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Dr. Peikoff, Ayn Rand's associate for over 30 years and her legal and intellectual heir, is the leading Objectivist philosopher. He is the author of *Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand*, the first systematic presentation of Ayn Rand's philosophy, and *The Ominous Parallels*, and is the editor of several Objectivist anthologies. He taught philosophy at New York University, Long Island University, Hunter College, the University of Denver, and the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. Dr. Peikoff is the host of the daily radio talk show, the *Leonard Peikoff Radio Show* in Los Angeles, California.

**FIRST TIME LECTURING IN EUROPE**

## Unity In Epistemology and Ethics

LEONARD PEIKOFF

### How to Unite History and Philosophy

Does philosophy make science, including history, possible—or is it vice versa? What, if any, is the role of historical fact in validating the principles of epistemology? of ethics? of politics? Do we learn that reason is man's basic means of survival by studying the nature of man or the history of men? Why did Ayn Rand say that she could not have formulated her ethics prior to the Industrial Revolution? How would an Objectivism formulated in the 17th century differ from the philosophy in *Atlas Shrugged*? (1 hour 15 minutes)

### Is Morality Difficult Or Easy To Practice?

Virtue, fundamentally, as the choice to focus. Since knowledge must be a unity, does focus entail continuous mental work and/or struggle in order to perform the requisite integrations? If one is being influenced by a subconscious defense mechanism, can he be said to be in focus? If one is fully in focus, are his mental processes necessarily objective? Can a man ever act against his moral beliefs and yet still be fully in focus (e.g., the case of Rearden)? Can he still be an example of the unity of thought and action, i.e., of integrity? (1 hour 15 minutes)

# COURSES & LECTURES

## Ayn Rand's Fictional Characters As Philosophical Archetypes: Part Two

ANDREW BERNSTEIN

Why is James Taggart a more evil villain than Ellsworth Toohey? How is the conformism of Peter Keating an example of Kant's metaphysics? In what sense does Robert Stadler adhere to Plato's theory of human nature? Which fundamental premise of Kant's ethics is shared by Gail Wynand and Dominique Francon? These, and countless similar questions, can be answered only when it is understood that Ayn Rand's fictional characters are more than unique, unrepeatable individuals: they are dramatized instances of philosophy in action. Even the minor characters of *Atlas Shrugged*, e.g., Mr. Thompson, Floyd Ferris, Lillian Rearden, embody such philosophical principles as (respectively): Pragmatism, Skepticism, Nihilism. Focusing on *The Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged*, Dr. Bernstein will analyze the philosophical principles that comprise the essence of many of Ayn Rand's leading characters. (4 hours 30 minutes)

—Part one of this course was presented at Euro '95 in London—

## Ayn Rand In Russia

MICHAEL S. BERLINER

Recent biographical projects—some still in progress—have greatly increased interest in Ayn Rand's early life. Drawing largely on material in the Ayn Rand Institute's recently created archives, Dr. Berliner provides new information and insights about the years prior to Miss Rand's arrival in America. Sources include: letters from her family; photographic collections; official documents from her high school, university, and post-graduate files; and a never-before-revealed, 1995 interview with her youngest sister. The evening features slides and recordings of Ayn Rand's favorite music. (1 hour 30 minutes)

### SCHEDULE

	FRI. MAY 30th	SAT. MAY 31st	SUN. JUNE 1st
9:00AM – 10:30AM	— — —	Ridpath	Ridpath, concl'd
10:45AM – 12:30PM	Bernstein	Peikoff-Unity	Peikoff-Morality
12:30PM – 2:00PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
2:00PM – 3:30PM	Hull	Hull, concl'd	Bernstein, concl'd
3:45PM – 5:15PM	Bernstein, cont'd	Q & A Panel	— — —
5:15PM – 6:30PM	EVENING BREAK	FREE TIME	— — —
6:30PM – 8:00PM	Reception/Dinner	FREE TIME	— — —
8:15PM – 9:45PM	Berliner	FREE TIME	— — —

# COURSES & LECTURES

## Metaphysical Value-Judgments & Their Role In Art \_\_\_\_\_ GARY HULL

In *Atlas Shrugged*, what premise motivates Dagny's comment to Galt: "We never had to take any of it seriously, did we?" In *The Fountainhead*, why doesn't Dominique want a career? Why do some people opt to hoard money for retirement rather than pursue a business dream—while others take calculated risks to make their values a reality? Each of these concretes is caused by certain metaphysical value-judgments, and the crucial role they play in all areas of one's life, from one's attitude toward justice to one's enjoyment of everyday activities. The course includes an explanation of how art concretizes metaphysical value-judgments, and of the role these judgments play in one's personal response to art. (3 hours)

### SUGGESTED READING LIST FOR DR. HULL'S COURSE

To understand the lectures, it is not mandatory to read these selections. But you will learn more if you do read them.

- *The Romantic Manifesto*, by Ayn Rand: "The Psycho-Epistemology of Art," "Philosophy and Sense of Life," "Art and Sense of Life," "Art and Cognition," "The Simplest Thing in the World."
- *For the New Intellectual*, by Ayn Rand: "The Nature of an Artist."
- *Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand*, by Leonard Peikoff: Chapter 12, "Art."

## Ideas and Revolution

### LOCKE AND AMERICA; ROUSSEAU AND FRANCE \_\_\_\_\_ JOHN RIDPATH

The 18th century saw two great social revolutions, one in America, the other in France. One of them—the American Revolution—was the outcome of Enlightenment ideas, and was fueled, in particular, by the ideas of John Locke. The other—the French Revolution—was the outcome of anti-Enlightenment ideas, and was fueled, in particular, by two ideas of Jean Jacques Rousseau. These lectures will contrast the ideas of Locke with those of Rousseau, in order to explain the contrast in what these revolutions produced: a free and prosperous America, and a blood-soaked tyrannical France. These lectures, therefore, will offer a case study in the power, for good, of true philosophical ideas, and the destructiveness of false ideas. (3 hours)

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# SPEAKERS



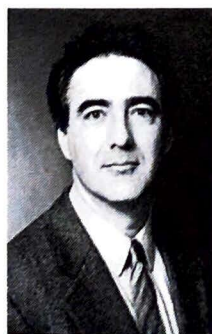
ANDREW BERNSTEIN ■ PH.D., PHILOSOPHY

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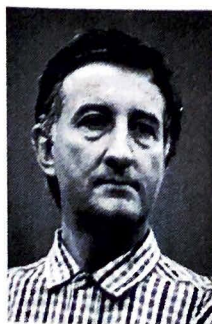
MICHAEL S. BERLINER ■ PH.D., PHILOSOPHY

Dr. Berliner taught philosophy of education and philosophy for twenty years until he became executive director of the Ayn Rand Institute in 1985. He is the editor of *Letters of Ayn Rand* and has recently completed the archiving of Ayn Rand's papers.



GARY HULL ■ PH.D., PHILOSOPHY

Dr. Hull teaches philosophy at Whittier College, and ethics at the Fuqua School of Business, Duke University. He is currently teaching a year-long undergraduate seminar on Objectivism for the Ayn Rand Institute. Dr. Hull has lectured at numerous Objectivist conferences, is a graduate of the Ayn Rand Institute's graduate training program, is a member of the Institute's Speakers Bureau. He is the author of the "Study Guide to Leonard Peikoff's *Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand*," has written articles for *The Intellectual Activist*, and is a writer and guest host for the Leonard Peikoff Radio Show.



JOHN RIDPATH ■ PH.D., ECONOMICS

Dr. Ridpath is an associate professor of economics and intellectual history at York University in Toronto, Canada, and is a member of the board of directors of the Ayn Rand Institute. Widely recognized for his lecturing skills, public speaking and debates in defense of capitalism, he is a recipient of the prestigious award from the Ontario Council of University Faculty Association for outstanding contribution to university teaching. Articles by Dr. Ridpath have appeared in *The Objectivist Forum* and *The Intellectual Activist*.

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