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Coming up at the Mershon Center

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Anita Bucknam

"Historical Origins of U.S. Intelligence"

Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.



Anita Bucknam is the CIA Officer in Residence for 2006-07 and 2007-08 at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. She joined the CIA in 1992 to conduct analytic assessments of Russian economic and political issues. After the events of 9/11, Bucknam transferred her analytic work to counterterrorism issues, particularly related to homeland security. She also served short tours in the National Security Agency, State Department, and White House, and she served overseas in Moscow. During this lecture, Bucknam will discuss

ancient uses of intelligence from Sun Tsu and the Bible through Medieval times, the use of intelligence in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, and how World War II and the Cold War shaped the U.S. intelligence community. [Read more and RSVP](#)

Friday, March 14, 2008

Online Consultation and Public Policy Making: Democracy, Identity, and New Media

Organized by Peter Shane and Stephen Coleman

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Barrister Club, Moritz College of Law, 25 W. 11th Ave.



The Internet now offers the world an unprecedented capacity to foster the sharing of information and to facilitate sustained, many-to-many communication. The networking of citizens with their governments, with each other, and with the organs of civil society has created new opportunities for popular engagement in the public sphere. The International Conference on Online Consultation and Public Policy Making: Democracy, Identity, and New Media will feature researchers

from Australia, England, France, Israel, Italy, Korea and Slovenia, as well as the United States, addressing a variety of e-democracy issues from a diverse interdisciplinary background and both theoretical and applied research. [Read more and RSVP](#)

Other events

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Ron Waldman, MD, MPH

"Health and International Humanitarian Assistance: 30 Years of Evolution"

3:30 p.m., Room 150 Younkin Success Center, 1640 Neil Ave.

Sponsored by the [College of Public Health](#) and the [Center for African Studies](#)

Ron Waldman is Professor of Clinical Population and Public Health at the Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University, as well as is a team leader for the Pandemic Planning/Humanitarian Response at USAID. In this talk, he will discuss the evolution of humanitarian assistance over the past 30 years, covering the emergencies in Somalia, Sudan and Mozambique, as well as lessons learned from the genocide in Rwanda. He will also discuss the role of the United Nations, bilateral donors, and non-governmental organizations and their ability to work in the face of extensive human rights abuses.

Featured organization: United States Institute of Peace

The [United States Institute of Peace](#) (USIP), founded in 1984, is a congressionally funded, nonpartisan institute with three main international goals: preventing and resolving violent conflicts; promoting stability in post conflict areas; and enhancing conflict management capacity, tools, and intellectual capital worldwide.

USIP achieves its main objectives through three centers: the Center for Conflict Analysis and Prevention, Center for Mediation and Conflict Resolution, and Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability. These centers are currently working on the Muslim World Initiative, the Philippine Facilitation project, and a "Peace Portals" project that addresses the Arab-Israeli conflict through online communities.

By sending employees from each center to work directly within conflict zones around the globe, providing research and support for policy makers, and training and educating U.S. and foreign leaders in peace building and conflict management techniques, USIP focuses on increasing conflict management capacity, tools, and intellectual capital globally.

Grants and fellowships are available from the USIP in two forms: unsolicited grants and solicited grants. The Jennings Randolph Fellowship Program enables scholars to conduct research on international conflict and peace while in residence at USIP. The program also awards non-resident Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowships to students at U.S. universities researching and writing doctoral dissertations on international peace and conflict.

Public events hosted by USIP in March 2008 will include discussions of Pakistan's elections, the role of interim governments and the impact of avoiding civilian casualties in Afghanistan.

Downloadable publications, available on the USIP website, include USIP's Fragile States Framework and its Spring 2008 catalog containing publications like *My Kashmir: Conflict and the Prospects for Enduring Peace* by Wajahat Habibullah.

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