

Anna Maria Tremonti to give H.T Reid Lecture at Acadia University

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Wolfville, NS, September 18, 2009 – Anna Maria Tremonti, CBC Radio’s host of *The Current*, will deliver a free, public lecture on October 2nd at 7:30 pm, at Acadia University’s Festival Theater Building. Ms. Tremonti’s presentation, entitled “Can you call it a crisis if you can see it coming?”, is this year’s H.T. Reid Lecture and will be delivered in conjunction with the 35th annual Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association’s conference, being hosted by Acadia’s Political Science department.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Governing out of Crisis.” Scholars from across Atlantic Canada and beyond will explore how we are responding to political, economic, social and ecological crises. According to conference co-organizer Dr. Rachel Brickner, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Acadia, “Anna Maria Tremonti’s day-to-day engagement with contemporary crises makes her an ideal keynote speaker for the conference. She is someone who can build bridges between academic and public communities.”

Anna Maria Tremonti has covered conflict and crisis for the CBC in more than 30 countries, providing eyewitness accounts of the war in Bosnia, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the break-up of the Soviet Union. For her work as a journalist Ms. Tremonti has won two Gemini Awards, and an outstanding achievement award from Toronto Women in Film and Television.

Harvey T. Reid of Hartland New Brunswick graduated from Acadia in 1912, was a Rhodes Scholar and, after being wounded in service during WWI, moved to Minnesota where he established a successful law practice and publishing business. The H. T. Reid lecture was endowed in 1957 and has in the past been given by such eminent persons as Stephen Lewis, James Orbinski, and Thabo Mbeki.

At the Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association conference, regional, national and international scholars will explore the ways in which governments might steer us out of crises, and what opportunities for new modes of governance might emerge out of these crises. The conference runs from October 2nd to 4th, and will feature 18 panels including such topics as “Crisis and Stability in the Developing World,” “Governing Global Health and Life,” and “Crises in Contemporary Canadian Politics.” Registration information and the full conference program can be found on the world wide web by using the search term “APPSA 2009.”

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