

orbiting pulsar opened a new subfield of astrophysics in which the relativistic nature of gravity is tested through precise comparisons of "pulsar time" with atomic time here on earth. Among other results, the experiments have demonstrated the existence of gravitational waves, as predicted by Einstein's theory of gravity.

Monday, October 27

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Film showing, *I Was Raped*

Jennifer Baumgardner, award-winning filmmaker

The "I Was Raped" Project highlights the prevalence of rape in our culture and the silence and shame that surrounds it. The goal of this project is to add nuance to the cultural conversation about rape as well as give rape survivors a voice. In the film eight women and one man tell their rape stories.

Tuesday, October 28

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

What Voters Need to Know:

Implications for International Policy

A panel of Dickinson College faculty will examine United States foreign relations to better understand the challenges Senator Obama or McCain will face as president. Student representatives from College Democrats and College Republicans will ask questions of the panelists prior to a general question and answer

session.

Panelists: To be announced

Moderator: To be announced

Thursday, October 30

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

What Voters Need to Know:

Implications for Domestic Policy

A panel of Dickinson College professors will examine U.S. Domestic policy to better understand the challenges Senator Obama or McCain will face if elected. Student representatives from College Democrats and College Republicans will ask questions of the panelists prior to a general question and answer session.

Panelists: To be announced

Moderator: To be announced

Thursday, November 6

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

What Happened and Why? Election Wrap Up

Luke Bernstein '01, Executive Director of the PA State Republican Party

Mary Isenhour, Executive Director of the PA State Democratic Party

Prof. James Hoefler, political science, moderator

The race for president in 2008 will take many interesting and unexpected twists and turns. Join us for a session with two ultimate insiders for some insightful analysis of what happened and why.

Tuesday, November 11

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Election 2008: The Press and the Profundity of Race

Pamela Newkirk, associate professor of journalism, New York University

What was the role of race in media coverage of the 2008 presidential election, and how might it have shaped popular opinion or fueled racial divisions?

Monday, November 24

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Human Rights in the Middle East

Anthony Bonanno, LL.M., Partner London office Gibson, Dunn &

Crutcher, '68, Metzger-Conway Fellow

Using Saudi Arabia as a case study, this talk will explore human rights in the Middle East from the perspective of the Muslim world and Sharia law. Particular attention will be paid to capital punishment, sexism, homophobia, immigration, divorce and inheritance.

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Fall 2008 Calendar

Thursday, September 4

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Should Pennsylvania Legalize Marijuana?

Allen St. Pierre, executive director of NORML and the NORML Foundation

David Freed, Cumberland County District Attorney

Prof. Daniel Kenney, Dickinson College, moderator

Each year Pennsylvanians are jailed for possessing and using marijuana. Does this policy make any sense? What are the reasons for this policy? What are the reasons against it? Our panelists will debate these issues prior to a general question-and-answer period.

Continuing the Conversation

Immediately following in Stern 102

Tuesday, September 9

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:30 p.m.

Russian Resurgent? Crisis in the Caucasus

Russell Bova, Professor of Political Science and International Studies, Dickinson College

Andrew Wolff, Professor of Political Science and International Studies, Dickinson College

Craig Nation, Professor of Russian and Eurasian Studies, US Army War College
Elena Aysakova, Russian State University for the Humanities

This panel brings together experts on Russia, Eurasia, and US foreign policy to discuss the current crisis, the apparent resurgence of a more assertive Russia, and the implications for US foreign policy and US-Russian relations.

Wednesday, September 17

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Constitution Day Address

American Wars: Citizenship and Warmaking Responsibility in the Age of the Professional Army

Tom Gerety, New York University School of Law, Collegiate Professor of law and humanities

Many young Americans are disengaged from politics and public service. This disengagement is particularly troublesome in terms of decisions to go to war with a professional army. It represents a serious moral and political crisis for our democracy.

Tuesday, September 23

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Keeping America Safe and Safeguarding American Values

Rear Admiral John Hutson, dean and president, Franklin Pierce Law Center
Lt. Col. V. Stuart Couch, U.S. Marine

Corps

This panel will address the question of how we can fight terrorists and strengthen our security in ways that are strong and effective and consonant with our values and our Constitution.

Thursday, September 25

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Guantanamo and the Nation's Narrative: From Enemy Combatants to Lawfare

Prof. Rick Wilson, Director, International Human Rights Law Clinic, American University, Washington College of Law

This presentation will explore the unique, complex and sometimes puzzling language and culture of the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and its contribution to our understanding of war and the rule of law since it began operations in early 2002. This talk presents the perspective of a lawyer and law professor who has visited and worked with detainee clients at Guantanamo regularly since 2004.

Thursday, October 2

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Social Justice and Prosperity in a World City? Rethinking the 'Flat World' Thesis in Bangalore, India

Michael Goldman, Associate Professor, University of Minnesota

Are the bold new changes occurring in Bangalore, India improving the living conditions of the majority? Is the 'Bangalore model' -- solving

'Megacity'-problems with 'world-city' solutions -- helping to create sustainable and equitable cities in the global South?

Tuesday, October 7

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

LGBT Rights in Spain: Writing and Social Change

Isabel Franc, prize-winning lesbian novelist

What role can the writer play in bringing about social change? Franc, who grew up during the repressive dictatorship of Franco, addresses this question in the context of Spain's gay and lesbian movement.

Thursday, October 9

Rector Science Complex, Stafford Lecture Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Tomorrow's Web

Steve Bratt, Chief Executive Officer of the World Wide Web Consortium

New technology standards will shortly be finalized for the World Wide Web. These standards will transform the Web as we know it, permitting widespread integration of data, across an expanding range of Web sites and devices, and an explosion in the number of Web site creators and consumers.

Wednesday, October 15

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Film showing, *No! The Rape Documentary*

Aishah Simmons, award-winning filmmaker

This groundbreaking documentary explores the international reality of rape and other forms of sexual assault through the first person testimonies, scholarship, spirituality, activism and cultural work of African Americans.

Thursday, October 16

Stern Center, Great Room, 7:00 p.m.

Same Dynamics, New Directions: Centering Race, Class and Gender in Transformative Education

David Stovall, assistant professor of policy studies, University of Illinois at Chicago

Why are so many teacher training programs still reluctant to confront the complexities of race, class, and gender in k-12 education? Stovall identifies a process that prepares teachers for explicit investigations of race, class and gender. Colleges and universities should support this commitment to transformative education.

Tuesday, October 21

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Joseph Priestley Award

Dr. Joseph Taylor

Binary Pulsars and Relativistic Gravity

Pulsars appear to be nature's most precise clocks. Discovery of the first