To All Faculty & Staff

Dear Colleagues,

The Provost's Lecture Series is pleased to host two exciting talks next week.

The first talk will be given by Dr. Langdon Winner, Thomas Phelan Chair of Humanities and Social Sciences at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Professor Winner is a political theorist and activist whose work focuses on social and political issues that surround modern technological change. He has written numerous articles on politics, music, and social change, as well as the books "Autonomous Technology" and "The Whale and the Reactor." Dr. Winner was part of a citizens' movement that recently stopped construction of a \$350 million coal-burning cement plant near Hudson, NY and has been praised by The Wall Street Journal as "the leading academic on the politics of technology."

Dr. Winner will give a lecture entitled: "Trust, Terror, and Technology–Which Way for Democracy?" on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. in the Humanities Institute, Room 1006. This talk is presented in conjunction with the Templeton Lecture Series (http://www.stonybrook.edu/trust/templeton.shtml).

A second Provost's Lecture next week will be given by Drs. Sharon Lamb and Lyn Mikel Brown.

Professor Lamb earned her Ed.D. from Harvard University, teaches at St. Michael's College and is the author of four books, including "The Secret Lives of Girls: What Good Girls Really Do–Sex, Aggression, and their Guilt." Professor Brown, also earned her Ed.D. from Harvard University, teaches at Colby College and is the author of four books, including "Meeting at the Crossroads: Women's Psychology and Girls' Development" which was a NY Times Notable Book of the Year in 1992.

They will give a lecture based on their new book entitled: "Packaging Girlhood– Rescuing Our Daughters from Marketers' Schemes" on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Ballroom B. This talk is presented in conjunction with the Blueprint for Gender Equity Conference.

Please pass along this information to any students or community members you feel may be interested in attending.

- Robert McGrath Provost & Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs