Siegels to focus on aesthetics of disability in talk

**Adam Newman**

In an effort to begin more conversations about disability issues both inside and outside of the classroom, the Committee on Disability Studies recently invited University of Michigan professor Thomas Siegels to give a lecture at Vassar. Siegels, a noted disability studies scholar, is the author of a new book, "Disability Theory and Disability Aesthetics," which he will discuss at an event on October 8.

Siegels' lecture, titled "The Mad Women Project: Disability and the Aesthetics of Human Disablility," will take place on October 8 at 7 p.m. in Room 101 of the Vassar Library. The event is free and open to the public.

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To Forman, America not yet post-racial

**Reshma Anand**

"Are we there yet?" asked Tyrone Forman at the end of his lecture, "African American History, Race and the Post-Racial America," which he delivered at Vassar on October 6. Forman, a professor of African American studies at Emory University, argued that the concept of a post-racial America is not yet realized.

Forman noted that while the election of Barack Obama has brought some hopes for change, the reality is more complex. "We have made progress," he said, "but we still have a long way to go." Forman emphasized the need for continued education and dialogue on issues of race.

Committee looks at Bookstore merchandise

**Avis Lampe**

Next year, the committee will gather to discuss the potential for changes to the current Bookstore merchandise. The committee is made up of students and faculty members who are interested in the future of the Bookstore and its role in the Vassar community.

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