Spring 2012 Schedule

All events are free and open to the public

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Thursday, January 26, 2012
Apfelbaum Auditorium, Lewis Katz Hall, Penn State Law, Carlisle, 5:00 p.m.
A Smart Power Approach to International Law and National Security
Harold Koh, chief legal counsel, U.S. Department of State

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Wednesday, February 15, 2012
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
Bird Flu Dilemmas: Balancing Science, Security, & Free Speech
Panel Discussion
Panelists: Andrew Pekosz, Johns Hopkins University; Thomas Place, Penn State Dickinson School of Law; Anthony Williams, Dickinson College; David Kushner, Dickinson College, moderator

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Wednesday, February 16, 2012
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
A Perfect Storm in Cyberspace
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Thursday, February 9, 2012
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
Stillpower: The Inner Source of Excellence
Garret Kramer, author and founder of Inner Sports

Garret Kramer, author of Stillpower: The Inner Source of Athletic Excellence, will talk about the states of mind that lead to success—on and off the playing field. Success lies in understanding how our thoughts and moods determine our experience. Book sale/signing to follow.

Thursday, February 16, 2012
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
Belfer Creative Writing Lectureship
Clamor: The Poetics of Wartime
Elyse Fenton, award-winning author

Elyse Fenton, will read from her poetry collection, Clamor, which focuses on love, loneliness, and grief in the context of the Iraq War, and discuss how her investigation of the language of wartime found its poetic form. Book sale/signing to follow.

Tuesday, February 21, 2012 *
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
Benjamin Rush Award Lecture
Light at the End of the Tunnel?
Charles Cole, former president and CEO, First Maryland Bankcorp and The National Bank of Maryland

Cole will analyze and discuss the state of the U.S. economy from a global perspective, with a special focus on both the strengths and weaknesses of current financial markets, including how they might affect future job opportunities of college graduates. Cole will also have some suggestions regarding the shaping of an investment portfolio.

Thursday, March 1, 2012 * (Rescheduled to 4/19)
The Tea Party
Ana Puig, co-chair of the Kitchen Table Patriots

Thursday, March 6, 2012 *
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
The End of the Oil Monopoly
Michael Granoff, head of Oil Independence Policies, Better Place

For 100 years, virtually all of global transport has been the domain of a single, depleting, polluting commodity to the detriment of the global economy, security and environment. But the trend is beginning to change in 2012 as the convergence of technology and creative business modeling has led to the creation of a less expensive and more convenient alternative to gasoline-driven automobiles.

Wednesday, March 21, 2012
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
Counterstrike

Schmitt and Shanker explore the Pentagon’s secretive and revolutionary new strategy to fight the war on terrorism, which will have game-changing effects in the Middle East and in the United States. Book sale/signing to follow.

Thursday, March 22, 2012
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
International Politics and Zombies
Dan Drezner, professor of international politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University

What would happen to international politics if the dead rose from the grave and started to feast upon...
the living? Examining international politics from this novel perspective, Drezner answers questions that other international relations scholars have been too scared to ask.

**Tuesday, March 27, 2012 *  
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.  
**Eisenhower Program: A Visit by U.S. Army War College Eisenhower Fellows**  

The Eisenhower program is an academic outreach designed to encourage dialogue on national security and other public policy issues between students at the U.S. Army War College and students/faculty at academic institutions. The fellows will be visiting classes and participating in events throughout the day.

**Wednesday, March 28, 2012 *  
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.  
**China’s Capitalism: A Model for U.S.?**  

Doug Guthrie, dean of the School of Business, George Washington University  

China’s economic growth over the last three decades is often viewed as an export-led development strategy that benefitted tremendously from a deep cheap labor pool. However, this simplistic view significantly underestimates how truly innovative the Chinese government has been and underappreciates the lessons we might learn from this economic model.

**Thursday, March 29, 2012  
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.  
**Donald W. Flaherty Lecture**  

**Cultures of War**  

John Dower, professor emeritus, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  

Historian John Dower sets 9/11 and the invasion of Iraq against Japanese and American conduct in World War II to draw provocative observations about wars of choice, failures of intelligence and imagination, strategic imbecilities, and the terror bombing of civilians.

**Tuesday, April 3, 2012  
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.  
**The Economic Crisis and Economics**  

George DeMartino, professor of economics at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver  

DeMartino argues that the current global economic crisis resulted in part from substantial ethical failures in the economics profession--failures that go far beyond conflict of interest to include explicit wrongdoing by leading economists. DeMartino identifies these failures, demonstrates their harmful effects, and concludes with a call for professional ethical norms in economics.

**Wednesday, April 4, 2012  
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.  
**Morgan Lecture**  

**A Visit from the Goon Squad**  

Jennifer Egan, Pulitzer Prize-winning author  

Egan will read from her work *A Visit from the Goon Squad* and discuss the novel, the characters and her writing process. Book sale/signing to follow.

**Thursday, April 5, 2012  
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.  
**Global Order After the Financial Crisis**  

Harold James, professor of history and international affairs, Princeton University  

James will address the following questions: How will the financial crisis affect the balance of power in the world? Will globalization be reversed? Are we moving to a new Asia-centered financial and political order?

**Wednesday, April 11, 2012 (**Postponed **)  
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.  
**Mary Ellen Borges Memorial Lecture**  

**God is Not One**  

Stephen Prothero, professor of religion, Boston University

**Tuesday, April 17, 2012  
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.  
**Acoustemology & the “War on Terror”**  

Suzanne Cusick, professor of music, New York University  

Based on interviews with released detainees at Guantanamo and elsewhere, this lecture analyzes the ways that regimes of sound and silence were used to attack the subjectivities of prisoners detained in U.S.-run prison facilities during the so-called “global war on terror.”

**Wednesday, April 18, 2012  
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.  
**Beyond the Burqa: Afghan Women Entrepreneurs**  

Dr. Latifa, entrepreneur  

Dr. Latifa will share her experience about starting a woman-owned business in Afghanistan and her viewpoint on current events in her country. Her thesis is that women-owned businesses can be a viable route to peace in Afghanistan.

**Thursday, April 19, 2012 (Rescheduled from 3/1)  
Althouse Hall, Room 106, 5:00 p.m.  
**The Tea Party**  

Ana Puig, co-chair of the Kitchen Table Patriots  

Puig will address the nature of the Tea Party and the impact that it has had in the early Republican primaries and the role she anticipates it will play in the 2012 presidential election.

**Wednesday April 25, 2012  
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.  
**Trayvon Martin and the Political Imagination**  

Lester Spence, Johns Hopkins University  

The murder of Trayvon Martin has captured the nation’s interest. However as it does so, the attending narrative “travels” along a well-worn path. In my lecture I trace this well-worn path, and examine the effect of this path on future politics.