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To: The Faculty Assembly

From: Dr. Lance Carluccio
Director of the Ph.D. in Humanities Program

The following course title and description were developed by Dr. Jim Hersh as a result of recommendations from discussions at meetings of part-time and full-time Salve Regina University faculty who are assigned to teach 600-level Humanities courses. The intention is for this course to be offered beginning in the Fall 2005, replacing HUM 615 Social and Strategic Management.

Humanities 615

Political Philosophy and Technology

This course examines the role that technology plays in creating political systems that are just and fair. After looking at the origins of the Western liberal tradition in the political philosophy of Plato and Aristotle, we then trace a line of thinking through Locke, Jefferson, and Kant, and close with readings from the contemporary political philosopher John Rawls. Our final objective is to determine the effects particular technological advances have had on the evolution of Western political liberalism and on the adaptability of modern liberal democracy to the developing world.