

Fall 2010 Schedule

All events are free and open to the public

Wednesday, September 1

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Crime in Carlisle? Just the Facts Please

Panel Discussion

Panelists: **Mayor Kirk R. Wilson**, Carlisle; **Judge Edward Guido**, Court of Common Pleas, Cumberland County; **Chief Dolores "Dee" Danser**, Public Safety, Dickinson College; **Lieutenant Michael Dzezinski**, Carlisle Police Department; **Matthew T. Bennett**, prevention specialist, Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission; and **Prof. Susan Rose**, Sociology, as moderator.

A panel of experts will discuss the topic and answer questions. The event will be of special interest to students new to the Harrisburg/Carlisle area, which Forbes Magazine has recently identified as the fifth-most desirable place to live in the nation.

Tuesday, September 7

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

A Mosque Near Ground Zero?

Panel Discussion

Panelists: **Hussein Ibish**, senior fellow, American Task Force on Palestine; **Michelle Boorstein**, religion reporter, *The Washington Post*; moderated by **Erik Love**, adjunct faculty member, sociology department.

The panelists will discuss the nature and extent of American Islamophobia in the context of the ongoing controversy regarding whether an Islamic community center should be built near Ground Zero, focusing in part on the proper balance between religious freedom, the concerns and rights of the victims and survivors of the 9/11 attacks, and the needs of national security.

Monday, September 13

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Debate: 19th U.S. House District

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Todd Platts (R), Ryan Sanders (D) and Joshua Monighan (I)

The candidates running in the general November election for the 19th congressional seat will participate in a debate.

This event is co-sponsored by the Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce, and the League of Women Voters.

Thursday, September 16

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Eric Schlosser: A Preview

Panel Discussion

Panelists: **Susannah Bartlow**, Women's Center; **Scott Boback**, Biology; **Helen Takacs**, International Business & Management; **Karen Weinstein**, Anthropology

How has Eric Schlosser, co-producer of the film *Food, Inc.* and author of *Fast Food Nation*, contributed to the ongoing national debate concerning the quality of food in the United States? This panel will address this question as a way to preview Mr. Schlosser's visit to Dickinson's campus on September 28, 2010.

Tuesday, September 21 - Constitution Day Address

Rubendall Recital Hall, 12:00 p.m.

The Roberts Court and the Future of Constitutional Law

Erwin Chemerinsky, dean and professor of law, University of California, Irvine School of Law

The Roberts Court will address the most contested and divisive issues polarizing American society, including gay marriage, state immigration reform, and the new federal health care legislation. What direction will the Court take on these and other important issues?

Thursday, September 23

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

The Politics of Resentment in Arizona

Sandra Soto, professor of gender and women's studies, University of Arizona

Professor Soto will analyze the treatment of Latinos (both documented and undocumented) in terms of Arizona's "show-me-your-papers law" and the "ethnic studies law."

Tuesday, September 28 *

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Thoughts on Food

Eric Schlosser, bestselling author of *Fast Food Nation* and co-producer of *Food, Inc.*

Schlosser will discuss what effects food production, distribution, and consumption have on society's health, environment and culture.

Thursday, October 7

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

"WikiLeaks" or "WikiFlood" of Classified Info

Steven Aftergood, Project on Government Secrecy, Federation of American Scientists

The recent disclosure of up to 90,000 classified documents relating to the Afghanistan War has underscored the difficult balance between preserving open government and preserving national security. Underlying issues that will be addressed include the problem of over classification, the scope of the Espionage Act, and the challenges of protecting sources and methods in the age of the internet.

Tuesday, October 12

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Debate: Pennsylvania's 199th District

Stephen Bloom (R) and Fred Baldwin (D)

The Republican and Democratic candidates running in the general November election for the 199th seat in the Pennsylvania state legislature will discuss the central issues confronting local voters and answer questions from the audience.

This event is co-sponsored by the Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters and the YWCA Carlisle.

Thursday, October 14

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Italian Slow Food: Societal Change and Justice

Carole Counihan, professor of anthropology, Millersville University

This talk uses ethnographic interviews with members of the Italian Slow Food Movement – a worldwide coalition of 100,000 members devoted to promoting “good, clean, and fair food” -- to explore whether food practices can be the basis for advancing personal growth as well as social and economic justice.

Thursday, October 21

The Depot, 7:00 p.m.

Presidential Power: Barack Obama and the Bush-Cheney Legacy

Charlie Savage, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, *New York Times*

How President Obama’s team has grappled with the executive powers they inherited from the Bush-Cheney administration presents a case study in the multi-generational, bipartisan trend toward escalating White House authority – and a red flag for the future of American-style checks and balances.

Friday, October 29

Denny Hall, Room 317, 4:00 p.m.

Buchanan vs. Lincoln: A Presidential Comparison

Fred Greenstein, professor of politics emeritus, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University

No two presidents are viewed as having been more unlike than Buchanan and Lincoln. Historians typically rate Buchanan near the bottom of the list of presidents and Lincoln at the top. This lecture addresses whether these two presidents differed that much, whether the historians’ ratings are justified, and whether there is any merit to such ratings? James Buchanan is an 1809 graduate of Dickinson College.

Wednesday, November 3 - Rush Award Lecture *

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

The Liberal Arts in Today’s World

Donald Graham, chairman of The Graham Group

Mr. Graham will speak about the vital importance of a liberal arts education and the need for broad-based thinking in today’s business and political climate.

Thursday, November 4

Stern Center, Great Room

6:00 - Reception 7:00 - Program

Growth in the Garden: Food and Sustainability

Sally McMurry, professor of history, Penn State University

Brian Snyder, executive director, Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture

A South Mountain Speaker Series lecture featuring a keynote address by Professor McMurry titled “Pennsylvania’s Historic Farming Legacy and Sustainable Agriculture’s Future” and an additional presentation by Mr. Snyder who will discuss opportunities to capitalize on the fact that sustainably raised Pennsylvania products are centrally located to some of the largest population centers in the nation.

Tuesday, November 9

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Censoring Infectious Ideas: Queer Sexuality and the AIDS Crisis

Jennifer Brier, associate dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; associate professor, Gender and Women’s Studies/History, University of Illinois-Chicago

Beginning with her own experiences as an author whose work has been censored, Brier will discuss the perils and possibilities of writing the history of queer sexuality.

Thursday, November 11 - Joseph Priestley Lecture *

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Volcanic Eruptions

Steve Sparks, professor of geology, University of Bristol, U.K.

The causes of volcanism and the dynamics of volcanic eruptions are explained with some implications for society.

Wednesday, November 17 *

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Feeding the Future

Michael Ableman, author, educator, and urban agriculturalist

The industrial system that produces our food is unraveling, and the cost of that system, ecologically, socially, and personally, is enormous. Today individuals and communities are gathering together to rethink our food system, recreating our farms as places that nourish and nurture and teach and inspire.

Tuesday, November 30

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Afghanistan: What Next?

Panel Discussion

Panelists: Dr. Larry P. Goodson, professor, U.S. Army War College; **Thomas Barfield**, president of the American Institute for Afghanistan Studies; **Dr. Marvin Weinbaum**, Scholar-in-Residence, Middle East Institute in Washington, DC

David Commins, Dickinson College, Moderator

In the context of the Obama Administration’s upcoming review of its policies in Afghanistan, a panel of experts will evaluate the current Afghan strategy in the context of American national security interests and resources.

Thursday, December 2

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Gene Therapy: Current and Future Prospects

Paul Robbins, professor of microbiology and molecular genetics and orthopaedic surgery, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

The presentation will provide an overview of gene therapy and how it is being used to treat different types of diseases, including non-lethal diseases and disorders. The clinical development of a gene therapy for rheumatoid arthritis will be used as an example of how gene therapy can be used to treat other non-lethal diseases.

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