



Mershon Center Director Craig Jenkins (standing) holds up a copy of Geoffrey Parker's *Global Crisis: War, Climate Change, and Catastrophe in the Seventeenth Century* (Yale, 2012) as Parker (seated) looks on at a faculty dinner on March 19, 2014 at the Mershon Center.



Geoffrey Parker, Andreas Dorpalen Professor of History, talks to Mershon faculty about his 2012 book *Global Crisis: War, Climate Change, and Catastrophe in the Seventeenth Century*. The book won the Heineken Prize in History among other honors.



A full room of Mershon affiliated faculty and graduate students turned out for Geoffrey Parker's talk on his book *Global Crisis*, which examines how a fatal synergy between climate change and human inflexibility eradicated one-third of the planet's human population and unleashed an unparalleled spate of wars, invasions, and revolutions.



The Global Crisis of the 17th century killed tens of millions of people. Parker argues that a natural catastrophe of similar proportions today – whether or not humans are to blame – will kill billions, produce dislocation and violence, and compromise international security and cooperation.



Attending and critiquing Geoffrey Parker's book in a roundtable discussion were (left to right) Joseph Fiksel, director of the Center for Resilience; Alexander Thompson, associate professor of political science, and Lonnie Thompson, distinguished professor of earth sciences.