**Shakespeare as Popular Entertainer**

Elizabethan Stage Practice and the First Folio as Performance Text

**When:** Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Hillwood Cinema, LIU Post

Prof. Rick DesRochers approach will be to contextualize the plays of Shakespeare as popular performance during the Elizabethan period, and how this translates to contemporary productions. He will use a production of *Othello* featuring Liev Schreiber as Iago and Keith David as Othello, directed by Doug Hughes, in addition to the Old Globe Theater’s production of *Richard II* featuring Brian Bedford and directed by Joseph Hardy, for which he served as dramaturg and associate producer. How the First Folio was used in a professional setting for rehearsals will be discussed with anecdotal and research materials used for the productions considered. He will look as Shakespeare as a theater practitioner who worked in collaboration with fellow playwrights, actors, and producers in order to examine the Shakespeare’s plays as performance texts.

**Speaker:** Prof. Rick Des Rochers, Film and Theatre Department, LIU Post

Prof. DesRochers has taught Shakespeare in Performance at various universities such as New York University, New School University, DePaul University, Roosevelt University, Emerson College, as well as in his current position as Associate Professor of Theatre for Long Island University Post. He has served as an associate producer/dramaturg for the Public Theater/New York Shakespeare Festival – Shakespeare in the Park at the Delacorte Theater, the Goodman Theatre, and the Old Globe Theatre, where he has held post-show discussions with audiences on productions of Shakespeare, and worked with professional actors, directors, and dramaturgs to create study guides for audiences.

**Please note:**

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