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Coming up at the Mershon Center

Monday, October 18, 2010

Nicholas Lambert

Self-Interest and the Politics of Neutrality: Woodrow Wilson and British Economic Warfare in 1914

Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.



Nicholas Lambert is an associate fellow at the Royal United Services Institute (Whitehall) and visiting fellow at Australian National University. His first book, *Sir John Fisher's Naval Revolution*, won the Distinguished Book Prize from the Society for Military History. His forthcoming book is *Taming Armageddon: Economic Warfare Planning and Practice, 1906-1916* (Harvard University Press, 2011). It offers a new account of British naval and grand strategic planning before World War I; major insights into globalization and the transformation of the

world financial and commercial systems, and their implications for international law; and a highly original account of Woodrow Wilson's diplomacy. [Read more and register](#)

Monday, October 18, 2010

CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections

6:30 p.m. Reception

7 p.m. Presentation by Cathy Barbash

8 p.m. Webcast featuring Ambassador Jon M. Huntsman Jr.

Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.



China's rapid development and Sino-American relations have a direct impact on the lives of just about everyone in the United States. **CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections** is a national day of programming designed to provide Americans across the United States and beyond the opportunity to discuss these issues with leading experts. The National Committee is pleased to present this program, which will feature a webcast by Jon M. Huntsman Jr., U.S. ambassador to China. The webcast will be moderated by Stephen A. Orlins,

president of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. Preceding the webcast will be a presentation by Cathy Barbash of Barbash Arts Consulting Services on "From One to Many: The Evolution of U.S.-China Cultural Exchanges from Single to Multi-Stream Practice." [Read more and register](#)

Thursday, October 21, 2010

Craig Calhoun

The Public Sphere and the Populist Imaginary

5:30 p.m., 180 Hagerty Hall, 1770 College Road



Craig Calhoun has been president of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) since 1999. He is also University Professor of the Social Sciences at New York University and founding director of its Institute for Public Knowledge. His most recent books include *Nations Matter: Culture, History, and the Cosmopolitan Dream* (Routledge, 2007) and *Cosmopolitanism and Belonging* (Routledge, 2009). Throughout his career, Calhoun has been involved in projects bringing social science to bear on issues of public concern. Most famously, he provided an award-winning sociological analysis of the student revolt in Tiananmen Square, in his most popular work to date, *Neither Gods nor Emperors: Students and the Struggle for Democracy in China* (California, 1994). [Read more and register](#)

Friday, October 22, 2010

Gary E. Payton

Space As a Congested and Contested Area

Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.



Gary E. Payton served as deputy under secretary of the Air Force for space programs in Washington, D.C., until his retirement in July. He provided guidance, direction and oversight for the formulation, review and execution of military space programs. This included oversight of all space and space-related acquisition plans, strategies and assessments for research, development, test, evaluation and space-related industrial base issues. In this talk, Payton will provide background for the recent [Space Posture Review](#), a legislatively-mandated review of U.S. national security space policy and objectives, conducted jointly by the secretary of defense and the director of national intelligence. [Read more and register](#)

Thursday, October 28, 2010

John Ferejohn

The Countermajoritarian Opportunity

3:30 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.



John Ferejohn is professor emeritus of political science at Stanford University, a senior fellow of the Hoover Institution, and Charles Seligson Professor of Law at New York University. His interests focus on political institutions, political behavior, theory of social choice, formal theories of politics, public law, comparative constitutions, legislative studies, and philosophy of social science. He has written on political institutions and behavior, including social choice theory, electoral processes, and theories of legislatures and of legislation. At this event, Ferejohn will discuss a paper he presented at a conference on Rational Choice and Constitutional Law at the University of Chicago. [Read more and register](#)

Friday, October 29, 2010

James Caron

Taliban and Participative Small Media in Pashtun Society, 1920-2010

Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.



James Caron is lecturer in South Asian Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. His interests include modern South Asia and Afghanistan; alternative historiography through popular arts; nationalism, public spheres, and circulation technologies; and Pashto language and literature. Caron has done fieldwork on Pashtun identity, nationalism, and social history in Kabul, Afghanistan, and Peshawar and Islamabad, Pakistan. He is an honorary member of the advisory board at Baacha Khan Research Centre in Peshawar, Pakistan. [Read more and register](#)

Other events

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Charity: Water

12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

U.S. Bank Conference Theatre, Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St.

Almost 1 billion people on the planet don't have access to clean, safe drinking water. Come learn about one of the most important environmental issues facing our world, the lack of clean water. **Charity: Water** is a service-learning collaboration supported by the Office of International Affairs, Office of Outreach & Engagement, Medical Center's Health Sciences Center for Global Health, FABE, International Program for Water Management in Agriculture, and Upper Arlington Schools. This presentation is FREE and open to all. To help build a well or learn more, visit <http://mycharitywater.org/osu-ua>.

Friday, October 22, 2010

john powell

The Need to Change the Way We Talk, Think and Act on Race

11:30 a.m., Hale Black Cultural Center, 153 W. 12th Ave.

Sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs

john powell will examine the need for transformative change in the way we talk about, think about, and act on race in order to restore democratic ideals and create a society that is fair and just for all people at the second annual Authors and Conversation Soul Food Luncheon Series. **powell** is an internationally recognized authority in the areas of civil rights, civil liberties, and issues relating to race, ethnicity, poverty and the law. He is executive director of the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at The Ohio State University. He also holds the Williams Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the Moritz College of Law. To make reservations call: 292-0074 or email Wanda White at white.4@osu.edu.

Monday, October 25, 2010

Artemy Troitsky

5:30 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Sponsored by the Center for Slavic and East European Studies

Artemy Troitsky is well known Russian rock-journalist, music critic, actor and broadcaster. In addition to hosting a popular weekly radio show, *Echo of Moscow*, Troitsky runs a concert event agency and a record label. Described as "the leading Soviet rock critic," Troitsky is the author of several books, including *Back in the USSR: The True Story of Rock in Russia*, *Tusovka: Who's Who in the New Soviet Rock Culture*, and most recently *Let Me Take You Down to the World of Pop*. In 1980, Troitsky organized a rock festival in the Soviet Union, considered the "Soviet Woodstock." Currently he teaches in the Journalism Department at Moscow State University. For more information, please contact the Slavic Center at csees@osu.edu or (614) 292-8770.

Monday, November 8, 2010

Larry Rohter

Brazil on the Rise: The Story of a Country Transformed

11:30 a.m., COSI, Gallery 1 (first floor), 333 W. Broad St.

Sponsored by the Center for Latin American Studies

Larry Rohter served as a correspondent in Rio de Janeiro for 14 years for *Newsweek* and later as *The New York Times* bureau chief. He is widely considered a top expert on Brazil. Currently he is a culture reporter for *The New York Times* and a commentator for Brazilian media. His new book, *Brazil on the Rise*, has obtained critical acclaim. Two decades ago Brazil had a substantial debt, but today it has the world's eighth-largest economy, poised to overtake France. It has achieved energy independence and, with the discovery of the largest oil field in the last century, is becoming a major exporter

of crude oil to the United States. With its successful bid for the 2016 Olympics, Brazil, at last, is ready to take its place on the world stage. In this richly narrated and textured look at the country today, Rohter provides an authoritative account of the culture and politics of a country that endlessly fascinates Americans. To register, visit <http://www.columbusworldaffairs.org>.

Monday, November 15, 2010

Donna Brazile

3:30 p.m., Archie M. Griffin Ballroom, Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St.

Sponsored by the John Glenn School of Public Affairs

The John Glenn School of Public Affairs invites you to attend the Barbara K. Fergus Women in Leadership Lecture series. Political strategist **Donna Brazile** is a university professor, author of the best-selling book *Cooking with Grease: Stirring the Pots in American Politics*, a columnist, a political contributor on CNN and ABC as well as "This Week with Christiane Amanpour" and the Democratic National Committee's vice chair of Voter Registration and Participation. In 2000, Brazile made history when she served as campaign manager for Vice President Al Gore, becoming the first African-American woman to manage a presidential campaign. [Read more and register](#)

Previous events available for viewing



The Mershon Center and Slavic Center panel on human trafficking held January 12, 2010, brought together an interdisciplinary panel of experts who discussed the realities of trafficking and analyzed how the the government, NGOs and civil society can work to curtail and combat human trafficking. Panelists included (seated left to right) Ambassador Mark P. Lagon, Yana Hashamova, Kristin Silver, and Marguerite Hernandez.

Mershon panel on human trafficking

Watch streaming videos of [Part I](#) and [Part II](#) of the Mershon Center and Slavic Center Panel on Human Trafficking, "Trafficking and Civil Society: Denial, Distress, Danger," held January 12, 2010. Panelists included (seated from left to right) Ambassador Mark P. Lagon, executive director and CEO of the Polaris Project; Yana Hashamova, director of the Center for Slavic and East European Studies; Kristin Silver, undergraduate psychology major; and Marguerite Hernandez, graduate student in sociology.

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 co-sponsors Undergraduate Research Forum

The Mershon Center for International Security Studies and the Undergraduate Research Office will co-sponsor a symposium for undergraduates on Wednesday, November 3, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 130 Page Hall, 1810 College Road.

An interdisciplinary panel of Mershon affiliated faculty will discuss the basic ingredients of a good undergraduate research project. Panel members will cite examples of good undergraduate research projects and address such questions as:

- How do you develop good research questions?
- What types of methodologies should you use in your research?
- What foundation do you need to have before undertaking a research project? What theories and facts do you need to know? What classes do you need to take?
- How can undergraduates work with the Institutional Review Board?
- How can undergraduates make connections with faculty members?

Panelists include William "Chip" Eveland Jr., professor of communication; Dorothy Noyes, associate professor of English, comparative studies, and anthropology; and Alexander Thompson, associate professor of political science.

This is one of the most successful undergraduate events sponsored by the Mershon Center every year, with more than 70 percent of respondents rating it as extremely valuable. For more information, please see the [event web page](#).

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