Koshar is Peterson Lecture Series Speaker at UW-River Falls

Oct. 9, 2012—Rudy Koshar, the George L. Mosse WARF Professor of History, German & Religious Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will speak at UW-River Falls on Friday, Oct. 26, as part of the annual Edward N. Peterson Lecture Series. The lecture will begin at 4 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic River Theater in the University Center and will be preceded by a reception at 3 p.m.

Koshar’s lecture, "On Stillness: European Political Fiction in the Age of Extremes," will address twentieth-century European history from the angle of political fiction. The lecture will draw upon Koshar’s scholarship and publications covering German history, the twentieth-century European cultural history, modern German travel cultures, and historical memory.

Edward N. Peterson taught history at UW-River Falls from 1954 until his death in 2005. Among the many courses he enjoyed teaching were those focused on the twentieth century, especially World War I, World War II, and the Cold War. Peterson wrote ten books on Germany in the twentieth century, and devoted his scholarly life to issues surrounding war, peace and power.

To honor the memory of Peterson and to address the vital issues of our time, the History and Philosophy Department established the series to emphasize the issues that were the focus of his academic life: war and peace, abuses and limits of power, and the struggle for democracy in the twentieth century. The series is funded by an endowment made possible by the generous donations of students, alumni, faculty and friends, collected over many years.

Additional information on the Edward N. Peterson Lecture Series and this year’s event is available at http://www.uwrf.edu/HIST/Events/PetersonLectureSeries/Index.cfm.

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