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“What Can We Learn About Ourselves From Modern Physics?” is topic of Aharonov’s lecture – Chapman’s second annual Lectio Magistralis

ORANGE, Calif., August 13, 2009 – Yakir Aharonov, Ph.D., the Wolf Prize-winning physicist and frequent Nobel nominee who joined Chapman University’s faculty last year along with a group of other noted physicists from George Mason University, will offer a public lecture at Chapman on Monday, September 14 at 7 p.m., entitled “What Can We Learn About Ourselves From Modern Physics?” Admission is free.

The lecture, which takes place in Memorial Hall, is the second annual Lectio Magistralis/Chancellor’s Premier Lecture Series. The focus of the annual lecture is to present some of the great thinkers of our time in talks that are aimed at the general public.

Dr. Aharonov’s lecture will delve into some of the most fascinating regions of modern physics, including the space-time continuum and the nature of time itself, the age-old concept of free will (can we really alter our future by means of our actions in the present, or is it all directed by chance?), and the mystery of what we perceive as “reality” really is.

More details: <http://www.chapman.edu/CHANCELLOR/lectioMag.asp>

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Yakir Aharonov, Ph.D., professor of theoretical physics at Chapman and professor emeritus at Tel Aviv University, has made seminal contributions to physics, particularly in the field of quantum mechanics. In 1998, he received the prestigious Wolf Prize for his 1959 co-discovery of the Aharonov-Bohm effect, one of the cornerstones of modern physics. This effect, along with the Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen/Bohm effect, has provided the foundation for work on the development of ultra-powerful computers.

ABOUT THE LECTIO MAGISTRALIS:

Until the last century, it was traditional in most European universities for new faculty members to present scholarly addresses to fellow faculty members. Speakers would situate their research within the context of their disciplines and present new ideas and directions in an approachable way – a way that would be understandable to an audience whose interests covered a wide range of academic fields. More generally, the tradition of the Lectio Magistralis (“lecture of the master”) now continues in universities around the world as a way to present a scholar at the peak of his/her intellectual power, with talks directed toward an educated public rather than a specialized group. The Chancellor’s Office at Chapman University presents the annual Lectio Magistralis at the beginning of the academic year.