Lionel Trilling Seminars

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History: The Lionel Trilling Seminars were started in memory of Lionel Trilling, Columbia University professor, author and critic, to encourage intellectual speculation by bringing together major speakers and an "enlightened general audience" in order to stimulate discussion from within as well as without the speaker's own discipline.

Summary: Manuscripts and audiocassettes on the subjects of literature, art, politics, psychoanalysis, philosophy, linguistics and education presented at the Lionel Trilling Seminars, 1976-1996. The speakers have included major scholars such as historians Jacques Barzun, Edmund S. Morgan, and C. Vann Woodward; literary critics Frank Kermode and Richard Ellman; and philosophers Arthur C. Danto and Sir Isaiah Berlin.

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