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Wednesday, September 9, 2015 *

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m. **The Glover Memorial Lecture**

Advancing Science

Rush Holt, American Association for the Advancement of Science

Science is, as physician and essayist Lewis Thomas wrote, the "shrewdest maneuver" for discovering the world. To thrive, however, science needs the support of the society it serves, and that support must be cultivated.

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 *

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m. Shale Gas and Oil Development: Latest Evidence on Leaky Wells, Methane Emissions, and Energy Policy Anthony Ingraffea, Cornell University

Ingraffea will discuss the myths and realities concerning large-scale development of unconventional natural gas/oil resources in shale deposits on both a local and global scale.

Monday, September 28, 2015

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m. Marx in Soho by Howard Zinn

Bob Weick, actor and monologist featured as Karl Marx

Karl Marx launches into a passionate, funny and moving defense of his life and political ideas in Howard Zinn's brilliant and timely play, <u>Marx in Soho</u>.

Thursday, October 1, 2015 ♦ * Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m. The Morgan Lecture

Intersectionality, Black Youth and Political Activism Patricia Hill Collins, University of Maryland

This talk examines how intersectional frameworks shed light on new directions for anti-racist activism, especially among African American youth.

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 ♦

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m. Family Life in an Era of Mass Incarceration

Christopher Wildeman '02, Cornell University with comments by Lauren Porter '06, University of Maryland

This lecture will consider the implications of mass incarceration for American families, focusing especially on the consequences of men's incarceration for their parents, partner, and progeny.

Monday, October 12, 2015 *

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m. The Joseph Priestley Lecture Synchronization in Nature

Steven Strogatz, Cornell University

Strogatz will discuss spectacular examples of synchronization in nature, from rhythmically flashing fireflies to crowds of pedestrians that inadvertently caused London's Millennium Bridge to wobble.

Thursday, October 15, 2015

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m. *Cumberland County Commissioner*

Candidates' Forum

Vince DiFilippo (R), Gary Eichelberger (R), Jim Hertzler (D), and Rick Rovegno (D)

The four candidates vying for the three seats on the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners will meet for a candidates' forum. Prof. James Hoefler, Dickinson College, will moderate.

Monday, October 26, 2015

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m. Breaking Issue: The Syrian Migration Crisis

Kristine Mitchell, Dickinson College Magda Siekert, Dickinson College Marybeth Ulrich, U.S. Army War College Andrew Wolff (moderator), Dickinson College

This panel, comprised of Dickinson and U.S. Army War College faculty members, will explore the international security, diplomatic and social implications of the displacement and how the world powers are responding to the crisis.

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 *

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m. The Bruce R. Andrews Lecture Attacking Democracy

John Geer, Vanderbilt University

Conventional wisdom says negative political attacks undermine democracy. This lecture will argue, instead, that "attack politics" advance democratic governance.

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 + *

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m. How Things Fall Apart: Race and Suspicion in Police-Civilian Encounters

Nikki Jones, University of California, Berkeley

Drawing on years of field research among Black residents in urban neighborhoods, interviews with police, and videorecordings of police-civilian encounters, sociologist Nikki Jones illustrates how race, suspicion and bias shape the earliest moments of such encounters.

Thursday, November 5, 2015 ♦

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m. *The New Asylums: Mentally III and Behind Bars* **Doris Fuller**, Treatment Advocacy Center

With video, personal story and professional insight, Fuller will discuss the role of mental illness in turning the U.S. into the world leader in incarceration and discuss practical measures to curb this trend.

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:30 p.m. Breaking Issue: The Iran Nuclear Deal

Andrea Lieber, Dickinson College Jeffrey McCausland, Dickinson College Ed Webb, Dickinson College Anthony Williams (moderator), Dickinson College

On July 11th, 2015, Iran and a group of six nations led by the U.S. reached a historic agreement limiting Tehran's nuclear ability in exchange for lifting international oil and financial sanctions. Critics of the negotiation question the verifiability of the constraints and the long-term impact on world stability, particularly that of Israel. The panel will explore the historic negotiation and its international policy, security and cultural impacts.

Thursday, November 12, 2015 Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m. Obama Is Brazilian: (Re)Signifying Race Relations in Contemporary Brazil

Emanuelle Oliveira-Monte, Vanderbilt University

Barack Obama's election to the American presidency in 2008 led analysts to declare that North America was living in a post-racial era. But Obama's election also had a tremendous impact on the imagery of the African Diaspora. This lecture will examine his characterizations in the Brazilian media, especially in examples of political humor, such as cartoons and memes.

Tuesday, November 17 - Saturday, November 21 *Enlightened Activity: The Green Tara Initiative* Tibetan Monk Residency ◊

Monks from Drepung Monastery's Gomang College will present "A Tibetan Buddhist Approach to Thinking About Our Place in the Cosmos." Over four days, the monks will construct a mandala, perform a puja and cultural program with traditional Tibetan dances, chanting, and debating and visit classes.

\Diamond Events part of the Tibetan Monk Residency

Green Tara Mandala Construction ◊

Waidner-Spahr Library

The Green Tara Mandala is a beautiful creation in colored sand, made with special funnels and shaping tools. Over four days, what will emerge is a symbol of the entire cosmos with the Buddha of Enlightened Activity, Tara, at its center.

Opening Ceremony: Wednesday, November 18: 10 a.m.

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Tuesday, November, 17, 2015 * ◊

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m. Inviting Green Tara: An Illustrated Talk and Tibetan Buddhist Ritual

Dan Cozort, Dickinson College Tibetan Monks, Drepung Monastery's Gomang College

The monks will chant a description of Tara and the cosmos, visualizing the three dimensional mandala Prior to the puja, Prof. Cozort will give a short illustrated talk about Tara, the mandala, and the puja.

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 Weiss Center, Rubendall Recital Hall, 7 p.m. *Tibetan Cultural Pageant*

Tibetan Monks, Drepung Monastery's Gomang College

This program is a colorful display of traditional Tibetan arts, including dancing and chanting.

Thursday, November 19, 2015 ♦

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m. Federal Policy, Urban Policing, and the Roots of Mass Incarceration

Elizabeth Hinton, Harvard University

Hinton traces the development of the War on Crime from its origins in the War on Poverty through the rise of mass incarceration and the War on Drugs in the 1980s.

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 *

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m. Constitution Day Address Black Girls Matter

Kimberlé Crenshaw, Columbia Law School

Crenshaw will explore historical and contemporary instances of intersectional erasure which have led to neoliberal attacks on the wellbeing of women and girls of color as well as initiatives that increase awareness of challenges facing Black women and girls, such as #SayHerName, #Black Girls Matter, and #WhyWeCantWait.

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m. *Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki* Shawn Bender, Dickinson College

Alex Bates, Dickinson College Claire Seiler, Dickinson College W. Evan Young, Dickinson College Shogo Nishikawa (student), Dickinson College

This panel draw from their own research and experience to respond to the questions of how we remember the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. How do these memories shape our contemporary understanding of the past and of current struggles regarding nuclear energy and war?

Thursday, December 3, 2015 Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m. *Cuba and its Exile: Political Generations* Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan

Using the concept of political generations, Pedraza traces the evolution of the Cuban exile, mostly in Miami, and the Cuban revolution, in the island. Political generations refers to young people that in their transition from adolescence to adulthood experienced dramatic historical events that marked their consciousness. Pedraza identifies several major political generations that developed during the course of the Cuban revolution and its exile.

2015 Fall Semester Theme Inequality and Mass Incarceration in the United States

The United States currently imprisons more people than any other country in the world. More than two million men and women are currently locked up behind bars, a population constituting roughly one in every one hundred American adults. This series will endeavor to understand how we have arrived at this era of mass incarceration and how it has shaped and reshaped social relations within contemporary American society. In particular, this series will examine how the phenomenon of mass incarceration reflects and intensifies racial, economic, spatial, and gendered inequalities. Additionally, this series will ask: what alternative ways of understanding justice are possible?

- ♦ Denotes a program that is part of the Clarke Forum's semester theme: Inequality and Mass Incarceration in the United States
- * Denotes a program that is part of the Clarke Forum's Leadership in an Age of Uncertainty Series

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