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Monday, September 8, 2014

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

World War I: The Causes

Panel Discussion

Kamaal Haque, professor, Dickinson College

Craig Nation, professor, U.S. Army War College

Michael Neiberg, professor, U.S. Army War College

Karl Qualls, professor, Dickinson College

In recognition of the centennial anniversary of the beginning of World War I, this panel discussion will address the causes of this world-changing event from multiple and diverse perspectives in an effort to better understand the origins of international conflicts.

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

World War I: The Consequences

Panel Discussion

Wendy Moffat, professor, Dickinson College

Dominique Laurent, professor, Dickinson College

David Commins, professor, Dickinson College

Crystal Moten, professor, Dickinson College

Doug Mastriano, professor, U.S. Army War College

In commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the start of World War I, this panel will explore the consequences of this world-shattering event from multiple and diverse perspectives in an effort to better understand the impact that international conflicts can have on the social, economic, cultural, ethnic, and political dimensions of human life.

Thursday, September 11, 2014

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Breaking Issue

ISIS in IRAQ: What are our Options?

Joseph R. Núñez, colonel, U.S. Army (ret.)

The brutal beheading of American journalist James Foley has dramatically raised the stakes regarding what policy the United States should pursue in reaction to the rise of ISIS in Iraq. Núñez, who served over five years in Iraq, will offer his assessment of the situation and discuss what he thinks is the best way forward.

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Buddhist Contributions to Climate Ethics

Stephanie Kaza, professor, University of Vermont

This lecture will draw on Buddhist environmental thought to explore climate change and consumerism looking at human behavior and ethical choice.

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 *

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Constitution Day Address

Government Surveillance and the Bill of Rights

Kate Martin, director, Center for National Security Studies

A former senior counter-terrorism official has said that existing surveillance capabilities are creating “the potential for a police state.” This lecture will address whether and how such capabilities can be reconciled with the Constitution’s prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures, its protections for freedom of speech and religion, as well as the demands of an open government in a democracy.

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Ecoambiguity: Asia & the Environmental Humanities

Karen Thornber, professor, Harvard University

This talk examines East Asian writing on environmental degradation, introducing the concept of ecoambiguity (environmental ambiguity) to highlight the contradictions in human behaviors vis-a-vis the nonhuman.

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Marx in Soho by Howard Zinn

Bob Weick, actor and monologist featured as Karl Marx

Karl Marx launches into a passionate, funny and moving defense of his life and political ideas in Howard Zinn’s brilliant play, *Marx in Soho*.

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Inside the FBI’s Terror Factory

Trevor Aaronson, award-winning investigative journalist

Aaronson, author of *The Terror Factory: Inside the FBI’s Manufactured War on Terrorism*, will explore how the FBI has built up a network of more 15,000 informants whose primary purpose is to infiltrate Muslim communities to create and facilitate phony terrorist plots so that the government can then claim victory in the War on Terror. A book sale and signing will follow the presentation.

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Fighting Runaway Inequality: The Minimum Wage Controversy

Mark Price, labor economist, Keystone Research Center

Through the lens of the debate over the minimum wage, Price will explore the connections between public policy, the social sciences and one of the most pressing social issues of our time, the rise of income inequality.

Thursday, October 9, 2014 ♦

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Do Non-Linguistic Creatures Have a Language of Thought?

Susan Carey, professor, Harvard University

This lecture considers whether the minds of babies and nonhuman animals, on the one hand, and human adults, on the other, are fundamentally alike or radically different from each other.

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Regionalism in Pennsylvania: Is Bigger Always Better?

Panel Discussion

Elam Herr, asst. exec. director, Penn State Assoc. of Twp. Supervisors

Ron Bailey, exec. director, Chester Co. Planning Comm.

Steve Kusheloff, manager, public information, SEDA-COG

Kirk Stoner (moderator), director of planning, Cumberland County

This program will provide an overview of how Pennsylvania developed its system of local government. Local officials will present stories of achievement and lessons learned from specific examples of regional cooperation to identify the principles that will be the foundation for future success.

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Pennsylvania's 199th District Debate

Jill Bartoli (D) vs. Stephen Bloom (R)

The Republican and Democratic candidates running in the general November election for the 199th seat in the Pennsylvania state legislature will debate the central issues confronting local voters and answer questions from the audience. The event will be moderated by Michelle Crowley, president and CEO of the Greater Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce.

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Dickinson Debates

In a Republic Does a Citizen Have a Duty to Vote?

Participants:

Sarah Niebler, professor, Dickinson College

David O'Connell, professor, Dickinson College

Thomas Kozdron, class of 2018

Samantha Lodge, class of 2015

Angeline Apostolou (moderator), class of 2015

The 2014 elections will be held on November 4. Do American citizens have a duty to participate in this election? This debate will focus on whether there is such a duty from multiple perspectives.

Thursday, October 30, 2014 ♦

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Communicative Intentions and Origins of Meaning

Dorit Bar-On, professor, University of Connecticut

What separates human linguistic communication from all forms of nonhuman animal communication and how could it have evolved? I argue that focusing on the role of communicative intention renders the evolutionary emergence of language more puzzling than it needs to be.

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Venezuela: The Politics of Barricades

Javier Corrales, professor, Amherst College

This lecture seeks to explain why Venezuela, the country that has experienced the most spectacular economic windfall in Latin America from 2003 to 2011, is today in one of the worst political crises in the region and one of the worst economic crises in the world. It confronts the question of how "new" is the "new Venezuela" after Hugo Chavez.

Thursday, November 6, 2014 ♦

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Why Language Matters for Theory of Mind

Janet Astington, professor emerita, University of Toronto

Astington will argue that language is critical in the development of theory of mind, which underlies human social interaction and self-awareness.

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

PTSD: A Panel Discussion

Participants:

Kimberly Dozier, 2014-15 Omar N. Bradley Chair in Strategic Leadership

David Wood, senior military correspondent, *The Huffington Post*

Wendy Moffat, professor, Dickinson College

Rebecca Porter, commander, U.S. Army Dunham Health Clinic, Carlisle Barracks

Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a mental health condition that is triggered by experiencing or witnessing a terrifying or traumatic event. It is estimated that 11-20% of veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars are suffering from PTSD. This panel discussion will approach the complex issue of PTSD from multiple perspectives.

Monday November 17, 2014

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

The Death Penalty: Beyond the Numbers

Participants:

Kathleen Lucas, (moderator), director, Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

Shujaa Graham, death row exoneree

Spero Lappas, criminal defense attorney

Vicki Schieber, commander, U.S. Army Dunham Health Clinic, Carlisle Barracks

This panel will bring the voices of experience to a conversation about capital punishment. You'll hear from a man who was exonerated after being wrongfully convicted and sentenced to die; the mother of a young woman who was murdered in Philadelphia; and a criminal defense attorney who has represented defendants in death penalty cases. Reality is more complicated than the statistics can communicate adequately. These are the personal stories of those who have been impacted directly by our death penalty system.

Thursday, November 20, 2014 ♦

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Linguistic Relativism: Language, Culture, and Thought

John Baugh, professor, Washington University

This presentation draws upon evidence from linguistics, anthropology, and psychology to explore the ways in which human language and corresponding thought processes have been influenced by cultural circumstances.

Tuesday, December 2, 2014 *

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Blindfolds Off: How Judges Decide

The Honorable John E. Jones III '77, U.S. District Judge, Middle District of Pennsylvania

A conversation with Judge Jones, U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and a Dickinson trustee, about the nature of judging and the role that judges play in American political, social, cultural, and economic life. Gary Gilden, interim dean and professor of law, The Dickinson School of Law of Penn State University, and Harry Pohlman, professor of political science, Dickinson College, will participate in the discussion.

Wednesday, December 3, 2014 (rescheduled from 11/18/14)

Allison Great Hall, 7 p.m.

3/11, Asbestos, and the Unmaking of Japan's Modern World

Brett Walker, professor, Montana State University

Walker explores the role asbestos has played in the construction and, more importantly, the destruction of Japan's environment, with a focus on the natural and the unnatural disasters of the 3/11 disaster and the later clean up.

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

EBOLA

Faculty Panel Discussion

The ongoing Ebola epidemic in West Africa is a World Health Organization classified public health emergency that has caused anxiety around the world, including here within the United States. This panel discussion will focus on the nature and effects of the disease, the perceptions of risk it has generated, and the sociological and public health challenges associated with containing the virus in the source countries

♦ Denotes a program that is part of the Clarke Forum's semester theme: Language

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