

*Cavelleria  
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An intermittent series of events at Le Moyne in 2009-2010 on the work of American philosopher Stanley Cavell, professor emeritus at Harvard University.

# **Cavell and Passionate Speech in Dark Woods of a Life**

**A Talk by Ed Mooney**

**Thursday, March 4**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Reilly Room, Reilly Hall**

***“CAUTION: The appalling and needless loss of life on this mountain has been due largely ...”***

– Trailhead, Mt. Washington

***“We work in the dark – we do what we can – we give what we have. Our doubt is our passion and our passion is our task.”***

– Henry James

***“Passionate utterance: an invitation to improvisation in the disorders of desire.”***

– Stanley Cavell

***“If we had a keen vision and feeling of all ordinary human life, it would be like hearing the grass grow and the squirrel’s heart beat.”***

– George Eliot

Stanley Cavell suggests the rubric of passionate speech. Ed Mooney, from the philosophy and religion departments at Le Moyne College and Syracuse University, explores the hope that in such speech, neither reporting nor performative but poetic and transforming, philosophy and literature will find light through the dark.

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