



Do you have thoughts and ideas about education and want to share them with others? Patrick Lewis and Marc Spooner are the key organizers of a new discussion series called *Talkin' about School & Society*, and they want to hear your views.

Talkin' About School & Society will bring together teachers, teacher educators, researchers, parents, students and the general public in an informal environment to explore topics such as arts, faith, race, sexuality and funding.

"We want to be able to engage in conversations that will ask what we are going to do about improving the state of our schools and school experiences for all children and youth," says Lewis.

Both Lewis and Spooner are professors in the Faculty of Education, each with an extensive background in teaching and research. They are passionate about what participants will be able to bring to and take away from the discussions, and they are excited by the potential to spark and create new ways to improve K-12 education.

Faculty of Education Dean James McNinch says the lecture series is one way to move out of academia to discuss critical issues that ultimately affect us all.

"An initiative like *Talkin' about School & Society* is important because public schooling is premised on assumptions and values about democracy, citizenship, ethics, health, and well-being," says McNinch. As such, it's a "highly contested and political space" - one in which ordinary citizens, not just experts, need to participate. *The Talkin'* series is an effort to provide that connection, he says.

The first of four discussions is entitled, "The new interactive classroom: Education, teaching & globalization." It will take place Nov. 24 at 7 p.m., at La Bodega Restaurant, 2228 Albert St., in Regina.

Talkin' about School & Society is sponsored by the Faculty of Education, the Centre for Continuing Education and the Centre for Social Justice and Anti-Oppressive Education.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 19 12 Noon

Book signing

Title: "For All We Have and Are"

Author: James Pitsula

Location: Room 139, College West (Bookstore)

Info: 337-3277

Thursday, November 20 7:30 p.m.

Coffee House Controversies

Title: "You Talkin' to me? Muslim - Christian Feminist Dialogue"

Speaker: Brenda Anderson

Location: Chapters (2625 Gordon Road)

Info: 585-4226

Friday, November 21 2:30 p.m.

Physics Seminar

Title: "Elastic Anisotropy - A brief introduction to the seismic anisotropy in the earth: manifestations, observations, and interpretations"

Speaker: Douglas Schmitt

Location: Room 305, Classroom Building

Info: 585-4149

Friday, November 28 7:30 p.m.

University of Regina Choir Concert

Title: "Gloria! A Holiday Celebration"

Location: St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, 1861 McIntyre Street

Admission: \$10 general, \$8 seniors & students

Info: 585-5532 or www.urchoirs.com

Monday, December 1 7:30 p.m.

Department of Music Concert Series

Description: Concert Band & Wind Ensemble Concert

Location: University Theatre

Admission: Free for Fine Arts students with ID, \$10 general, \$7 seniors & other students

Info: 585-5542

Thursday, December 4 8 p.m.

University of Regina Orchestra Concert

Description: The University of Regina Orchestra presents Mozart, Haydn and Vivaldi in a program featuring Vivaldi's "Gloria" with the University's combined choirs and soloists.

Location: University Theatre

Admission: Free for U of R students with ID, \$10 general, \$7 seniors & other students

Info: 585-5532 or www.urchoirs.com

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