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DAVID BOUCHIER

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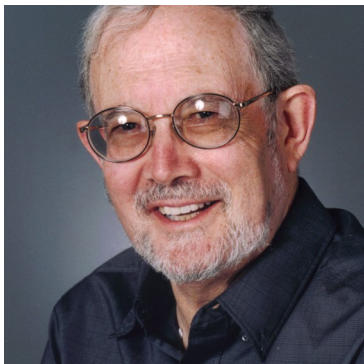
3:00—4:00 pm

TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED:

PROPHECY AND PROGRESS: LOOKING FOR THE FUTURE IN THE PAST

We all want to know the future, but it is the one thing we can never know. Over the centuries a vast industry of prophecy and prediction has grown up to satisfy our curiosity about what will happen next. In the eighteenth century the new idea of progress offered the hope that the future might be controlled through rationalism and science. The nineteenth and twentieth centuries were full of real and imagined utopias based on this hope, which all failed. What vision of progress and the future do we have now? David, in the role of prophet, offers some serious and not-so-serious speculations about the next few decades of the twenty-first century.

DAVID BOUCHIER



David Bouchier is the award-winning essayist for National Public Radio Stations WSHU & WSUF in Fairfield, Connecticut, and hosted the Sunday afternoon classical music program "Sunday Matinee" on the same stations. For ten years he contributed a regular humor column called "Out of Order" for the Long Island section of the Sunday *New York Times*, and has published fiction and non-fiction in many literary and political magazines.

Born in London, David Bouchier has worked as a journalist, broadcaster, book reviewer, and college teacher on both sides of the Atlantic. His most recent books were a memoir, *Unexpected Life*, and a collection of essays *Dark Matters*. David is an OLLI at SBU member and an OLLI Workshop Leader.