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Drug Policy Reformer Ethan Nadelmann Delivers Kurtz Seminar Lecture

Ethan Nadelmann—the founder and executive director of a prominent organization that promotes alternatives to the “War on Drugs”—will be the guest lecturer at Goucher’s Fourth Annual Myra Berman Kurtz ‘66 Seminar, held Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Buchner Hall of the Alumnae/i House.

The lecture, titled “Rethinking Drug Policy,” is free and open to the public. Tickets must be reserved by calling 410-337-6333 or by e-mailing boxoffice@goucher.edu.

The United States’ policy against drug use has been criticized for being racially biased against minorities and disproportionately responsible for the exploding U.S. prison population and for restricting or violating individual liberties. Other critics argue that U.S. drug policy violates principles of limited government and hinders important medical and scientific research efforts.

Nadelmann is the founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, which advocates for drug policies grounded in science, compassion, health, and human rights. Described by Rolling Stone magazine as “the point man” for drug policy reform efforts, Nadelmann is widely regarded for his efforts to reform drug policy to reduce the negative consequences of both drug use and drug control policies in the United States.

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Global Economic Crisis Discussion

Wednesday, March 11

7 p.m.

Buchner Hall of the Alumnae/i House

Jack Carter and Rasim Mutlu of Goucher's Department of Economics will facilitate an informal discussion to help put the current economic situation in context for the college's students, faculty, and staff.



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How to Help a Friend with Grief

Tuesday, March 10

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Heubeck Lounge

Helping a friend through painful situations isn't easy. Maybe you have a friend or roommate struggling with grief. You know you can't "fix" the problem, but you don't know what you can do. The Student Health and Counseling Center and the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life have developed "How to Help a Friend," a series about the issues associated with helping friends. Come join us for information, ideas, support, and pizza! The meetings are facilitated by Gayle Davis of the Student Health and Counseling Center and Chaplain Cynthia Terry.

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Goucher College Undertakes Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory

Goucher College recently contracted with Environmental Health and Engineering (EH&E), Inc., a Massachusetts-based environmental and engineering consulting firm, to complete a greenhouse gas emissions inventory, as required by the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. Goucher College President Sanford Ungar signed the commitment in the summer of 2007.

Within a year of signing the commitment, participating colleges and universities must complete an inventory of all



their greenhouse gas emissions. Within two years, they must develop comprehensive institutional plans, interim goals, deadlines, and tracking systems for becoming “climate-neutral” — reducing or offsetting all greenhouse gas production to create a “neutral” effect on global warming.

Goucher’s administration will work closely with EH&E over the next few months to gather the data necessary to complete the greenhouse gas emissions inventory. EH&E will examine the college’s energy consumption; its direct, mobile, and fugitive greenhouse gas emissions; purchased energy; and indirect emissions, which includes commuting, air travel, waste disposal, contractor operations, and purchased goods and services. EH&E will also examine the college’s composting practices, as well as its purchasing of carbon offsets and/or Renewable Energy Certificates as part of the process.

The greenhouse gas inventory effort will set the stage for developing a Climate Action Plan, which will document how the college intends to achieve climate neutrality on campus.

Click [here](#) for more information or visit www.goucher.edu/green.

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Relay For Life

Saturday, April 25, through Sunday, April 26
7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
Academic Quad

Sign up, make a team, join a team, or provide a donation at www.relayforlife.org/goucher.

We believe you can make a difference!

All questions and concerns should be directed to angelica.daniele@goucher.edu or kate.maskarinec@goucher.edu.

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Celebrate Women’s History Month 2009

Goucher College is celebrating Women’s History month with the following series of events, lectures, and performances:

Women's Empowerment Expo

Wednesday, March 11

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pearlstone Atrium

Women’s groups will sell crafts and present information about ways to get involved at

Goucher and in the Greater Baltimore community. All proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. For more information about how to get involved, contact Melissa Smith at Melissa.smith@goucher.edu.

Phenomenal Women Reception

Thursday, March 12

6 p.m., Welsh Hall Piano Room

Come celebrate the phenomenal women of the Goucher community. These women are professors, staff members, and students who have impacted the lives of others at Goucher. Nominations require a photograph and a one-page essay explaining why the nominee is a phenomenal woman. Submissions must be sent to Lamar Hylton at lamar.hylton@goucher.edu by Thursday, March 5.

Ad Buster's Campaign

Thursday, March 12

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pearlstone Atrium

Are you tired of seeing magazine and television advertisements that objectify women? Join other Goucher community members as we modify these advertisements to make our own statement. Let's work together to change cultural expectations and increase awareness about the advertisement industry's attack on women.

Working Women's Wednesday

Wednesday, March 18

4-6 p.m., Gopher Hole

All female faculty and staff members are invited to a happy hour featuring music.

This series of events is sponsored by the offices of Community Living and Multicultural Affairs, the Vice President and Dean of Students, Public Safety, and Student Engagement; the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance; Can't Stop/Won't Stop; Amnesty International; the Administrative Employees Association; the Women's Studies Program; and the Kratz Center for Creative Writing.

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Events from "The Gage"

Monday, March 9

Goucher Idol Junior and Senior Preliminary Rounds

9 p.m.

Gopher Hole

Tuesday, March 10

Ask Big Questions Open Mic Night

9 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Gopher Hole

Monday, March 23

Goucher Idol Semifinal Round

9 p.m.

Haebler Memorial Chapel

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Kudos

Patsy Sims, director of the MFA program, will give the keynote address and a lead a nonfiction workshop at the Delaware Literary Connection Writers Conference on Saturday, April 4, at Wesley College in Dover. [Click here for more information on the conference.](#)

Kathryn St. Ours, the visiting assistant professor of modern languages, gave a presentation titled "Decolonizing the imagination in the early novels of Valerio Evangelisti," at a panel on Modern Italian Fantastic Fiction at the Northeast Modern Language Association Conference in Boston on March 1.

English Professor **Madison Smartt Bell** performed his handmade blues at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs' Literary Cabaret fundraiser on February 27. Held in Baltimore, the event showcased writers who are musicians and musicians who are writers, and writers who are filmmakers and filmmakers who are writers.

Binz Hansen '06 was chosen to be the head coach of Reinhardt College's first men's lacrosse team. Last summer, he played for Team Denmark in the European Lacrosse Championships and was a part of a summer league championship squad. Hansen was a four-year varsity player at NCAA Division III at Goucher, where he received his bachelor of arts in management in 2006.

Kathy Flann, an assistant English professor, gave a presentation in February at the Associated Writing Programs Annual Conference in Chicago. She discussed how to get a job teaching creative writing, with a focus on the differences between the job market in the United States and the United Kingdom. In November, Flann also presented a lecture titled "Bachelors and Masters (Women Included)" with Lucy Collins of University College Dublin at the National Association of Writers in Education Conference in Manchester, England. The lecture examined the differences between teaching graduate-level and undergraduate-level creative writing workshops.

In February, **Elham Atashi**, a visiting assistant professor of peace studies, presented a paper titled "Talking to Iran: Conflict Resolution Alternatives to War" at the International Studies Association Annual Conference in New York City. The paper was based on her research on the role of civil society and dialogue in the Middle East as a tool to prevent future wars.

Nelly Lahoud, assistant professor of political science and international relations, chaired a

panel titled "The past in the present" at the International Studies Association Annual Conference in New York City.

Florencia Cortés-Conde, assistant professor of modern languages, gave a lecture titled "Co-constructing Identity: Spanish-speaking Communities in the Media," to a panel titled "Spanish in the Public Sphere of Mass Media: Discourse, Identity, and Politics" that she was moderating at the 2009 Spanish in the United States and Spanish in Contact with Other Languages conference in Miami on February 21.

English Professor **Michelle Tokarczyk** presented a paper on working-class American literature and participated in a poetry reading at the Northeast Modern Language Association Convention in February.

Jerome E. Copulsky, director of Judaic studies, published an article titled "God in the Inauguration: JFK, Bush, and Obama" in *Religion Dispatches*, a daily online magazine, this January. That same month, the magazine also published an article by Copulsky titled "The Untold Story of the Greatest Yiddish Poet in America: Peter Manseau, Songs for the Butcher's Daughter."

Jennifer McCabe, assistant professor of psychology, presented a poster titled "Retooling Revisions: An Electronic Submission, Feedback, and Grading System" at the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in January.

Mark McKibben, assistant professor of math and computer science, presented a paper at the American Mathematical Society National Meeting in January.

Math and Computer Science Professor **Bob Lewand** was a co-chairman of the Contributed Paper Session on Cryptology at the Joint Meeting of the American Mathematical Association and the Mathematical Association of America in January.

In December, **Ariane de Bremond**, the director of environmental studies, had an article titled "The Politics of Peace and Resettlement through El Salvador's Land Transfer Programme: Caught Between the State and the Market," published as a chapter in a book titled *In Market-Led Agrarian Reform: Critical Perspectives on Neoliberal Land Policies and the Rural Poor*.

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Goucher in the News

Check out the latest media coverage of Goucher College and its community members.

["Goucher isn't judging scholar from Rwanda"](#)

From *The Baltimore Sun*, February 23, 2009

Article Abstract: A letter to the editor written by Goucher College President Sanford J. Ungar defending the college's decision to suspend Leopold Munyakazi, a visiting French professor indicted for genocide in Rwanda.

["Maryland: Professor Allowed in Library"](#)

From *The New York Times*, February 26, 2009

Article Abstract: The article examines Goucher College's decision to allow Leopold Munyakazi, a visiting French professor who was barred from campus after officials learned of his genocide indictment in Rwanda, to use the college's library.

["Q&A with Goucher women's coach Katie Trainor"](#)

From *The Baltimore Sun*, February 23, 2009

Article Abstract: *The Baltimore Sun's* lacrosse guru John Weaver interviewed Katie Trainor, Goucher College's women's lacrosse coach, about her team and their preparations for the upcoming season.

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