

BROWN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH PRESENTS

PERPETUAL WAR FOR PERPETUAL PEACE: LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY IN RUINS



In *Toward Perpetual Peace*, Immanuel Kant states that peace should be conceived not as “a postponement of hostilities...[but as] an end to all hostilities.” His speculations seek to define the necessary attitudes and policies to be undertaken toward others in a world that is nervously alive to the tolls that war exerts on global populations. This lecture series will bring together scholars who reflect on the principles, practices, experiences, and theories of war and peace in Enlightenment and post- Enlightenment literatures and cultures. The objective will be to locate particular moments in history which testify to the emergence of a devastated and ruined modernity, one that is caught between wartime and peacetime. How are concepts like subjectivity, community, and society structured by war and peace? How does critical thought bear witness to warfare? What is the relationship of form to the ecology of war?

Series Organizer: Professor Jacques Khalip

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PROFESSOR DAVID L. CLARK

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Imagining Peace: Kant's Wartime and the Tremulous Body of Philosophy

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

4:00 PM

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008

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70 BROWN STREET**

PROFESSOR IAN BAUCOM

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Cicero's Ghost: The Atlantic, the Enemy, and the Laws of War

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008

5:00 PM

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PROFESSOR PAUL K. SAINT-AMOUR

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Peace, Prophecy, and Critical Futurities in Joyce and Beyond

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009

5:00 PM

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PROFESSOR ELAINE SCARRY

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The Soldier's Dissent in Homer and Hobbes

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009

5:00 PM

LOCATION TBD

