Thursday, January 30, 2014
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Carlisle’s Future: Balancing Environmental and Economic Concerns
Panelists: George Pomeroy, Shippensburg University; Kirk Stoner, Cumberland County; Nathan Wolf, Wolf & Wolf; and John Henson, Dickinson College
A panel of experts will discuss the complex array of environmental and economic-development issues surrounding the evolution of the Carlisle area as a major logistics center with the associated construction of mega-warehouses and the concentration of truck traffic.

Wednesday, February 5, 2014
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Freedom of Religion: A Debate
Kim Colby, senior counsel, Christian Legal Society
Heather Weaver ’99, senior staff attorney, ACLU
David O’Connell, professor, Dickinson College
Colby and Weaver will debate the issues of two freedom-of-religion cases that are currently before the Supreme Court: Greece v. Galloway, which concerns the constitutionality of starting a town council meeting with a prayer; and Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby, which addresses whether the Affordable Care Act can require a family-owned business to provide insurance coverage for contraceptives despite the religious objections of the owners.

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 ♦
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Global Consequences of Current Lake Warming
Catherine O’Reilly, professor, Illinois State University
Current climate change significantly affects water quality and fish production in freshwater ecosystems with potentially dire consequences for developing countries. This talk explores global patterns in recent lake warming, and describes how these changes are related to climate, geography, and lake shape.

Thursday, February 20, 2014 (New Date)
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Market Monetarism and the Crash of 2008
Scott Sumner, professor, Bentley University
By focusing on nominal GDP as an indicator of both economic conditions and a target of policy, the real problem with the financial crisis of 2008 was that policymakers misdiagnosed what was occurring. Market monetarism can help us better understand the underlying nature of the 2008 crisis, along with current issues in monetary policy.

Friday, February 21, 2014
Denny Hall, Room 317, 5 p.m.
The New Neuroscience
Ira Glick ’57, professor emeritus, Stanford University Medical Center
Rapid advances in understanding how the brain works have led to dramatic and exciting changes in clinical practice and research in psychology, psychiatry and medicine. Glick will present a brief historical overview of these developments and suggest future opportunities for advancement.

Tuesday, February 25, 2014
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Jesus and the Historian
Bart Ehrman, professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Biblical scholars have long recognized the discrepancies between the four New Testament Gospels and the difficulties that result in determining who Jesus really was. Can these four Gospels be relied upon to give us an accurate account of Jesus’s words and deeds?

Wednesday February 26, 2014
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Central America on the Precipice
Christine Wade, professor, Washington College
Michael Allison, professor, University of Scranton
The two panelists will discuss current developments in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, and El Salvador as well as the general impact of Central America’s role as the key transshipment point for cocaine headed to the United States.

Thursday, February 27, 2014
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Morgan Lecture
Mood Disorders and Creativity
Kay Jamison, professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
A possible link between madness and genius is one of the oldest and most persistent of cultural notions; it is also one of the most controversial. The lecture will present evidence for significantly increased rates of depression and bipolar illness in writers and artists, discuss possible reasons for these elevated rates, and open up for discussion areas of potential clinical and ethical concern.

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 ♦
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
U.S. Security Policy
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 other academic institutions.

Wednesday, March 5, 2014 ♦
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Water, Conflict, and Peacebuilding
Carl Bruch, attorney, Environmental Law Institute
Sorting myth from reality by drawing upon an emerging body of research on water and peacebuilding, Bruch will survey what we have learned about water, conflict, and peacebuilding over the past twenty years.

Thursday March 6, 2014
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Ukraine?
Panelists: R. Craig Nation, Dickinson College; Karl Qualls, Dickinson College; Marybeth Ulrich, U.S. Army War College; and Russell Bova (moderator), Dickinson College
As the Sochi Olympics were drawing to a close, the long simmering tug-of-war between the E.U. and Russia over the future of Ukraine boiled over into street violence and political chaos in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital. This panel will examine the origins of this crisis, the interests at stake for Russia, the E.U., and the U.S., and the possible outcomes and consequences for international relations and for Ukraine itself.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 ♦
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Brave New World of Water

Steven Solomon, author and commentator
   Freshwater, civilization’s most indispensable resource, is growing increasingly scarce. Solomon will explore how global water resource scarcity is transforming our economies, politics, environment, national security, basic human health and what we can do about these trends.

Thursday, March 20, 2014
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
The Dark Matter: Race and Racism

Howard Winant, professor, University of California, Santa Barbara
   Race and racism are in many ways the building blocks of the contemporary world and the social universe we take for granted. The unfreedom, despotism, exclusion, inequality, and violence that are associated with the absolutist regimes from which contemporary society has evolved lives on in the profound presence of race and racism: the “dark matter” of our lives today.

Monday, March 24, 2014
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Sports, Social Media & the Empowerment of Women

Laura Suchoski, social media manager, McKinney
   The ever-growing landscape of social media is changing how we, as fans and athletes, consume sports. Laura Suchoski, a former social media manager at ESPN, will be exploring social innovations in sports media and how businesses are using them to engage diverse audiences with a focus on women.

Tuesday, March 25, 2014
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Snowden Reflections

Panelists: Amy Gaudion, Penn State Dickinson School of Law; Bert Tussing, U.S. Army War College; Anthony Williams, Dickinson College; and Harry Pohlmans (moderator), Dickinson College
   The Snowden leaks of classified information over the last several months have highlighted a number of important issues, including the lawfulness of certain surveillance programs of the National Security Agency, the proper balance between national security and privacy/civil liberties, and the impact the leaks have had on U.S. foreign relations and the intelligence community. This panel discussion will address these issues with a general focus on the impact that the Snowden disclosures have had on the U.S. and its constitutional framework.

Tuesday, April 1, 2014
Allison Great Hall, 7 p.m.
Stand Your Ground: Discretion, Race, and Culture

Tamara Lawson, professor, Saint Thomas University School of Law
   An engaging conversation about how discretion, which is exercised at all levels of the criminal justice system, can affect the outcomes of criminal cases, including claims of self-defense and the right to stand-your-ground. The dynamics of the discretionary decisions made by legislatures, prosecutors, judges, and juries, in controversial homicide cases like the Trayvon Martin / George Zimmerman case, the Marissa Alexander case, and the Michael Dunn case, as well as other high profile criminal cases, will be discussed.

Wednesday, April 2, 2014 *
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Towards Collective Liberation

Chris Crass, community organizer and author
   Crass will draw lessons from American social movements and his own experiences working within them over the past 25 years to help us see how divisions of race, class and gender can become bridges to help expand democracy and create healthier communities.

Thursday, April 3, 2014
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Vegan Food Politics: A Black Feminist Perspective

A. Breeze Harper, research fellow, University of California, Davis
   Using the analytical lenses of critical whiteness studies and black feminism, this lecture will explore how issues of food, health, and “ethical eating” in American veganism are informed by embodied experiences with race, gender, and legacies of colonialism.

Tuesday, April 8, 2014 ♦
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Drinking Water

James Salzman, professor, Duke University
   By explaining how drinking water highlights the most pressing issues of our time, from globalization and social justice to terrorism and climate change, and how humans have been wrestling with these problems for centuries, Salzman shows us how complex a simple glass of water can be.

Wednesday, April 16, 2014 *
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
The Rule of the Clan

Mark Weiner, professor, Rutgers School of Law
   This event will consider the special challenges of democratic political development faced by nations whose social organization is rooted in the traditional extended family. What are the realistic prospects and most promising paths for liberalizing reform under the rule of the clan?

Tuesday, April 22, 2014
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Permanent Present Tense

Suzanne Corkin, professor emerita, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
   Relying on 55 years of behavioral and imaging studies, Corkin shows that short-term, long-term, declarative, and nondeclarative capacities of memory rely on different brain circuits. The case of Henry Molaison, who at age 27 underwent an experimental brain operation that left him in dense amnesia with a preserved intellect, will be discussed in some detail.

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