

University for a Day

Saturday, September 21, 2013, 8:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Brennan Hall, Pearn Auditorium, Room 228 • Lunch and reception in Brennan Hall, Room 509

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” —DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

REGISTRATION AND MORNING COFFEE: 8:45 – 9:15 a.m.

**LECTURE 1: The Declaration of Independence:
Our Guiding Light and an Inspiration to the World**

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

The Declaration of Independence is our most revered document. We will discuss why it has been so canonized. How did earlier challenges to British control influence the writing of the Declaration? What was its importance at its creation and what is its important message today?

Morey M. Myers, Of Counsel, Myers, Brier & Kelly, LLP



**LECTURE 2: Culture and Conflict: New England,
Old England and the Civil War**

11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

The presentation examines the cultural conflict that erupted between New England poets and intellectuals and their British counterparts as a result of tensions arising out of the Civil War. This conflict occurred along a cultural fault line between an imperialistic, High Victorian culture based on well-defined distinctions of class, caste and race, and a New England culture based on the principles of universal freedom and equality.

*Len Gougeon, Distinguished Professor of American Literature,
University of Scranton*



LUNCH: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

**LECTURE 3: The Great Emancipation of 1863:
A Momentous Achievement—A Work in Progress**

1:45 – 3 p.m.

In this sesquicentennial year of the Great Emancipation, Americans should be familiar with new scholarship on that momentous chapter in the history of the republic. It is now clear that the slaves were actively engaged in bringing an end to slavery, that the Emancipation marked the beginning of a new kind of American nation that placed freedom at its center, and that the job of Emancipation remains a work in progress.

Clement A. Price, Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor of History and Director of the Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience, Rutgers-Newark



**LECTURE 4: Global Justice:
What are the Responsibilities of Citizens?**

3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

In a world in which severe deprivations avoidably remain widespread, citizens of powerful societies have a weighty obligation to reflect upon their responsibilities toward the deprived. This talk will engage in such reflection and also explore how we can best meet our responsibilities in regard to global justice.

Thomas Pogge, Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs and Director of the Global Justice Program at Yale.



CLOSING RECEPTION: 4:45 – 5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$25 for Non-Members, Free to Schemel Forum Members

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