very Fall semester, Juniata Voices publishes a selection of the speeches, lectures, and presentations given during the previous year on the campus of Juniata College, in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. The eighteen pieces that follow provide a small but representative sample of the dozens of “voices” that spoke during 2011-2012. This year, our regular lineup has been supplemented by three presentations made at a special conference—“Sequential SmArt: Teaching With Comics”—held on campus in May 2012. We have had to leave out many other speakers for a variety of reasons: some talks were too specialized for the general audience that makes up our readership, while other presentations were destined to see print in different sorts of publications. Therefore, I regret that you will not have the pleasure of learning about how imperialism was the product of accident and improvisation in modern Africa, or why malaria persists as a disease even though the scientific knowledge exists to prevent it. To get a sense of the rich intellectual life here at Juniata, I suppose you will just have to come to campus and listen for yourself!

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