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The Franklin M. Loew Lecture Series is a public forum that invites scholars and professionals to present lectures on topics of interest and importance to the Becker College community and the public.



Ready Player One: Opportunities in the Growing Video Game Industry

Michael Gallagher – *President and CEO, Entertainment Software Association (ESA)*
(with an introduction by U.S. Representative James P. McGovern)

Mr. Gallagher will speak about the expanding roles of games and the game industry in the context of their economic, social, and cultural impact.

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Weller Academic Center | Lecture Hall 210 | 61 Sever Street | Worcester Campus



Dangerous Journey, Desperate Journey: Experiences from the Front Door of the Syrian Refugee Crisis

Anne Sroka – *Chief of Staff, Becker College, with daughter, Amelia Karayianis '16* – *Becker College Global Citizenship Major*

Ms. Sroka and Ms. Karayianis will relay their experiences volunteering in Lesbos, Greece over winter break. There they provided humanitarian aid to refugees fleeing war-torn countries by braving dangerous sea journeys from Turkey.

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Weller Academic Center | Lecture Hall 210 | 61 Sever Street | Worcester Campus

followed by:



The Plight of the Untouchables in India

N. K. Kumaresan Raja, Ph.D. – *Asst. Professor, Pondicherry University*

Prof. Raja will discuss Untouchables* and Indian society in both a historical and contemporary context.

*People tainted by their birth into a caste system that deems them impure, less than human.

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. | Weller Academic Center | Lecture Hall 210 | 61 Sever Street | Worcester Campus



A Backbreaking Work of Whimsy

Trevor Stricker – *Founder & President, Disco Pixel*

Mr. Stricker will discuss video games and the many ways in which playing them is so different from making them.

Wednesday, March 30, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Weller Academic Center | Lecture Hall 210 | 61 Sever Street | Worcester Campus



George Washington's Journey

T.H. Breen, Ph.D. – *James Marsh Professor at Large, University of Vermont and William Smith Mason Professor of American History Emeritus at Northwestern University*

Professor Breen will discuss his latest book, *George Washington's Journey: The President Forges a New Nation*, which explores a 1789 trip made by the first U.S. president to all thirteen states to fulfill the goals of the American Revolution.

Thursday, May 19, 2016 | 7:00 p.m. | American Antiquarian Society | 185 Salisbury Street | Worcester, Massachusetts

Free and open to the public. Seating is limited. To RSVP, call 508.373.9460 or email lectures@becker.edu For more information, visit www.becker.edu/lectures.