Lecture

Peter Kivisto

Wallenberg Hall, Augustana College

Thursday, January 28, 7 p.m.

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That was my attempt at a "pluralism" joke. Did it read?

The center - designed for the exploration of ethnic relations, immigration, citizenship, and other topics related to diversity in modern society - will host conferences and lectures with well-known scholars and sociologists, and gets both in Kivisto, the former editor of *The Sociological Quarterly* . Delivering a lecture titled "Who's Afraid of Multiculturalism - and Why?", the new center's director will outline

why some have accused multiculturalism of undermining mainstream culture, and subsequently counter this view by explaining how it actually enhances respect, social justice, and democracy.

An internationally recognized sociologist who has taught in Finland, Germany, and Italy, Kivisto will coordinate faculty research, conferences, and student involvement for the center, and is the current chair of Augustana's Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Social Welfare. He's also the author of more than 25 books, which is a great relief - his credits are so intimidating that I was afraid we had nothing in common. (No, I haven't written 25 books. But I've *read* 25 books. That counts, right?)

For more information on both Kivisto's 7 p.m. lecture and the Center for the Study of Pluralism & the Civil Sphere, contact Kamy Beattie at (309)794-7721.

Theatre

The Secret Garden

Potter Hall, Augustana College

Friday, January 29 through Sunday, February 7

Augustana College's last two mainstage productions - *Omniscience* and *The Big Funk* - were dark, edgy, and haunting, so it's nice to see that the theatre department is about to lighten the recent mood with a musical. Granted, it's a musical about a child who loses her entire family to an outbreak of cholera, but still ... .

Running January 29 through February 7 in Augustana's Potter Hall, *The Secret Garden* is a title that's likely familiar, even if you're not acquainted with this 1991 Broadway hit, which won three Tony Awards. Based on the 1909 children's novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, the show tells the beloved tale of Mary Lennox, the young English girl sent to live with relatives after the deaths of her parents. Initially isolated and introverted, Mary blossoms after her discovery of the musical's titular garden, a magical place of security and healing that's brought to life through enchanting storybook visuals and composer Lucy Simon's gorgeous score.

Director Jeff Coussens' production promises to be a magical stage journey for audiences of all ages, and is also one that I have a particular interest in, as I've never actually seen *The Secret Garden*
before. I have, however, visited the secret garden belonging to a friend of mine, but in case any DEA agents are reading this, I'd better not say any more about it.

Augustana's *The Secret Garden* will be staged Fridays through Sundays, with the February 6 production at 1:30 p.m., and the other five performances at 7:30 p.m. For more information and tickets, call (309)794-7306.

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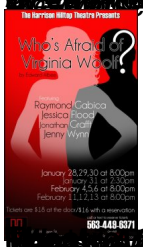

[redacted] Saturday, February 13 [redacted] *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* at the [redacted] *MuscatineArts@yahoo.com* [redacted]