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The human experience as expressed by poets and other creative writers will be examined by Dr. S. Rudolph Martin, Jr. in the seventh of the Spring Quarter Lectures May 11, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall Three at The Evergreen State College.

Dr. Martin says his talk will focus on the values and techniques writers use to help humanity "come to terms with its experiences."

He will examine writings by modern American and English poets to illustrate "what poems are about," and to show how poetry is affected by human experience and, in turn, impacts the future experiences of its readers.

Works by Joseph Conrad and Robert Penn Warren will also exemplify Dr. Martin's talk, which he calls "Why Read Literature."

A member of the Evergreen faculty since 1970, Dr. Martin taught English and literature at the high school level for two years and at the community college level for six years. He also brought to Evergreen five years of teaching experience at the college level, gained at San Francisco State College and Washington State University.

The Evergreen professor was recently awarded a one-year fellowship by the National Endowment for the Humanities to study labor and cultural history at Columbia University next year. He is currently preparing to co-direct an Institute of Western Black Culture at Evergreen Summer Quarter with Evergreen Faculty Member Dr. Winifred Ingram.

Dr. Martin hopes soon to publish his first book, "A New Mind: Changing Black Conscious from 1950-1970". Groundwork for the book was part of his dissertation which he completed at WSU in American Studies. He completed his masters' degree in literature and languages at San Francisco State and his bachelors' degree in the same field at the University of California at Berkeley.

His Wednesday evening lecture is free and open to the public.

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