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## AASU to Host Award Winning Filmmaker

On Friday September 22, award-winning filmmaker Ellen Perry will be on campus, and we hope many faculty and students will take advantage of the chance to meet her. The highlight will be the showing of her film *The Fall of Fujimori* at the new Armstrong Center (formerly Publix) at 7 PM, followed by a question and answer session with Ms. Perry. And as WheelerNotes indicates below, all full-time staff and faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as all members of Phi Kappa Phi, will be invited to a reception beforehand.

In addition, Ms. Perry will be available to meet with students in classes or for lunch on Friday or late Thursday. Those teaching courses in political science, history, Spanish, film, ethics, (and others) may call Mark Finlay (5642) to make arrangements.

The film tells the extraordinary tale of former Peruvian president Alberto Fujimori. Elected to power in 1990, and the first Asian to lead a non-Asian country, Fujimori won on the counter-intuitive campaign slogan "A president like you", and promised to control drug trafficking, political violence, and economic prosperity. Although Fujimori made progress toward these goals, he used the terrorism of rebel groups to justify his seizure of dictatorial power. After ten years in power, political scandals and his Machiavellian tactics eroded his based of support. He sent his letter of resignation to the Peruvian Parliament by fax. Wanted on twenty-one Peruvian and Interpol warrants for corruption, murder, and human rights abuses, Fujimori was promptly arrested when he attempted to return to power in 2006. Currently, he is fighting extradition from a Chilean prison.

The 83-minute film features candid interviews with the elusive Fujimori, filmed in Japan before his return to South America. *The Fall of Fujimori* demonstrates once again how much stranger truth is than fiction and provides a cautionary tale about the uncertain hazards of populist politics amid terrorism, Third-World poverty, and civil conflict.

AASU is fortunate to have this opportunity. We thank Honors Program student Rob Oldham, a personal friend of Ms. Perry, for arranging this visit.

From the critics:

*Los Angeles Weekly*: "A must-see for Perry's one-on-one chats with her subject."

*New York Times*: "An excellent film...[Perry] allows some implications of his career to ripple beyond Peru in the 1990's, turning *The Fall of Fujimori* into a cautionary essay on the risks to democracy posed by the fight against terrorism."

*Village Voice*: "an astonishing story...an intriguing portrait...[reveals] the absurd dramatics [of Peruvian politics]"

## WheelerNotes

### Enrich your Mind ... Satisfy your Appetite ... Enjoy your Colleagues

On September 22 members of the Armstrong Community will have opportunity for a special event. At 7:00 pm, as part of the dedication of the Armstrong Center, distinguished documentary maker Ellen Perry will present a viewing of her incisive documentary, *The Fall of Fujimori*, and then will be present for questions and discussion.

Arts and Science faculty members who enjoy filling stomachs as well as minds will be interested to note the event that precedes this documentary viewing and conversation. Each full-time Arts and Science employee (and one adult guest) is invited to join us in the Armstrong Center ballroom for a meal catered by chef Nick Mueller. Wine and cheese will be available at 5:45, the buffet line will open at 6:10, and at 6:50 we will move upstairs to view the film.

The College of Arts and Sciences is happy to invite its full-time faculty members and staff and the members of Phi Kappa Phi to be our guests at this dinner. However, headcount is *extremely* important. As soon as you are *certain* that you will be able to attend, please send an email to Diane Sellers at [sellerdi@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:sellerdi@mail.armstrong.edu). Reservations *must* be made by Tuesday, September 19. Of course, members of the faculty and community can attend the film showing and discussion without reservations.

## NEH Stipends

The deadline for applying for National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends for 2007 is October 2, 2006. Awards are for \$5,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing. Guidelines and application instructions are available at <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html>.

The university may nominate no more than two faculty members for this award. Thus far one faculty member has expressed interest, and we need to know if any other potential proposals are floating out there. If interested, please contact Dean Wheeler by September 10.

## FinlayNotes

### Constitution Day

On Friday, September 15 at noon in room 156 UH, Dr. John Kearnes, CJSPS, will present a lecture entitled, "We 'Builed' it Better than We Knew: The Conspiracy of the Fourteenth Amendment," as part of the annual Constitution Day event. In addition, the Department of CJSPS also will present the film entitled *A More Perfect Union* on Wednesday September 13, at noon in room 156 UH sponsored by Phi Alpha Delta. A pizza lunch is planned for the students who attend this event. If you have any questions please call Dr. Zaphon Wilson at X5938.

### PreLaw Advice and Adventures

On Monday, September 11, at noon, in a location to be announced, a graduate of the AASU Honors Program and the Florida Coastal School of Law will be on campus to dispense advice and offer insights on what law school is really like. Steve Mosca has a job pending as an Assistant Public Defender for the 4th Circuit in Jacksonville. Contact Professor Becky da Cruz at (912) 921-7407 for details.

## Faculty Notes

**Erik Nordenhaug**, LLP, presented a paper entitled "Who or What do the Social Sciences Serve in The Technological Society?" at the International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences on the island of Rhodes, Greece, in July. These reflections explore the implications of the vast network of techniques devised by the social sciences for the adaptation of humanity to the globalizing technological order.

**Richard Cebula**, Economics, continues to publish at a fast pace. Recent publications include a book co-edited with Attiat Ott of Clark University, *The Elgar Companion in Public Economics: Empirical Public Economics* (Edgar Elgar, 2006), and these articles: "Impact of Self Employment and Independent Contractor Status on Health Insurance Coverage," *International Advances in Economic Research* (August 2006): 1-8; and "Determinants of the Percent of the Population Enrolled in HMOs," *Journal of the American Academy of Business* (September 2006): 32-37. Co-authors for the latter paper include Gigi Alexander, AASU graduate student, and **Yassi Saadatmand**, Economics Department Head.

**Randall Reese**, AMT, presented workshops, clinics, and performances at the Universidad de La Serena, in Chile. Reese is assisting with the formation of a jazz "big band" at the university and its affiliated school of music.

**Pat West**, languages, literature & philosophy, appears as a judge in the latest production of "My South Speaks" recently aired by Turner Broadcasting and Comcast Cable 7. Armstrong Atlantic was mentioned in the introduction. "My South Speaks" is an essay and poetry competition that features winners during commercial breaks on Turner Broadcasting. For more information, contact West at 927.5280 or [westpatr@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:westpatr@mail.armstrong.edu).

West presented "Where Outreach Matters: Molding Lives Through Literacy" at the National Writing Project's (NWP) Urban Sites Conference in San Diego and participated in the NWP Directors Retreat in Wheeling, WV.

## Deadlines and Dates

- Sept 8** Promotion and Tenure documents due to depts
- Sept 11** Revised Spring 2007 schedule due to dean
- Sept 15** Scholarship of Teaching Roundtable
- Sept 21-22** Filmmaker Ellen Perry on Campus
- Sept 22** Faculty Lecture by Jack Simmons
- Sept 28-29** Final review of Spring 2007 schedule
- Oct 6** Midterm, Session 1
- Oct 8** Promotion and Tenure documents due to dean
- Oct 12-14** Fall Break
- Oct 16** First Day of Class, Session 3
- Oct 18** AASU Day
- Oct 20** Faculty Lecture by Bird Flu Group
- Nov 10** Faculty Lecture by Sabrina Hessinger