

## Brattleboro

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October 7

### Becoming Americans

Author and Amherst College professor Ilan Stavans explores the impact that immigrants have had on American culture and language, and the role immigrant writers have played in our nation's consciousness.

November 4

### Daddy's War

Dartmouth College professor Irene Kacandes uses her family's own story as a starting point to explore how the trauma of war, like the revenge of Greek gods, can visit succeeding generations.

December 2

### Hamlet Contemplates the Bust of Aristotle, or Was the Prince's Education of Any Use to Him?

Among Shakespeare's heroes, we know only where Hamlet studied. In this unique approach to a classic play, Dartmouth professor Peter Saccio asks what value a college education has for a man whose father dies and whose mother marries an uncle he detests.

January 6

### Projecting Leadership: Art Used for Political Ends

Savvy rulers have long known that art can create myths more powerful than reality. Dartmouth art historian Jane Carroll examines such art, from Rome to recent American examples.

February 3

### Horses Like Lightning:

#### A Story of Passage through the Himalayas

Dartmouth anthropologist Sienna Craig recounts her years spent living in the Himalayan kingdom of Mustang, Nepal, one of the world's most remote regions.

March 3

### The National Parks: America's Best Idea

Award-winning filmmaker Ken Burns discusses his latest project, a history of the national parks that focuses on the contributions of a diverse group of so-called ordinary Americans. **Location: Latchis Theatre.**

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April 7

### To Live or Perish Forever:

#### Two Tumultuous Years in Pakistan

Freelance journalist Nicholas Schmidle offers a gripping account of his two years as a journalism fellow in Pakistan. He reveals a country that may be the battleground for the future of the Muslim world.

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May 5

### Transforming History into Fiction:

#### The Story of a Born Liar

Author Howard Frank Mosher considers the challenges and possibilities of writing historical fiction.