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SHAKESPEARE'S FOREVER-RELEVANT THEMES DRIVE DISCUSSION ON "REINVENTING SHAKESPEARE"

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA (October 22, 2007) – "Double, double toil and trouble; fire burn, and cauldron bubble," chant the witches in "Macbeth." Two Actors from the London Stage and literary experts explore famous quotations and themes from the works of William Shakespeare as part of WPSU's next Common Ground Lobby Talk series, held on the eve of Halloween.

"Reinventing Shakespeare," a panel discussion, will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30 in the lobby of the Outreach Building in Penn State's Innovation Park. The public is invited to be part of this broadcast event and participate with their questions and comments on how Shakespeare's work is interpreted in pop culture today.

WPSU's Patty Satalia will moderate the discussion, featuring Garrett Sullivan, professor of English at Penn State; Alex Huang, assistant professor of comparative literature and Chinese at Penn State; and Greg Semenza, associate professor of English at the University of Connecticut; and two members of the Actors from the London Stage.

"Reinventing Shakespeare" will taped and broadcast on WPSU-TV at 9 p.m. on Thursday, November 15 and at 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 18. For more information, visit wpsu.org/lobbyspeaks.

To reach the Outreach Building in University Park, take Park Ave. going toward Beaver Stadium, drive past Mount Nittany Medical Center to the Innovation Park Exit A. Take that exit and then a right-turn at the stop sign. The Outreach Building is on the right-hand side of Innovation Blvd.

WPSU's Common Ground Lobby Talks series is made possible by The Public Service Media Initiative, a collaborative project of the Science, Technology and Society Program in the Colleges of the Liberal Arts and Engineering, and WPSU TV-FM. This event is part of 'Moments of Change,' an interdisciplinary initiative of the Penn State Institute for the Arts and Humanities, dedicated this year to the early 17th century (ca. 1600-1625). Common Ground Lobby Talks are locally broadcast, available online at wpsu.org/lobbyspeaks and statewide through Penn State ON DEMAND.

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