Coming up at the Mershon Center

**Friday, January 14, 2011**

**Nicole Shelton**
*Being Face-to-Face But Not Seeing Eye-to-Eye: Divergent Goals During Intergroup Interactions*
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Nicole Shelton is an associate professor of psychology at Princeton University. The focus of her research is on understanding prejudice and discrimination from the target's perspective. Shelton explores how interpersonal concerns about prejudice influence the dynamics of intergroup contact. She also explores personality and situational factors that influence the development and maintenance of cross-racial friendships. Shelton also studies issues related to targets' detection of and responses to prejudice and discrimination, examining factors that influence the extent to which ethnic minorities and women make attributions to discrimination and confront prejudice. Read more and register.

**Tuesday, January 25, 2011**

**M. Taylor Fravel**
*Explaining the Evolution of China's Military Strategy*
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

M. Taylor Fravel is Cecil and Ida Green Career Development Associate Professor of Political Science and member of the Security Studies Program at MIT. He studies international relations, with a focus on international security, China and East Asia. His current projects examine the evolution of China's military strategy since 1949 and the relationship between material capabilities and political influence in China's rise as a great power. Fravel is author of *Strong Borders, Secure Nation: Cooperation and Conflict in China's Territorial Disputes* (Princeton, 2008). Read more and register.

**Thursday, January 27, 2011**

**Heather Raffo**
*The Sounds of Desire*
7:30 p.m., Thurber Theater, 1849 Cannon Drive

Heather Raffo, author and actress of the award-winning one woman show *9 Parts of Desire*, teams up with Amir ElSaffar, accomplished jazz trumpeter and Iraqi santoor player, for a dramatic evening of spoken word and melodic solos. Together they present a concert of urban and classical sounds that spring from both their Iraqi and American roots.
Heather's *9 Parts of Desire* details the lives of nine ordinary and extraordinary Iraqi women. Both mythical and contemporary, the women's words weave in and out of the ancient quarter tone scales of Amir's classical santoor and the improvisational heart of jazz, resulting in a melody decidedly Iraqi and American. [Read more and register](http://mershoncenter.osu.edu/publications/emailnewsletter/2010-11/MershonMemo01-11-11.html).

### Other events

**Thursday, February 3, 2011**

**A.K. Nandakumar**  
*Global Health Spending: Learning to do More with Less*  
Noon, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St.  
Council supporters: $25 (free lecture only); General public: $30 ($5 lecture only); students: $15  
Sponsored by the [Columbus Council on World Affairs](http://www.columbuscouncil.onworldaffairs.org)

Join us for a discussion on global health efficiencies and spending with **A.K. Nandakumar**, Professor of the Practice at Brandeis University and director of the Institute for Global Health and Development at the Schneider Institutes for Health Policy. Nandakumar has over 20 years of experience in health care financing in the United States and developing countries with a focus on long-term care financing, aging and its impact on health systems, national health accounts, and other health care financing issues. His recent research has focused on fungibility of donor assistance, understanding the linkages between health expenditures and maternal and infant mortality, and studying the relationship between growth in a country's income and spending on health. Nandakumar is interested in developing methods to track resource flows to understand the efficiency of health spending. Register [HERE](http://www.columbuscouncil.onworldaffairs.org) or by calling Rhonda Nicholas at 614-229-4599, x401.

### Previous events available for viewing

**Caron discusses Taliban media in Pashtun society**

Watch a streaming video of James Caron, lecturer in South Asian Studies at University of Pennsylvania, speaking on "Taliban and Participative Small Media in Pashtun Society, 1920-2010" on October 29, 2010 at the Mershon Center. Caron has done fieldwork on Pashtun identity, nationalism, and social history in Kabul, Afghanistan, and Peshawar and Islamabad, Pakistan.

**Full Archive**

Visit the Event Recordings page for the full list of streaming videos from previous events sponsored by the Mershon Center. Note: Streaming videos recorded before Fall 2010 require RealPlayer. If you do not have RealPlayer, you can download it free.

**Mershon News**

**Mershon Center offers faculty, student research grants**

Each year, the Mershon Center for International Security Studies holds a competition for Ohio State faculty and students to apply for research grant funds. Grants may be used for a variety of purposes including travel, research, seminars, conferences, interviews, experiments, workshops and more. Applications must be for projects related to the study of national security in a global context. We are also interested in projects related to Ohio State’s global gateways in China (2010), India (2011) and Brazil (2012), as well as policy issues in biosecurity and cybersecurity.

For more information, including an application form and instructions, please see http://mershoncenter.osu.edu/grants/grants/grants.htm. The deadline is **January 31, 2011**.

**Huntington National Bank fellowship program open**
Huntington National Bank has pledged $250,000 to The Ohio State University Campaign in the form of an endowed fund to benefit humanities students interested in international business and foreign languages.

This program is intended to permit students majoring in the humanities with interest and supporting work in international business and trade to spend an extended time abroad to enhance their fluency in the foreign language, their knowledge of the foreign culture, and their understanding of the workings and environment of international commerce.

Students must:

- be sophomores or juniors at The Ohio State University at the time of the application;
- have completed a minimum of the first two years (six quarters or four semesters) of OSU foreign language study or its equivalent prior to the study abroad experience;
- be able to demonstrate serious interest in, commitment to, and involvement in, business, commerce, or industry.

This fellowship is being administered by the Foreign Language Center at Ohio State. More information, including an application form and instructions, is at http://flc.osu.edu/resources/scholarships/huntington.cfm. The deadline is February 14.

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