



UConn Professors Start Public Lectures Today

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STAMFORD - The Stamford campus of the University of Connecticut kicks off a series of free public lectures today.

The faculty will hold 25 one-hour lectures over the next few months, touching on the Bible, the economics of health care, school discipline, Shakespeare, autism and language, and U.S. foreign policy after Sept. 11, among other topics.

It's a continuation of open lectures, or colloquia, begun last fall by UConn-Stamford. The series is meant to showcase the faculty and involve residents in the university, said Michael Ego, associate vice provost.

"I would say that everything we're doing this semester is on topics the public can relate to."

Professors will take questions that can help them refine the research they're presenting, Ego said. Each one is working on new research that can benefit from public critique, he said.

The lectures run through April 29.

A lecture scheduled for Feb. 27 will focus on "battered women's responses to abuse." One slated for April 14 addresses "why repealing minimum wage laws makes sense for the working poor." The next day, the topic is "faces of women entrepreneurs around the world."

The topic for April 17 is "value chain effects on your brand." On April 21 the topic is "the effectiveness of credit default insurance in mitigating mortgage default losses."

Marketing, business and literary topics are covered, too.

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