

To All Faculty & Staff

Dear Colleagues,

The Provost's Lecture Series is pleased to host two exciting talks next week.

The first talk will be given by Dr. Elof Axel Carlson, a Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus in our Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology. Dr. Carlson is a geneticist and historian of science who has published in the areas of gene structure, comparative mutagenesis, as well as developmental and human genetics. His interest in the history of science is captured in his works: *The Gene: A Critical History*; *The Unfit: A History of a Bad Ideas*; *Mendel's Legacy: The Origin of Classical Genetics*; and *Times of Triumph, Times of Doubt: Science and the Battle for Public Trust*.

Dr. Carlson will give a lecture entitled: "Why Scientific Good Intentions Sometimes Lead to a Loss of Public Trust" on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. in the Humanities Institute, Room 1006. This talk is presented in conjunction with the Templeton Lecture Series (<http://www.stonybrook.edu/trust/templeton.shtml>).

A second Provost's Lecture next week will be given by New Yorker film critic David Denby. Mr. Denby, who holds his B.A. from Columbia University, M.S. from the Columbia School of Journalism and M.A. from Stanford University, is a noted critic and author of several highly regarded works, including his book "American Sucker," a chronicle of his misadventures in amateur investing.

Mr. Denby will give a talk entitled: "Do American Movies Have A Future?" on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Auditorium. This lecture is co-sponsored by the College of Arts, Culture & Humanities. There will be a book signing of Mr. Denby's work "Great Books" following the lecture.

In addition, the College of Arts, Culture, and Humanities will also present a lecture by David Denby entitled "Time Out of Joint: Past, Present, and Future in Hitchcock's "Vertigo" at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 15 in Room 107 of the Tabler Center of the Tabler Quad. This lecture will be followed at 9 p.m. by a screening of Alfred Hitchcock's "Vertigo" as part of the College of Arts, Culture, and Humanities American Classic Film Series.

Please pass along this information to any students or community members you feel may be interested in attending.

- Robert McGrath  
Provost & Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs