

PSLA Course Proposals Selected for  
The "I" Series Signature Courses  
For the pilot for General Education Programs  
at the University of Maryland,  
Spring 2010

Dr. Marla McIntosh



NEW I-Course:

**Greening Cities: Who Wins, Who  
Loses, and Who Cares?**

Can people, plants & animals coexist in cities? If people only think of their immediate needs, what happens to cities? By studying urban ecosystems, & the relationship between people, plants, natural resources & the built environment, **Greening Cities** will guide students to discover ways that cities work & how they can be transformed into better environments

Dr. Christopher Walsh



NEW I-Course:

**Specialty Crops: From Plantation  
Agriculture to Globalization**

We are what we eat. Do you care what you eat and where it is grown? Will growing fresh fruits & vegetables in developing countries improve the economy of those countries, while it fills the need for healthy lifestyles in developed nations? **Specialty Crops** will explore the worldwide food engine through the study of fruits & vegetables that play a part in our daily lives.

On Monday, October 19, at 5 p.m. in Marie Mount Hall, College Park Senate President Elise Miller-Hooks and Provost Nariman Farvardin announced the 24 "I" courses which will make up the pilot for the signature of the proposed General Education program at the University of Maryland.

Among the campus-wide proposals selected were those of Professor Marla McIntosh and Professor Christopher Walsh, from the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture. The courses will be offered in the Spring 2010 semester.

It is noteworthy that our PSLA colleagues had two of the three signature I-courses in the College of AGNR; and that PSLA was one of only two Departments on campus which had two courses selected for the initial offerings!

Congratulations and Thank You to Dr. McIntosh and Dr. Walsh for leading the way and demonstrating how our Department is contributing to discussions on the contemporary issues of interest to students across the campus.