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THE 25TH ANNUAL TRACY LECTURE

by
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“Why Read Thucydides?”

3:30 PM, Tuesday, April 15, 2008
Lecture Room of the Institute for the Hu-
manities
Lower Level of Stevenson Hall
701 South Morgan Street

Reception to Follow

This lecture is based on two talks that Professor Pelling has given on British public radio, designed to introduce particular 'Classical Voices' to a general audience. In this presentation he will examine the catastrophic war between the two super powers of 5TH century BC Greece, Athens and Sparta, as related by the ancient Greek historian Thucydides. Through a careful reading of the text and examination of specific events Professor Pelling will address the universal questions of freedom and democracy, the brutalizing effect of warfare, and the disastrous impact of both fear and hope when imperial nations are at war.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Professor Pelling is the Regius Professor of Classics at Christ Church College, Oxford. His research interests in Greek and Latin literature and historiography is reflected in his numerous publications that include *Greek Tragedy and the Historian* (2000), *Literary Texts and the Greek Historian* (2001) and *Plutarch and History* (2002).

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