Coming up at the Mershon Center

Friday, February 18, 2011

Geoffrey Brennan
Causal Responsibility and Voting
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Geoffrey Brennan is distinguished research professor of philosophy at the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill as well as professor of economics at Australian National University and research professor in political science at Duke. Brennan works on issues at the intersection of economics, rationality, and political philosophy. He is editor of the journal *Economics and Philosophy* and recently co-edited the *Collected Works of James Buchanan* (Liberty Press, 1999-2000) in 20 volumes. Brennan is author of nine books including *Democracy and Decision: The Pure Theory of Electoral Preference* (Cambridge, 1993; Oxford, 2002), with Loren Lomasky; *Democratic Devices and Desires* (Cambridge, 2000), with Alan Hamlin; and *The Economy of Esteem* (Oxford, 2004), with Philip Pettit. Read more and register

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Joseph J. Kruzel Memorial Lecture
Edward L. Warner III
New START Treaty and Beyond
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Edward L. Warner III is secretary of defense representative to New START and senior advisor for arms control and strategic stability. He served as deputy head of the U.S. delegation to the START negotiations, which successfully concluded with the signing of the New START Treaty in Prague on April 8, 2010. Prior to this, Warner was a principal at Booz Allen Hamilton, an international management and technology-consulting firm. At Booz Allen, he worked with teams of strategic planners, defense analysts and experts in concept development and experimentation, wargaming, modeling and simulation, and capabilities-based analysis to assist the secretary of defense, the services, the Joint Staff, and the Unified Combatant Commands as they developed new joint and Service concepts and capabilities. Read more and register

Friday, February 25, 2011

Mary Sarotte
The International Politics of the European Ordering Moment, 1989-91, and Their Legacy Twenty Years Later
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.
Mary Sarotte is professor of history and international relations at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Her most recent book, *1989* (Princeton, 2009), appeared on the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. In addition to receiving the DAAD Prize for Distinguished Scholarship in German and European Studies, *1989* is also the first book to become the winner of both SHAFR's Ferrell Prize, awarded to the best book on U.S. foreign policy, and AAASS' Shulman Prize, awarded to the best book on Communist foreign policy (co-winner). Sarotte has been a White House Fellow as well as postdoctoral fellow at the Mershon Center. She is now a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Read more and register.

### Other events

#### Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Kevin W. Martin  
*A New Kind of Propaganda*: State Building, the Cold War, and the Damascus International Exposition  
4:30 p.m., 264 Dreese Lab, 2015 Neil Ave.  
Sponsored by the Middle East Studies Center

Kevin W. Martin is assistant professor of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures and adjunct assistant professor of history at Indiana University, Bloomington. His primary research interest is the cultural history of the Modern Arab East, with a particular focus on post-World War II Syria. His research has been funded by Fulbright and Fulbright-Hays grants from the Institute of International Education and the U.S. Department of Education. His teaching fields include the modern Middle East, the modern Islamic World, the modern Levant (Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq), and various aspects of the cultural history of the modern Arab world. He has also taught at the University of Memphis, Franklin and Marshall College, and Georgetown University.

#### Thursday, February 10, 2011

Leyla Almazova  
Islamic Intellectual Responses to Modernity: Liberal Islamic Thinkers on the Ideological Map of Contemporary Islam in the Volga-Ural Area of Russia  
3:30 p.m., 306 Hagerty Hall, 1775 College Road

Leyla Almazova is a scholar of Islamic thought among the Turkic Tatars in Russia, and she is currently a Fulbright scholar at the University of Michigan. Almazova will speak about current trends in reformist thinking among Muslims in Russia, a tradition that traces back to the Jadid movement in the late 19th and early 20th century. This tradition linked Istanbul and Central Asia with Kazan, a Turkic Muslim center located in the heart of European Russia. Tatar intellectuals make the case that their flexible, pluralistic interpretations of Islam have a valuable contribution to make to the Muslim world today.

#### Friday, February 11, 2011

Shana J. Brown  
The History of Realism and Truth in Chinese Photography  
1:30 p.m., 062 Hagerty Hall, 1775 College Road  
Sponsored by the East Asian Studies Center

Shana J. Brown is assistant professor in history at University of Hawaii, Manoa. She will speak on the Chinese photographer Sha Fei (1912-1950), renowned for hundreds of iconic wartime images as well as the production of the Jin-Cha-Ji Pictorial. An important contributor to wartime propaganda efforts, Sha Fei developed a lyrical photographic style that both highlighted and tested the bounds of Party-sanctioned conventions of documentary and portrait photography. His photographs contributed to debates within modern Chinese literary and political circles over the value of realism.
versus other artistic styles, as well as the relationship of modern art and documentary photography to political propaganda efforts.

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**Tuesday, February 15, 2011**

**Robert Skinner**  
*Planes, Trains & Automobiles: Sustainable Global Transportation in the 21st Century*  
Noon, Columbus Foundation, 1234 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](https://www.columbuscouncil.org)

Join us as **Robert Skinner**, executive director of the Transportation Research Board (TRB), shares the latest research outlining global transportation options to enhance energy security and mitigate greenhouse gases. TRB, a part of the National Academies, is a non-profit organization that promotes transportation innovation by sponsoring professional meetings and publications, administering applied research programs, and conducting policy studies. It serves as an independent adviser to the federal government and others on scientific and technical questions of national importance. Skinner has been TRB’s executive director since 1994. Register [HERE](https://www.columbuscouncil.org) or by calling Rhonda Nicholas at 614-229-4599, x401.

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**Thursday, February 17, 2011**

**Paul Beck and David Stebenne**  
*Can Our American Government Meet 21st Century Challenges?*  
7:30 p.m., Bexley Public Library Auditorium, 2411 E. Main St.  
Sponsored by the [Humanities Institute](https://www.osu.edu/humanities)

Can Democrats and Republicans in Congress, together with the Obama administration, successfully negotiate to craft public policy approaches to some of the critical issues of our time? These pressing problems include the economy and joblessness, the national debt, war and national security, climate change, health care, entitlement reform, and more. Join a public discussion about our polarized and fractious national government, with Ohio State experts in the American political process: **Paul Beck** (left), professor of political science, and **David Stebenne**, associate professor of history. "Conversations in the Humanities" is a recurring program that features leading experts discussing important public issues. All panel discussions are moderated by Institute Associate **Fred Andrle**.

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**Thursday, March 10, 2011**

**Rescheduled**

**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](https://www.columbuscouncil.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](https://www.columbuscouncil.org) or by calling
Previous events available for viewing

Jeffrey Engel displayed a sweatshirt showing an old Mershon Center logo during his visit on January 22, 2010. Charles Hermann, Engel's colleague at the Bush School of Government, was formerly director of the Mershon Center.

Engel speaks on pivotal role of 1989 in modern world

Watch a streaming video of Jeffrey Engel, associate professor of history and public policy at the Bush School of Government & Public Service, Texas A&M University, speaking on "1989 and the Keys to the Present" at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. Engel is author of Cold War at 30,000 Feet: The Anglo-American Fight for Aviation Supremacy (Harvard, 2007), which won the Paul Birdsall Award from the American Historical Association for the most important work on European military or strategic history since 1870.

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

Foundation offers homeland security awards

The Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, a federal government agency, is now accepting nominations for four $25,000 Homeland Security Awards.

The United States and the world have moved into a new era which necessitates tighter and more vigilant security in all areas. The foundation and AgustaWestland, one of the nation's largest helicopter manufacturers, are giving awards to American individuals or companies who are making measurable and constructive contributions related to basic or advanced research in homeland security that will result in significant and positive
benefits to society. The mission is to promote and encourage "cutting edge" innovation in the arena of homeland security, including but not limited to the detection, prevention, or response to threats to the United States.

A $25,000 Homeland Security Award will be presented in each of the following four fields:

- Biological, radiological, nuclear, chemical and explosive attacks - Including utilities (air, water, telephone), aviation, business vulnerabilities, sensors, and lack of situational awareness.
- Border and transportation security - Airport security, trucks, rail, and containers authorization, certification and tracking.
- Cybersecurity and information sharing - Cybersecurity, vertical and horizontal (federal, state and private) communications, ways to encourage information sharing, privacy issues, and criminal and terrorist watch lists.
- Emergency response to natural and man-made disasters - Interoperability, emergency command centers, mobile devices (PDAs, cell phones, pagers, Internet.)

All nominations are accepted online at [www.columbusfoundationawards.org](http://www.columbusfoundationawards.org). Please visit the website for information on competition rules, regulations and past recipients. The deadline is **Tuesday, June 14**. You may nominate yourself and/or another worthy candidate. Any questions related to the competition may be directed to Judi Shellenberger at judithmscolumbus@cs.com or (315) 258-0090.

The Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation is an independent federal government agency established by Congress in 1992 to "encourage and support research, study and labor designed to produce new discoveries in all fields of endeavor for the benefit of mankind."

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