

Spring Semester 1988 Programs

Warren Center Seminars

Closing of the American Mind

This seminar met three times to discuss Allan Bloom's book, *The Closing of the American Mind*.

Intellectual and Social Life at Vanderbilt

The three meetings with faculty and students were on the relation between intellectual and social life among students in the college. These discussions helped pave the way for the establishment of Project Dialogue, a student-led program series intended to increase intellectual life on campus.

Interpretive Issues in Comparative Literature

Ten faculty members and two graduate students representing seven departments met weekly.

Mellon Luncheon

Nine Mellon Assistant Professors from seven departments met monthly for brown-bag lunches.

Theories of Interpreting Literature

Twelve faculty and three graduate students focused on theories of interpretation of ancient and modern texts, contrasting classical methods with semiotic structuralist and deconstructionist theories.

Warren Center Summer Seminars

Regional Faculty Development

"Theory and Criticism of Lyric Poetry" was a regional seminar taught by Professor Laurence Lerner in May of 1988. There were twenty-five participants representing 16 institutions selected from 55 applicants.

NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers

"The American Regulatory and Welfare State, 1887-1987." Thirteen college faculty members from throughout the U.S. gathered for eight weeks. Seminar director: Paul K. Conkin, (Distinguished Professor of History).