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Distinguished Lecture Series Announced for Fall '08

WORCESTER, Ma – Quinsigamond Community College has announced its fall Liberal Arts Distinguished Lecture series. Lectures are free and open to the public and will take place at QCC's Harrington Learning Center from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

On Wednesday, October 1, Dr. Robert J.S. Ross of Clark University will be on campus to give a lecture titled, "Asia comes to Main Street: Globalization and Recent Immigration to Worcester." Professor Ross is Director of International Studies and Professor of Sociology at Clark. He a published author and has lectured extensively throughout the country. Professor Ross will speak about how global forces produce immigration streams of different people to Worcester and in particular the Main South area.

In November, Quinsigamond welcomes Dr. Elliott Visconsi, assistant professor of English and Yale University, to the campus. On Thursday, November 6, Professor Visconsi will speak on "Constitutional Culture and Civil Religion." Also a published author, Prof. Visconsi's talk will discuss how literature and other forms of media contribute to the popular understanding of constitutional norms, especially in relation to ideas of civil religion or the separation of church and state.

"The idea is to bring to campus experts and specialists from a range of liberal arts fields," stated Ken Wong, QCC professor of history and coordinator of the liberal arts program and lecture series. "Our lecturers discuss current, thought provoking subjects that also reflect the multi-culturalism of our student body and the entire Worcester community."

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