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Eric Foner to be Featured at Stockton's Inaugural Paul Lyons Memorial Lecture

Lecture Set for March 10

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Galloway Township, NJ- The inaugural Paul Lyons Memorial Lecture is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The lecture will take place in the Alton Auditorium (A-Wing), located on the College's main Galloway Township campus. The lecture is jointly sponsored by Teaching American History/ One Nation, Many Americans (TAH/ONMAP), in addition to Stockton's Historical Studies program and the School of Arts and Humanities.

Distinguished Professor Paul Lyons sadly passed away in January of last year. In his honor, an annual memorial lecture will feature a leading scholar in American studies/ history, the areas in which Paul undertook most of his interdisciplinary work. The lectures will publically and collectively consider some of the questions that Paul asked through his scholarship and teaching.

Robert Gregg, Dean of Arts and Humanities said, "For Paul, teaching was a fundamental part of his life, and the students responded to the deep interest he took in them and in helping them to develop their ideas. By sharing his knowledge, Paul left a piece of his legacy with each of his students."

Dr. Eric Foner, professor of history at Columbia University, will deliver the inaugural lecture entitled "American Freedom Before and After 9/11." Dr. Foner will be speaking about how American notions of freedom are redefined in moments of crisis to justify war, protect borders, exclude outsiders, and promote nationalism. He will further argue that groups excluded from American-style freedom still embrace it, thereby changing its meaning for the entire society.

Dr. Foner is the past president of the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, and the Society of American Historians. His research has concentrated on U.S. race relations with an emphasis on changing notions of freedom.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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