



## ***Town Meets Gown, Camarillo***

Fall 2010

(All sessions at 1605 Burnley St., Camarillo, corner of Carmen and Burnley at 7:00 p.m.)

(Call 482-4881 for reservations.)

### **Sept 7 - Nitika Parmar**

#### **Stem Cells - Boon or Bane?**

Basics of stem cells, their features, types and applications will be discussed along with ethical controversies behind them.

Dr. Nitika Parmar is a CSUCI Biology Faculty and teaches courses focusing on molecular biology, biotechnology and cancer biology. She received her PhD from UCLA.

### **Sept 21 - Stephen Clark**

#### **A Virtual Tour of Ecuador: Contemporary culture, history, politics, art, and flora/fauna**

A focus on interesting aspects of life in Ecuador, a small country very rich in culture and history.

The talk is illustrated with pictures of some of Ecuador's most popular destinations. Topics include indigenous peoples, flora and fauna, politics, daily life, the arts, and the economy.

Stephen Clark received his Ph.D. in Spanish from the University of Colorado. At CSU Channel Islands he teaches courses on Latin American literature and culture.

### **Oct 5 - Mary Kay Rummel**

#### **Mythmaking and Our Lives**

Looks at ways in which through writing we can revisit the stories of our lives and recreate them making a tapestry of meaning. It also looks at ways of seeing and writing what we see. There will be two brief writing/talking exercises.

A professor emerita from the University of Minnesota, Mary Kay is now a part time lecturer at CI. She has published several books of poetry. Her poems and short stories have appeared in numerous literary journals and anthologies.

### **Oct 19 - Bob Koster**

#### **History of Media from 1875 to the present**

A discussion of various forms of media and how they have impacted our civilization and our perception of people and events.

Former movie producer, 40 years experience in the movie industry, and 20 years lecturing on the university level all over the planet.

## **November 5 - Tracylee Clarke**

### **Native Americans and Nuclear Waste: Environmental Policy Conflict**

Conflict among members of a small tribe southwest of Salt Lake City over the storing of nuclear waste on their reservation has resulted in intratribal fights, lawsuits, a coup, and threats of membership termination for many tribal members. This arouses issues of political, cultural, and environmental identity.

Tracylee Clarke is in the Communications Program at CI. Her Ph.D. in Communication and Environmental Conflict Management is from the University of Utah and she is certified as a professional mediator. Her current research and teaching is in environmental collaborative policy development, intercultural communication, and the role of dialogue in environmental conflict prevention and resolution.

## **November 23 – Ronald Reiger**

### **Games, Robotics and the Intelligent Home**

A discussion of the current and near future applications of games, robots, and home and garden monitoring/automation that assist in our everyday activities, help maintain and/or improve our mental and physical health, and help maintain a safe living environment.

Ron Rieger has over 35 years experience in the design, development, and implementation of high tech, state-of-the art systems, and systems integration activities. He is a math and computer science faculty member at CSUCI.

## **December 7 - Dr. Robert Piccioni**

### **Life and the Universe**

We examine the requirements of Life—a viable universe, the right atoms, a habitable environment, and an effective genetic code—and the odds these could have occurred by random chance. We discover that our universe is precisely tuned for Life, and science has no clue why.

Dr. Robert Piccioni is a physicist, public speaker, radio host, and award-winning author, educated at Caltech, Stanford, and Harvard.



*There is a \$5 fee to cover refreshments and set-up.*