

# Athenaeum Symposia

## Fall 2011 Speaker Series

Hosted by Montgomery College

Germantown Campus: Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education Division

Free to students and public

Location: Montgomery College, 20200 Observation Drive, Germantown, MD 20876  
Germantown Campus, High Tech Building, Globe Hall

No Reservations Required. For questions call Joan Naake at 240-567-7746

### Speakers and Dates For Fall 2011:

Wednesday, October 12, 2011; 7:00 p.m.

Ira Berlin, *Slavery in the United States in Global Perspective*

Fulbright Professor, Noted Historian, Author, and Researcher

Ira Berlin, Distinguished Professor at the University of Maryland, brings extensive knowledge of eighteenth and nineteenth century American History, particularly the history of slavery, to the Montgomery College Athenaeum Symposia.

Monday, October 24, 2011; 7:00 p.m.

Lise Bruneau and Marcus Kyd, *Scenes from Shakespeare's Hamlet*

Lise Bruneau, trained at The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, and Marcus Kyd, trained at The Academy for Classical Acting and the Shakespeare Theatre at GWU, will not only perform scenes from *Hamlet* but alternate between presentation and discussion.

Wednesday, November 2, 2011; 7:00 p.m.

Lilly Ledbetter, *Social Justice Advocate and Political Activist*

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was the first bill that President Obama signed into law on January 29, 2009.

For accommodations, please call 240-567-7767 or 240-567-6967

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Ira Berlin, Professor of History, has captured the hearts and souls of many throughout his career, beginning with his first book, *Slaves Without Masters: The Free Negro in the Antebellum South* (1977). Berlin was awarded the Bancroft Prize for the Best Book in American History by Columbia University and the Best First Book Prize by the National Historical Society. Berlin went on to write other studies of African-American Life, including *The Making of African America: The Four Great Migrations*, 2010. Winner of countless grants and literature awards, Berlin is sure to provide an interesting perspective as we celebrate the inauguration of the Martin Luther King Memorial in Washington, DC.

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Lise Bruneau and Marcus Kyd. Lise Bruneau is an accomplished director and actor having performed numerous roles and directed various Shakespearean performances throughout the US and UK. Lise directed *Hamlet* at the Nebraska Summer Shakespeare Festival and has performed a variety of roles including Emilia in *Othello* under Michael Kahn's direction at the Shakespeare Theatre and starred as Emilie du Chatelet under the direction of Molly Smith in *Legacy of Light* at Arena Stage. Marcus Kyd has also performed a variety of roles from *Cyrano* to *Lysander*, *Mortimer* to *Hamlet* and recently performed *Bootleg Shakespeare: King John* at the Folger Theatre.

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Lilly Ledbetter was paid considerably less than her male counterparts when she worked at Goodyear. She filed a lawsuit against them, which eventually reached the Supreme Court. Because the suit was filed outside of the limitations period, Ms. Ledbetter will never receive the money that was denied her. Still, The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was named after her in support of other women who may suffer such inequity. Ms. Ledbetter spoke at the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, CO. As the third speaker in the Fall Speaker Series, you will not want to miss hearing the activist tell her story of inequality and eventual triumph.