

Clark professor kicks off lecture series

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Having invited big-name speakers for its distinguished speaker series, Clark College will showcase one of its own when English professor Joe Pitkin shares his story.

Pitkin, back from a Fulbright teaching exchange in Hungary, will discuss his overseas stint and the process by which other faculty members can pursue a Fulbright opportunity.

The event, set for 8:15 a.m. Wednesday in the fireplace lounge room in the Penguin Union Building, kicks off Clark's new Faculty Speaker Series.

There will be refreshments and, after Pitkin's presentation, a question-and-answer period.

Clark plans to have a faculty speaker event each quarter to highlight rich teaching and life experiences of its instructors.

In the past two years, Clark has drawn large crowds to its distinguished speaker series. Guests have included Jeff Wigand, former tobacco executive-turned-whistleblower; national security insider Richard A. Clarke; and longtime White House adviser David Gergen.

"I'm very proud that our Faculty Speaker Series continues that tradition by focusing on the talents and achievements of our own faculty," said Bob Knight, Clark president, in announcing the new series.

The Fulbright exchange program was created in 1946 by longtime U.S. Sen. William Fulbright, D-Ark., to foster mutual understanding in the evolving global climate following World War II.

Clark College is at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way.

Parking is available in the school's red and yellow parking lots.



Joe Pitkin