

## *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.*