



the January Series 2008

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Remote Webcast Sites Across Southern Michigan & the U.S.
 Downtown Grand Rapids, Holland, Muskegon, Kalamazoo, Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Troy, Chicago, Massachusetts, Florida, California

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<p>4 Friday BILL MCKIBBEN "Deep Economy" Underwritten by Grand Rapids Community Foundation</p>	<p>3 Thursday MICHAEL MANDELBAUM "Democracy's Good Name" Underwritten by Melfer, Inc.</p>	<p>11 Friday ISHMAEL BEAH "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier" Underwritten by John & Mary Locks</p>	<p>10 Thursday DEBRA RIENSTRA "Words Wear Out: How Writers Help Us Renew Religious Language" Underwritten by Peter & Pat Cook</p>	<p>18 Friday DOUGLAS DIEKEMA "Love, Justice, and Humility: A Bioethicist meets the Pillow Angel" Underwritten by Spectrum Health</p>	<p>17 Thursday MICHAEL GRIFFIN "American Competitiveness: NASA's Role & Everyone's Responsibility" Underwritten by Barnes & Thornburg</p>	<p>16 Wednesday TIMOTHY GEORGE "Theology for an Age of Terror" Underwritten by Van Wyk Risk & Financial Management</p>	<p>23 Wednesday SIGVAL BERG "Energy: Our Responsibility" Underwritten by GMB Architects + Engineers</p>	<p>22 Tuesday WILLIAM GARVELINK "U.S. Leadership in Responding to the World's Humanitarian Crises" Underwritten by Christian Reformed World Relief Committee</p>	<p>15 Tuesday MARGARET LOWMAN "Exploration of the Tree-tops" Underwritten by Israel's Designs for Living</p>	<p>14 Monday JAMES ABBINGTON "100 Years of Black Gospel Music in an Hour" Underwritten by Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett, LLP</p>	<p>21 Monday STAGES THEATRE COMPANY "A Lion in Winter" Underwritten by Holland Litho Printing Service</p>
<p>7 Monday SONIA NAZARIO "Enrique's Journey" Underwritten by Macatawa Bank</p>	<p>8 Tuesday CHRIS SEIPLE "Stewarding American Power: Recommendations for the Next President" Underwritten by The Richard & Helen DeVos Foundation</p>	<p>9 Wednesday ELEANOR CLIFT "Countdown to Election 2008" Underwritten by Huntington Bank</p>	<p>14 Monday In Celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>								

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The award-winning *January Series* of Calvin College is one of the leading lecture and cultural arts series in the country. As we begin our 21st year we continue a long tradition of bringing some of the best experts in their respective fields to our campus as a gift to the college and the community for 15 days. In 2008 the *January Series* will venture into new territory as we offer webcasts at 12 remote sites across southern Michigan and indeed the nation. As a distinctively Christian, academically excellent liberal arts college that strives to shape hearts and minds for the renewal of God's world, Calvin welcomes all to hear, question, evaluate and reflect on current topics affecting our world. The wide-ranging topics this year will include presentations on the next presidential election, renewing religious language, black gospel music, the world's rain forests, theology in an age of terror, environmental stewardship, the future of the space industry, immigration, medical ethics and more. These one-hour, noontime presentations will allow you to expand your mind, renew your thinking, enable you to better evaluate the possibilities before us, and consider in greater depth the world around us.

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New for 2008!

The January Series will be hitting the road in 2008 with live remote webcasts at a dozen sites around Southern Michigan and across the country!

- Women's Literary Club, Downtown Grand Rapids
- Western Michigan Christian High School, Muskegon, MI
- Ridge Point Church, Holland, MI
- Third Christian Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, MI
- River Terrace Church, East Lansing, MI
- The Center for Faith & Scholarship, Ann Arbor, MI
- North Hills Christian Reformed Church, Troy, MI
- Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church, Whitinsville, MA
- Bradenton Christian School, Bradenton, FL
- Faith Christian Reformed Church, Elmhurst, IL (11:30 a.m.)
- Crosspoint Church, Ontario, CA (9:30a.m.)
- The River, Redlands, CA (9:30 a.m.)

Visit our website at www.calvin.edu/january for specific details on each location.



Parking: Due to construction on Calvin's campus, parking and shuttle service will be available at Church of the Servant, located just north of the campus at 3835 Burton St SE. Shuttle runs continuously beginning at 11:15 a.m.



Michael Mandelbaum

Thursday, January 3
Democracy's Good Name

- Foreign affairs expert at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies
- He is able to clearly explain the meaning and consequences of complicated global developments & trends
- Author of ten books, most recently "Democracy's Good Name", noted by Thomas Friedman to be highly relevant to America's democracy project in Iraq
- Named one of the most influential people in American foreign policy by the World Affairs Councils of America



Debra Rienstra

Thursday, January 10
Words Wear Out: How Writers Help Us Renew Religious Language

- Associate Professor of English at Calvin College
- Author of two books, including her memoir "Great with Child: On Becoming a Mother" and "So Much More: An Invitation to Christian Spirituality" a gentle and winsome introduction to Christian faith
- She writes and speaks with wit and intelligence
- She will explore how recent writers of fiction, poetry, and literary non-fiction are helping us renew our language, finding fresh and sometimes controversial ways to speak about the mysteries of faith



Michael Griffin

Thursday, January 17
American Competitiveness: NASA's Role & Everyone's Responsibility

- Confirmed by the US Senate in April 2005 as the 11th Administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- Prior to his appointment Griffin served as Space Department Head at Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physical Laboratory
- He will speak on the strategy to keep America the most innovative nation in the world by strengthening our scientific education and research, improving our technological enterprise, attracting the world's brightest workers, and providing 21st century job training



Bill McKibben

Friday, January 4
Deep Economy

- Environmental author and advocate
- Scholar in Residence in Environmental Studies at Middlebury College
- Author of ten books including "Deep Economy: The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future" which challenges the prevailing view of our economy that "more is better"
- His first book "The End of Nature" was the first sounding alarm of global warming
- Founder of SteptUp07.org to generate local support to curb carbon emissions



Ishmael Beah

Friday, January 11
A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier

- Former child soldier, human rights activist, and best selling author
- At the age of 11 his life was derailed by the outbreak of a brutal civil war, he spent three years as a child soldier in his native Sierra Leone before being rescued by UNICEF
- After rehabilitation he was selected to attend a conference at the United Nations to talk about the devastating effects of war on children
- Beah now serves as an advocate for children affected by war around the world, serving on a UN panel with Secretary General Kofi Annan



Douglas Diekema

Friday, January 18
Love, Justice, and Humility: A Bioethicist meets the 'Pillow Angel'

- Pediatrician and ethicist at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle, WA
- Primary ethics consultant and member of the ethics committee for the Ashley or "Pillow Angel" case in 2004 which drew national attention in 2007, including stories in *People* and *Time* magazines as well as a debate with Joni Erickson Tada on *CNN's Larry King Live*
- He will discuss his personal involvement in the Ashley case and reflect on the role of a Christian trying to apply the principles of ethics to difficult and tragic cases involving children



Sonia Nazario

Monday, January 7
Enrique's Journey

- Projects reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*
- She has spent more than two decades reporting and writing about social issues affecting Latinos in the US, earning her dozens of national awards including the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing
- Author of "Enrique's Journey", the story of Central American children riding the top of freight trains through Mexico to join their mothers in the United States
- Offers a new perspective on the complex issue of illegal immigration



James Abbingtion

Monday, January 14
100 Years of Black Gospel Music in an Hour

- Associate Professor of Music & Worship at Candler School of Theology, Emory University
- His research interests include music and worship in the Christian church, African American sacred folk music, church organ, choral music and ethnomusicology
- He serves as Executive Editor of the *African American Church Music Series* by GIA Publications
- He has served as music coordinator for the NAACP and Progressive National Baptist Convention



Stages Theatre Company

Monday, January 21
A Lion in Winter

- The Glorae Dei Artes Foundation from the Community of Jesus in Orleans, MA returns to the *January Series* with their theatre company presenting a one hour adaption of "A Lion in Winter" by James Goldman
- Under the direction of Joanna Weir, from the Central School for Speech and Drama in London, they will present a powerful and witty play exploring the dangerous and convoluted dynamics of royal family politics in the Middle Ages
- Stages Theatre Company performs year-round on Cape Cod



Chris Seiple

Tuesday, January 8
Stewarding American Power: Recommendations for the Next President

- President of the *Institute for Global Engagement* in Washington DC which promotes sustainable environments for religious freedom worldwide
- Formerly an Earhart Fellow at Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University
- Suggests how the US can steward our spiritual, cultural, economic, and military might in a globalizing and hurting world
- Serves on the Religious Advisory Committee to the president
- Speaks around the world on topics of religion and realpolitik



Margaret Lowman

Tuesday, January 15
It's a Jungle Up There: Exploration of the Treetops

- Tropical Rain Forest Canopy Biologist and Educator, Director of Environmental Initiatives at New College of Florida
- Best known as "Canopy Meg", she shares her ingenious methods of gaining access to jungle canopies as well as her passion to conserve the diversity of life in our rainforests
- Author of "Life in the Treetops: Adventures of a Women in Field Biology" and "It's a Jungle Up There: More Tales from the Treetops" written with her sons



William Garvelink

Tuesday, January 22
U.S. Leadership in Responding to the World's Humanitarian Crises

- Recently confirmed by the White House as the Ambassador of the United States to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Formerly the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- He has been overseeing disaster and humanitarian efforts in Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world for USAID since 1979



Eleanor Clift

Wednesday, January 9
Countdown to Election 2008

- Contributing editor of *Newsweek*, reporting on the White House, presidential politics, and national issues, she has been at the center of Washington's political arena for the last three decades
- Her column, "Capitol Letter" is posted each week on *Newsweek.com* and *MSNBC.com*
- A regular panelist on the nationally syndicated show, "The McLaughlin Group", and a political analyst for the *Fox News Network*
- Author of several books including "War Without Bloodshed" and "Madam President"



Timothy George

Wednesday, January 16
Theology for an Age of Terror

- Founding Dean of Beeson Divinity School, Samford University
- Author or editor of over 20 books including "Theology of the Reformers" and his latest book "God the Holy Trinity"
- Comparing the fall of Rome to our September 11 he will discuss how the eternal church is on a pilgrimage through a world that is not our own
- Senior editor for *Christianity Today*
- Serves on the editorial advisory board for *Books and Culture*, *Harvard Theological Review*, and *Christian History*



Sigval Berg

Wednesday, January 23
Energy: Our Responsibility

- Global nuclear expert and Senior Vice President for UniStar Nuclear Energy, the nation's largest supplier of electricity
- Graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he served in the U.S. nuclear program until 1981, he is also a graduate of Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program and he holds a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH
- Noting that energy issues & solutions are complex, he will reflect on God's call to be responsible managers of the world's energy resources