

Clarke Forum

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Spring 2013 Schedule

All events are free and open to the public

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Tuesday, January 29, 2013 *

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

Love Your Monsters: Why Technology Will Save the World

Michael Shellenberger, president, The Breakthrough Institute

Environmental expert Michael Shellenberger will describe why technology is the key to dealing with the world's toughest environmental problems from climate change to rainforest destruction and species extinction.

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

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

God vs. Gay? Common Ground in the Culture Wars

Jay Michaelson, award-winning author

Are there ways to have better conversations about homosexuality and religion? Michaelson, an award-winning LGBT religious activist, will move this conversation forward by discussing relevant biblical texts and "best practices." A book sale and signing will follow.

Thursday, February 14, 2013

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

The 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation

Ta-Nehisi Coates, senior editor, *The Atlantic*

One hundred fifty years after the Emancipation Proclamation, acclaimed writer Ta-Nehisi Coates explores the Civil War and its legacy for contemporary American social and racial dynamics.

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 *

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

Farming by Design: Cleantech Urban Agriculture

Jordan Motzkin, CEO, Big Box Farms

Big Box Farms is a disruptive, revolutionary hybrid that combines the benefits of small-scale farming and large-scale agribusiness. Motzkin, the company's co-founder, will discuss entrepreneurship, technology, and the future of sustainable urban agriculture.

Wednesday, February 27, 2013 *

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

Sustainable Development in Mozambique

Peter Bechtel '81, director, Andorinha Azul Ambiental, a company specializing in sustainable development
Ruth Mkhwanazi-Bechtel, program director, Vanderbilt University's Friends in Global Health in Mozambique

For many years, Mozambique has been near the bottom of the UN Human Development Index, but recent discoveries of gas, coal, and mineral deposits have created opportunities for rapid economic development. While the government places some importance on sustainability, there are ongoing problems related to transparency, top-down decision-making, urbanization and climate change.

Thursday, February 28, 2013

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

Guns USA: A Teach-In

Tom Place, Penn State Dickinson School of Law

David Dworak, U.S. Army War College

Stephanie Gilmore, Dickinson College

William Nelligan '14 (moderator), Student Senate

The purpose of this teach-in is to elevate and broaden the ongoing national discussion about gun safety and gun violence in the United States for the benefit of faculty, students, and members of the local Carlisle community. It will focus in particular upon the three following questions: 1) What is the difference, if any, between military weapons and civilian weapons? 2) What are the current limits on the right to bear arms? 3) What are the costs/benefits associated guns?

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

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

Human Dimensions of Natural Resource Extraction: A Panel Discussion

Panelists: Peter Bechtel '81, director, Andorinha Azul Ambiental, a company specializing in sustainable development; **Tim Kelsey**, professor, Penn State University; **Veronica Coptis**, community organizer, Mountain

Watershed Association; **Erika Staaf**, clean water advocate, PennEnvironment **Julie Vastine (moderator)**, director, ALLARM

Both Mozambique and PA are experiencing a boom in gas exploration, which has produced economic, social, and environmental consequences. The panel will compare the two locations, identify commonalities, and see what lessons can be learned as a way to continue the policy dialogue.

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

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

Japan 1959: The Socioeconomic Effects of Television
Yoshikuni Igarashi, associate professor, Vanderbilt University

Igarashi will gauge television's often-underestimated socioeconomic effects on Japanese society by revisiting the late 1950s, when this new technology was introduced into Japan.

Thursday, March 21, 2013

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

Africa's Sources of Knowledge in Ajami Scripts

Fallou Ngom, associate professor, Boston University

This talk will address the myth of illiteracy in Islamized areas of Africa. It uncovers important sources of African knowledge written in the modified classical Arabic script known as Ajami.

Wednesday, March 27, 2013 *

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

Designing Resilience in a Black Swan World

David Orr, Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics, Oberlin College

Black Swan events are those with low or unknown probability, but high, long-lived and often global impacts. Orr will discuss how we should design communities, regions, and nations to improve resilience and prosperity in the context of such events, with a focus on the Oberlin Project and the National Sustainable Communities Coalition.

Thursday, March 28, 2013 *

Weiss Center, Rubendall Recital Hall, 12:00 p.m.

Morgan Lecture

Inequality: The Enemy Between Us?

Richard Wilkinson, professor emeritus, University of Nottingham; co-founder, The Equality Trust

Since before the French Revolution, many people have believed that inequality is divisive and socially corrosive. Now that we have data allowing us to compare inequality within countries, we find that this intuition is more true than we thought. Countries like the USA, with relatively large income gaps between rich and poor, suffer much more from a wide range of social ills.

Monday, April 1, 2013

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

More Guns, Less Crime

John R. Lott Jr., author and Fox News contributor

The talk will argue that crime rates fall when law-abiding citizens are given the chance to defend themselves.

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

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

Gender Stereotypes in Academic Science Contexts

Corinne Moss-Racusin, postdoctoral associate, Yale University

Despite persistent gender disparity, no experimental research has investigated whether subtle gender bias may be contributing to the underrepresentation of women within the academic science community. In this talk, Moss-Racusin will discuss research providing the first evidence of such bias against female students, and highlight implications for academic meritocracy, diversity, and gender parity across science fields.

Thursday, April 4, 2013

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

The Politics of an Entertainment Company

Peter Lev, professor of electronic media and film, Towson University

Twentieth Century-Fox has always been involved in local, national, and international politics. This lecture will describe Fox's political activism in the 1940s and then fast-forward to the present.

Monday, April 8, 2013 *

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

Same-Sex Marriage & the Supreme Court: A Plaintiff's Story

Kris Perry, executive director, First Five Years Fund

Perry will discuss her personal experience as one of the plaintiffs in the *Hollingsworth v. Perry* civil rights lawsuit. From testifying at trial and watching oral argument at the

Supreme Court, to seeing her twin boys go through high school during the case, to being represented by the nation's top lawyers, Perry will provide an intimate, first-hand account of the case that bears her name—and what she hopes the future holds for marriage equality in America.

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

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

U.S. Role and Image in the World: A Cuban's Perspective

Beatriz Diaz, professor, University of Havana

This lecture focuses on the paradoxes that characterize the U.S. role and image in the world: U.S. culture, technological development, civil society, economic influence and military power will be discussed and evaluated.

Thursday, April 11, 2013 *

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

Front Line of the Climate Fight

Bill McKibben, Schumann Distinguished Scholar, Middlebury College; The Rose-Walters Environmental Prize Recipient

McKibben will highlight the ways in which environmental groups are working around the country and the world to scientifically and politically challenge the power of the fossil fuel industry before it breaks the planet. A book sale and signing will follow.

Monday, April 15, 2013 *

Althouse Hall, Room 106, 7:00 p.m.

Preventive War and American Democracy

Scott Silverstone, professor, United States Military Academy at West Point

Ten years after the United States launched the first preventive war in its history - against Iraq in 2003 - American leaders are once again wrestling with the preventive war temptation, this time directed at Iran and its nuclear program. This lecture will explore and explain this profound shift in American thinking about preventive war over the past sixty years.

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

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

U.S.-Russia: The Second Obama Term

Angela Stent, professor, Georgetown University

The U.S.-Russian relationship faces new challenges as

President Barack Obama embarks on his second term. Both countries will have to reassess the relative priority of interests versus values as they seek to move forward.

Thursday, April 18, 2013

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

Joseph Priestley Lecture

Lupus and Snurps: Bench to Bedside and Back Again

Joan Steitz, Sterling Professor of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, Yale University

This talk will trace the origins of our understanding of how small cellular particles contribute to the critical process of splicing and relate this knowledge to today's quest for treatment of splicing diseases, such as Lupus.

Monday, April 22, 2013

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

The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars

Michael Mann, professor, Penn State University

Mann will discuss the topic of human-caused climate change through the prism of his own experiences as a reluctant and accidental public figure in the societal debate over global warming. A book sale and signing will follow.

Thursday, April 25, 2013

Allison United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.

Mary Ellen Borges Memorial Lecture

Hearing Jesus's Parables Through Jewish Ears

Amy-Jill Levine, University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, Vanderbilt University

Understanding Jesus's parables requires understanding Jesus's Jewish context. How would the parables have been heard by Jesus's original Jewish listeners, and how might those original messages still speak to Jews and Christians today?

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

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

Pennsylvania Gun Debate

Stephen Bloom, PA State Representative

Larry Farnese, PA State Senator

The participants will discuss the merits of gun control provisions currently being considered by the Pennsylvania legislature.