

Friend to the U? Should Canadians care  
**King's University College at The University of Western Ontario**

King's is a Catholic, co-educational, liberal arts university college affiliated with The University of Western Ontario. King's has developed dynamic partnerships with the Brant-Haldimand-Norfolk Catholic District School Board (BHNCD SB), Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board (BGCD SB), London District Catholic School Board (LDCSB), the Huron Perth Catholic District School Board (HPCDSB) and the St. Clair Catholic District School Board (SCCDSB). The three Partner Boards have embraced the King's objective to educate the whole person. King's strives to provide an environment which engages the head, heart, body and soul and hopes that Teachers as Scholars at King's (TASK) fulfills this objective.

The King's team offers educators of the Partner Boards an opportunity to participate in seminars whose topics are of interest to them as learners (regardless of subject matter or teaching assignment). The philosophical underpinning of TASK is that intellectual ideas inspire and transform all educators across grade levels and disciplines. TASK also provides a rare opportunity for educators from BHNCD SB, BGCD SB, LDCSB, HPCDSB, SCCDSB and King's to share their passion for teaching and learning.

**TASK Program Elements include:**

- diverse seminar topics based on Christian values
- contact with university faculty
- networking of school districts
- adult learning during the instructional day
- personal and professional growth opportunities
- environment based on open enquiry
- opportunity to work with teachers hungry for intellectual challenge

Teachers As Scholars at King's promotes what all dedicated educators support in their classrooms - thoughtful intellectual engagement and discourse.

**DATES for 2009-10: Friday October 30/09, November 6/09, March 5/10, April 16/10**

**A G E N D A F O R T H E D A Y**

9:30 - 9:50	Registration and Refreshments	Students' Lounge, Wemple Hall
9:50 - 10:00	Welcome	Same location as above
10:00 - 11:30	Seminar #1	Dante Lenardon Hall Room DL114
	Seminar #2	Wemple Hall Room W178
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch	Students' Lounge
12:30 - 2:00	Seminar #3	Wemple Hall Room W176
	Seminar #4	Wemple Hall Room W178
	Feedback Survey	Takes place at end of seminar

**R E G I S T R A T I O N I N F O R M A T I O N**

Registration is done directly with each Board. Participants choose from the two choices offered each morning and afternoon on each of the four dates.

**DIRECTIONS TO KING'S, PARKING INFORMATION**

Directions and a campus map can be found at [www.kings.uwo.ca/viewbook\\_new/vb/visits/directions.html](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/viewbook_new/vb/visits/directions.html)  
 Or call 519-433-3491 or 1-800-265-4406. Parking is complimentary.

**S E M I N A R L E A D E R S A N D T O P I C S**

**Topic:** *"Power to the People: Civil Rights Activism in Canada and the United States, 1950-1965?"*  
**Leader:** Dr. Stephanie Bangarth, Associate Professor, Department of History, King's University College  
**Description:** How did ordinary Canadians and Americans make a difference in the civil rights movement? Through personal narratives from key participants, music and more, we'll explore how students and women organized their own efforts for change, demonstrating the importance of grassroots action.  
**Dates:** October 30, 2009 10:00-11:30 am March 5, 2010 10:00-11:30 am

**Topic:** *"Psychological Perspectives on Prejudice"*  
**Leader:** Dr. Lynne Jackson, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, King's University College  
**Description:** What is prejudice? What causes it? What can we do to help reduce prejudice and promote respect within our community? In this seminar, we will discuss how we can use theory and research in psychology, along with our own experiences, to better understand and respond to prejudice in our community.  
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**Topic:** *"Canadian Perspectives of the Canadian-American Relationship"*  
**Leader:** Dr. Hugh Mellon, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, King's University College  
**Description:** On March 4, 2009, the *Globe and Mail* carried the headline "We're Seen as America's Second Best Friend". Inside the news article was discussion of the finding that a random sample of Americans preferred Great Britain to Canada by 36% to 20%. This kind of finding raises a host of interesting and timely questions for a Canadian audience. What does it mean to be a 'friend' of the US? Should Canadian care, or react, to such a finding. What are the various ways in which Canadians and Americans have seen each other over our histories? These and other related topics will be addressed in a general discussion of Canada and its American neighbour to the South, the USA.  
**Dates:** October 30, 2009 12:30- 2:00 pm March 5, 2010 12:30- 2:00 pm

**Topic:** *"Art and Perception"*  
**Leader:** Dr. Diane Humphrey, Professor, Department of Psychology, King's University College  
**Description:** How do we perceive the meaning in art? Some scientists believe that artworks are the most important evidence we have for our history as human beings. We will look at the way art has been viewed through previous cultures, and how art reveals our ability to perceive in a meaningful way. A theory of art as two kinds of aesthetics (and two kinds of perception) will be presented.  
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**Topic:** *"Civil Rights, Black Power, and Popular Culture"*  
**Leader:** Dr. Brian Patton, Associate Professor of English, Department of Modern Languages, King's University College

**Description:** .Until the early 1970s, virtually all comic-book superheroes and action-film stars were white, as were their friends and lovers and the nameless crowds milling about the streets of Manhattan, Metropolis, and Gotham City. However, as the Civil Rights movement began to yield column space to the more militant "Black Power" movement, both movies and comics took their first stuttering steps toward a new inclusiveness, introducing black heroes and antiheroes and civil-rights themed storylines. These new developments were commercially driven, but Shaft, The Black Panther and company also reveal- however dubiously - something of the aspirations, difficulties and anger that fuelled the "Black Power" movement, and thus offer a case study in the compromised forms that resistance takes in the mass-produced texts of commercial popular culture.

**Dates:** November 6, 2009      10:00-11:30 am                      April 16, 2010      10:00-11:30 am

**Topic:** *"Breaking News: A comparison of the television coverage of the Kennedy Assassination and 9/11"*  
**Leader:** Dr. Alison Meek, Associate Professor, Department of History, King's University College

**Description:** Where were you when...? The 1963 assassination of Kennedy and the tragic events of 9/11 were both events that were covered exhaustively by the media in general, but most importantly by television cameras. But how are these events covered? What were the positive and negative implications of this live coverage? And what impact did this television coverage have on our collective memory of these two seminal events in American history?

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**Topic:** *"What to do about Suffering? On Meaning and Happiness"*  
**Leader:** Dr. Antonio Calcagno, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, King's University College

**Description:** Is there any meaning in suffering? Can one be happy in this life despite suffering? What is Happiness? Suffering and happiness traditionally form two of the great themes of philosophy. We will examine various philosophical responses to the problems of suffering and happiness. Thinkers like Epicurus, Epictetus, Boethius and Viktor Frankl will be engaged in order to articulate possible responses. Participants will be asked to think and comment on the views advanced, ultimately asking whether such positions are justified.

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**Topic:** *"The A, B and Cs of Finance: Making Sense of Economics"*  
**Leader:** Dr. Glen Coplestone, Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Business and Mathematics, King's University College

**Description:** Have you ever read those columns and stories in newspapers and magazines and wondered what it is all about? Using examples from recent articles in our local papers, Dr. Coplestone will decode the jargon of economics and de-mystify much of higher finance.

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