Thursday, August 30, 2012
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
*Asking for It: The Ethics & Erotics of Sexual Consent*
Harry Brod, professor of philosophy and humanities, University of Northern Iowa
In a nonthreatening, non-hectoring discussion that ranges from the meanings of “yes” and “no,” to the indeterminacy of silence, to the way alcohol affects our ethical responsibilities, Brod challenges young people to envision a model of sexual interaction that is most erotic precisely when it is most thoughtful and empathetic.

Thursday, September 6, 2012
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
*The Wisconsin Shooting: An Opportunity for America*
Rajbir Singh Datta, former national director, Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund
Manar Waheed, policy director, South Asian Americans Leading Together
Erik Love, assistant professor, sociology department.
The Sikh community has dealt with hate and persecution for over 500 years — long before the 9/11 attacks. Representations of hate - like the Wisconsin shooting at a Sikh Gurdwara - will continue until we see each other as an extension of one family, see each other with respect, stand up to hate everywhere and actually live up to the ideals of our Founding Fathers.

Tuesday, September 11, 2012
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
*The Ravi/Clementi Case*
Susan Abraham, professor of law, New York Law School

In September 2010, Dharun Ravi used a webcam to spy on his roommate Tyler Clementi having sex with another man in a Rutgers University dorm. Clementi committed suicide a few days later. Abraham will discuss aspects of this case including hate crime, high-tech bullying on college campuses, and privacy.

Thursday, September 13, 2012
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
*Gay Marriage and Its Others*
Heather Love, professor of English, University of Pennsylvania

This lecture considers the fate of the spinster in the era of gay marriage. Through a reading of the 2006 film *Notes on a Scandal*, Love argues that, while monogamous gay and lesbian couples have achieved unprecedented levels of social acceptability, those who are alone or whose intimacies are unconventional are more stigmatized than ever.

Monday, September 24, 2012 *
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
*Title IX: Conception, Progression, Direction*
Pat Genovese, head lacrosse coach, William Smith College

In 1972, Congress enacted Title IX, which prohibited sexual discrimination in any education program or activity that received federal financial assistance. Coach Genovese will explore the origin of Title IX; the advances and setbacks that have occurred in athletics since its enactment; and where it will take us in the future.

Thursday, September 27, 2012
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
*Mary Ellen Borges Memorial Lecture God is Not One*
Stephen Prothero, professor of religion, Boston University

Are the world’s religions different paths up the same mountain? Prothero, author of *God is Not One*, explains why, especially after 9/11, real and enduring interreligious understanding is achieved, not with a “pretend pluralism,” but with a clear-eyed recognition of religious difference. Book sale/signing to follow.

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 *
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
*China’s Leadership Transition & the Bo Xilai Case*
Cheng Li, director of research and senior fellow, Thornton China Center, Brookings
Just as the Chinese Community Party elite is trying to smooth the way for the transfer of power to a new generation of Chinese leaders, one of its rising stars, Bo Xilai, has been ousted as party chief of Chongqing and his wife is charged with the murder of a British businessman. What are the implications of this unfolding crisis for China’s decision-making process, economic policies, social stability, and foreign relations?

Thursday, October 4, 2012
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
*Earth’s Icy Biosphere*
John Priscu, professor of land resources and environmental sciences, Montana State University
Priscu will demonstrate that the Earth’s icy systems, particularly the Antarctic ice sheet and related subglacial environments, hold a large and potentially active carbon pool, comprised of phylogenetically and metabolically diverse prokaryotic organisms. He will then relate these results to our search for life on other icy bodies in our solar system.

Friday, October 5, 2012 - EVENT CANCELLED
Biblio Cafe, Waidner-Spahr Library, 4:00 p.m.
*So YOU Want To Work in Publishing*
Michael Morrison, president and publisher, U.S. General Books & Canada at HarperCollins Publishers
David Hirshey, senior VP and executive editor, HarperCollins Publishers
A brief overview of the publishing industry with an emphasis on the job opportunities in the different areas of today’s global publishing companies. Q&A encouraged.

Monday, October 8, 2012 *
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
A Potemkin Village: The Supreme Court’s Health Care Decision & Faux Federalism
David B. Rivkin Jr., attorney and constitutional commentator
Mr. Rivkin will analyze the recent Supreme Court decision upholding the Affordable Care Act, in particular Chief Justice John Roberts’ pivotal opinion, and explore the decision’s long-term political and policy implications, especially the Court’s apparent willingness to enforce structural federalism-based limitations on congressional powers only if the policy stakes are relatively low, thereby encouraging a system of faux-federalism.

Tuesday, October 9, 2012
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
Birds, Biology, & Bioterrorism
Kathleen Vogel, associate professor of science and technology, Cornell University
This lecture will discuss the public and policy controversies surrounding the 2012 publication of scientific data on artificially created, mutated H5N1 avian influenza viruses by two prominent virologists.

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 *
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
Natural Resources, Conflict and Peacebuilding
Richard Matthew, founding director of the Center for Unconventional Security Affairs & professor of international and environmental politics, UC at Irvine
Based on fieldwork in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, this presentation examines the complex and evolving relationships among natural resources, violent conflict and peacebuilding.

Thursday, October 18, 2012
Mathers Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
The Insubstantial Pageant: Writing for Performance
Margaret Edson, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright
We are born ready to talk and listen, but it takes years to learn to read and write. What is gained and lost when the redolent swirl of human experience is consigned to the abstract, linear, preterite alphabetic code? And what ironies await when the freeze-dried code is reconstituted as live performance?

Monday, October 22, 2012 *
Katz Hall, Penn State Dickinson School of Law
General Omar N. Bradley Lecture
Leadership Under Pressure
Lieutenant General James M. Dubik
General Dubik will discuss the strategic mistakes made in Iraq; the myths that are partly responsible for these mistakes; the transformation that turned Iraq from a strategic failure to a strategic opportunity; and how the U.S. should incorporate its experience in Iraq in addressing current ongoing events in the Middle East and North Africa.

Tuesday, October 23, 2012
Depot, 7:00 p.m.
Hope, Hitler, or Heresy? The Visual Language of a Presidential Campaign
H. Brian Holland, associate professor of law, Texas Wesleyan Law School
Remix politics is here. As divergent audiences engage and manipulate the carefully crafted images of presidential campaigns, competing symbols evidence a struggle for power over social convention and meaning.

Tuesday, October 30, 2012
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
From Babies to Gender Identity
Anne Fausto-Sterling, professor of molecular/cellular biology & biochemistry, Brown University
How are we to understand the processes by which bodily differentiation, behavioral differentiation and gendered knowledge intertwine to produce male and female, masculine and feminine?

Thursday, November 8, 2012 *
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
The Arab Uprisings
Marc Lynch, associate professor of political science, George Washington University
Lynch sheds light on the unfinished Middle East revolutions that have so far brought down the governments of Egypt, Tunisia, and Libya, and offers a framework for understanding the deeper changes still emerging from a region thoroughly and forever altered.

Tuesday, November 27, 2012
Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.
U.S. Role and Image in the World: A Cuban’s Perspective
Beatriz Diaz, professor, FLACSO Cuba and the University of Havana
This lecture focuses on the paradoxes that characterize U.S. role and image in the world: U.S. culture, technological development, civil society, economic influence and military power will be discussed and evaluated.

Friday, November 30, 2012
Stern Center, Great Room, 4:30 p.m.
The Erotic Life of Globalization
Ara Wilson, associate professor of women’s studies and cultural anthropology, Duke University
This talk provides a new direction for thinking about sexuality at the transnational level. It focuses on the infrastructures of globalization, highlights the effects of intensified transnational links in the post-Cold-War period, and argues that transformations of sovereignty, labor, knowledge, and space provide the conditions for key forms of sexuality.

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