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Coming up at the Mershon Center

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

James Holston
“Right to the City, Right to Rights, and Insurgent Urban Citizenship”
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

James Holston is professor of anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley. He research and teaching focuses on cities and citizenship; political theory, democracy, and law; planning and architecture; urban ethnography; Brazil, and the Americas. Holston is author of Insurgent Citizenship: Disjunctions of Democracy and Modernity in Brazil, (Princeton, 2008), The Modernist City: An Anthropological Critique of Brasília (Chicago, 1989), and editor of Cities and Citizenship (Duke, 1999). His current research examines the worldwide insurgence of democratic urban citizenships, their entanglement with entrenched systems of inequality, and their contradiction in violence and misrule of law under political democracy. He is also studying the new institutions and practices of participatory urban planning in Brazil and preparing a book that will document, through photographs and interviews, the autoconstruction of houses and neighborhoods in the urban peripheries of São Paulo. Read more and register

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Linda Tropp
“Emerging Perspectives on Intergroup Contact”
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Linda Tropp is associate professor of psychology and director of the Psychology of Peace and Violence Program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Her research concerns how members of different groups approach and experience contact with each other, and how group differences in power or status affect views of and expectations for cross-group relations. Tropp has received the Allport Intergroup Relations Prize from the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues for her research on intergroup contact, the Erik Erikson Early Career Award for distinguished research contributions from the International Society of Political Psychology, and the McKeachie Early Career Teaching Award from the Society for the Teaching of Psychology. Tropp has collaborated with national organizations to present social science evidence in Supreme Court cases on racial desegregation, worked on state initiatives designed to improve interracial relations in schools, and partnered with non-governmental organizations to evaluate applied programs designed to reduce racial and ethnic conflict. Tropp is co-editor of Improving Intergroup Relations: Building on the Legacy of Thomas F. Pettigrew (Wiley-Blackwell, 2008).
Thursday, March 11, 2010

Vincent Pouliot
"International Security in Practice: The Politics of NATO-Russia Diplomacy"
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Vincent Pouliot is assistant professor of political science at McGill University. His interests include international relations theory (especially international political sociology), international security and peace research, global governance and international organizations, interpretive methodology, and philosophy of social science. Pouliot's current research projects deal with reform of the U.N. Security Council, global governance of security, and NATO-Russia relations. He is author of *International Security in Practice: The Politics of NATO-Russia Diplomacy* (Cambridge, 2010) and co-editor with Markus Kornprobst, Nisha Shah, and Ruben Zaiotti with of *Metaphors of Globalization: Mirrors, Magicians and Mutinies* (Palgrave, 2008). Read more and register

Other events
Thursday-Saturday, March 11-13, 2010

Transforming Race: Crisis and Opportunity in the Age of Obama
The Hyatt on Capitol Square, 75 E. State St., Columbus
Sponsored by the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity

Special Ohio State University student and faculty discounts are available to attend Transforming Race: Crisis and Opportunity in the Age of Obama, a conference hosted by the Kirwan Institute. Advocates, activists, scholars, students, spoken-word performers, and practitioners from all stripes will engage in more than 50 sessions and panels, workshops and performances, tackling the pressing issues of our time with a focus on race. For information and registration, go to: [http://transforming-race.org/index.html](http://transforming-race.org/index.html).

Deadline extended for Mershon undergraduate scholarship

The Mershon Center for International Security Studies has established the Ralph D. Mershon Study Abroad Scholarship to support undergraduates who wish to enhance their educational experience by studying in a foreign country. Students are encouraged to take foreign language courses, especially those deemed critical for national security, such as Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Hindi, Persian, and others. Priority will be given to students who are preparing for a career related to international security studies. Applications will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary review committee that will make recommendations to the director of the Mershon Center. As many as 10 scholarships of up to $2,000 each will be awarded. The deadline to apply has been extended to Monday, March 15. Read more and apply

Intensive Chinese and Loh scholarships due March 12

The East Asian Studies Center would like to remind students and faculty that applications and letters of recommendation for the 2010 Louise Sung-Nyi Loh Memorial Scholarship are due March 12. Graduate and undergraduate students in any department who have an academic specialization in East Asian studies in their present or future programs of study are encouraged to apply for the scholarship which ranges from $400 to $1,600. More information and the application can be found by visiting the [Loh Scholarship application](http://mershoncenter.osu.edu/publications/emailnewsletter/MershonMemo03-08-10.html) on the EASC website.

Applications for the East Asian Studies Center Intensive Chinese Language Scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year are also due March 12. Designed to accelerate the acquisition of Chinese language skills for future careers related to China, the Intensive Chinese Language Scholarship provides $1,500 in funding for undergraduate students pursuing dual degrees in Chinese language and related fields. Students must have completed first-year Chinese before the autumn 2010 quarter to be eligible. More information and
the application can be found by visiting the Intensive Chinese Scholarship application (pdf) on the EASC website.

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