

Lunch and Learn talks

Winter 2012

The talks normally take place on Tuesdays beginning at 12 noon in the multi-purpose room of the Moncton Public Library on Main Street. Coffee, tea and cookies are provided and members of the public often bring their lunches. The talks are free of charge.

January 24 Janet Hammock, Music - LISTEN UP!

How one musician learned to live with hearing impairment. An intimate, thought-provoking look at the personal challenges and joys associated with acquiring and learning to use hearing aids."

February 7 Louise Edwards. Physics - Galaxy Clusters and Filaments: A Roadmap of the Universe

Large telescopes and new technologies allow us to see stars and galaxies with more clarity, observe phenomena our own eyes cannot detect, and peer deep into space. In highlighting infrared, X-ray, and optical observations in particular, we will embark on a tour of the known Universe, starting with the stars in our own Solar neighbourhood, zooming out into the largest scale structures: Galaxy clusters, and filaments.

February 21 Michael Thorpe, English Department – Philip Larkin – Unofficial Poet Laureate of England

March 6 John Perkin, Religious Studies - Apocalypse, 2012 and the last days: where will it all end?"

Our culture has begun to draw parallels between biblical prophecies of the end of the world and the final countdown of the Mayan calendar, which ends in December 2012. Hollywood's recent offerings of end of the world and post-apocalyptic scenarios has fuelled our imaginations about what the future will hold, or whether planet earth will have a future. What is the truth among the myths of apocalypse, and should we be worried? A talk that critically assesses last days prophecies from the bible to ancient civilizations to contemporary pop culture.

March 20 Dr. Leslie J. Shumka, Department of Classics - On and Off the Rack: Women and the Used Clothing Trade in Roman Culture

This talk explores the importance of clothing in the lives of Roman women. More specifically, it will examine current evidence for the second hand clothing trade, and the contributions of this economic activity to the lives of women in the poorer segments of society.

April 3 **Liam Keliher, Math Department - [Steve Jobs: A Difficult Genius](#)**

Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple Inc. and its CEO for much of the past 15 years, was one of the most important figures in the high-tech world since the development of personal computers in the 1970s. I will give an overview of Jobs' professional life, emphasizing his great successes and significant failures. In the process, I hope to shed some light on this complicated, mercurial, and somewhat enigmatic personality.

April 17 **Elizabeth Wells, Music Department - *West Side Story: Then and Now***

The Oscar-winning film version of *West Side Story* celebrates its 50th anniversary next year. But, what was the original context and shape of this work when it was first created on the Broadway stage in the late 1950s? Elizabeth Wells is currently the world's expert on this important landmark of American musical theatre history, and will present fascinating perspectives on this musical based on her recent book on the subject. Be prepared to be surprised by some of the things she's discovered in archival research on this well-known musical.

April 24 **Marianne Parsons, Sociology, Topic TBA**

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