Summer Writing Institute 2019 Events

 Evening Lectures

Yesterday and Today: What is your cultural moment?
Professor Marshall Boswell, English. Monday, June 17 in FJ-B 7-8 PM
Much of the contemporary pop culture that we encounter these days refers directly to movies
and television shows from the past. Stranger Things, for instance, is both set during the 1980s
and refers to beloved movies from that era. Why are today’s movies and television shows, from
Mad Men to La La Land, so preoccupied with pop culture from the past? In this presentation,
we’ll explore how and why today’s popular culture became so richly self-referencing.

Lessons in Star Gazing
Astronomy Majors, Physics. Tuesday, June 18 meet at Lynx Statue 9-10 PM
Rain or cloud date: Thursday, June 20
Join undergraduate Physics Majors at the Rhodes Observatory for a lesson in astronomy.
Specific astronomical objects’ visibility varies according to the season, but some favorites are the
Moon, Saturn, Jupiter, the Orion Nebula, the Perseus Double Cluster, and the Andromeda
Galaxy. The observatory houses a 20" PlaneWave reflecting telescope. This large telescope is
fully computer controlled, and is equipped with a robust CCD imaging system. This enables high-fidelity images of distant and dim deep-sky objects. In addition, the observatory has eight tripod-mounted Celestron 8" computerized telescopes. These mobile telescopes provide excellent
views of the moon, planets, and a variety of other celestial objects.

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Make Europe Great Again? The Rise of Radicals, Populists and Nationalists across a Continent
in Decline
Professor Zahariadis, International Studies. Sunday, June 22 in FJ-B 7-8 PM
Just like in the United States, talk of a reemergence of radical populism is rampant in Europe. A
pan-European alliance of far-right parties has joined a mix of disparate radical left parties in a
dozen European countries to contest elections to the European Parliament. The aim is to gain
enough seats to dismantle European Union institutions from within by0a