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***LIBERAL ARTS INVITES CAMPUS TO JOIN ONLINE DISCUSSION OF PROVOCATIVE
NEW BOOK***

Should a university foster diversity and democracy and produce responsible citizens? Is this part of its public mission? Stanley Fish thinks not and says so in his provocative new book, *Save the World on Your Own Time*. The College of Liberal Arts wants to know what you think.

Fish—literary theorist, legal scholar, New York Times columnist, and academic provocateur—argues that there is but one proper role for the academe in society: to advance bodies of knowledge and to equip students for doing the same. But how does that square with Auburn University’s “commitment of service to all Alabamians” and goal of producing students who are “informed and engaged citizens of the United States and the world”?

A discussion board is available at www.cla.auburn.edu/savetheworld/ and includes links to Fish’s *New York Times* op-ed piece “Why We Built the Ivory Tower,” recent interview on National Public Radio, and information on his new book.

This online discussion precedes a panel discussion of *Save The World on Your Own Time* scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 3pm in room 239, Broun Hall. The panelists will include Dr. Royrickers Cook, Assistant Vice President for University Outreach; Dr. Christa Slaton, College of Liberal Arts’ Associate Dean for Educational Affairs, professor of political science, and winner of the 2007 Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach; and Al Head, Executive Director of the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

The discussion board and event is sponsored by the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts. Please call 334-844-4946 for more information.

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