



# SACRED COWS

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## 2012 ILLAHEE LECTURE SERIES

### DEMOCRACY

**CHRISTOPHER PHILLIPS**

**1 FEB 2012** Energized by the optimism surrounding Obama's presidency and concerned with the partisanship infecting Congress, Phillips' latest project is Constitution Café(2011), an effort to engage Americans in dialogue and debate about the nature of our government, meaning of citizenship and our most important political documents. Phillips has taught at NYU and is the founder and executive director of the Constitution Café and the Society for Philosophical Inquiry (SPI).

### JOBS

**JULIET SCHOR**

**24 FEB 2012** Schor is Professor of Sociology at Boston College. Schor's research over the last ten years has focused on issues pertaining to trends in work and leisure, consumerism, the relationship between work and family, women's issues and economic justice. Her latest book, *Plentitude: The New Economics of True Wealth*, offers a groundbreaking statement about the economics and sociology of ecological decline.

### EDUCATION

**DIANE RAVITCH**

**20 MAR 2012** Ravitch is Research Professor of Education at NYU, a historian of education, and policy analyst. From 1991-94 she was U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education and led an effort to promote voluntary state and national academic standards. In her most recent book, *The Death and Life of the Great American School System*, Ravitch examines her career and repudiates positions that she once advocated, including standardized testing, and privatization of schools.

### HEALTH CARE

**WENDELL POTTER**

**18 APR 2012** Following a 20-year career as a corporate public relations executive, Potter left his position as head of communications for CIGNA, one of the nation's largest health insurers, to help socially responsible organizations achieve their goals. His new book, *Deadly Spin: An Insurance Company Insider Speaks Out on How Corporate PR is Killing Health Care and Deceiving Americans*, is an expose of health insurers and a stark warning that corporate spin is distorting our democracy.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE **Special Illahee Panel**

**9 MAY 2012** If an adversary were ever to threaten our national security, we'd want to defend it. But what constitutes our national security, beyond defense of our borders? Access to resources? The ability to trade and convene with collaborators? And what constitutes a threat? Please join Illahee for a special panel of regional defense experts discussing defense issues as they relate to the Pacific Northwest.

### SPECIAL EVENT

**Andrew Bacevich**

**16 MAY 2012** *The Oregon Humanities Center 2011-12 Kritikos Lectures in the Humanities (free and open to the public).* Andrew Bacevich is a leading commentator on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. His essays and reviews have appeared in a range of publications. Bacevich is the author of *Washington Rules: America's Path to Permanent War* (2010) and holds a Ph.D. in American Diplomatic History from Princeton University.