



LIBERAL ARTS AND CRITICAL ISSUES RESEARCH EXHIBIT

★ APRIL 15 ★ NOON – 4 p.m. ★

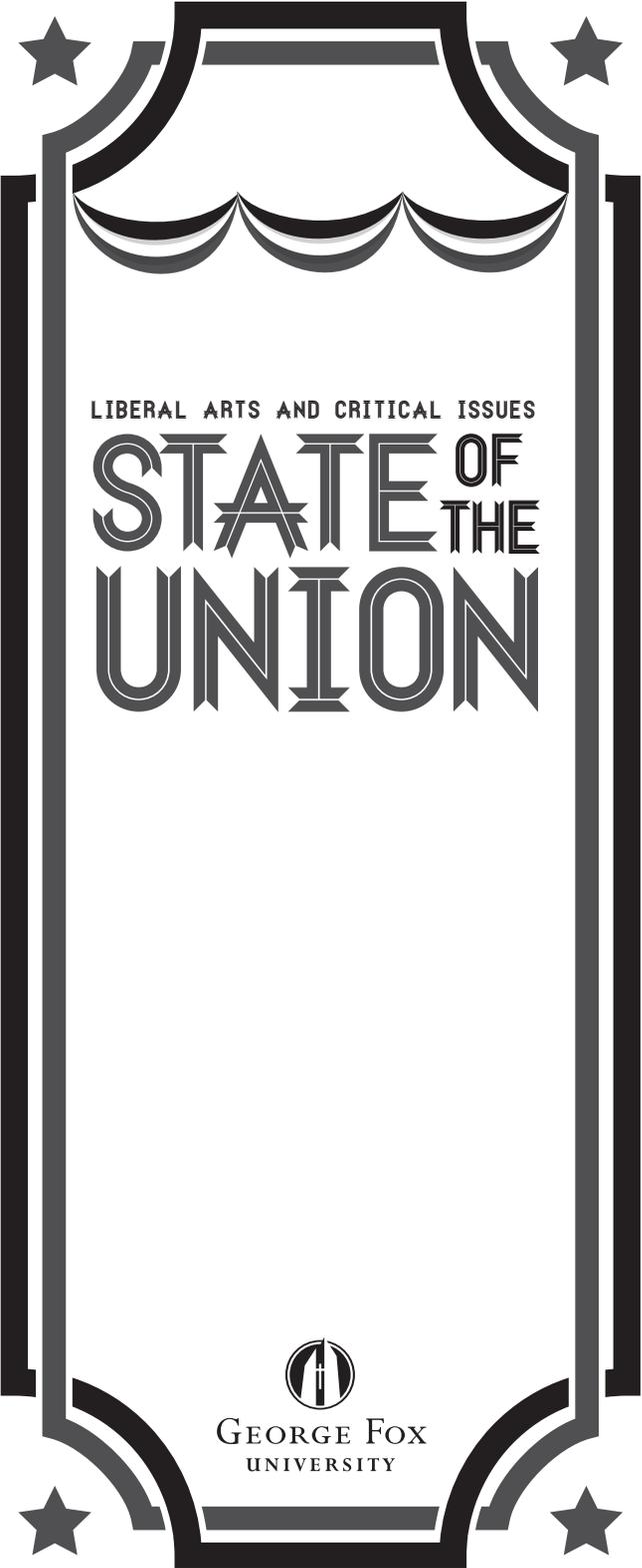
★ EHS AND HOOVER ATRIUMS ★

LACI students present the findings of their research on problems or challenges facing the nation today and offer solutions drawn from an integration of their liberal arts background, disciplinary training, and Christian perspective.



In the Liberal Arts and Critical Issues (LACI) Program, GFU seniors integrate professional preparation, the liberal arts, and Christian faith as they respond to a significant public issue of current concern.

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LACI SPRING 2013 LECTURE SCHEDULE

Education: The Future of Oregon Today Jan. 28



Mr. Rob Saxton, *Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of Oregon*

Education attainment is more important now than ever in determining life success. Mr. Saxton will be speaking on the plan underway to reform education in the state and lead Oregon toward its most successful future.

The Changing State of the Union: How the Emerging Culture is Influencing American Culture Feb. 18



Dr. Terrence Steele, *Sociology Instructor, George Fox University*

The lecture explores the changes in social norms and institutions due to the shift from Modern American culture to the Emerging Culture, with attention to areas such as religion and church, education, politics and business.

The State of Freedom in the 50 States March 11



Dr. William P. Ruger, *Assistant Professor of Political Science, Texas State University*

Is America the "land of the free"? Based upon a rigorous study of state laws and practices throughout the United States, this lecture explores how far Americans' freedoms extend and where they are limited.

The Future of the American Dream ... Fact or Fiction: Poverty Realities Feb. 4



Dr. Donna Beegle, *President, Communication Across Barriers*

What does it look and feel like to live in poverty in America? In this lecture, Dr. Donna M. Beegle will share her journey out of poverty, along with more than 20 years of research and work on breaking poverty barriers.

Hope and Hopelessness: Overcoming the State of Despair in Modern Conservation Feb. 25



Dr. Fred Van Dyke, *Executive Director, Au Sable Institute for Environmental Studies*

Modern conservation efforts increasingly operate in a culture of hopelessness, leading many professionals in the field to exhort practitioners to express hope in their individual conservation projects. Hope, Fred Van Dyke counters, is not a product of emotional exhortation, but of reasoned and confident expectation of an altered future condition relative to present circumstances.

Living Our Freedom, Speaking Our Mind March 18



Ms. Kathryn Hickok, *Publications Director, Cascade Policy Institute*

What you think matters. As citizens, we must explain the "why's" behind our views to be persuasive in today's political and public policy debates.

Future of the American Church Feb. 11



Dr. Robert Rayburn, *Senior Pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church*

Although the United States is often recognized as a Christian nation, it is important to ask what the state of the church in North America is today – and what the future holds. With long experience in the pulpit and a long habit of closely watching cultural trends, Dr. Rayburn addresses these questions.

Actions are Illegal, Never People: Comprehending the Complexity of Immigration in the U.S. March 4



Dr. Joel Perez, *Dean of Inclusion & Leadership, George Fox University*

Joel will provide a brief history of immigration in the U.S. and its appeal as an immigrant destination, stories of current immigrants in the U.S. with a focus on those who would benefit from legislation such as the DREAM Act, and an update about current proposed legislation and its possible impact on the U.S.

Health Care Reform: It's All How You Frame the Questions April 1



Dr. Joanne Warner, *Dean, School of Nursing, University of Portland*

Health care reform is a "squishy" policy topic for which the questions and frames determine the policy solutions. Dr. Warner brings stories and perspective on health care reform from her work lobbying with the Friends Committee on National Legislation since the Clinton administration.

All lectures are in Hoover 105 at 4:40-5:40 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. with the exception of the LACI Exhibit