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Coming up at the Mershon Center

Thursday, December 2, 2010

John L. Brooke

Into the American Civil War: Thoughts on the Character of the Nation-Building Event

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



John L. Brooke is Humanities Distinguished Professor of History at The Ohio State University. He is author of *The Heart of the Commonwealth: Society and Political Culture in Worcester County Massachusetts, 1713-1861* (Cambridge, 1989) and *The Refiner's Fire: The Making of Mormon Cosmology, 1644-1844* (Cambridge, 1994). His book manuscript, *Columbia: Civil Life on the Upper Hudson from the Revolution to the Age of Jackson*, was published by University of North Carolina Press in November. He is also working a manuscript titled *Habermas in*

Tocqueville's America: Civil Society and the Public Sphere in Early America. [Read more and register](#)

Other events

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Carter Findley

Turkey, Islam, Nationalism and Modernity

7 p.m., Upper Arlington Municipal Center, 3600 Tremont Road

Registration \$19 in advance, \$21 at the door, \$5 for students

Sponsored by the City of Upper Arlington



Turkey's evolving place in the world and its relationship with the U.S. and other allies are in the news, and OSU's Professor Findley offers an important new source of insight into the historical dynamics propelling change in Turkey. He argues that as modernity threatened imperial survival in the early part of the last century, two different responses arose. A radical, secularizing current competed with a conservative, Islamic current, and the resulting clash shaped the course of change in Turkey.

Previous events available for viewing



Thomas Schwartz, professor of history, political science and European studies at Vanderbilt University, discusses "Henry Kissinger and the Dilemmas of American Power" on November 5, 2010, at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies.

Schwartz discusses life and times of Henry Kissinger

Watch a [streaming video](#) of **Thomas Schwartz**, rprofessor of history, political science and European studies at Vanderbilt University, discusses "Henry Kissinger and the Dilemmas of American Power" on November 5, 2010, at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. Schwartz is author of *America's Germany* (Harvard, 1991), which won numerous book awards, and *Lyndon Johnson and Europe* (Harvard, 2003). He is currently working on a biography of Henry Kissinger and a history of the Cold War.

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**.

Dirksen Center offers grants for research on Congress

The Dirksen Congressional Center invites applications for grants to fund research on congressional leadership and the U.S. Congress. A total of up to \$35,000 will be available in 2011. Awards range from a few hundred dollars to \$3,500. Stipends will be awarded to individuals on a competitive basis. Grants will normally extend for one year. In some circumstances, the center will make more than one award to a single individual in consecutive years, but not more than three awards to the same person in a five-year period.

The competition is open to individuals with a serious interest in studying Congress. Political scientists, historians, biographers, scholars of public administration or American studies, and journalists are among those eligible. The center encourages graduate students who have successfully defended their dissertation prospectus to apply and awards a significant portion of the funds for dissertation research. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who reside in the United States.

The awards program does not fund undergraduate or pre-Ph.D. study. Organizations are not eligible. Research teams of two or more individuals are eligible. No institutional overhead or indirect costs may be claimed against a Congressional Research Award.

We accept only proposals submitted via the online application form posted at <http://www.dirksencenter.org/CRAForm/form.html>. The form consists of the following elements and must not exceed nine pages when printed (excluding the Application Summary) -- Application Summary, Reference Letter, Overhead Waiver Letter, Congressional Research Awards Project Description, Budget, and Curriculum Vita. Applications that exceed the page limit and incomplete applications will NOT be forwarded to the screening committee for consideration.

All application materials must be received on or before **March 1, 2011**. Awards will be announced in April 2011.

Complete information about what kind of research projects are eligible for consideration, what could a Congressional Research Award pay for, application procedures, and how recipients are selected may be found at the center's web site: http://www.dirksencenter.org/print_grants_CRAs.htm. PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY. Frank Mackaman is the program officer - <mailto:fmackaman@dirksencenter.org>.

The center, named for the late Senate Minority Leader Everett M. Dirksen, is a private, nonpartisan, nonprofit research and educational organization devoted to the study of Congress and its leaders. Since 1978, the Congressional Research Awards (formerly the Congressional Research Grants) program has paid out \$813,071 to support 390 projects.

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