



# OVARATIONS

The Chicopee Savings Bank Endowment for Academic Excellence, The Office of Academic Affairs and the Honors Program at Springfield Technical Community College are pleased to announce the schedule of events for its Spring 2010 Ovariations Series. This educational and cultural special event series brings to the College locally and nationally acclaimed writers, artists, political figures, and experts in the fields of science and health. All events are open to the public free of charge. For additional information on this series, please contact Professor Linda Harrington, (413) 755-4254.

Robert Rivest  
Tuesday, February 2  
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Scibelli Theater

World-renowned mime, Robert Rivest has presented more than 4,000 performances in Europe, Africa and across the U.S. A student of Marcel Marceau, he has trained over a decade with international masters of mime, dance, theatre, and improvisation. Along with his training in Paris and NYC, Robert attended STCC and graduated from Amherst College. Today he is one of the most prolific mime artists in the world. Robert is a seasoned performer and an engaging educator whose performances reach across age, language and social barriers. His success rests in his ability to reach diverse audiences in a wide variety of settings. He will blend a timely, audience-interactive presentation on Stress Reduction and Laughter is the Best Medicine to gear you up for a successful semester!

Kris Holloway  
Tuesday, March 2  
9:30 a.m.  
Scibelli Theater

Kris Holloway, author of Monique and the Mango Rains will be speaking about "the stark reality of lives in a third world country: the fate of babies and young children, of women dying in childbirth." We will hear the beautiful yet sometimes terrifying accounts "of the realities of rural African life with its own particular joys and tragedies."

Faculty Reading Group  
Monday, March 8  
9:05, 10:10, 11:15 a.m.  
Scibelli Theater

Professor Dennison Rice will once again direct the STCC Reading Group in its presentations of poetry, fiction, drama, and some original selections. Each semester the group selects a theme around which literary selections are chosen. The wide range of classic and contemporary readings presented by their own faculty and staff members always surprises the audience.

Dorothy Jordan Pryor  
Wednesday, March 31  
11:00 a.m.  
Scibelli Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor

Annually the Dorothy Jordan Pryor Award Ceremony and Lecture honors individuals who are considered "living treasures" because of their commitment to community involvement. The recipient this year is the Freedom Choir under the direction of Dr. Horace Clarence Boyer.

Billy Collins  
Friday, April 16  
11:15 a.m.  
Scibelli Theater

The United States Poet Laureate 2001-2003 and New York State Poet Laureate 2004-2006 Billy Collins comes to Springfield Technical Community College. Billy has published 9 books of poetry and is the Distinguished Professor of English at Lehman College of the City University of New York. His poem, *The Names* helped Americans relate, on an individual level, to the tragedy of September 11, 2001. No poet since Robert Frost has so combined high critical acclaim with broad popular appeal. In 2004 Billy

Collins became the inaugural recipient of the *Poetry Foundation's Mark Twain Award* for humorous poetry. The *New York Times* says, "Luring his readers into the poem with humor, Mr. Collins leads them unwittingly into deeper, more serious places, a kind of journey from the familiar to the quirky to unexpected territory, sometimes tender, often profound."