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Settlement Music School
Adult Chamber Players Lecture Series to Feature
St. Joseph Professor David Sorensen and his Analysis of
Thomas Carlyle's *The French Revolution*

Wednesday, November 4, 11:30 am FREE
Field Recital Hall, Mary Louise Curtis Branch
416 Queen Street, Philadelphia, 19147
To RSVP, call 215-320-2684
Free, secure on-site parking

Author and philosopher Thomas Carlyle drew on operatic themes and motifs in his book, *The French Revolution*, a re-creation of this defining moment in France's history. As part of the Joseph and Marie Field Chamber Music Program Adult Chamber Players Lecture Series, Professor Sorensen will explore Carlyle's conceptions of the Revolution and share examples of harmony and dissonance among the French masses that changed the world.

David Sorensen, Professor of English and Associate Director of the Honors Program at Saint Joseph's University, is also Senior Editor of the Duke-Edinburgh edition of the Collected Letters of Thomas and Jane Welsh Carlyle (37 vols, ongoing), and co-Editor of the Carlyle Studies Annual. He is presently preparing annotated editions of Carlyle's *Heroes and Hero-Worship* for Yale University Press, and *The French Revolution* for the University of California Press.

Settlement Music School, founded in 1908, is the largest community-based school of the arts in the United States, providing people of all abilities, age, race and financial means with programs in music and dance to help them achieve their greatest potential. Close to 300,000 students have attended Settlement since 1908. It is the largest employer of musicians in the region, with more than 250 dedicated faculty members, most of whom have advanced degrees. The School awards nearly \$2 million a year in financial aid. For enrollment information, call 215-320-2600 or visit www.smsmusic.org.

The Adult Chamber Players Program is partially funded through the generosity of ACMP- The Chamber Music Network. To learn about the Adult Chamber Players Program, call 215.320.2698 or email adultchamberplayers@smsmusic.org