

# WNY Apologetics Roundtable Discussion Sunday, February 21, 6:30PM

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Whitehaven Road Baptist Church  
1290 Whitehaven Rd., Grand Island, NY 14072

## ***"Rational Dialogue in the Age of Entertainment: Amused to Death?"***

**Speaker: Dr. Gerald J. Erion**

Christianity emphasizes the unique importance of the written word (Romans 15:4). Historically, this inspired American culture to value literacy and the rational public discourse that written language can facilitate. Today, though, much of our public discussion is carried on by entertaining electronic media (TV, video, Internet). Has this re-shaped the way we discuss and think about the world around us? Extending key concepts from Neil Postman's classic book, *Amusing Ourselves to Death*, Dr. Gerald J. Erion will explore the effects of our changing media environment upon today's public discourse, including our dialogue on religion.

Dr. Erion earned his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University at Buffalo and is currently Associate Professor of Philosophy at Medaille College. His academic interests include ethics, metaphysics, and media ecology, and he has published his work in a variety of journals and books, including Blackwell's book series on Philosophy and Pop Culture. He also serves on the Editorial Board of the journal, *Explorations in Media Ecology*.

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