



THE HONORS COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

presents

The Ross M. Lence
Master Teacher Residency
January 30 – February 1, 2013
and the
Spring 2013 Lence Seminar



An event series of teaching and scholarship
in memory of Dr. Ross M. Lence

Dinner invitation inside



*I attempt to lead my students on a
journey of the mind.*

*Some days are good; some days are not so good.
But every day I remind myself that teaching is like missionary work,
and that I am the messenger, not the message.
I constantly strive to bring others to see the excitement,
as well as the limits, offered by the life of the mind.
I encourage all students to be bold in their thoughts,
moderate in their actions, and courageous in their pursuit of truth—
wherever it is and however it can be known.*

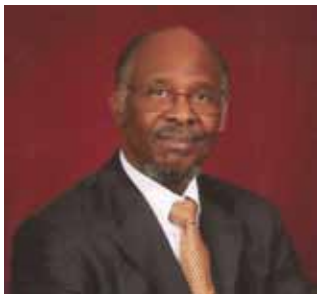
ROSS M. LENCE





The Master Teacher Residency program and the Lence Seminar pay homage to Professor Ross M. Lence. Dr. Lence's career was marked by his commitment to the transformative effect of undergraduate education. His teaching was a vocation, steeped in his profound interest in books and young people. He loved to converse and to provoke. His dedication to students was tireless. He instilled in them an eagerness to work at their highest level, and he challenged colleagues to put aside old habits and conventional perspectives.

THE ROSS M. LENCE MASTER TEACHER RESIDENCY endeavors to carry forward the legacy of a man central to the mission and ethos of the Honors College. To this end, the College annually invites a noted teacher and scholar to engage with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends in conversations, lectures, feasts, and libations.



The Honors College is proud to
announce
William Barclay Allen
as the
2013 Ross M. Lence Master Teacher.

William B. Allen is Emeritus Professor of Political Philosophy in the Department of Political Science and Emeritus Dean, James Madison College, at Michigan State University. He served previously on the United States National Council for the Humanities and as Chairman and Member of the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

Currently he serves as Visiting Senior Professor in the Matthew J. Ryan Center for the Study of Free Institutions and the Public Good at Villanova University, and as Visiting Professor, Ashland University, Ashbrook Center, Master's in History and American Government.

He has published extensively. In 2009 appeared *Re-Thinking Uncle Tom: The Political Philosophy of H. B. Stowe* (Lexington Books). In 2008 appeared *George Washington: America's First Progressive* (Peter Lang, Inc.), and *The Personal and the Political: Three Fables by Montesquieu* (UPA). Earlier he published *Habits of Mind: Fostering Excellence and Access in Higher Education*, with Carol M. Allen (Transaction Publishers, Inc., 2003); *George Washington: A Collection*, editor and Introduction (Liberty Press, 3d printing); *The Essential Antifederalist: Second Edition*, with Gordon Lloyd (Rowman & Littlefield, 2002); and *The Federalist Papers: A Commentary: The "Baton Rouge Lectures"* (Peter Lang, Inc., 2000).

THE PROGRAM

Please join us for these public Lence Residency program events.

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

6:00–7:45 p.m. “Reading the Declaration of Independence”:
Join us for a public lecture in the Honors College
Commons.

Thursday, January 31, 2013

5:30–8:30 p.m. “Liberty and Tyranny: Montesquieu’s
Reconsideration”: The Lence Seminar invites
students, faculty, and alumni to a colloquium
led by Dr. Allen in the Honors College
Commons.

Friday, February 1, 2013

noon–2:00 p.m. Dr. Allen presents a public lecture in
Cemo Hall 100D on “Political Arithmetic:
Social Science, Scientific Revolution, and
Political Innovation.”

6:30–9:30 p.m. **The Honors College presents the Lence Master
Teacher Dinner**, where Dr. Allen will
lecture on “What Country Have I? Harriet
Stowe’s Response to Frederick Douglas”

All alumni and friends of the Honors College are invited to join us for the **Lence Master Teacher Dinner** on February 1. Tickets to the Friday dinner are \$50 and may be purchased by sending the enclosed RSVP card or by calling Beth Borck at 713.743.3220.

For additional details on the Lence events, please go to
<http://TheHonorsCollege.com/lmt>.




THE LENCE SEMINAR

This spring, the Honors College expands its effort to commemorate Professor Lence's career and keep alive the sense of his teaching by establishing the Lence Seminar. The seminar, which will be taught annually in the spring, will revisit the courses taught by Professor Lence, informed by the syllabi he used and the three-page essays he assigned.

The goal of the seminar is to recapture, to the degree possible, the essence of a Lence course. His teaching style was masterful: serious but light-hearted, instructive but frequently perplexing, demanding but inspirational. He was a provocateur par excellence, whose classes were never lectures or systematic presentations, but were instead wide-ranging discussions grounded in the Socratic Method, animated by his unyielding quest for clarity and precision of thought—unlike anything students had experienced before, and probably haven't experienced since. The result was students who came to realize that what they thought was their best simply wasn't. The Honors College and the alumni who conceived the seminar—all students of Professor Lence—are in agreement that the seminar will provide a unique educational experience, while at the same time keeping the memory of Professor Lence alive.

The inaugural seminar, on Tyranny, will be led by Honors faculty member Dr. Terry Hallmark and will run on Thursdays, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. The seminar will, for the most part, follow Professor Lence's original syllabus, including Xenophon's *Hiero*, Plato's *Republic*, and Machiavelli's *Prince*.

We invite former Lence students and alumni and friends of the Honors College to play an active role in the seminar—to attend the classes and special events, to share syllabi or other course materials, and to host discussions and gatherings. To get involved in the Lence Seminar, please contact Beth Kungel Borck at bkborck@uh.edu or 713.743.3220.





PERPETUATE THE LENCE LEGACY

Inspired by the vision of the Lence Master Teacher Residency, an anonymous donor generously funded a lead gift to establish an endowment. Thanks to this donor and other supporters, the Honors College is more than halfway to the goal of \$500,000. Once funded, the Endowment will support the teaching legacy of Ross Lence through the Residency and the Lence Seminar, as well as student scholarships and co-curricular activities that enhance learning and build relationships.

For additional details on the Lence Residency, the Lence Seminar, the Endowment, and other efforts to celebrate the work of Professor Lence, please go to <http://TheHonorsCollege.com/lmt>.

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ROSS M. LENCE
1943-2006

