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Hillsdale College Launches Free Online Course "An Introduction to C.S. Lewis: Writings and Significance"

Hillsdale, MI – Hillsdale College today opened its registration for a new, not-for-credit online course, "An Introduction to C.S. Lewis: Writings and Significance." The free, nine-week course examines Lewis's philosophical and literary writings and their significance today. Registration is available online at info.hillsdale.edu/cs_lewis.

"C.S. Lewis was one of the most gifted and influential thinkers of the 20th century," said Dr. Larry Arnn, president of Hillsdale College. "His extensive contributions to fiction, philosophy, and the study of medieval literature were worthy of serious consideration and discussion for his contemporaries, and perhaps contain even more relevance for those of us fortunate enough to encounter them 53 years after his death. Rarely has a mind like Lewis' touched on such a wide variety of subjects with such startling interconnectedness."

Instructors for the online course include Dr. Arnn; Michael Ward, author of several books about Lewis; and David Whalen, Hillsdale College provost and professor of English. The nine courses run for 30 to 40 minute sessions. New sessions are released every Monday and all are available on-demand once published. Sessions include:

Week 1 – "Introduction" / "Men without Chests"

Week 2 – "Lewis's Apologetics: Imagination and Reason, Part One"

Week 3 – "Lewis's Apologetics: Imagination and Reason, Part Two"

Week 4 – "Lewis's Fiction: Narnia and the Storied Moral World"

Week 5 – "Lewis's Fiction: The Space Trilogy – A Cosmos of Old Wars and New Battles"

Week 6 – "Lewis's Literary Criticism: The Value of Indirect Communication"

Week 7 – "Lewis's Literary Criticism: Medieval Cosmology"

Week 8 – "The Way"

Week 9 – "The Abolition of Man"

Hillsdale College offers a catalog of free online courses taught by its faculty in subjects including the Constitution, education, great books and economics. More than 830,000 students have generated more than 1.2 million course enrollments since the program launched in fall 2011.

For more information or to register for "An Introduction to C.S. Lewis: Writings and Significance," visit https://online.hillsdale.edu.

About Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College, founded in 1844, has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 2.9 million.

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