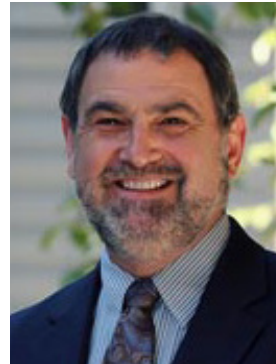


# The Provost's Forums on the Public University and the Social Good

Friday, April 4, 2014

## "The Humanities and the Common Good"

What contributions do the humanities, as taught in public universities, make to a society that values profitable innovation and vocational training? How can we continue to value cognitive abilities, artistic talents, and uses of language that cannot be measured in the chiefly quantitative terms that dominate efforts to measure success? How can we highlight the value of humanities training in the arts of noticing, interpreting, and explaining divergent perspectives on complex social issues? These arts are important both in the 21st-century workplace and in the spheres where the public good is debated.



**Speakers:** [David Marshall](#), Michael Douglas Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts, and Professor of English and Comparative Literature, UC Santa Barbara; and [William Ladusaw](#), Dean of Humanities, and Professor of Linguistics, UC Santa Cruz. **Panelists:** [Margaret Ferguson](#), President of the Modern Language Association, and Distinguished Professor of English, UC Davis; [Chris Reynolds](#), President of the American Musicological Society, and Professor of Music, UC Davis; and [Ralph J. Hexter](#), Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, and Distinguished Professor of Classics & Comparative Literature, UC Davis.

**Lecture:**

4 to 5:30 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room

Student Community Center

**Reception to Follow:**

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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