Wish your discussions of intellectual issues could extend beyond the classroom?

Wonder what your professors and peers ponder when they’re not in class?

Willing to explore how discussion and caffeine stimulate the mind?

Want a good way to take the edge off early morning classes?

Weary of dealing with the mid-morning parking rush?

Then you need to experience...

The Caffeinated Brain

One morning each week, we start the day off right with a pot of hot coffee and some stimulating discussion in the EFL conference room. No mandatory readings, no formal assignments, no deadlines or grades—just good company and conversation to help us wake up and ease into the day!

Topics for discussion might come from a piece of poetry, a personal experience, a news report, or whatever else pops into our caffeinated brains. At a time when education is in decline, “social networking” is replacing substantive social interaction, and the pleasures of intellectual discourse are being forgotten, the decision to meet and discuss is a healthy, noble endeavor. In the words of the Cavalier poet Richard Lovelace:

Thou best of men and friends! we will create
A genuine summer in each other’s breast;
And spite of this cold time and frozen fate
Thaw us a warm seat to our rest.

(“The Grasshopper”)

Contact Dr. Kisting (wkisting@aug.edu) to find out when and where The Caffeinated Brain is meeting this semester.