

Dr. Anita Houck to deliver annual Moreau Lectures

Religious scholar Dr. Anita Houck will explore the conversation between Catholic Christian theology and the lived experience of single adults during two free lectures on



Wednesday, Oct. 19, in the Burke Auditorium.

Houck is the 33rd speaker in the history of the Moreau Lectures Series at King's.

Houck's lectures will consider what renewed attention to the experiences of single adults might bring to the Christian tradition. At 3:30 p.m., Houck will discuss "The Fourth Vocation: A

Spirituality of Single Life." At 7:30 p.m., she will speak on "What the Church Can Learn from Single Life."

Houck is associate professor and chair of religious studies and director of the College's Writing Proficiency Program at Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame, Ind. She earned a doctorate from the University of Chicago Divinity School and a Masters in Education from Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is a graduate of Wesleyan University.

The Moreau Lecture Series brings renowned theologians to the King's campus to address issues of social justice, peace, morality and Catholic identity as well as other subjects relevant to the lives of students, Catholics, and all other people concerned with the significant issues facing the Church and society.

The Moreau Lectures Series is named in honor of Blessed Father Basil Anthony Moreau, founder of the Holy Cross Congregation which established and sponsors King's.

For further information, contact Rev. Daniel Issing, C.S.C., assistant professor of theology, at ext. 5491.

King's recognized for commitment to community service

For the second consecutive year, King's has been placed in the top five percent of all master's degree granting colleges and universities in America in a ranking which emphasizes service to the community and social mobility of the student body.

The rankings appear in the September issue of *Washington Monthly* magazine as part of a cover story titled "2011 College Rankings: What Can Colleges Do for the Country." The rankings were based on three evenly weighted selection criteria; social mobility, service, and research.

"Our top-ranked master's and baccalaureate institutions don't spend a lot of time and money chasing after fame and glory," said Erin Dillon, senior policy analyst at Education Sector, who compiled data for the rankings. "They're too busy serving their students and communities well. In doing so, they have a lot to teach academia about giving back to the country."

King's ranked 25th among "master's universities" in the United

States and one of three in Pennsylvania ranked in the top 50, ranking behind Villanova University and ahead of the University of Scranton. King's placed 30th last year and was the only Pennsylvania-based entry to improve its ranking.

King's ranked second nationally among 553 institutions in the master's degree category for community service participation and hours served, one of five areas that comprise the service to the community aspect of the survey.

"I think this survey recognizes the King's Community for its efforts to positively affect students from the time they arrive to the time they graduate," said Father John Ryan, C.S.C., president. "The ranking news comes after a record class of new students completed a successful orientation, which included public service projects in the local community and a national survey that places the median mid-career salary of King's graduates in the top 100 of all colleges and universities in the country."

Photographs from SERVE trips to be on display in Widmann

Collected during various SERVE (Students Engaged in Reflective Volunteer Experiences) service trips, photographs by King's students, staff and alumni reflect the faces and atmospheres of a variety of cultures from around the world.

The photographs will be on display in the third annual "The Faces and Places We SERVE" exhibition held in the Widmann Gallery from Monday, Oct. 17, through Oct. 28. Artists will discuss their photographs and service experiences during a gallery talk on Friday, Oct. 21, from 6-8 p.m.

"The exhibit is a testament to the pervasive social justice problems that plague our world," said Kim Fabbri, coordinator of King's Scholars in Service Program. "Our pictures represent not only King's service across the country, but also the hours our volunteers have spent in communion with the poor and oppressed in Wilkes-Barre."

Photographers include Jason Clark, Colleen Grosenick, Christine Guarino, Leanne Mazurick and Isaac VonRue.

Gallery hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., as arranged. The Gallery is closed on national holidays and during scheduled breaks throughout the academic year.

For more information, contact Michelle Leonard, Widmann Gallery Coordinator, at ext. 5328.



Perfection, a photograph by Leanne Mazurick, taken at Providence Connections Family Support Center in Pittsburgh, is one of a series of photographs taken by King's students, staff and alumni during volunteer assignments.

Gospel choir to visit campus

Saint Bernardine's Gospel Choir will perform a free concert of traditional gospel songs and contemporary religious compositions at King's at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, and during the 11 a.m. liturgy on Sunday, Oct. 30, as part of the College's "Experiencing the Arts" series.

The concert and the liturgy will be held in the J. Carroll McCormick Campus Ministry Center. The performance is co-sponsored by King's Theatre Department, the Office of Diversity and Campus Ministry.

The Saint Bernardine concert will also feature the sounds of King's choir, Cantores Christi Regis, who will join the performers on stage during selected songs of faith.

The Gospel Choir has performed throughout the Baltimore area as well as in Rome for the late Pope John Paul II, and was featured on a Palm Sunday service broadcast on NBC.

For more information, visit the Experiencing the Arts Calendar at www.kings.edu, or contact Music Director Rob Yenkowski at ext. 6044 or e-mail rayenkow@kings.edu.

Share your News with the King's Community

The next issue of *Monarch Notes* will be published the week of Oct. 31. If you would like to include an event, please contact Joseph Giomboni, assistant director of PR, at josephgiomboni@kings.edu or ext. 5957.

Chemistry Club to cook up stunning treats for children

King's Chemistry Club students, under faculty supervision, will present the College's traditional ghoulish exhibition of chemical delights in commemoration of National Chemistry Week and Halloween with the 15th Annual "Things that Go Boom in the Night" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the Burke Auditorium.

More than a dozen chemistry students will be performing fiery demonstrations, including balloon explosions and a flaming pumpkin finale. They will also be freezing objects with liquid nitrogen, performing some color change reaction, and making slime.

The presentation is designed for a young audience; children 12 and younger are invited to attend with no more than two adults. Seating is

on a first-come, first-served basis. No tickets are required.

For more information, contact Kristi D. Concannon, associate professor of physics, at ext. 5390.

