

Clarke Forum

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Tuesday, September 6, 2016 *

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Constitution Day Address

Celebrating a Dead Letter or a Living Document?

Barry W. Lynn '70, Americans United for Separation of Church and State

“Originalism” in Constitutional interpretation is often characterized as the only legitimate way to understand the Constitution. If that were true, the “Constitution” would be a dead letter by now, unable to protect the rights of Americans in rapidly changing times.

Thursday, September 8, 2016 ♦ *

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

The World That Food Made

Raj Patel, University of Texas, Austin, and Rhodes University, South Africa

We hear a great deal about the food system, about how it's broken or – indeed – that it's working exactly as it ought. But it's not exactly clear what that system is. Once you learn to think systemically, it becomes clear that the most important things the food system has made are things you can't eat.

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Mother's Day: Song of a Sad Mother

Carmen-Francesca Banciu, author

In this talk, German-Romanian author Carmen-Francesca Banciu will read from and speak about her novel, *Mother's Day: Song of a Sad Mother*. Part “bildungsroman,” part autobiographical memoir, *Mother's Day* explores mother-daughter relations under the communist dictatorship in

Romania and sparks dynamic questions about Eastern Europe, work, the woman artist, and women's relationships with one another.

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

BREXIT: Implications and Aftermath

Mark Duckenfield, U.S. Army War College

Kristine Mitchell (moderator), Dickinson College

Oya Dursun-Ozkanca, Elizabethtown College

This panel of three experts will discuss Britain's decision to exit the European Union, the forces that led up to it, the process by which the exit will happen, and its international implications.

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Innocent on Death Row: The Story of Sunny and Peter

Sunny Jacobs, exonerated death row inmate

Peter Pringle, exonerated death row inmate

Two former death row inmates will discuss how they work together promoting human rights and in opposition to injustice and the death penalty.

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 •

Stern Center, Great Room, 8 p.m.

The Populist Challenge: Germany and the United States before the Elections

Lothar Probst, University of Bremen

In the run-up to this year's elections, both the U.S. and Germany are confronted with the phenomenon of a populism that employs anti-establishment and anti-Muslim prejudices in order to maximize votes. This lecture will focus on the similarities and key differences between contemporary populism in Germany and the United States.

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 • *

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Women on the Run

Jennifer Lawless, American University

A widely held belief – often encouraged by politicians and political commentators – is that the political landscape is more challenging for women. Lawless argues that, for the most part, it's not. When women run for office, they have very similar experiences to men. The problem is that women don't run in the first place.

Thursday, October 6, 2016

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Iran and Saudi Arabia Relations

Panelists:

David Commins (moderator), Dickinson College

Marybeth Ulrich, U.S. Army War College

Edward Webb, Dickinson College

Marred diplomatic relations and religious differences between Iran and Saudi Arabia have flared up into proxy conflicts across the Middle East. Our panelists will discuss the factors and offer insight into what the future will hold for the Middle East.

Monday, October 10, 2016 ♦

Allison Great Hall, 7 p.m.

Eating While Black: A Case Study on Food Shaming and Policing

Psyche Williams-Forson, University of Maryland, College Park

This talk will examine how the current changing food world affects and is affected by African American people. In particular, it will focus on how the legacies of surveillance that surround black people have now extended to our food cultures.

Thursday, October 13, 2016 •

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Roundtable on Election 2016

Dickinson Panelists:

Kathleen Marchetti, political science

Sarah Niebler (moderator), political science

David O'Connell, political science

Eric Vázquez, American studies

A panel of Dickinson professors will discuss the 2016 presidential election from an academic, nonpartisan perspective, covering topics such as gender and race, the importance (or not) of campaigns, immigration, voting behavior, and presidential primaries.

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 •

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

The Cyber Presidential Campaign of 2016

Jack Tomarchio, Agoge Group LLC

In this talk, Tomarchio will analyze how cyber breach and cyber security has influenced our national presidential election.

Thursday, October 27, 2016 ♦ * EVENT POSTPONED

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Morgan Lecture

Native Harvest: The Politics, Health, Culture, and Economics of Food

Winona LaDuke, Honor the Earth

Future generations rely upon our wisdom and actions today. LaDuke will share stories from her work in local food, energy justice, intergenerational and interspecies equity, and the front lines of food sovereignty.

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 ♦

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Bringing Animal Welfare to 21st Century Agriculture

James McWilliams, Texas State University

McWilliams will explore the many ways in which alternatives to industrial animal agriculture--pastured, cage-free, and grass fed systems, for example--do not live up to their promised welfare reforms, before outlining a future agricultural system that can more effectively attend to animal welfare concerns.

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 *

Allison Great Hall, 7 p.m.

Wesley Lecture

Noisy Believing: Ethical and Spiritual Responses to Sexualized Violence

Kristen Leslie, Eden Theological Seminary

Transformative responses to sexualized violence reflect an early Methodist ethic that connects faith to public action. This spirituality encouraged followers to “do all the good you can... for as long as ever you can.” Holding communities accountable to such a public ethic and teaching the silenced to speak are basic building blocks to changing the nature of sexualized violence on college campuses.

Thursday, November 3, 2016

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Albion W. Tourgée and the Interracial Campaign Against Lynching

Carolyn L. Karcher, professor emerita, Temple University

This lecture focuses on Tourgée’s campaign against lynching, in which he teamed up with the African American journalist-activists Ida B. Wells and Harry C. Smith to form a united front against anti-Black violence. Book sale and signing to follow.

Thursday, November 10, 2016

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Program

Frederick Douglass: On Photography

Laura Wexler, Yale University

In the 1860s, Frederick Douglass gave several public lectures about the importance of the then-new invention of photography. In “Pictures and Progress” he shared his vision of the role he hoped photography would play in fostering a more democratic society after the Civil War. Along with Sojourner Truth, Douglass thus became one of the first major American theorists of the medium. This lecture engages with his critical thought in the context of his time, and ours.

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Mary Ellen Borges Memorial Lecture

The Good Lord Bird: Faith & American Slavery

James McBride, author

In this presentation, which is based on his National Book Award winning novel, *The Good Lord Bird*, McBride shares the story of John Brown, using gospel and spiritual music of the time to frame his life and how it is presented in the book. He will be accompanied by his band, the Good Lord Bird Band.

Thursday, December 1, 2016

Althouse Hall, Room 106, 7 p.m.

Fat Activism Down Under

Jenny Lee, Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia

This talk explores the fat activist movement in Australia and New Zealand including fat femme synchronized swim, fat burlesque, and the “plus size” fashion industry. Lee will discuss the challenges of doing fat activism and scholarship, the complexities of dealing with the media and organizations that discriminate, the personal cost of fat activism, and the white privilege of prominent fat activists.

For directions and for more information about our events, please visit www.clarkeforum.org.

This schedule is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, so please refer to the Web site for the most updated information.



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**2016 Fall Semester Theme
FOOD**

Food feels universal; we all consume it daily. The politics, health, culture, and economics of food, however, vary greatly across and within place and time in ways that have powerful social and environmental consequences. Our Fall 2016 Clarke Forum theme will examine food access, quality, and sustainability as they have been shaped by factors like class, race, ethnicity, and gender. Approaching food from diverse, critical perspectives, this semester’s events will draw on the expertise of researchers, activists, community groups, artists, writers, governmental agencies, chefs, cooks, and seminar participants. Together we will explore the historical roots of inequalities related to food, demonstrate how they manifest themselves in culture, politics, human health, and the environment, and suggest how best to confront them. In doing so we will learn from one another and will inform and stimulate broader campus and community discussions about food.

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**The Clarke Forum’s
Leadership in an Age of Uncertainty Series**

The Clarke Forum 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. 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.

+ Interested in hearing more from our Leadership speakers? See our interviews with the guests on the Clarke Forum’s Web site, www.clarkeforum.org, under the Audio/Video tab.

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