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\$2,500 MISSOURI HUMANITIES COUNCIL GRANT TO FUND SPEAKER EVENTS

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The Lindenwood University School of Humanities recently was awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Missouri Humanities Council (MHC) to support an American Culture Speaker Series organized around the question "Why study American culture now?" The MHC is the only state-wide agency in Missouri devoted exclusively to humanities education for citizens of all ages. It has served as a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities since 1971.

The grant will bring three prominent scholars from across Missouri to Lindenwood's St. Charles campus to speak about how the study of American culture is a vital activity, especially given the current moment in which we find ourselves.

Dr. Lorri Glover, the John Francis Bannon, S.J., professor of history at Saint Louis University, will deliver the inaugural address on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in Dunseth Auditorium in Harmon Hall. Glover, a renowned expert on the social history of early America, will address "Why do the Founding Fathers still matter?" and in particular why they matter to the St. Louis region. Cookies and refreshments will be provided.

"America is an incredibly complex and messy place," said Dr. Benjamin Cooper, Assistant Professor of English. "Within our culture, differing ideologies, agendas, and visions compete to define what America was, what America is, and what America should be. An institution of higher learning such as Lindenwood University has no higher purpose than to study all these visions of America, and importantly now given the national and international attention St. Louis has received in light of longstanding tensions related to race, class, and power. How might St. Louis's struggles allow us to reflect on broader conversations taking place across America today? The goal of the American Culture Speaker Series is to find out."

The American Culture Speaker Series is also being supported by Lindenwood's Speakers Committee.

For more information about the grants program of the Missouri Humanities Council, call (314) 781-9660 or (800) 357-0909 or write to the MHC, 543 Hanley Industrial Court, Suite 205, St. Louis, Mo., 63144-1905.

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