The English Department’s Spring Symposium, 2009

What’s the Use of Literature?
A Forum for Students and Scholars of the Humanities

Are the humanities becoming obsolete? Supplanting traditional universities dedicated to the “ethos of the liberal arts,” according to Stanley Fish, are “for-profit universities” whose only goal is to “deliver the information and skills necessary to gain employment.” Given our market-driven, profit-oriented society, how might we defend the value or the relevance of the humanities? Four professors at Baruch College try to answer this question and make a case for the study of literature.

Moderator:
Timothy Aubry, Assistant Professor of English

Roundtable Participants:
Paula Berggren, Professor of English
Ali Nematollahy, Assistant Professor of Comparative Literature
Shelly Eversley, Associate Professor of English
John Brenkman, Distinguished Professor of English

Where: Baruch College Vertical Campus, Room 14-270
When: Thursday April 30, 6-8PM

Snacks and beverages will be served.