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.

**Thursday, March 3, 2011**

Jacqueline Stevens  
*Enhancing Security through States without Nations*  
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Jacqueline Stevens is professor of political science at Northwestern University. She teaches political theory and writes about law-breaking by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and immigration courts for *The Nation* magazine. Stevens is author of *States without Nations: Citizenship for Mortals* (Columbia, 2009), which explores alternatives to current laws that base citizenship on parochial, unjust ideas about birth, and shows how these laws are connected to other archaic practices inconsistent with liberalism, including inheritance and marriage. Stevens is currently conducting research on the unlawful detention and deportation of U.S. citizens. She is writing a book about U.S. citizens who have been deported and the legal fantasies of the U.S. government responsible for this. Current research appears on her blog States Without Nations. Read more and register.

**Other events**

**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

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 or by calling Rhonda Nicholas at 614-229-4599, x401.

**Thursday, February 17, 2011**

**Note corrected time**  
Paul Beck and David Stebenne  
*Can Our American Government Meet 21st Century Challenges?*  
7 p.m., Bexley Public Library Auditorium, 2411 E. Main St.  
Sponsored by the Humanities Institute

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.

Friday, February 18, 2011

Joshua Stacher and Alam Payind
_A Forum on the Current Situation in Egypt_
4:30 p.m., Leadership Education Center, Page Hall, 1810 College Ave.
Sponsored by the Middle East Studies Center and John Glenn School of Public Affairs

Joshua Stacher, assistant professor of political science at Kent State University, and Alam Payind, director of the Middle East Studies Center, will discuss the current situation in Egypt. Some questions they will consider include: Why now? Why had there been support for Mubarak for so long? Had Mubarak been grooming his son to take over? What's being said on Egyptian blogs and social media? To attend, please contact glennschool@osu.edu by Thursday, February 17.

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Peter Biella
_The Maasai Migrants Film Project - Collaborative Production, HIV and Facilitated Screenings_
4 p.m., George Wells Knight House, 104 E. 15th Ave.
Sponsored by the Humanities Institute, Project Narrative, and Center for Folklore Studies

The Maasai Migrants Film Project is a four-year experiment in applied anthropology. With graduate students and Tanzania Maasai collaborators, Peter Biella, director of the Program in Visual Anthropology at San Francisco State University, has produced many films in the Maa language. They are designed to be screened in small Maasai groups in cities and homesteads. With documentary content that acts as emotional-triggers and catalysts, the films provide provocative stories about difficult and rarely-discussed topics – increasing poverty, the spread of HIV, and migration. After the films are screened, they are followed with discussions led by Maasai facilitators. Biella will screen and discuss several of the project's short films. For more information contact Amy Shuman (shuman.1@osu.edu) or Wendy Hesford: (hesford.1@osu.edu).

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

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 or by calling Rhonda Nicholas at 614-229-4599, x401.

Previous events available for viewing

Sean Kay (left), Mershon associate, stands with Joseph Nye (center), University Distinguished Service Professor of International Relations at Harvard University, and Richard Herrmann, director of the Mershon Center. Kay was instrumental in bringing Nye to visit Mershon.

Nye speaks on 'Powers to Lead'

Watch a streaming video of Joseph Nye, University Distinguished Service Professor and Sultan of Oman Professor of International Relations at Harvard University. He is also former Dean of the John F. Kennedy School of Government. Nye spoke at the Mershon Center in 2009 on his book The Powers to Lead (Oxford, 2008). In this book, Nye discusses the nature of leadership and how it has been transformed by the information revolution. He also explores his theory of soft power, a leadership approach that seeks to attract, inspire, and persuade rather than dictate.

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

Suicide Prevention Training offered for veterans

Suicide Prevention Training, for veteran and military students, family, friends, co-workers and colleagues.
"In everything we do, we must remember that every soldier, sailor, airman, or marine is part, not just of the military, but also a larger community. Their families, their hometowns, their civilian employers, their places of worship — all must be involved in the solution." – Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates

That means you.

Odds are you know or are acquainted with someone who has or will consider suicide. It will take only an hour of your time to learn how to recognize the signs, when and how to intervene, and what resources you might recommend.

Register today. Then invite someone you know to register, too. The sessions will be led by trainers from Ohio State Campus Suicide Prevention Program and the Veterans Administration.

**Session Option 1:** Tuesday, February 22, 1:30-2:30 p.m. 104 E. 15th Ave. (between High and Indianola)

**Session Option 2:** Tuesday, February 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 104 E. 15th Ave. (between High and Indianola)

To register, e-mail Susan Hanson, Program Coordinator, Veterans Learning Community at hanson.94@osu.edu.

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