

# Clarke Forum

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## Fall 2012 Schedule

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### Thursday, August 30, 2012

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

#### *Asking for It: The Ethics & Erotics of Sexual Consent*

**Harry Brod**, professor of philosophy and humanities, University of Northern Iowa

In a nonthreatening, non-lecturing discussion that ranges from the meanings of “yes” and “no,” to the indeterminacy of silence, to the way alcohol affects our ethical responsibilities, Brod challenges young people to envision a model of sexual interaction that is most erotic precisely when it is most thoughtful and empathetic.

### Thursday, September 6, 2012

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

#### *The Wisconsin Shooting: An Opportunity for America*

**Rajbir Singh Datta**, former national director, Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund

**Manar Waheed**, policy director, South Asian Americans Leading Together

**Erik Love**, assistant professor, sociology department

The Sikh community has dealt with hate and persecution for over 500 years — long before the 9/11 attacks. Representations of hate - like the Wisconsin shooting at a Sikh Gurdwara - will continue until we see each other as an extension of one family, see each other with respect, stand up to hate everywhere and actually live up to the ideals of our Founding Fathers.

### Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

#### *The Ravi/Clementi Case*

**Susan Abraham**, professor, New York Law School

In September 2010, Dharun Ravi used a webcam to spy on his roommate Tyler Clementi having sex with another man in a Rutgers University dorm. Clementi committed suicide a few days later. Abraham will discuss aspects of this case including hate crime, high-tech bullying on college campuses, and privacy.

### Thursday, September 13, 2012

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

#### *Gay Marriage and Its Others*

**Heather Love**, professor of English, University of Pennsylvania

This lecture considers the fate of the spinster in the era of gay marriage. Through a reading of the 2006 film *Notes on a Scandal*, Love argues that, while monogamous gay and lesbian couples have achieved unprecedented levels of social acceptability, those who are alone or whose intimacies are unconventional are more stigmatized than ever.

### Monday, September 24, 2012 \*

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

#### *Title IX: Conception, Progression, Direction*

**Pat Genovese**, William Smith College

In 1972, Congress enacted Title IX, which prohibited sexual discrimination in any education program or activity that received federal financial assistance. Coach Genovese will explore the origin of Title IX; the advances and setbacks that have occurred in athletics since its enactment; and where it will take us in the future.

### Thursday, September 27, 2012

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

#### *Mary Ellen Borges Memorial Lecture*

##### *God is Not One*

**Stephen Prothero**, professor of religion, Boston University

Are the world's religions different paths up the same mountain? Prothero, author of *God is Not One*, explains why, especially after 9/11, real and enduring interreligious understanding is achieved, not with a “pretend pluralism,” but with a clear-eyed recognition of religious difference. Book sale/signing to follow.

### Tuesday, October 2, 2012 \*

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

#### *China's Leadership Transition & the Bo Xilai Case*

**Cheng Li**, director of research and senior fellow, Thornton China Center, Brookings

Just as the Chinese Community Party elite is trying to smooth the way for the transfer of power to a new generation of Chinese leaders, one of its rising stars, Bo Xilai, has been ousted as party chief of Chongqing and his wife is charged with the murder of a British businessman. What are the implications of this unfolding crisis for China's decision-making process, economic policies, social stability, and foreign relations?

### Thursday, October 4, 2012

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

#### *Earth's Icy Biosphere*

**John Priscu**, Montana State University

Priscu will demonstrate that the Earth's icy systems, particularly the Antarctic ice sheet and related subglacial environments, hold a large and potentially active carbon pool, comprised of phylogenetically and metabolically diverse prokaryotic organisms. He will then relate these results to our search for life on other icy bodies in our solar system.

### Monday, October 8, 2012 \*

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

#### *Winfield C. Cook Constitution Day Address*

##### *A Potemkin Village: The Supreme Court's Health Care Decision & Faux Federalism*

**David B. Rivkin Jr.**, attorney and constitutional commentator

Mr. Rivkin will analyze the recent Supreme Court decision upholding the Affordable Care Act, in particular Chief Justice John Robert's pivotal opinion, and explore the decision's long-term political and policy implications, especially the Court's apparent willingness to enforce structural federalism-based limitations on congressional powers only if the policy stakes are relatively low, thereby encouraging a system of faux-federalism.

**Tuesday, October 9, 2012**

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

***Birds, Biology, & Bioterrorism***

**Kathleen Vogel**, associate professor of science and technology, Cornell University

This lecture will discuss the public and policy controversies surrounding the 2012 publication of scientific data on artificially created, mutated H5N1 avian influenza viruses by two prominent virologists.

**Wednesday, October 10, 2012 \***

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

***Natural Resources, Conflict and Peacebuilding***

**Richard Matthew**, founding director of the Center for Unconventional Security Affairs & professor of international and environmental politics, UC at Irvine

Based on fieldwork in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, this presentation examines the complex and evolving relationships among natural resources, violent conflict and peacebuilding.

**Thursday, October 18, 2012**

Mathers Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

***The Insubstantial Pageant: Writing for Performance***

**Margaret Edson**, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright

We are born ready to talk and listen, but it takes years to learn to read and write. What is gained and lost when the redolent swirl of human experience is consigned to the abstract, linear, preterite alphabetic code? And what ironies await when the freeze-dried code is reconstituted as live performance?

**Monday, October 22, 2012 \***

Katz Hall, Penn State Dickinson School of Law

7:00 p.m.

**General Omar N. Bradley Lecture**

***Leadership Under Pressure***

**Lieutenant General James M. Dubik**

General Dubik will discuss the strategic mistakes made in Iraq; the myths that are partly responsible for these mistakes; the transformation that turned Iraq from a strategic failure to a strategic opportunity; and how the U.S. should incorporate its experience in Iraq in addressing current ongoing events in the Middle East and North Africa.

**Tuesday, October 23, 2012**

Depot, 7:00 p.m.

***Hope, Hitler, or Heresy? The Visual Language of a Presidential Campaign***

**H. Brian Holland**, associate professor of law, Texas Wesleyan Law School

Remix politics is here. As divergent audiences engage and manipulate the carefully crafted images of presidential campaigns, competing symbols evidence a struggle for power over social convention and meaning.

**Wednesday, October 24, 2012**

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

***2012 Presidential Campaign: What Students Want to Know***

**Panelists:** **Douglas Edlin**, associate professor of political science; **Michael Fratantuono**, associate professor of international studies and international business & management; **Stephanie Gilmore**, assistant professor of women's and gender studies; **Andrew Wolff**, assistant professor of political science and international studies; Moderated by **Andrew Chesley '13**, president of Student Senate

A panel of Dickinson professors will discuss the important policy positions of each of the presidential candidates. The presentations will be non-partisan and objective in nature. Topics include health care and insurance, the federal budget and the national economy, women's rights issues, and foreign policy and national security.

**Wednesday, November 7, 2012**

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

***The Fiscal Cliff: New Heights of Sensationalism***

**Dean Baker**, co-director, Center for Economic Policy and Research

The media have endlessly raised fears of the government falling off the "fiscal cliff." This talk will explain why such talk fundamentally misrepresents the short-term budget problem and how the longer term problem has been misrepresented as well.

**Thursday, November 8, 2012 \***

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

***The Arab Uprisings***

**Marc Lynch**, associate professor of political science, George Washington University

Lynch sheds light on the unfinished Middle East revolutions that have so far brought down the governments of Egypt, Tunisia, and Libya, and offers a framework for understanding the deeper changes still emerging from a region thoroughly and forever altered.

**Thursday, November 15, 2012**

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.

***From Babies to Gender Identity***

**Anne Fausto-Sterling**, professor of biology and gender studies, Brown University

How are we to understand the processes by which bodily differentiation, behavioral differentiation and gendered knowledge intertwine to produce male and female, masculine and feminine?

**Thursday, November 29, 2012**

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

***U.S. Role and Image in the Eurocrisis***

**Gianfranco Pasquino**, professor of political science, University of Bologna

Pasquino will explore the nature and extent of the Eurocrisis and, from a European perspective, address the issue whether the U.S. has any useful role to play in resolving it.

**Friday, November 30, 2012**

Stern Center, Great Room, 4:30 p.m.

***The Erotic Life of Globalization***

**Ara Wilson**, associate professor of women's studies and cultural anthropology, Duke University

This talk provides a new direction for thinking about sexuality at the transnational level. It focuses on the infrastructures of globalization, highlights the effects of intensified transnational links in the post-Cold-War period, and argues that transformations of sovereignty, labor, knowledge, and space provide the conditions for key forms of sexuality.

\* Denotes a program that is part of The Clarke Forum's Leadership in an Age of Uncertainty Series

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