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# Academic Lecture Series

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## “Dialogues on the Future: Meeting the World’s People”

The Global Crises of AIDS, Malaria and Multiple-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis: Learning from the Leadership of Dr. Paul Farmer

### A Panel Discussion and Open Forum: “Why does it matter? What can I do?”

**Tuesday, February 13, 2007**

Queens campus, 12:15 – 1:20 p.m. (Common Hour)  
Council Hall

Come prepared for a lively discussion about the work of Paul Farmer, Founder of Partners in Health and solutions to public health crises [www.pih.org/home.html]. You are invited to read an essay by Dr. Farmer ahead of time by going to the events page, [www.stjohns.edu/learnmore/00773.sju](http://www.stjohns.edu/learnmore/00773.sju)

**Convener**  
Yoojung Yang,  
2008 Pharm.D. Candidate

**Panelists**  
Margaret Adjei,  
2008 Pharm.D. Candidate

Joanne Carroll,  
Associate Professor,  
Pharmaceutical Sciences

Rev. Robert P. Maloney,  
Director, Project DREAM; Former  
Superior General of the Worldwide  
Vincentian Family (Pre-recorded  
interview conducted by John Kelly '09,  
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business)

John Mazzeo,  
Adjunct Instructor, Department of  
Sociology and Anthropology

All members of the St. John’s Community — faculty, students, administrators and staff — are invited to discuss critical issues facing global society. Please RSVP to [torrem@stjohns.edu](mailto:torrem@stjohns.edu), as a simple lunch will be served.

## “Misconceptions of Islam”

**Facilitator:** Reginald Barnes  
A panel discussion between various religious leaders

**Tuesday, April 10, 2007**

Staten Island campus, 12:15 – 1:20 p.m. (Common Hour)  
Kelleher Center, Presidential Room

In the last decade, many Muslims have come to be viewed as fundamentalists who beget violence and support terrorism. This panel discussion is designed to dispel some of the many misconceptions the world has about Islam and its followers. It also explores Islam’s similarities to other monotheistic religions of the world.

## “Basic Buddhism”

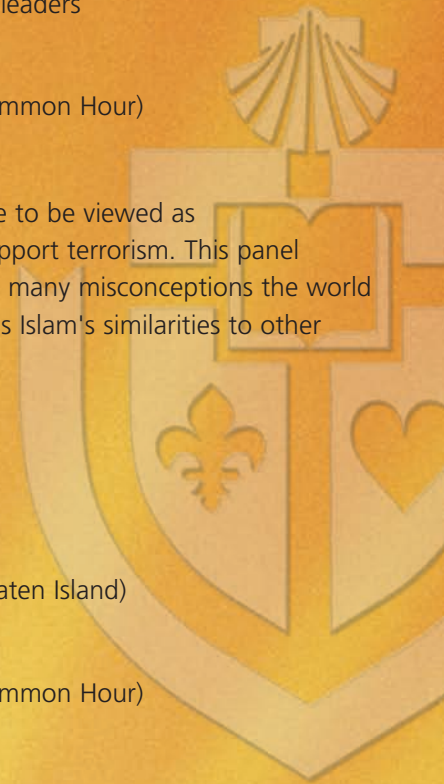
**Facilitator:** Sarah Johnson, Ph.D., Curator  
Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art (Staten Island)

**Thursday, April 19, 2007**

Staten Island campus, 12:15 – 1:20 p.m. (Common Hour)  
Kelleher Center, Lower Level

This illustrated lecture explores the life of Siddhartha Gautama, father of the Buddhist system of thought; Buddhist philosophy and ethics; the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path; and modern Buddhist practice in the United States today. Colorful and beautiful examples of Buddhist art will be featured.

For more information, please contact Reggie Barnes at (718) 390-4433 or [barnesr@stjohns.edu](mailto:barnesr@stjohns.edu).



# Current Workshops

## “The Sleeping Beauty”

Facilitator: Sontina Barnes

Adelphi University Department of Social Work

**Tuesday, March 13, 2007**

Staten Island campus, 12:15 – 1:20 p.m. (Common Hour)

Kelleher Center, Presidential Room

**W**hen you look in the mirror, what do you see? Are you proud or are you disgusted? The constant obsession with body image can be very painful, especially when what you see is different from what the media shows. Learn how to battle society's standards so you can wake the “sleeping beauty” within and introduce the world to the real “you” on the inside.

## “Will the REAL Men Please Stand Up?”

Facilitator: Don McPherson, former NFL quarterback and now

Executive Director of Adelphi University's Sports Leadership Institute

**Tuesday, March 13, 2007**

Staten Island campus, 12:15 – 1:20 p.m. (Common Hour)

Kelleher Center, Lower Level, Conference Room

**L**iving in a male-driven society is not always easy, not even for men. This workshop deals with the various images of manhood projected by society, the media and at home. Men will be asked to challenge these projected images and develop their own healthy ideal for manhood. They will also see how their views about beauty oftentimes negatively affect the women in their lives.

## “THE HIGH: The Tragic Course of New York City's Model High School”

**Thursday, February 15, 2007**

Staten Island campus, 12:20 p.m.

Kelleher Center, Presidential Room

Queens campus, 4 p.m., Little Theatre



Dr. Craig Steven Wilder

Established over the objections of many leading citizens in post-Civil War Brooklyn, the city's first public high school was soon widely recognized for its innovative educational curricula and modern educational facilities. Throughout the first half of the 20th century, its graduating classes included students who went on to national and international fame in law, medicine, business, the arts, athletics and education. However, in the latter part of the century, its academic standards collapsed and it became one of New York City's most segregated schools. “The High” tells the story of that decline and the surrounding community's Herculean efforts to save the school.

**D**r. Craig Steven Wilder is a professor of American history at Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH), and is currently visiting professor at the New School (New York, NY). He received his Ph.D. from Columbia University, with a particular focus on urban history, race, religion and culture. Professor Wilder has advised and appeared in numerous historical documentaries and is the author of *A Covenant with Color: Race and Social Power in Brooklyn* (2000) and *In The Company of Black Men: The African Influence on African American Culture in New York City* (2001).

# "Why Does He Do That?: Inside the World of Angry and Controlling Men"

Lundy Bancroft

**Tuesday, March 27, 2007**

Queens campus, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.  
University Center (UC), Storm Center



**Lundy Bancroft**

The 2007 Women's History Celebration Committee welcomes Lundy Bancroft, author of *Why Does He Do That? Inside the Minds of Angry and Controlling Men*.

**L**undy Bancroft has appeared over 300 times as a speaker and trainer on relationship abuse and recovery. He is an engaging and dynamic speaker who knows how to draw audience members into the subject and leave them feeling empowered to take constructive action.

His talks have included such themes as:

- how to foster change in controlling and abusive men
- how to support the recovery of children exposed to the abuse of their mother
- how to recognize the early warning signs of controlling and abusive partners
- strategies for improving criminal and civil court responses to domestic abuse
- performing proper custody evaluation in the context of allegations of domestic abuse
- abusive and controlling men as parents

Mr. Bancroft delivers a lecture that focuses on the role men play in domestic violence cases.

## Tolerance and Civility Series

**I**nteractive dialogues on various topics relating to race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, socioeconomic status, disability and ideological difference, designed to open the lines of communication and allow us to better understand ourselves, each other and the things which connect and divide us as a community.

### "Racial Profiling: Perception vs. Reality"

**Facilitator:** Angelo Pisani, Ph.D.  
*College of Professional Studies*

**Tuesday, February 20, 2007**

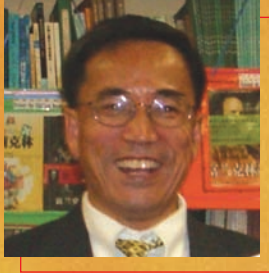
Staten Island campus, 12:15 – 1:20 p.m. (Common Hour)  
Kelleher Center, Presidential Room

**T**he issue of racial profiling by police briefly grabbed the attention of the press when New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman fired the head of the state police after he accused Blacks and Hispanics of being more likely to be drug dealers and therefore deserving of heightened police scrutiny. How prevalent is this "offense" on Staten Island? Voice your opinion as local law enforcement agents share their experiences, perceptions and attitudes on this serious national issue.

## “Benjamin Franklin and Confucius Moral Philosophy”

Friday, April 20, 2007

Queens campus, 7 p.m., Sun Yet Sen Hall



Dr. Dave Wang

This presentation examines how Benjamin Franklin used Confucius moral philosophy to cultivate his own virtue and how he encouraged others to improve their virtue. Following Confucius' virtual cultivating procedure, cultivating one's own virtue first, then promote others to cultivate their virtue and eventually illuminate virtue to the whole world, Benjamin Franklin started to cultivate his virtue as soon as he returned from London to Philadelphia in 1728. In 1790, at the last minute of his life, Franklin still promoted the people of the world to advance their virtue. Franklin told the people of the world that his moral cultivating drive brought him a happy life and made him a better person. Franklin's efforts at moral cultivation remade him, influenced others, changed American society and left a permanent legacy in American tradition.

**D**ave Wang, Ph.D. is the Manager of Hollis Library and an Adjunct Professor of St. John's University. He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Arizona in 2000. His teaching and researching field focuses on the relationship between the United States and China. He has taught graduate courses at St. John's University, including U.S. – China Relations and the United States and East Asia. Professor Wang has published some works in the field, including *The United States and Northeast China*, *Taiwan and George Bush's Mainland China Policy*, and *The China Trade*. In recent years, Dr. Wang mainly studies cultural exchange between China and North America during the formative age of the United States. He has achieved national and international reputation in the field.

## “Putting the United States into World History”

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Queens campus, 6:30 p.m., Council Hall



Dr. Thomas Bender

“The purpose of this lecture is to show that from its beginnings American history and the development of what became the United States cannot be adequately understood without placing it into the larger context of world history. To put U.S. history into its global context makes the history of the United States as we write and teach it a more accurate representation of what has been and is experienced by American society, it also encourages a broader and more cosmopolitan understanding of citizenship and of America's place in the world.”

**T**homas Bender joined the faculty of New York University in 1974 as an assistant professor. He is now University Professor of the Humanities and Professor of History there. His teaching and research have focused on the history of cities, intellectuals, higher education and the history of academic disciplines, and historiography or the nature of historical narratives. It is this interest that has moved him to edit *Rethinking American History in a Global Age* (2002) and more recently to author *A Nation Among Nations: America's Place in World History*. Other books include *New York Intellect: A History of Intellectual Life in New York City, from 1750 to the beginnings of our own time*; *Intellect and Public Life*, *Toward an Urban Vision*, and *Community and Social Change in America*. He is also a frequent contributor to more general publications, including *The New York Times*, *Newsday* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

**Please RSVP to Maureen Devine (718) 990-1421 by Tuesday, April 30, as refreshments will be served.**

# "From Quagmire to Deluge: Telling the World's Stories in Photographs"

A Presentation by Ozier Muhammad  
Pulitzer Prize winning photographer for *The New York Times*

**Tuesday, April 17, 2007**

Queens campus, 12:15 – 1:20 p.m. (Common Hour)  
University Center (UC), Storm Center



**Ozier Muhammad**

Ozier Muhammad, a staff photographer for *The New York Times* since 1992 who covered Hurricane Katrina, Iraq, Afghanistan and much of Africa speaks and presents some of his work at St. John's University on Tuesday, April 17, 2007.

Muhammad has been a professional photojournalist since graduating from Columbia College in Chicago in 1972. While serving on the staff of *Newsday*, he won a Polk award in news photography and shared the Pulitzer Prize in International Reporting with Josh Friedman and Dennis Bell for a series of reports titled "Africa, the Desperate Continent."

Muhammad has covered Africa extensively, working in Ivory Coast, Mali, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Kenya and other parts of the continent. For *The New York Times*, he covered the first nonracial election in South Africa, in which Nelson Mandela became president. Muhammad was in Afghanistan just after the fall of the Taliban and a year later was embedded with the marines when the war in Iraq began. He also went to New Orleans immediately after the Hurricane Katrina evacuation to cover the effects of the storm.

**A complimentary buffet will be served, courtesy of *The New York Times*.**

# "Beyond Black and White: A New Paradigm for Civil Rights"

**Tuesday, April 17, 2007**

Staten Island campus, 12:15 p.m., Kelleher Center, Presidential Room  
Queens campus, 6 p.m., Marillac Auditorium



**Dr. Frank H. Wu**

In 2004, Frank H. Wu became the ninth Dean of Wayne State University Law School in his hometown of Detroit. From 1995 to 2004, he served on the law faculty of Howard University, including two years as Clinic Director. He has been an adjunct professor at Columbia University, a visiting professor at University of Michigan and a teaching fellow at Stanford University.

Dean Wu is the author of *Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White* and co-author of *Race, Rights and Reparation: Law and the Japanese American Internment*. His writing has appeared on a professional basis in such periodicals as *The Washington Post*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Legal Times* and *Asian Week*.

Dean Wu was appointed by Mayor Anthony Williams as Chair of the D.C. Human Rights Commission for 2001- 2002. He joined the Board of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund in 2004. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a member of the Committee of 100, a civic group founded by Yo-Yo Ma, I.M. Pei, among others, to promote Asian American political participation, as well as a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Dean Wu was named among the top 20 scholars in the nation by *Black Issues in Higher Education* in its 20th anniversary issue. His media appearances have included the "Oprah Winfrey Show," "Now" with Bill Moyers, "Lehrer Newshour," "O'Reilly Factor," "Book Notes" with Brian Lamb, "Talk Back Live" on CNN, "NPR," "Voice of America" and "Fox Movie Channel." He has hosted episodes of the "Asian America" PBS-syndicated television show.