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**MVC TO HOLD SCIENCE & RELIGION SEMINARS ON MONDAYS IN APRIL**

*Seminars scheduled for Apr. 5, 12, 19 & 26 with four different presenters.*

**Marshall, Mo.** (April 1, 2010)—The relationship between religion and science has been a controversial topic for thousands of years. Statements about the world made by science and religion rely on different methodologies. Some of these viewpoints will be explored when Missouri Valley College hosts a series of *Science and Religion* seminars Monday evenings in April in the Ferguson Center's R. Wilson Brown Room.

The four-seminar event will feature four MVC faculty members presenting a variety of topics. The seminar hosts are Dr. Katherine Adams, assistant professor of mathematics, and MVC Chaplain Pam Sebastian.

"Religions rely on revelation and faith, while science relies on observable, repeatable experience and rational skepticism," Sebastian said. "Some scholars say the two are separate, while others propose an interconnection. This interconnection between two different worlds is what we'll discuss in the science and religion seminars."

Dr. John Gault, professor of physics, will present "The First Day of Creation, Light, and the Physical Laws" at 7 p.m. on April 5. According to Gault the laws of physics reveal the love of the Creator and the delicate interrelationship between time, gravity, and electricity necessary for our existence.

Dr. Sarah MacDonald, assistant professor of biology and botany, will present "Nothing in Biology Makes Sense Except in Light of Evolution" at 7 p.m. on April 12. This debate focuses on why evolution is central to biology and other areas that impact our daily lives. MacDonald will also discuss how evolution is not the exclusive domain of atheists as demonstrated by many Christian scientists.

Dr. Stephen Patton, professor of chemistry, will present "Some Analogies between Salt and God's People" at 7 p.m. on April 19. Patton's seminar is based off of Jesus' *Sermon on the Mount* (Matthew 5:13). At his *Sermon on the Mount* Jesus said "you are the salt of the earth." Patton will explore the extent and implications of this analogy.

Dr. Peter Warnock, assistant professor of anthropology and archaeology, will present "To Understand the Bible You Must Think like an Ancient Hebrew" at 7 p.m. on April 26. Warnock will discuss how the most recent archaeological evidence will be compared with biblical accounts like Noah and the great flood. According to Warnock the Bible is written for pre-scientific readers, but it is, in general, observationally correct.

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

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popular majors include education and business, and the newest majors are nursing, graphic design, dance, and hospitality/tourism management. 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](http://www.moval.edu).

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