Coming up at the Mershon Center

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

**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).

**Wednesday, February 23, 2011**

**Roger Owen**

*Presidents for Life in the Arab World: Whose Turn Next?*

4:30 p.m., 1000 McPherson Lab, 140 W. 18th Ave.

Sponsored by the Middle East Studies Center, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, and History Department

Roger Owen is the A J. Meyer Professor of Middle East History at Harvard University and a former director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies. He previously taught Middle East political and economic history at Oxford University, where he was also many times the director of the St Antony’s College Middle East Centre. His books include *Cotton and the Egyptian Economy, The Middle East in the World Economy: 1800-1914*, and *State, Power and Politics in the Making of the Modern Middle East*. He is also the coauthor (with Sevket Pamuk) of *A History of the Middle East Economies in the Twentieth Century*. His most recent publication is a biography of Evelyn Baring, the first Lord Cromer, *Lord Cromer; Victorian Imperialist, Edwardian Proconsul* (Oxford, 2004). He has written a regular column for the Arabic newspaper, *Al-Hayat*, since the late 1980s and, occasionally for the *Al-Ahram Weekly* (Cairo) since 1999.

**Wednesday, March 2, 2011**

**Gordon Gee**

*How Do We Restore Civility?*

4:30 p.m., Wexner Center Film/Video Theater, 1871 N. High St.
Sponsored by the Humanities Institute and Wexner Center for the Arts

Can we have a national dialogue that is free of cynicism, diatribe, vitriol, and bias masquerading as news? Please join Ohio State President Gordon Gee for a discussion of the possibilities for talking about the great issues of the day in a civil national discourse. “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.

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
Lorenz Luthi (center) holds the Furniss Book Award plaque with Robert McMahon (left), Ralph D. Mershon Professor of History, and Mershon Center Director Richard Herrmann. McMahon was one of the members of the committee that read all the books nominated for the Furniss Award and chose the winner.

**Furniss Award winner Luthi speaks on Sino-Soviet split**

Watch a [streaming video](#) of Lorenz Luthi, assistant professor of history at McGill University in Montreal, winner of the most recent Edgar S. Furniss Book Award, which recognizes authors whose first books make an exceptional contribution to the study of national and international security. Luthi won for *The Sino-Soviet Split, 1956-1966: The Cold War in the Communist World* (Princeton, 2008), which tells the story of the rupture between the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China a decade after they established their formidable alliance in 1950.

**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](#).

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**Mershon News**

'*Origins' explores history of currency wars*

*Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* is pleased to announce the publication of its March 2011 issue, featuring "Currency Wars, Or Why You Should Care About the Global Struggle Over the Value of Money," by Steven Bryan.

In October 2010, the Brazilian Finance Minister made news by claiming an "international currency war" had broken out. The term "currency war" promptly became a buzz phrase, with commentators and public officials warning about the dangers of these wars and their historical roots in the Great Depression. The U.S. government, in turn, has applied the idea to China, which it has accused of currency manipulation for the better part of a decade.

So why does this matter? And how unusual is this all? This month, historian Steven Bryan puts currency wars in historical perspective and reminds us that currency policy is inextricably linked to national interests and that manipulation is the historical norm, not the exception.

*Origins* is a free, non-commercial publication from the Public History Initiative and eHistory in Ohio State University's History Department. Each month, an academic expert analyzes a particular current issue -- political, cultural, or social -- in a larger, deeper historical context. In addition to the analysis provided in each month's feature, Origins also includes podcasts, images, maps, graphics, timelines, and other material to complement the article.

*Origins* can be found at [http://ehistory.osu.edu/osu/origins/](http://ehistory.osu.edu/osu/origins/). The podcast is found at [http://ehistory.osu.edu/osu/origins/podcasts.cfm](http://ehistory.osu.edu/osu/origins/podcasts.cfm). You can also follow Origins on Twitter: [OriginsOSU](http://OriginsOSU)

Recent topics include student loans, the global food crisis, marriage rights, women in Zimbabwe, the legacy of 1989 in Eastern Europe, and Darwin's American reception. Next month: "American Populism and the Persistence of the Paranoid Style," by Marc Horger.

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