

Emeritus College

Meet us for
breakfast in the
MARIAL
conference room!*

Monday,
December 7, 2009

9:00-10:30 a.m.*

Next Month:

*Helen Mayberg, Psychiatry
and Neurology.*

"Deep Brain Stimulation."

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Breakfast Discussion December 2009

Walter Reed, ILA

"How Much do Characters in Fiction and Personalities in Life Have in Common?"

Come participate in a discussion about fictional characters (and some of the other characters you know) led by Dr. Walter L. Reed, William R. Kenan University Professor of English and Director of the Graduate Institute for Liberal Arts.

- What is the role of the author in creating a fictional character? Do characters ever take on a life of their own?
- How does what psychologists call "The Theory of Mind" (our idea that we can know what another person is likely to be thinking) inform how we understand characters when we read fiction?
- Do people in real life create anything like a cast of characters—*dramatis personae*—within themselves, instead of just assuming a single personality or succumbing, pathologically, to a "multiple personality disorder"?

We hope you can join us!

***The MARIAL conference room is room 415E on the 4th
Floor of Building A on the Briarcliff Campus .**