Distinguished Lectures

A Series of Lectures
Presented by FAU Faculty

**Gateway to the Underworld**

**Brian E. McConnell**

Professor of Art History and Classical Archaeology

Sunday, February 18, 2 pm — Forces of Nature and Human Imagination come together in the life and culture of southern Italy and Sicily. McConnell, a Registered Professional Archaeologist, will explore celebrated stories from Homer’s “Odyssey” and Vergil’s “Aeneid” and their very real relation to natural wonders in the Campi Flegrei (Burning Fields) west of Naples, the Mefite near Avellino, and the Naphtha Lakes and related phenomena in Sicily, where he has conducted fieldwork for more than thirty years.

**The Secret World of James Bond**

**Oliver S. Buckton**

Professor of English

Sunday, February 25, 2 pm — James Bond – 007 — is one of the best loved characters in modern literature and film. This lecture will look at the life of Bond’s creator, Ian Fleming, including his dramatic wartime covert experiences in Naval Intelligence during World War II and his numerous relationships with women who became transformed into the “Bond Girls.” We will also travel through lecture and photos to Jamaica, where Fleming wrote the Bond novels at his cliff top home “Goldeneye.”

**Kryptonians Keep Kosher!: Jews and Comic-Book Superheroes**

**Eric Berlatsky**

Professor of English

Sunday, March 4, 2 pm — The creators of nearly all of the most famous and enduring superheroes were Jewish. These include Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, creators of Superman; Bob Kane, creator of Batman; and Joe Simon, Jack Kirby and Stan Lee, creators of Captain America, the Avengers, Spider-Man, Iron Man, Thor, the Hulk, and the X-Men. This lecture will outline some of the possible reasons why Jews were drawn not only to the comic book industry, but also to the superhero genre.

**The LGBT Movement in America: Past, Present and Future**

**Fred Fejes**

Professor of Communication

Sunday, March 11, 2 pm — The LGBT movement has been active since at least 1969, but it has emerged as a prominent part of American culture and society in the last 10 years. Fejes was among the first generation of scholars to publish in the area of sexuality and the media. Research for his book “Gay Rights and Moral Panic” was used to help create the recent PBS documentary "The Day It Snowed in Miami," a history of the gay rights struggle in Miami from 1977-2002.

**A Tale of Two Martyrs: Heresy and Treason in Tudor England**

**Ben Lowe**

Professor of History

Sunday, March 18, 2 pm — In 1555, the Protestant bishop John Hooper was burned at the stake for heresy, while in 1587, the Jesuit seminary priest, Stephen Rowsham was hung, drawn and quartered for his Catholic proselytizing. Since the executions were public events that took place in the city of Gloucester, how might witnesses have interpreted what they saw? This lecture will focus on the immediate impact on witnesses, taking into account the social, political and religious contexts in which they occurred.

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