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Lecture
Beyond Desire: Fashion, Art, and Life
Valerie Steele
Thursday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.
McNeal Hall Auditorium, Room 33
1985 Buford Avenue, St. Paul Campus

Valerie Steele will discuss the power and charm of fashion, its significance within modern culture, its function as a system of meaning, and fashion's relationship with art. Steele’s lecture is cosponsored by the Goldstein Museum of Design and the Weisman Art Museum, in conjunction with their respective exhibitions, American Fashion Transformed: Four Master Designers and Pattern Language: Clothing as Communicator. Steele’s talk will provide perspective on everyday clothing, and on the artistic and high fashion concepts operating in these two exhibitions.

Valerie Steele is Chief Curator and Director of the Museum at FIT (the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York) and the editor of the journal Fashion Theory: The Journal of Dress, Body & Culture. Steele, who received her Ph.D. in cultural history from Yale University, has written widely on fashion, including the books The Corset: A Cultural History (2001) and Fetish: Fashion, Sex and Power (1996).

American Fashion Transformed is on view at the Goldstein Museum of Design through January 7, 2007. For more information, visit www.goldstein.cdes.umn.edu.