

PRE-SHOW TALK

“Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf”

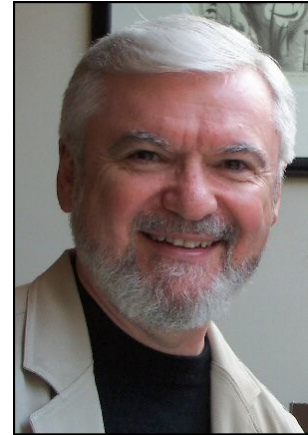
Sunday, September 10, 2017

10:30am – 10:55am

featuring

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“Vital Lies, Cruel Truths: “Fun and Games” with George and Martha”

The questions are timely: Where is the line, the final difference, to be found between the truth and its mutations—lies, illusions, and fantasies? Do our relationships depend on openness or secrecy, disclosure or concealment? Why should anyone fear Virginia Woolf?

Edward Albee has invited us innocents over for a late, after-event drink. We sit there with Nick and Honey, morphing from awkward embarrassment to horror as our hosts, George and Martha, wreak emotional devastation. Critics have called it “a long night’s journey into day.” But what sort of dawn is it? “Can these relationships be saved”?

Biography: Dan DeNicola is Professor and Chair of the Department of Philosophy at Gettysburg College, where he has received the Award for Distinguished Teaching. He served as Provost of the College (1996-2006), having held a comparable post at Rollins College (FL). Prof. DeNicola earned his doctorate from Harvard and is the author of *Learning to Flourish: A Philosophical Exploration of Liberal Education* and the just-released book, *Understanding Ignorance*.