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March 21, 2012 10am until 11:30am	Georgian Court University <i>Real CSI—Criminology &amp; Criminal Justice</i>
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	March 22, 2012 Noon until 2:00pm	Camden County College <i>The Destruction of Pompeii</i>
New	April 20, 2012 10am until 11:45am	Montclair State University <i>Critical Thinking for Problem Solving</i>
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## KING ARTHUR AND THE QUEST FOR THE HOLY GRAIL

Our most popular presenter, **Professor James P. Woods**, has agreed to present this lecture and his “King Arthur and the Quest for the Holy Grail” lecture four times each so that all of your interested students will have the opportunity to attend his lectures. Please, if your school is close to Montclair State University and transportation issues aren’t a concern, schedule your group for the afternoon lecture sessions.

**Feb. 17, 2012 10am - 11:45am Dickson Bldg/Brandt Hall**  
**Feb. 24, 2012 Noon - 1:45pm University Hall #1040**  
**March 23, 2012 10am- 11:45am University Hall #1040**  
**March 30, 2012 Noon- 1:45pm Dickson Bldg/Brandt Hall**

**Presenter:** *Professor James. P. Woods*

**Location:** *Montclair State University  
Upper Montclair, NJ*

**Lecture Abstract:** This lecture focuses on two of the most fascinating mysteries known to mankind. Drawing on historical fact and folklore we will trace the real life and legendary accomplishments of Britain’s greatest king. The journey will stretch from the haunting mysteries of Stonehenge through the adventurous stories of Mallory and Cretian and Cumax with Indiana Jones’ thrilling quest for the ultimate prize, the Holy Grail. With extensive use of film and speculation and the professor’s collection of medieval weapons, this incredible story of mystery, intrigue, romance and adventure will come to life. Prepare for an unforgettable look at King Arthur and mankind’s fascinating search for the mysterious Holy Grail.

**Additional Information:** Students may bring a bag lunch and eat at the Student Center Cafeteria.

## THE VIKINGS

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**Presenter:** *Professor James. P. Woods*

**Location:** *Montclair State University  
Upper Montclair, NJ*

**Lecture Abstract:** For four centuries the Vikings terrorized Europe and beyond, conquering all in their path and (in their spare time) traveled to places unimagined, becoming the first Europeans to visit Iceland, Greenland and North America. Armed with their fascinating and fanatical religious beliefs, the Vikings were virtually unstoppable as they spread their wild ways through Europe and beyond.

The cultural, religious, and military lives of the Vikings will come to life with vivid use of video, historical record and the professor’s collection of medieval weapons and helmets. Join us for an unforgettable look at some of the most fascinating people ever to walk the planet.

**Additional Information:** Students may bring a bag lunch and eat at the Student Center Cafeteria.

## WAS THERE A TROJAN WAR? Greek Myths and Archaeology

**Date:** March 12, 2012  
**Time:** 9:30am-11:30am

**Location:** *Drew University  
Madison, NJ*

**Building/Room:** *Learning Center Room 28*

**Presenter:** *Professor John Lenz, Department of Classics*

### **Lecture Abstract:**

The Trojan War was the most famous event in Greek mythology and it still lives on: Helen of Troy (“the face that launched a thousand ships”), heroes such as Achilles, Ajax, Hector of Troy; the ten-year siege and the trick of the Trojan horse. Literary classics such as Homer’s Iliad and Odyssey, Vergil’s Aeneid and various Greek tragedies tell the story of the Trojan War and the fates of the heroes afterwards, such as the ten-year wanderings of Odysseus or Ulysses, to the land of the Cyclops and other fabulous creatures.

Was there a Trojan War? Is there any basis to the ancient myths? No one could be sure, until a German, Heinrich Schliemann unearthed Troy in the 1870’s. He discovered palaces, royal tombs and much gold at Mycenae and other homes of the Greek heroes (including Hercules). Work at Troy continues today; recently archeologists claim to have found a larger city there.

Does archeology provide evidence for a Trojan War? Can it illuminate the Greek myths? This topic will be introduced using slides.

**Additional Information:** Please note that food service is not available in the Snack Bar. Parking directions will be provided with your lecture confirmation.

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## THE QUEST FOR JUSTICE

**Date:** March 12, 2012  
**Time:** Noon - 1:30pm

**Location:** *Drew University  
Madison, NJ*

**Building/Room:** *Learning Center Room 28*

**Presenter:** *Professor Andrea Talentino  
Department of Political Science*

**Lecture Abstract:**

What is justice and how is it practiced at home and abroad? We like to think of the United States as a very fair and just state but how do we really understand justice and how is it incorporated in documents like the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence? Even more importantly, perhaps, is the issue of how we implement justice, as Americans like Frederick Douglass and Martin Luther King might argue that we have not done a very good job. Then there is also the issue of how we promote justice elsewhere, through our foreign policy and the example we set to the rest of the world. Justice is a very slippery concept, and though we think it has a set meaning the more we explore the concept the harder it becomes to both identify and promote.

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## REAL CSI CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**Date:** March 21, 2012  
**Time:** 10am - 11:30am

**Location:** *Georgian Court University  
Lakewood, NJ*

**Building/Room:** *The Arts & Sciences Center*

**Presenter:** *Robert J. Loudon, Ph.D.  
Professor, Criminal Justice*

Robert Loudon, Ph.D. is a Professor and program director of the Department of Criminal Justice at Georgian Court University. Dr. Loudon, distinguished himself as the chief hostage negotiator for the New York Police Department as a lieutenant and commander of the detective squad. Dr. Loudon holds degrees from The City University of New York, John Jay College, and the City College of New York and has recently launched a master's in Homeland Security at GCU. He also serves as technical advisor for television, films, and crime novels.

### **Lecture Abstract:**

This power-point illustrated presentation will include a brief history, evolution, current themes and trends in CSI Activities (Forensic Science). In 1920 Locard's "Interchange Theory" stated that: "... every contact (between two objects) leaves a trace". The probability of trace evidence being discovered, collected and analyzed is dependent on the knowledge, skills and abilities of CSI Professionals. Fictionalized CSI type TV shows have raised expectations in the minds of many in the non-scientific community. Recently, the US Supreme Court weighed in on several forensic science (CSI) type practices. The Innocents Project will also be discussed.

**Additional Information:** When you enter the campus, the security office personnel will direct you where to park. Your students can bring their lunch and can eat on campus before or after the lecture.

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## ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Date:** March 21, 2012  
**Time:** 10am - 11:30am

**Location:** *Georgian Court University  
Lakewood, NJ*

**Building/Room:** *The Arts & Sciences Center*

**Presenter:** *Louise Wootton, Ph.D.  
Professor of Biology*

Louise Wootton, Ph.D., developed and chairs the minor concentration in Sustainability, a groundbreaking, interdisciplinary program. Dr. Wootton is an expert in the Barnegat Bay estuaries, coastal dunes and ecosystems, and invasive species.

### **Lecture Abstract:**

Exploring the impact of human activity, culture, and social policy on our world.

Technology is an overwhelming force, transforming a planet of once isolated cultures, environments, and ideologies into a truly global system. While this transformation has and continues to benefit humankind in countless ways, it also creates opportunities for serious inequities—socially, economically, environmentally, physically, and spiritually. The need for professionals prepared to address these imbalances has made sustainability a rapidly growing field, with opportunities in government, business, nonprofit organizations, and more. Dr. Wootton will outline some ways to build a more sustainable world.

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## OPTICAL DELUSIONS OF MARS: AN INTERACTIVE LOOK!

**Date:** March 28, 2012  
**Time:** 10:30 am - 12:00pm

**Site:** *Raritan Valley Community College  
Branchburg, NJ*

**Building/Room:** *Grand Conference Room C*

**Presenter:** *Lonny Buinis  
Instructional Designer  
Office of Instructional Technology*

### **Lecture Abstract:**

A century ago, one astronomer promoted his sensationalistic view of a planet Mars inhabited by intelligent beings. Percival Lowell based his immensely popular theories on observations we now recognize as faulty, even while his contemporaries came very close to an accurate view of the surface that rivals what we see today. Today, we are making similar mistakes with too many conclusions from incomplete data, pseudoscience, and poorly explained science.

**Additional Information:** When you enter the campus, the security office personnel will direct you where to park.

Your students can bring their lunch or snack and can eat it in the conference center room. There are no vending machines in this

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## THE DESTRUCTION OF POMPEII

**Date:** March 22, 2012  
**Time:** Noon - 2:00pm  
**Site:** *Camden County College  
Blackwood, NJ*  
**Building/Room:** *Civic Hall*  
**Presenter:** *Jack Pesda  
Professor of History*

Director, Camden County College's Center for Civic Leadership and Responsibility Recipient of over 30 public program grants in the humanities and social sciences. Over 500 scholarly presentations on a wide variety of topics. EIRC presenter for over twenty years!

### **Lecture Abstract:**

In the year 79 the Roman city of Pompeii was destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius killing most of its inhabitants. As the dome of the volcano collapsed, the flowing lava created a wave of super heated air – 500 degree centigrade – that killed the surviving occupants of the city. The site was covered by a thick layer of volcanic ash delaying it being identified until 1748, with formal excavations beginning in 1860. To date only about half of the site has been uncovered. Public buildings, homes, paintings and streets were preserved along with the ash formed images of people who died there. What remains is a unique window into the past which reveals life in first century Rome.

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## CRITICAL THINKING FOR PROBLEM SOLVING

**Date:** April 20, 2012  
**Time:** 10:00am - 11:45am  
12:00pm - 1:45pm

**Location:** *Montclair State Univeristy  
Upper Montclair, NJ*

**Building/Room:** *Dickson Bldg  
Brantl Hall*

**Presenter:** *Abby Hersch*

**Lecture Abstract:**

Successful problem solvers are able to analyze a problem, choose an effective solution method and evaluate their answers. Students will examine the strategies necessary to solve non-routine problems that can be solved via several modes of solutions. Emphasis is on solution of problems that provide opportunities for intuitive and inductive reasoning, mathematical discovery, reasoning skills, creativity and originality of thought.

**Additional Information:** Students may bring a bag lunch and eat at the Student Center Cafeteria.

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We would like to thank all of the School Coordinators for implementing our programs and the following institutes for their continuous support and cooperation in working with and therefore sustaining the Educational Information and Resource Center's Gifted & Talented service, the National Talent Network for over 30 years!

- ⇒ *Camden County College, Blackwood*
- ⇒ *Drew University, Madison*
- ⇒ *Federal Aviation Administration's William J. Hughes Technical Center. AC Int'l Airport*
- ⇒ *Georgian Court University, Lakewood*
- ⇒ *Montclair State University, Upper Montclair*
- ⇒ *Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg*
- ⇒ *Rutgers Eco Center, Columbus*
- ⇒ *State House Annex, Trenton*

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## WEBSITE LINKS FOR CAMPUS DIRECTIONS

### **Montclair State University:**

<http://www.montclair.edu/welcome/directions.html>

### **Georgian Court University:**

[http://www/Georgian.edu/aboutgcu/lakewood\\_directions.htm](http://www.Georgian.edu/aboutgcu/lakewood_directions.htm)

### **Drew University:**

<http://www.drew.edu/Default-content.aspx?id=694>

### **Raritan Valley Community College:**

<http://raritanval.edu/about/directions.html>

### **Camden County College, Blackwood Campus:**

<http://www.camdenc.edu/campusdirections.htm>



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