American Constitutionalism”

Wednesday, December 1, 5-6 PM, Engineering East 191

Professor Simba will discuss topics from his new book, Black Marxism and American Constitutionalism. He will focus on political and legal issues, using critical race and legal theory.

Malik Simba is past chair of the History Department (2000-2003) at Fresno State and serves on the Board of the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program.

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