

Philadelphia Great Books Council

presents the

51st Annual Spring Institute

Sunday, May 16, 2010, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Arcadia University, Glenside, PA

Adulteress or Harami (Bastard): Society's Scapegoats

The Scarlet Letter – Nathaniel Hawthorne

A Thousand Splendid Suns – Khaled Hosseini

You are cordially invited to attend the Philadelphia Great Books Council's 51st annual Spring Institute. In the morning, we will discuss Nathaniel Hawthorne's classic, The Scarlet Letter, the timeless tale of passion and revenge, guilt and grace, sin and redemption in colonial America. In the afternoon, we take up Khaled Hosseini's 2007 novel, A Thousand Splendid Suns, (a stunning follow-up to The Kite Runner), a "beautiful, riveting, and haunting" story of violence, fear, hope, and friendship "set against the volatile events of Afghanistan's last thirty years." In both fictions the authors explore the full range of what it means to be human - and a woman - in oppressive societies and times.

Additional lowdown for lovers of literature:

- * \$45 fee covers:
 - * Continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks.
 - * A map and directions to Arcadia University by car, train or bus.
 - * Copies of both books, which will be mailed promptly upon receipt of registration.

Please detach and mail early!

Please send check for \$45 per person, payable to Philadelphia Great Books Council, to:

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Vegetarian Lunch? _____

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Upcoming Events:

New England Great Books – Spring Institute - “Ways of Seeing”

April 9-11, 2010 – Mystic Hilton, Mystic, CT; \$380 double, \$510 single occupancy

Readings: Marquez, *One Hundred Years of Solitude*;

Paz, *The Labyrinth of Solitude*; Wilson, *The Piano Lesson*.

Contact: Maribeth Eugene: email at MB_Eugene@comcast.net or call at (978) 365-5672

Long Island Great Books - Spring Institute – “Trust and Confidence”

June 12, 2010 – Garden City, Long Island, NY \$55

Readings: Isaacson, *Einstein: His Life and Universe*; or Melville, *The Confidence Man* and

Dolnick, *The Forger's Spell*.

Contacts: Arlene Stock, 212-688-0034 or Grahme Fischer, 631-361-3401

Wachs Great Books Summer Institute - “Cultural Collisions: Nobel Literature Prize Recipients”

August 1-7, 2010 – Colby College, Waterville, Maine, \$525

Readings: Coetzee, *The Life and Times of Michael K*; Lessing, *The Golden Notebook*; Mahfouz, *The Thief and the Dogs*; Naipaul, *The Bend in the River*; Soyinka, *The Lion and the Jewel*; Szymborska, Heaney, Walcott, Paz, and Neruda, Selected Poems.

Contact: Tom Beam, 215-836-2380, agreatbook@aol.com

Philadelphia Discussion Leader Training

September/October – Two Saturday sessions at a two-week interval, exact dates to be determined

If you are interested in being trained to conduct book discussions using the Great Books **Shared**

Inquiry method, please contact either John Dalton at jd5258875@aol.com or by phone (610) 525-8875 or Bill Meiers at wameiers@aol.com or by phone (215) 953-0147.

Pocono Fall Institute – “The Raptures and Ravages of Love”

November 5,6,7, 2010 – Pocono Manor, Mt. Pocono, PA

Readings: Flaubert, *Madame Bovary*; Racine, *Phedre*; Hemingway, *A Farewell to Arms*

Contact: John Dalton at jd5258875@aol.com or by phone (610) 525-8875

Additional Information on Great Books events: www.greatbooksdiscussionprograms.org

The Philadelphia Great Books Council will sponsor a workshop in the fall of 2010 in the Shared Inquiry Method, for those interested in initiating a book discussion group, improving one's participation in book discussions, or facilitating book discussions. It will be held at Arcadia University on two Saturdays.. If interested, please contact John Dalton via email at JD5258875@aol.com or via phone at 610-525-8875.