

# 'Splendidly cranky' novelist speaks today

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Illinois State University English professor and acclaimed author Curtis White will be showing Clackamas how to throw away partisan politics and focus on the American experience.

White will be speaking at McLoughlin Theatre today at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

White is the author of such books as *The Middle Mind: Why Americans Don't Think for Themselves* and *Memories of My Father Watching TV*. His latest book, *The Spirit of Disobedience: Resisting the Charms of Fake Politics, Mindless Consumption, and the Culture of Total Work*, was declared "a funny, wide-ranging discourse on the current sociopolitical scene" by Amazon.com critics. The late and great political writer Molly Ivins hailed him as "a splendidly cranky academic."

"[White] is not someone you can pigeonhole easily," said English Instructor Trevor Dodge. "He's a true renaissance man."

The book discredits the idea that liberalism and spiritualism cannot co-exist. White

claims that there can be a middle approach to the red and blue.

"He's not from an obvious camp or agenda," said Dodge. "He is first and foremost an academic and doesn't blame without realizing that he himself is flawed in the same ways."

White is the latest guest speaker for the Sustainability Project, a project that started as an offshoot of the English Department reading series.

The Sustainability Project brings experts to Clackamas who are connected to issues such as the sustainability of our culture.

"Will our culture be the same 20 years from now? [The speakers] talk about issues that affect that," said Instructor James Grabill.

On April 16, CCC will host a sustainability fair. Different environmental and political groups will set up booths and speak to students about issues concerning the sustainability of our culture.

"This is a great opportunity for students who haven't decided on a major yet. They can sample different fields and see if they are interested," said Grabill. "It also helps

promote communication between different fields of study. You might hear something from an environmental scientist that you can use in your research."

"White is an incredibly provocative speaker. He challenges the choices we make as consumers and workers. He's one of the most rigorous thinkers and really an optimist, even though his writing can seem cantankerous and angry," said Dodge. "It's good to hear someone who is willing to rattle the cages."



Internet Photos

ABOVE: The cover of White's novel, *Memories of my Father Watching TV*, a sad and funny non-fiction piece about White's relationship with his father.

LEFT: Portrait of White, who will be visiting the campus today and speaking at McLoughlin Theatre at 7 p.m.

## campus SAFETY



All reports are taken from CCC's campus safety event logs. Summaries are edited for clarity, not content.

**3-7-07 7:25 a.m.**  
Staff member reported broken-down, white sedan. Driver waiting for tow.

**8:05 a.m.**  
Officer escorted student of concern to see instructor for final paperwork.

**11:35 a.m.**  
Student reported excessive force used by another student in karate class. There were no injuries, and medical assistance was refused.

**4:25 a.m.**  
Streeter staff reported broken glass at kiosk.

**3-9-07 10:45 a.m.**  
Officer checked ID of young-looking student and advised them about smoking 25 feet away from doors.

**4:05 p.m.**  
Cadet reported white male adult in his 20's wearing a gray shirt and brown pants running away from the Dye Learning Center towards the Kingsberry Apartments. Officer checked with staff; no problems were reported.

**4:50 p.m.**  
A group of students were talking loudly in the Community Center lobby. Officer made contact and told them they were disrupting staff.

**7:38 p.m.**  
A red Toyota was driving in quad. Officer contacted driver, who was lost and looking for gym. Officer told driver where to park and directed him to Randall.

**3-10-07 11:30 a.m.**  
Call of suspicious, tan Honda with three subjects. Officer checked area.

**3-11-07 4:05 p.m.**  
Small children unsupervised in Randall lobby.

**6:00 p.m.**  
Sonitrol reported alarm activation at Harmony campus.

### INFORMATION SESSIONS



#### UNDERGRADUATE INFORMATION

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## CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

#### Scholarship Application Due-Date Postponed

Students now have until Fri., March 16 at 5 p.m. to turn in their scholarship applications.

#### Author Curtis White Speaks at CCC Today

Author and essayist Curtis White will speak at Clackamas Community College today in the McLoughlin Theatre. For more information, call 503-657-6958, ext. 2307.

#### Jazz Jams

The weekly jazz jams from 7 to 10 p.m. at the college are free and open to all students, community members, professional musicians and vocalists. The jams will continue through the end of the school year in June. For more information, contact the CCC Music Department, 503-657-6958, ext. 2434.

#### Student-Directed One-Act Plays

The free performances will take place in the Osterman Theatre at noon today and tomorrow. An evening performance is scheduled for tomorrow at 7 p.m. For more information, call 503-657-6958, ext. 2356.

#### Clackamas Instructor Retires

Brian Howarth, Criminal Justice instructor, is retiring from teaching, and his students wish to send him off in style. A goodbye party will be held Wed., March 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. in Room 136 in Clairmont Hall. All are welcome. For more information, call 503-657-6958, ext. 2255

#### Open Auditions for 'Oklahoma' Scheduled

Auditions will be held on Mon., March 19, in the Osterman Theatre at the college's Niemeyer Center. Actors and singers who would like to audition should prepare a two-minute monologue and a song in the written key. Auditions will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. and again from 6:30 to 10 p.m. To reserve a time slot to audition, please call Jennifer Schwartzman at 503-657-6958, ext. 2356 or e-mail Jens@clackamas.edu.

#### Manufacturing Road Trip Visits Blount International

The trip to Blount will take place Thurs., March 22. Participants will meet at the Niemeyer Center at CCC at noon, or at Blount at 1 p.m. The road trip is part of a year-long campaign to raise awareness about the needs and opportunities in manufacturing. For information, please contact Cindy Hagen at 503-353-4328, or by e-mail at cindyhag@co.clackamas.or.us.