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Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary



On Tuesday May 10, 2011, Dr. Susan Mills (Professor of Mathematics) will deliver the 51st Distinguished Faculty Lecture in the Riverside City College Digital Library Auditorium. Her lecture is entitled, "How the Leopard Got Its Spots: A Journey Through Mathematical Applications." She is the first member of the Mathematics division and the fifteenth woman selected to deliver the lecture. The first woman selected as

Distinguished Faculty Lecturer was Associate Professor of English, Norma Barricelli in 1976. Her story can be read below.

It is 4 years and 44 weeks until RCC's 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016.

First Woman

Faculty lecturer speaks on humanism



NORMA BARRICELLI
Associate Professor of English

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"Transcending the Stereotype" will be discussed by Norma Barricelli, associate professor of English, in the 16th annual Faculty Lecture at 11 a.m. today in Landis Auditorium. Admission is free.

Barricelli sees, "a kind of confrontation, of people saying women are this or women are not this." She says one side of her acts the way it does because of her anatomy. The other side denies that anatomy because it doesn't want to be part of the stereotype. "But whether one is male or female," Barricelli said, "we have to face squarely what it is to be human."

Barricelli will be the first woman to deliver the Faculty Lecture although she "never wanted to be the first woman anything."

She doesn't like the feeling that she has the burden of all womanhood on what

she says or that it is "sink or swim" on what she does.

Barricelli thinks it is about time a woman became Faculty Lecturer or anything else. She doesn't know if a woman had been asked before or if it had occurred to the faculty to ask a woman.

Barricelli is a native of New England and received her baccalaureate degree with honors from Radcliffe College and an A.M.T. from Harvard University. She has done graduate study at the University of Florence, Italy, and has been with RCC since 1964.

As a teacher of literature, Barricelli deals with the portrayal of women in classic as well as modern literature. She has explored the works of women writers in Italy, England and Norway.

Before coming to RCC, Barricelli taught English at Lexington, Massachusetts High School and reading at Concord, Massachusetts Reading Clinic.

Barricelli has served on the Faculty Senate, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Community Services Committee, and as chairperson of the Professional Growth and Sabbatical Leave Committee. She is currently a member of the Certificated Employees Council.

In addition to teaching, Barricelli has worked as a dental assistant and administrative assistant in the office of the city manager in Medford, Mass. She was also an editor of the D.C. Heath Publishing Co.

The RCC Faculty Lecturer is charged with delivering an address on a scholarly subject of general interest.

Other lecturers have included Professors Lee Gladden, Thomas Meidell Johnson, Howard Burton, David MacCuish, John R. Horton, Allan O. Kirkpatrick, Keith Bailor, Cecil Johnson, Richard Schneider, Robert Dixon, William Wiley, Ralph Butterfield, Selby Sharp and William Blaker.

Viewpoints

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"Viewpoints"
May 7, 1976

On May 7, 1976, Norma Barricelli, (Associate Professor, English 1964-94) delivered the 16th Riverside City College Faculty Lecture. She was the first woman to make this presentation. Her talk was entitled "Transcending the Stereotype".

The Riverside City College Instructional Media Center is bringing you this five year countdown to RCC's 100th Anniversary. Our intention is to give everyone a weekly glance at the many people and events that have been a part of the college.

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