

The Notre Dame Disability Studies Forum presents

BLINDNESS SUM



Friday, March 6, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.

McKenna Hall, University of Notre Dame

Keynote

Marc Maurer, ND '74

President of the National Federation of the Blind

Speakers:

“Stumbling Blocks Before the Blind: Constructions of a Disability in Medieval England and France”

Edward Wheatley

Edward L. Surtz Professor of Medieval Literature, Loyola University, Chicago

“Finding Independence Through Low-Tech Design”

Paul Down, Associate Professor of Industrial Design, and

Fernando Carvalho, (MFA Candidate in Industrial Design)

University of Notre Dame

“A Prototype Cognitive Aid System for the Blind and Partially Sighted”

Georg Bodammer

Venture Manager, Siemens, Munich, Germany

“Blind Vacancy:” Voyeuristic Historiography and Sighted Culture in Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein*

Essaka Joshua

Special Professional Faculty, Departments of Philosophy and English,

University of Notre Dame

Come join us and celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of Louis Braille.

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March is Disability Awareness Month at Notre Dame.



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Blindness Technology Fair in the McKenna Hall Dining Room 1.30–5.45