

Waco and the identity mythology of ideological extremist groups

"Waco, Oklahoma City and the Judeo-Christian Tradition: Studies in the Grammar of Religious and Ideological Extremism" is the title of the second lecture in the 1995-96 President's Lecture Series at Pacific University. Dr. Marc Marengo, associate professor of philosophy, will present the lecture on October 11.

The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Marsh Hall's Taylor Auditorium on campus. The lecture is free and the public is invited. A reception will follow in the lobby of Marsh Hall.

Dr. Marengo has a master's of divinity degree from Yale University and received

his doctoral degree in philosophy from Oxford University in 1992. Marengo, who has taught at the college since 1988, will focus his talk on the "identity mythology" of religious and ideological extremist groups.

"Waco and Oklahoma City have become symbols for the latent destructive potential of religion and ideology," Marengo said. He will explore this potential by looking at "the psycho-social dynamics of identity mythology and the conceptual heritage which sustains it."

Marengo is interested in "the internal structure and logic of potent religious and

ideological ideas and the conceptual conditions for what we often think of as extremist acts." By examining the "identity mythology" of several contemporary movements (which one may or may not

Prostitution and pornography: rights or slavery?

"Prostitution and Pornography: Sexual Rights or Sexual Slavery?" is the topic that a panel of four speakers will discuss on Thursday, October 19, to lead off the 1995-96 Old College Hall Lecture Series at Pacific University.

Charlie Hinkle, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon; Dr. Maryka Biaggio, a professor

who teaches women's psychology at Pacific University; Tracy Blakeslee, the owner of the Fantasy Adult Video stores in Portland; and Lisa Lewis, a former prostitute in Portland, will give their points of view on the issues surrounding freedom of speech, individual rights and exploitation, as they relate to pornography and prostitution.

not just those on the extremist fringe.

The President's Lecture Series at Pacific University was established in 1983.

All lectures are free and the public is welcome.

Marc Marengo, associate professor of philosophy at Pacific, will moderate the discussion. After the presentations, the panelists will take questions from the audience.

The presentations begin at 11 a.m. in Marsh Hall's Taylor Auditorium. The event is free and the public is invited.

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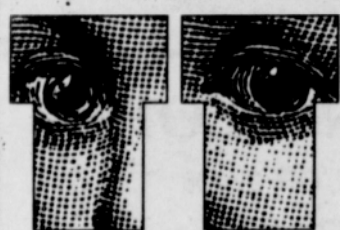
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