WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – Saint Joseph College will present a talk featuring Dr. Michael Chorost, author of *World Wide Mind: The Coming Integration of Humanity, Machines, and the Internet* on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the A/V Classroom located on the second floor of The Bruyette Athenaeum on the College’s West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue. A book signing will follow the presentation. Admission to the event is free of charge and open to the general public. For more information, contact Agnes Curry, Ph.D., associate professor of Philosophy, at 860.231.5224 or acurry@sjc.edu.

Michael Chorost is a technology theorist with an unusual perspective: his body *is* the future. In 2001 he went completely deaf and had a computer implanted in his head - two cochlear implants which enable him to hear. This transformative experience inspired his first book, *Rebuilt: How Becoming Part Computer Made Me More Human* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2005). He wrote about how mastering his new ear enabled him to enhance his creative potential as a human being. In 2006, *Rebuilt* won the PEN/USA Book Award for Creative Nonfiction.
Dr. Chorost earned his B.A. at Brown University and studied computer programming, Renaissance drama, and cultural theory on the way to his Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin. He doesn’t draw sharp lines between programming, science, writing, and art; to him, these are all profoundly creative human endeavors. This freewheeling approach infuses his second book, *World Wide Mind: The Coming Integration of Humanity, Machines, and the Internet* (Free Press, 2011). In this book which will be the subject of his presentation on March 5 at Saint Joseph College, Dr. Chorost ups the ante, proposing that humanity can incorporate the computer into its collective soul in a way that enhances communities and creative work instead of diminishing them.

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