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Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist to read excerpts of his work

Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Michael Cunningham will read excerpts from his work during a free public event at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, in the Burke Auditorium. Cunningham is the 2011 Visiting Writer, a program sponsored by the English Department.



Cunningham received the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the PEN/Faulkner Award for his novel, *The Hours*, which was later made into a 2002 Oscar-winning film starring Julianne Moore, Nicole Kidman and Meryl Streep.

The novel follows three women, separated by a span of nearly 80 years, who find themselves

weathering similar crises, all linked by a single work of literature, *Mrs. Dalloway*.

His novel *A Home at the End of the World* was published in 1990 to wide acclaim. Another novel, *Flesh and Blood*, followed in 1995. He is also the author of *Specimen Days*. His newest novel, *By Nightfall*, was published in October 2010.

Cunningham's work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The Paris Review*, and other publications.

His story "White Angel" was chosen for *Best American Short Stories 1989*, and another story "Mister Brother" appeared in the 2000 O. Henry Collection.

Cunningham is the recipient of a Whiting Writers Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, and a Michener Fellowship from the University of Iowa. He is currently a senior lecturer in the English department at Yale University.

A book signing concludes the program; books will be available for purchase prior to the event at King's/Wilkes Barnes & Noble Bookstore and at the reading.

For more information, contact Jennifer Yonkoski, instructor of English, at ext. 5487.

Students to mentor non-violent youth offenders

The Luzerne County juvenile justice system bolstered its arsenal to steer non-violent youth offenders away from a life of crime by initiating a mentorship program with King's College.

This fall, 26 criminal justice students will meet twice a week for two hours with juveniles who have been charged with minor non-violent offenses and have been referred by the county. The sessions will be held on campus under faculty supervision.

King's volunteer mentors will help the juveniles with their homework for the first 45 minutes of each session, then participate in structured educational activities and community service projects.

Judge Joseph Cosgrove swore in the first volunteer mentors in the Juvenile Justice College Mentoring Program during an event held in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center in early October. The program also featured President Judge Thomas F. Burke Jr., Juvenile Court Judge David W. Lupas, District Attorney Jackie

Musto Carroll, and Chief Public Defender Al Flora Jr.

President Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C., and Paul Lindenmuth, associate professor of criminal justice, also spoke.

"We're not looking at judging these individuals," Lindenmuth said. "We're looking at educating them so they make better decisions in the future."

The program will complement the county's newly formed Youth Aid Panels as a diversionary program to prevent cases from rising to the level of a court proceeding and will provide the court an additional tool in cases involving juveniles. The new program began on Oct. 18 and runs four weeks.

Members of the county's youth aid panels, probation officers, and local school districts will work to identify juvenile offenders eligible for the program. To become a mentor, King's students must be juniors or seniors, hold a GPA of 2.75 or higher, and complete an application, interview and background check.

Mass Comm event to feature industry leaders, experts

King's will host a variety of free public sessions with speakers ranging from award-winning filmmakers and radio hosts to media experts and graphic designers during a Mass Communications Conference beginning at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center.

The conference features four sessions by professionals and industry leaders lecturing on a variety of topics, including: advertising, sports media, filmmaking, graphic design, public relations, radio broadcasting, and print journalism.

"This is an exciting opportunity for students and faculty to have an inside look at real world applications within the communications field from industry leaders," said Dr. Michelle Schmude, chair, mass communications department.

At 9:30 a.m., presentations include King's art director and photographer Brian Blight on "Creating Images for Your Target Audience"; "10 Ways Engaging Copy Can Help You Score in Life" by Tracey Selingo, owner, Inc Engage; and "Media Advertising in Today's Advanced World" by Bob Loftus, account executive, WNEP-TV.

At 11 a.m., sessions include "Sports Media" by Erin Dugan, sports reporter and producer, Fox 56 WOLF-TV; and Dr. Ray Gamache, assistant professor of mass communications;

Alum Brian Cook added to Counseling Center

Brian Cook of Exeter joined King's as a college counselor in the Counseling Center. He will provide individual and group counseling of students, consult with faculty and staff on student-related issues, provide on-call services and crisis intervention to students, and assist in the development of Counseling Center outreach programs in specialized areas.

A 2004 King's graduate, Cook gained experience in private practice counseling, as an instructor at Luzerne County Community College, and as a Senior Inpatient Therapist at First Hospital Wyoming Valley, Kingston.

His professional areas of interest include individual and group therapy, substance abuse and addiction, mood disorders, and crisis management.

After earning a bachelor's degree in psychology from King's, Cook earned a master's degree in community counseling at the University of Scranton. His credentials include licensure in the State of Pennsylvania as a Licensed Professional Counselor, as well as certification as a National Certified Counselor.



"TV, Radio and Web for the Attention Challenged" by Dan Simrell, owner and creative director of Dan Simrell Advertising; and "Radio in Today's Marketplace" by Brian Carey, radio host for 1010 WINS, CBS Radio.

At 12:30 p.m., lectures include an analysis of the communications field by Catherine A. Bolton, principal, River Rock Communications; "Advertising and Marketing for an E-Business" by Dawn Bobeck, vice president of sales and marketing, Vintage Tub and Bath; and "Smashing the Gates of Media: Why You Need to be a Fearless Storyteller" by filmmaker Octavio Warnick-Graham.

At 2 p.m., the conferences conclude with presentations on "Design, Development, and Then Some..." by Matt Giordano, creative director of nepaconnect.com; and "Investigative Reporting for Print and Broadcast" by Susan Henry, radio host, WILK-FM.

The conference is sponsored by King's Department of Mass Communications and funded by a federal grant. Registration for the media conference is available at www.kings.edu.

For more information, contact Dr. Michelle Schmude, at ext. 5947 or email michelleschmude@kings.edu.

People at King's

Dr. Terry Mech, director of the D. Leonard Corgan Library, served as chair of a Library Visiting Team to evaluate the library at DeSales University.

He also co-presented the lecture "What They Know and What They Should Know: Research and Information Skills of First-Year College Students" at the Pennsylvania Library Association's Lehigh Valley Chapter spring conference at Northampton College.

Experiencing The Arts

The 9th Invitational Emerging Artists Exhibition

Nov. 7- Dec. 12; Meet the artist reception, Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m.

Collection of works by area high school students.

Widmann Gallery, Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center

Picasso at the Lapin Agile by Steve Martin

Nov. 10-12 and 17-19 at 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 13, at 3 p.m.

Steve Martin's smart comedy depicts a fictional meeting between

Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein in 1904 Paris.

King's Theatre, Administration Building

Campion Literary Society Open Readings

Monday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Share your creative works with the King's community.

Gold Room, Administration Building