Wednesday, September 9, 2015 *
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
The Glover Memorial Lecture
Advancing Science
Rush Holt, American Association for the Advancement of Science
Science is, as physician and essayist Lewis Thomas wrote, the “shrewdest maneuver” for discovering the world. Asking questions that can be answered empirically and engaging in open communication so that others can collectively review and verify possible answers lead to the most reliable knowledge - a knowledge that is powerfully applicable in daily life. To thrive, however, science needs the support of the society it serves, and that support must be cultivated.

Thursday, October 1, 2015 ♦ *
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
The Morgan Lecture
Intersectionality, Black Youth and Political Activism
Patricia Hill Collins, University of Maryland
This talk examines how intersectional frameworks shed light on new directions for anti-racist activism, especially among African American youth.

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 *
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Shale Gas and Oil Development: Latest Evidence on Leaky Wells, Methane Emissions, and Energy Policy
Anthony Ingraffea, Cornell University
Ingraffea will discuss the myths and realities concerning large-scale development of unconventional natural gas/oil resources in shale deposits on both a local and global scale.

Monday, September 28, 2015
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 and timely play, Marx in Soho.

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 ♦
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
The Bruce R. Andrews Lecture
Attacking Democracy
John Geer, Vanderbilt University
Conventional wisdom says negative political attacks undermine democracy. This lecture will argue, instead, that “attack politics” advance democratic governance.

Wednesday, October 15, 2015 *
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Cumberland County Commissioner Candidates’ Forum
Vince DeFilippo (R), Gary Eichelberger (R), Jim Hertzler (D), and Rick Rovegno (D)
The four candidates vying for the three seats on the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners will meet for a candidates’ forum. Prof. James Hoefler, Dickinson College, will moderate.

Thursday, October 28, 2015 ♦ *
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
The Joseph Priestley Lecture
Synchronization in Nature
Steven Strogatz, Cornell University
Strogatz will discuss spectacular examples of synchronization in nature, from rhythmically flashing fireflies to crowds of pedestrians that inadvertently caused London’s Millennium Bridge to wobble on its opening day.

Thursday, November 5, 2015 ♦
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
The New Asylums: Mentally Ill and Behind Bars
Doris Fuller, Treatment Advocacy Center, Arlington, VA
In the 1930s, barely one in 100 jail inmates had a serious mental illness. Today, the most conservative estimates are one in five jail inmates and even more of the prison population. With video, personal story and professional insight, Fuller will discuss the role of mental illness in turning the U.S. into the world leader in incarceration and discuss practical measures to curb this trend.
Tuesday, November 17 - Saturday, November 21

Enlightened Activity: The Green Tara Initiative

Tibetan Monk Residency

Monks from Drepung Monastery’s Gomang College will come to Dickinson to present “A Tibetan Buddhist Approach to Thinking About Our Place in the Cosmos.” Over the course of four days, the monks will construct a mandala out of colored sand; perform a puja; perform a cultural program with traditional Tibetan dances, chanting, and debating; and visit classes.

Green Tara Mandala Construction
Waidner-Spahr Library

The Green Tara Mandala is a beautiful creation in colored sand, made with special funnels and shaping tools. Over four days, what will emerge is a symbol of the entire cosmos with the Buddha of Enlightened Activity, Tara, at its center.

Opening Ceremony:
Wednesday, November 18: 10 a.m.
Wednesday, November 18: 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 19: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday, November 20: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 21: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Closing Ceremony:
Saturday, November 21, 2015: 11 a.m.

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 *

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Inviting Green Tara: An Illustrated Talk and Tibetan Buddhist Ritual

Dan Cozort, Dickinson College

Tibetan Monks, Drepung Monastery’s Gomang College

The monks will chant a description of Tara and the cosmos, visualizing the three dimensional mandala. The chanting itself is eerie and accompanied by bells, drums, and a kind of oboe. Prior to the puja, Prof. Cozort will give a short illustrated talk about Tara, the mandala, and the puja.

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Weiss Center, Rubendall Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

Tibetan Cultural Pageant

Tibetan Monks, Drepung Monastery’s Gomang College

This program is a colorful display of traditional Tibetan arts. The monks will perform a variety of dances - the yak dance, snow lion dance, “good luck” dance - wearing special costumes. They also chant in the distinctive way that they use for pujas and will demonstrate their vigorous style of monastic debating.

Thursday, November 19, 2015 ♦

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Federal Policy, Urban Policing, and the Roots of Mass Incarceration

Elizabeth Hinton, Harvard University

Shedding light on the devastating outcomes and the deep racial disparities within American law enforcement and penal institutions, Hinton traces the development of the War on Crime from its origins in the War on Poverty through the rise of mass incarceration and the War on Drugs in the 1980s. Hinton’s historical account situates the punitive policies of Ronald Reagan not as a sharp policy departure but rather as the full realization of the shift towards surveillance and confinement implemented by previous administrations.

2015 Fall Semester Theme
Inequality and Mass Incarceration in the United States

The United States currently imprisons more people than any other country in the world. More than two million men and women are currently locked up behind bars, a population constituting roughly one in every one hundred American adults. This series will endeavor to understand how we have arrived at this era of mass incarceration and how it has shaped and reshaped social relations within contemporary American society. In particular, this series will examine how the phenomenon of mass incarceration reflects and intensifies racial, economic, spatial, and gendered inequalities. Additionally, this series will ask: what alternative ways of understanding justice are possible?

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

The Clarke Forum for Contemporary Issues has established a series of programmatic events dedicated to the theme of leadership in an age of uncertainty. This initiative is grounded on the reality that today’s generation of Dickinson students confronts a large number of intractable political, economic, and social problems: terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, environmental pollution, global warming, a sustainable energy policy, the ongoing financial crisis, the federal deficit, the amount of public and private debt, the health care crisis, along with issues regarding race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation, as well as technology and privacy. These issues and problems directly or indirectly pose challenges to the College and the local community that may in time require fundamental changes in institutions, values, and practices across the public, private, and non-profit sectors of American society.

How Dickinsonians respond to these challenges presents us with an opportunity for reflection on the meaning of leadership in the contemporary world. This series is partially supported by a fund created by Betty R. ’58 and Dan Churchill.

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