

The University of Rhode Island chapter of
Phi Beta Kappa proudly announces a Public Lecture by



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Paradise Lost in Our Time

Thursday, 14 April 2011
4:00pm
Lippitt Hall Auditorium (Room 402)
Reception to follow

For two centuries, *Paradise Lost* (1667), John Milton's epic poem about the Fall of Adam and Eve, had a central, even unique place in English literature. In the last fifty years it has lost its special literary and cultural authority, but it has also become livelier and more interesting to readers, critics, and scholars. This lecture will concern the way *Paradise Lost* changed from a God-centered to a human-centered poem.



Print by Gustave Doré (*Paradise Lost*. London: Cassell, 1866)
8.652-53: "So parted they, the angel up to heaven / From the thick shade, and Adam to his bower."

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All events are free and open to the public. For questions, up-to-date information, and directions please contact Professor Travis D. Williams, travisdw@gmail.com.