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MVC SEMINARS EXPLORE SCIENCE AND RELIGION

Seminars scheduled for Apr. 9, 16 & 23 with three different presenters.

Marshall, Mo. (April 3, 2009)—The numerous viewpoints about the correlation of science and religion has been a controversial topic for thousands of years. Some of these viewpoints will be explored when Missouri Valley College hosts a series of *Science and Religion* seminars Thursday evenings April 9-23.

The three-seminar event will feature three presenters over a variety of topics. The seminar hosts are Mathematics and Science Dean Ed Leslie and MVC Chaplain Pam Sebastian.

Sebastian says the seminars will explore both sides of the issue.

“Science and religion should in the business of informing each other,” Sebastian said. “An *either/or* attitude is simply not adequate, and is probably just plain lazy. A *both/and* outlook requires sustained curiosity, open-mindedness, honest collaboration and an unrestrained sense of wonder. Given those assumptions, these spring seminars are a great opportunity for a little radical and basic education.”

Dr. Stephen Patton, MVC professor of chemistry, will present “Speculation about the 9 Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22, 23)” at 7 p.m. on April 9 in the Ferguson Center’s R. Wilson Brown room on the MVC campus. Patton’s seminar will explore the 9 fruit of the spirit and the correlation of Maslow’s priority of five physical needs and Plato’s 4 cardinal virtues.

Dr. Denis O. Lamoureux, assistant professor of science and religion at St. Joseph’s College in the University of Alberta, will present “Beyond the Evolution vs. Creation Debate” at 7 p.m. on April 16 in R. Wilson Brown. This debate focuses on the simple either/or approach to origins. According to Lamoureux, if the limits of both conservative Christianity and evolutionary biology are respected, then their relationship is not only complementary, but also necessary.

Dr. Sarah MacDonald, MVC assistant professor of biology and chemistry, will present “C.S. Lewis’s Views on Evolution and Genesis 1-11” at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 23 in R. Wilson Brown. C.S. Lewis is well known in Christian articles as an apologist and prolific author, but he was also a respected literary critic. However, most Christians are unaware that he had little difficulty accepting evolution because as a literary critic he viewed the Genesis creation story as less than literal.

The seminars are free and open to the public and no reservations are required. For more information, contact Pam Sebastian at sebastianp@moval.edu or 660-831-4142.

ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

Missouri Valley College is a liberal arts college that provides educational, social and cultural experiences in a decidedly Christian environment. Established in 1889, MVC offers 28 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 12 sports and 20 varsity teams. The most popular majors include business and education, and the newest major are nursing, graphic design, and hospitality and tourism management, which will begin in Fall 2009. The liberal arts heritage focuses on scholarship, critical thinking and academic excellence to prepare students to become members of a responsible citizenry. For more information, call (660) 831-4000 or visit www.moval.edu.

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