



Mershon Memo

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Mueller to address Columbus Council

The [Columbus Council on World Affairs](#) is sponsoring a talk by John Mueller, Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies, on **Thursday, Dec. 7, at noon** at the Hyatt Regency, 350 N. High St.

Mueller will speak about his new book "Overblown: How Politicians and the Terrorism Industry Inflate National Security Threats, and Why We Believe Them." He will be introduced by Paul Beck, dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and sign copies of the book afterward.

Mueller is a prolific author and scholar of foreign and defense policy, public opinion, war and peace, and terrorism. His works include columns, articles and books such as the classic *War, Presidents and Public Opinion* and *The Remnants of War*, winner of the 2004 Leggold Prize for best international relations book.

To attend the talk, **please make your reservations by Dec. 4, 2006**, by contacting Jennifer Green at jgreen@columbusworldaffairs.org or (614) 229-4599, ext. 401.

Sneak preview for Winter 2007

The Mershon Center fall quarter 2006 is now complete. Thanks so much to the faculty who organized this fall's speakers and conferences, and to the staff who made these events possible.

Here is a preview of the events lined up for Winter 2007. For more information about each event, please click on the linked title to visit the event's page on the Mershon Center website.

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007

Darrin Mortenson

Journalist in Residence, Mershon Center for International Security Studies

["A 'Small War' That Wasn't: How U.S. Marines Tripped into the First Battle of Fallujah"](#)

12 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007

Bruce Weinberg

Associate Professor of Economics, The Ohio State University

["Social Interactions with Endogenous Associations"](#)

12 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Friday, Jan. 19, 2007

Daniel Drezner

Associate Professor of International Politics, Tufts University

["The Viscosity of Global Governance"](#)

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

Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007

Ian Shapiro

Director, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University

["Containment ... Rebuilding a Strategy Against Global Terror"](#)

12 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007

Graduate Student Veterans Panel

With Valerie Hudson, Pete Rayls, Thomas Spahr, and Professor John Guilmartin

["War in the 21st Century: The Graduate Experience"](#)

12 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Friday, Feb. 2, 2007

Steven Davis

Professor of International Business and Economics, University of Chicago

["War in Iraq versus Containment"](#)

12 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007

Aaron Friedberg

Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University

["Is the Unipolar Movement Over?"](#)

12 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007

Jens Meierheinrich

Assistant Professor of Government and Social Studies, Harvard University

["The Political Economy of Lawfare"](#)

12 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Friday, Feb. 23, 2007

Sumit Ganguly

Chair in Indian Cultures and Civilizations, Indiana University

["Structure and Contingency in the Transformation of India's Foreign Policy"](#)

12 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Monday, Feb. 26, 2007

Victoria Tin-bor Hui

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Notre Dame University

Winner of the 2005 [Edgar S. Furniss Book Award](#)

["War and State Formation in Ancient China and Early Modern Europe"](#)

12 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

Tarak Barkawi

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Mershon Center for International Security Studies

["Orientalism in Times of War: Why 'Small Wars' Have Big Consequences"](#)

12 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Thursday, March 8, 2007

Scott Carrell

Director, Policy Research Shop, Rockefeller Center for Public Policy, Dartmouth College

["Peer and Leadership Effects in Academic and Athletic Performance"](#)

12 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies

See you in January!

The next *Mershon Memo* will come out in both print and email in January 2007. The print version will contain a full calendar of events, plus the latest news and information about the Mershon Center. The email version will contain news and upcoming events, starting with Darrin Mortenson's talk on Jan. 8.

See you then!

