



# Mershon Memo

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## Mershon Center events

Conference

*Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 27-28, 2006*

### **Living Jerusalem: Cultures and Communities in Contention**

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### **Living Jerusalem: Cultures and Communities in**

**Contention** brings together two Israeli and two Palestinian scholars for a working conference to complete a publication begun in the 1990s. Participants will review, critique and revise essays on cultural identities and practices in Jerusalem written under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution's Jerusalem Project in light of events over the past decade. Two colleagues from the Smithsonian will join the group.

Two public presentations will be given by Jerusalem Project participants on **Monday, November 27**.

- **Noon-1:30 p.m.:** "Dualing Jerusalems," with an introduction by James Early, Director of Cultural Policy at the Smithsonian Institution Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.
- **6-8 p.m.:** "Jerusalem's Shifting Identities," with an introduction by Jacqueline Jones Royster, Executive Dean of the OSU Colleges of the Arts and Sciences.

*More information, including participant biographies and sponsors, is on the [conference website](#). Meals at the two public forums will be served to faculty and students who RSVP to [Beth Russell](#) by Nov. 20, 2006.*

*Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006*

### **Edwin Black**

"Internal Combustion: How Corporations and Governments Addicted the World to Oil and Derailed the Alternatives"  
7 p.m., OSU Hillel, 46 E. 16 Ave.

Co-sponsored by OSU Hillel and the Columbus Jewish Federation



**Edwin Black** is an award-winning, investigative author of six bestselling books. Black's work focuses on genocide and hate, corporate criminality and corruption, governmental misconduct, academic fraud, philanthropy abuse, and historical investigation. He has been interviewed on hundreds of network broadcasts and published scores of articles in the leading publications of the United States, Europe and Israel. Black's most recent book, [Internal Combustion: How Corporations and Governments Addicted the World to Oil and Derailed the Alternatives](#) (St. Martin's, 2006), is the tale of corruption and manipulation that subjected the United States and the world to an oil addiction that could have been avoided and could be ended today.

Conference

*Dec. 1-2, 2006*

### **Nixon in the World: American Foreign Relations, 1969-77**

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**Nixon in the World: American Foreign Relations, 1969-77** will examine U.S. foreign policy during the Nixon and Ford administrations. Topics include American grand strategy, nuclear issues and arms control, the opening to China, U.S.-Soviet relations, and the Vietnam War. Attending will be the contributors to *The Dilemmas of Power: American Foreign Policy Under Nixon, Kissinger and Ford*, to be published in 2007 by Oxford University Press, as well as commentators from a variety of departments at OSU and other universities.

*More information, including a schedule, is on the [conference website](#). If you would like to attend this conference, please e-mail [Ann Powers](#) no later than Tuesday, Nov. 28. Please let her know whether you are coming on Friday or Saturday, and which days you would like lunch.*

## **Other events**

*Friday, Dec. 1, 2006*

### **Giancarlo Casale**

"A Caliph, a Canal and 20,000 Cannibals: The *Tarih-i Hind-i Garbi* in Historical Perspective"

4:30 p.m., 186 Hagerty Hall, 1775 College Road

Sponsored by the [Middle East Studies Center](#).

**Giancarlo Casale's** research concerns Ottoman expansion in the Indian Ocean during the 16<sup>th</sup> century. He is interested in the ways in which the growth of the Ottoman Empire was part of the same historical process that resulted in the expansion of numerous other imperial powers, from Christian Spain and Portugal to the rival Islamic empires of Mughal India and Safavid Iran. He also studies the history of geography and cartography, global exploration, and comparative naval technology.

*Refreshments will be served. For further information, contact [hunt.351@osu.edu](mailto:hunt.351@osu.edu).*

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006

## John Mueller

"Overblown: The War on Terror"

11:30 a.m., Hyatt Regency, 350 N. High St.

Cost: \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, \$15 for educators and students

Sponsored by the [Columbus Council on World Affairs](#)



**John Mueller** is a prolific author and scholar of foreign and defense policy, public opinion, war and peace, and terrorism. He is a professor of political science at The Ohio State University and Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. Mueller's library of published 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. His new book *Overblown: How Politicians and the Terrorism Industry Inflate National Security Threats, and Why We Believe Them*, has been much anticipated. Mueller will speak about his book and sign copies after his talk. He will be introduced by Paul Beck, dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Please make your reservations by December 4, 2006, by contacting Jennifer Green at [jgreen@columbusworldaffairs.org](mailto:jgreen@columbusworldaffairs.org) or (614)229-4599, ext. 401.

## Mershon faculty grant deadline approaching

Each year, the Mershon Center for International Security Studies holds a competition for Ohio State University faculty to apply for grant funds. Faculty grants may be used for a variety of projects including travel, research, seminars, conferences, interviews, experiments, workshops and more.

Applications must be for projects that relate to one or more of the Mershon Center's three areas of focus:

- The use of force and diplomacy.
- The ideas, identities and decisional processes that affect security.
- The institutions that manage violent conflict.

Junior faculty members are especially encouraged to apply. To learn more about how to apply, please see the [faculty grants page](#) on the Mershon Center website.

Faculty grant applications must include:

- Standard cover sheet including 500-word abstract of the project.
- Itemized budget.
- Four- to five-page single-spaced statement elaborating the purpose, method, anticipated products, and significance of the project.
- Curriculum vitae for each principal investigator.
- The [2007-08 Faculty Grant Application Form](#) (pdf)

Projects will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary review committee of faculty who will make recommendations to the director of the Mershon Center. Past committees have included faculty from

departments across campus, including Germanic Languages and Literatures, French and Italian, Political Science, Public Policy, Naval Science, the College of Law, and Economics.

All faculty awarded grants will be expected to become an active member of the Mershon Center. Grant recipients should expect to house their projects at the center, or at a minimum attend various center functions throughout the year. Interested faculty should contact Richard Herrmann at 292-9843 or [herrmann.1@osu.edu](mailto:herrmann.1@osu.edu) to ask questions or discuss ideas about potential project proposals.

The deadline for receiving faculty grant applications is **January 8, 2007**.

## Merston seeks Furniss Award nominations

Each year, the Mershon Center for International Security Studies gives the [Furniss Book Award](#) to an author whose first book makes an outstanding contribution to the field of international security studies. The award commemorates the center's founding director, Edgar S. Furniss.

The award committee will consider any work that makes a theoretical and policy impact on our understanding of any of the following themes:

- The use of force and diplomacy.
- The ideas, identities, and decisional processes that affect security.
- The institutions that manage violent conflict.

The Furniss Book Award was given for the first time in 1983 and has been awarded to several of the field's most prominent scholars early in their careers. [Past winners](#) include John Mearsheimer, Barry Posen, and Stephen Walt. The winning author receives a cash award and is invited to address the Mershon Center.

To nominate a book for the Furniss Book Award, please send two copies to:

Cathy Becker  
Public Relations Coordinator  
Mershon Center for International Security Studies  
1501 Neil Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43201

Please remember that in order to be considered, the book must be copyrighted in 2006 and be the author's first. Edited volumes are not eligible. Copies of books submitted for the award cannot be returned. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Becker at [becker.271@osu.edu](mailto:becker.271@osu.edu) or (614) 292-7529.

Nominations for the 2006 Furniss Book Award are due by **January 31, 2007**.

