

LITERARY LECTURE SERIES

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2.25.16

MICHAEL DATCHER

Americus: The Historical Novel in the Present Historical Moment: A Reading by Michael Datcher

Michael Datcher—member of the English Department faculty at Loyola Marymount University, author of the New York Times Bestseller *Raising Fences*, and co-host of the weekly KPFK (90.7 FM) public affairs news 'magazine' Beautiful Struggle—will read excerpts from his work. Co-sponsored by SMC's Black Collegians Program and the SMC English Department.

Thu, February 25 | 11:15am | Free | HSS 165

3.31.16

VIET THANH NGUYEN

The Sympathizer: A Reading by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Viet Thanh Nguyen—associate professor of English and American Studies and Ethnicity at the University of Southern California (USC), author of *Race and Resistance: Literature and Politics in Asian America*, and co-editor of *Transpacific Studies: Framing an Emerging Field*—will read selections from *The Sympathizer*, his critically acclaimed first novel. Co-sponsored by the SMC English Department.

Thu, March 31 | 11:15am | Free | HSS 165

4.7.16

NOBEL LAUREATE ROALD HOFFMANN

Chemistry In Art, Art In Chemistry, And the Spiritual Ground They Share

Metamorphic Kommuniques: A Reading of Poetical Works

Roald Hoffmann—awarded the 1981 Nobel Prize in Chemistry (shared with Kenichi Fukui) and now a Frank H.T. Rhodes Professor of Humane Letters, Emeritus, at Cornell University—will read selections and talk about his writing, which has carved out a land between science, poetry, and philosophy through essays, four nonfiction books, five volumes of poems, and three widely produced plays. Co-sponsored by the SMC English Department.

Thu, April 7 | 11:15am | Free | HSS 165

4.26.16

MONONA WALI

My Blue Skin Lover: A Reading by Monona Wali

Monona Wali—a creative writing instructor at Santa Monica College and Antioch University, award-winning documentary filmmaker and screenwriter, and an active volunteer with Inside Out Writers, an organization that offers writing classes for incarcerated youth—will read selections from her debut novel, which won the Independent Publisher IPPY Gold award for best multicultural fiction. Co-sponsored by the SMC English Department.

Tue, April 26 | 11:15am | Free | HSS 165

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