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Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Charlie Hebdo Tragedy: An International Perspective
Panel Discussion

Neil Diamant, Dickinson College

Dominique Laurent, Dickinson College

Kristine Mitchell, (moderator) Dickinson College

Ed Webb, Dickinson College

A panel discussion that will address, from international perspectives, some of the causes and effects of the recent attacks on the French satiric magazine Charlie Hebdo and a kosher supermarket in Paris.

Wednesday, February 4, 2015 *

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Russia after Crimea

Leonid Gozman, National Endowment for Democracy

Gozman, president of the Union of Right Forces, will discuss what is happening in contemporary Russia, how the deepest crisis in Russia's post-Soviet history came about, where this crisis is going, why Russia is so negative towards the United States, why do Russians support the annexation of Crimea, and what can be done to make Russia free and democratic and stop the war in the Ukraine.

Thursday, February 5, 2015 ♦

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

The Costs of War

Catherine Lutz, Brown University

What have been the consequences, short and long term, of the wars launched by the United States in Afghanistan and Iraq in the wake of 9/11? This talk reports on the efforts of a large group of scholars and practitioners to assess the human, social, political, and economic impact of these wars on the two countries as well as on the United States.

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

U.S. War Powers

Panel Discussion

Amy Gaudion, Penn State Dickinson School of Law

Douglas Stuart, (moderator) Dickinson College

Douglas Lovelace, United States Army War College

Andrew Rudalevige, Bowdoin College

Following the beheading of two Americans, the Obama Administration unleashed an air war against the Islamic State, also known as ISIS, without a declaration of war or any explicit congressional authority. This panel will explore domestic and international legal and political questions related to recent and current U.S. military operations.

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Curiosity on Mars

Kristen Miller, class of 2006

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The geologic and geochemical analyses of sediments from Gale Crater by the *Curiosity* rover has given us unprecedented insight into the history of Mars and suggests a formerly habitable environment.

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 ♦

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Children and Armed Conflict

Michael Wessells, Columbia University

Armed conflicts worldwide have profound effects on children, yet simplistic portrayals of these effects have provided poor guidance on how to support vulnerable children in wartime situations. Drawing on field experience throughout sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, this lecture gives a holistic understanding

of children amidst armed conflicts and points toward a set of contextualized supports that will improve the resilience and well-being of affected children.

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 *

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Mary Ellen Borges Memorial Lecture

Churches and Colleges: Schools of Civility

James Calvin Davis '92, Middlebury College

The absence of civility in American politics has become a national crisis, one we revisit every election cycle. This talk will explore the concept of civility, its importance to our public well-being, and the essential role religion and the liberal arts might play in satisfying this national need.

Thursday, February 26, 2015

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Understanding Mass Incarceration Today

Ruth Gilmore, City University of New York

A two year decline in the number of people locked in prisons and jails prompted a so-called "bipartisan consensus" to declare victory in the fight to end mass incarceration. Year 2013 reversed the trend; how, why, and to what end?

Monday, March 2, 2015

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Life's Challenges

Sean Maloney, former chairman of Intel-China & executive VP of Intel Corporation

Maloney will discuss the challenges that Intel and the Silicon Valley high-tech industry overcame during its formative period, the challenges China currently poses to the semiconductor sector of the U.S. economy, the challenges of revolutionizing the health care industry through the application of new technologies, as well as his own personal challenges as a stroke survivor.

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Prisons, State Violence, and the Organizing Tradition

Dan Berger, University of Washington

This lecture explores the central role that people in prison played during the civil rights and Black Power movements of the 1960s and 1970s. It argues that today's mass incarceration began as a response to the mass mobilization of prisoners and neighborhoods.

Monday, March 23, 2015 ♦

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Comrades in Arms: The Politics of War, 1939-1941

Stephen Ortiz, Binghamton University (SUNY)

This talk will explore how the two major veterans organizations, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, became part of the political battle over the Roosevelt Administration's involvement in World War II during the two-plus years between the onset of World War II and the entry of the United States into this conflict.

Thursday, March 26, 2015

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Joseph Priestley Lecture

Can Computers Be Mathematicians?

Timothy Gowers, University of Cambridge

The ability to solve mathematical problems is often regarded as mysterious and requiring flashes of inspiration that come from nowhere. I shall argue that it is nothing of the kind, and that eventually computers will be better than we are at mathematics.

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 *

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

The Limits of Climate Change

Paul Mayewski, University of Maine

To understand and predict climate change requires more perspective than is available from a short instrumental climate record. To expand the climate record in time and space, Mayewski and his teams have recovered ice cores from some of the remotest high and cold places on Earth. These records tell us a great deal about where we are today in the climate system and enable us to chart the pathways for future mitigation, adaptation and sustainability in the decades ahead.

Monday, April 13, 2015

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Mary Lincoln's Assassination

Catherine Clinton, University of Texas at San Antonio

Lincoln's assassination on April 14, 1865 proved a momentous evening for the people of Washington, for the people of the American nation – and its impact would be felt across the world. But perhaps the person most affected by this epic tragedy was Abraham Lincoln's widow, Mary Lincoln– whose fate would be forever transformed by the death of her husband that Easter Saturday.

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 ♦ *

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Islam & the West: A Clash of Civilizations?

Akbar Ahmed, American University

Ahmed will explore Samuel Huntington's thesis of a clash of civilizations and challenge it in light of his own research examining relations between the West and the World of Islam after 9/11.

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Holocaust: Justice and Accountability

Charles Brown, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

Following World War II, the Nuremberg trials convicted 22 principal Nazi leaders, sentencing 12 to death and seven to various terms in prison. On December 9, 1948, the United Nations unanimously adopted the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. The pursuit of Nazi criminals continues to this day even though the passage of time and fading memories make successful prosecutions difficult.

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Climate Change: What's Faith Got to Do with It?

Peterson Toscano, theatrical performance activist

People are searching for new ways of looking at climate change. Peterson Toscano provides a lively, insightful, and hilarious presentation that helps his audiences wrap their heads and hearts around global warming.

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Peterson Unplugged

Peterson Toscano, theatrical performance activist

With sparkling social commentary, Peterson Toscano, a bible scholar, an LGBTQ activist, and a skilled

actor, will share excerpts from his original one-person comedies.

Monday, April 27, 2015

Allison Hall, Community Room

It Takes a Village: Home Rule for Carlisle, PA

Participants: Carlisle Government Study Commission for Home Rule

John Sacrison, member; **Blake Wilson**, member;

Robert Winston, member; **Ken Womack**, chair

On May 19, 2015, Carlisle residents will face a historic vote: Whether or not to adopt a Home Rule Charter that will bring significant changes to the structure of our municipal government. Four members of the Carlisle Government Study Commission, including two Dickinson faculty, will present and answer questions regarding the Home Rule Charter they have spent nearly two years drafting. Copies and summaries of the Charter will be available at the meeting.

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Meet the Candidates

Meet the candidates running for Cumberland County Commissioner and for the Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas. The seven candidates running for County Commissioner are **Barb Cross (R)**, **Vince DiFilippo (R)**, **Gary Eichelberger (R)**, **Dashell Fitztry (D)**, **Jim Hertzler (D)**, **Rick Rovegno (D)** and **Rick Schin (R)**. The one open seat for Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas is available due to President Judge Kevin A. Hess retiring. The candidates are **Jessica Brewbaker**, **Lisa Grayson**, **Carrie Hyams**, **Rob Kline**, **Matt Smith**, and **Michael Whare**.

♦ Denotes a program that is part of the Clarke Forum's semester theme: **War at Home**

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



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