

THE SCARLET PROFESSOR

SEX AND SURVEILLANCE IN AMERICA

Saturday, September 16

9 a.m.–5 p.m., Earle Recital Hall
Sage Hall, Smith College



In 1960, Smith College Professor of English Newton Arvin was arrested for felony possession of erotic photographs of male models. He was forced to retire in the wake of the scandal; two junior colleagues who had viewed the materials were dismissed. This symposium will address, from a variety of perspectives, the intertwining of sexual and political repressions, sexual shaming in American culture, and sexual identities on campus and in the community from the 1960s to the present.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

The Great Pink Scare and After: Film Screening and Discussion

- Tug Yourgrau, director
 - Dustin Schell and Alexander Chee, screenwriters
 - Barry Werth, author, *The Scarlet Professor*
- 9–10:30 a.m.

The Scarlet Professor: A Talkback With the Opera's Creative Team

- Eric Sawyer, composer
- Harley Erdman, librettist
- Ron Bashford, director
- Barry Werth, author

10:45 a.m.–noon

After *The Scarlet Professor*: Arvin and Opera, History and Art

- Christopher Castiglia, Pennsylvania State University
- Jennifer DeClue, Smith College
- Michael Gorra, Smith College
- Laura Lovett, University of Massachusetts

1:30–2:45 p.m.

Sex and Shame From the Puritans to the Present

- David Halperin, University of Michigan
- Helen Lefkowitz Horowitz, Smith College
- Regina Kunzel, Princeton University
- Jane Yolen '60, author

3–4:45 p.m.

Free, open to the public and wheelchair accessible.

For disability access information or accommodations requests, please call 413-585-2407. To request a sign language interpreter, call 413-585-2071 (voice or TTY) or send email to ods@smith.edu at least 10 days before the event.

Sponsored by the Smith College Dorius-Spofford Fund; the Smith College Lecture Committee; Five Colleges, Inc.; the Smith College departments of English, American Studies, Study of Women and Gender, Music, and Theatre; the Amherst College departments of English and Music; the Mount Holyoke College Department of English; and the University of Massachusetts departments of English and Music.



WORLD PREMIERE

Five College Opera Presents *The Scarlet Professor*

By Eric Sawyer, Harley Erdman and Barry Werth • Directed by Ron Bashford

September 15, 16 and 23, 8 p.m. • September 17 and 24, 3 p.m. • Theatre 14

For tickets, visit www.smith.edu/smitharts