

Spring 2011 Schedule

All events are free and open to the public

Wednesday, February 2 - Morgan Lecture

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

"Fracking" Our Food:

A New Threat to Sustainable Farming

Sandra Steingraber, world renowned ecologist, author and cancer survivor

In this lecture, Steingraber will explore the tangled relationship between petrochemicals and farming, with a special focus on how the extraction of natural gas from shale bedrock threatens the ecological conditions of our food system. A reception and book signing will follow.

Tuesday, February 8

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

People Power in the Middle East: Challenges for U.S. Policy

Faculty Panel Discussion

The wave of Arab protests sweeping through Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, Jordan and Yemen caught American policymakers by surprise, posing the dilemma of choosing between apparently reliable autocratic allies and democratic principles.

Thursday, February 10

Stern Center, Great Room, 12:00 p.m.

It Takes More than the "Veg"

Chad M. Kimmel, associate professor of sociology, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Shippensburg University; and **David Sarcone**, associate professor, Department of International Business and Management, Dickinson College

The Carlisle Central Farmers Market represented a continuation of a rich market history in Carlisle that dates back to the early 18th century. It opened with great fanfare in September of 2007 and quietly closed in February of 2009. What lessons were learned from this experience?

Thursday, February 10

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

Untying the Knot

Tamara Metz, assistant professor, political science and humanities, Reed College

As the issue of same-sex marriage wends its way to the Supreme Court, Metz claims that state control of

marriage conflicts with basic liberal principles and threatens families. Drawing a parallel to religion, Metz argues that marriage should be disestablished and that the state should use other means for supporting intimate caregiving.

Wednesday, February 16

The Depot, 7:00 p.m.

Sexual Empowerment: A World Without Rape

Jaelyn Friedman, writer, performer, and activist

Based on her hit book *Yes Means Yes: Visions of Female Sexual Power and a World without Rape*, Friedman explains how the culture shames women for expressing their sexuality, how the media uses empty images of female sexuality to fuel sales, and how rape is allowed to function in society.

Thursday February 17

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

Mexico, Drugs and Crime

David T. Johnson, former assistant secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs

The "Merida Initiative," first crafted in 2008, was an attempt by the U.S. to help Mexico, but the violence today continues unabated. Johnson, the senior U.S. government official responsible for this "initiative" from its inception until January 2011, will address how it was crafted, what it has delivered, and the prospects for bringing down Mexico's high rates of murder and violence.

Tuesday, February 22

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

Obama: The Way Forward

Stuart Rothenberg, editor and publisher of *The Rothenberg Political Report*

Rothenberg will look back to the midterm elections and ahead to the 112th Congress and the 2012 presidential race.

Thursday, February 24

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

A Minskian Explanation of the Economic Crisis

L. Randall Wray, professor of economics, University of Missouri-Kansas City

Relying upon the theories and assumptions of Hyman Minsky, Wray will explore and expound upon the factors that contributed to the current economic and financial crisis.

Tuesday, March 1

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.

Maryellen Borges Memorial Lecture

The Cultural Impact of the Book of Revelation

Elaine Pagels, Harrington Spear Paine Foundation Professor of Religion, Princeton University

Pagels will address who wrote the Book of Revelation, why it was written, how it became a part of the Bible, and how it became influential in politics, art and culture over the last 2,000 years.

Thursday, March 3

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

Eating Your Way to Athletic Success

Heidi Skolnik, sports nutrition consultant to the New York Giants, New York Knicks, The Juilliard School and The School of American Ballet

Nutrient Timing for Peak Performance is a strategic approach in what, when, and how much to eat of selected foods to maximize athletic conditioning, training and performance. Learn some of the tools that athletes can use to reduce risk of injury, maximize muscle repair, maintain a healthy immune system and increase endurance.

Tuesday, March 8

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

Feeding Dickinson

Panel Discussion

Panelists: **Jennifer Halpin**, director of the college's organic farm, **Jay Myers** of Feeser's Inc., food distributor, **Keith Martin**, director of dining services, **Ben Riggs '86**, Four Seasons Produce Distributors, **Scott Wagner**, John Gross Distributors and **Andy Skelton** professor of psychology will moderate.

Each day, Dickinson College provides thousands of meals for students and employees. How does an institution feed so many people, with such a variety of tastes and needs? Where does all this food come from and how is its quality assured? Our panel will address these and related questions, offering a glimpse behind the scenes of how a residential college feeds its population.

Wednesday, March 9

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

Readings by Ellen McLaughlin

Ellen McLaughlin, playwright and actress

McLaughlin will read excerpts from several of her plays, including *Infinity's House*, *Iphigenia and Other Daughters*, *Helen*, *The Persians*, *Oedipus and Ajax in Iraq*. She is most well known for having originated and developed the part of the Angel in Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*, having appeared in every U.S. production from its earliest workshops through its Broadway run.

Tuesday, March 22

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

The Politics of Fat

Paul Campos, professor of law, University of Colorado Law School

America is in the grip of a moral panic about fat. The “obesity epidemic” is the “reefer madness” of our time, and the sooner we recognize this fact the sooner we will stop demonizing body diversity.

Wednesday, March 23

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

Autobiography of Illness/Biography of Cure

Mary Cappello '82, award-winning author; Metzger-Conway Fellow

An illustrated reading that brings together writing about self in the form of “rituals in transfigured time” and writing about the other in the form of lyric biography. Cappello will discuss her entry into cancer treatment as a patient-writer and her new book on Chevalier Jackson, a Pennsylvania physician-artist, a pioneering laryngologist, and a foreign body specialist.

Thursday, March 24

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

The Art of Writing

Colson Whitehead, author of *The Intuitionist*, *John Henry Days*, *Sag Harbor* and other novels

Whitehead will provide micro-lectures on craft, style, and what we can all learn from the Donna Summer version of “MacArthur Park.”

Tuesday, March 29 *

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

Developing Entrepreneurial Graduates

Arlen Meyers '68, professor of otolaryngology, dentistry and engineering, University of Colorado, Denver; and Metzger-Conway Fellow

Entrepreneurship is not only about creating new businesses. It is a facilitating mindset that should permeate all academic disciplines, not just those that have a technological basis. Meyers will discuss how colleges and universities looking for a competitive edge should place entrepreneurship at the center of their academic programs.

Wednesday, March 30 *

Penn State Dickinson School of Law,
Lewis Katz Hall Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

Guantanamo Dilemmas: What's Next?

John Altenburg Jr., Omar N. Bradley Joint Chair in Strategic Leadership

Major General John D. Altenburg Jr. will discuss the ethical, policy (both foreign and domestic), and legal dilemmas regarding detention, rendition, interrogation,

and the use of military commissions in the ongoing war against al Qaeda and associated groups. Following his initial statement, he will respond to questions posed by two experts and then take questions from the audience.

Tuesday, April 5

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

America's Role and Image in the World

Panelists include: Beth Paige, senior foreign service officer and mission director for USAID in Nepal; **J. Sherwood McGinnis**, professor in the Department of National Security Studies at U.S. Army War College; **Andrew Wolff**, professor of political science, Dickinson; **Mark Ruhl**, professor of political science, Dickinson; **Moderator: Stephen DePaul**, executive director of Global Education and associate provost, Dickinson

The panel will assess how the United States is viewed around the world, particularly given the United States' current foreign policy.

Thursday, April 7

Denny Hall, Room 217, 7:00 p.m.

Breaking Issue

Uprisings and Interventions in the Arab World

Panelists: Larry Goodson, professor of Middle East studies, U.S. Army War College; **W. Andrew Terrill**, professor of national security affairs, Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College; and **David Commins**, professor of history and Middle East Studies, Dickinson College

Protest movements continue to spread in the Arab world, taking different shape according to local political structures and social dynamics and posing knotty challenges to US policymakers to keep up with the breakneck speed of developments.

Tuesday, April 12

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

Thought for Food

Marion Nestle, professor of nutrition, food studies, and public health, New York University

Agricultural sustainability is intimately linked to public health because agricultural production methods not only affect food availability, but also food product development, distribution systems, climate change, and the health of farm animals, communities and individuals.

Saturday, April 16

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

American Oracle: The Memory of the Civil War

David Blight, professor of history, Yale University

Blight will be providing a keynote address for the opening of the Civil War 150th anniversary and the House Divided Project launch weekend. Renowned author of *Race and Reunion: The American Civil War in American Memory* (2001), Blight will explore the meaning of the conflict on its 150th anniversary.

Wednesday, April 20 *

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

Leading Greatly: Why Liberal Arts Education Matters

Michael Shenkman '68, founder and president, Arch of Leadership; and Metzger-Conway Fellow

Great leaders tap into people's diverse aspirations and forge collaborations in pursuit of visions that invigorate the human endeavor. Many kinds of creative efforts are needed when the challenge is daunting. A leader with a liberal arts education is prepared to recognize, appreciate and harness a diversity of creative talents, which increases the likelihood of success.

Thursday, April 21

Holland Union Building, Social Hall, 7:00 p.m.

A Town Meeting on the Federal Budget Battle: The Republican Perspective

Panelists: Congressman Bill Shuster '83, U.S. Representative for Pennsylvania's 9th Congressional District, **Congressman Jim Gerlach '77**, U.S. Representative for Pennsylvania's 6th Congressional District, **Ted McCann**, Budget Analyst at House Budget Committee
Moderator: Molly Hooper, Staff Writer for The Hill

The current budget battle at the national level reflects the ongoing contentious debate over the future role of government in American society. This town meeting will explore the perspective of the Republican party on issues involving the federal deficit, taxes, entitlements, spending cuts, and debt ceilings.

Tuesday, April 26

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

Candidates for the Cumberland County Bureau of Commissioners: A Forum

The seven candidates vying for the three seats on the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners will meet for a candidates' forum. This event is being sponsored by the Greater Carlisle Area, Shipensburg, Mechanicsburg, West Shore Chambers of Commerce, the Harrisburg Regional Chamber and The Clarke Forum for Contemporary Issues at Dickinson College.

Thursday, April 28

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

Same-Sex Marriage and the Future of Civil Rights

Carlos Ball, professor of law, Rutgers School of Law

This lecture will reflect on the legal and political debates over same-sex marriage and on what they say about us as a nation and the future of civil rights in America.



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