Thursday, September 7, 2023
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
The Case for Rage: Why Anger is Essential to Anti-Racist Struggle
Myisha Cherry, University of California, Riverside
In this lecture, Cherry will argue that anger is powerful, but its power can be a force for good, especially a form of anti-racist anger, which Cherry calls “Lordean rage.” Cherry will make the argument for anti-racist anger by putting Aristotle in conversation with Audre Lorde and James Baldwin in conversation with Joseph Butler, and will show how to make sure anger doesn’t go to waste, but instead leads to lasting, long-awaited change.

Thursday, September 14, 2023
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
It’s Time to Talk about Women’s Brains and the Birth Control Pill
Sarah E. Hill, Texas Christian University
The majority of women in the U.S. will use the birth control pill at some point in their lives. Yet there is very little information out there for women or their partners about what the pill does to the brain. This presentation will reveal what we know and don’t know about the effects of the birth control pill on the brain.

Thursday, September 21, 2023 *
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
The Beirut Barracks Bombing of 1983: The Stories that America Needs to Hear
Mireille Rebeiz, Dickinson College
James Breckenridge, U.S. Army War College
Michael Gaines, Beirut Veterans of America
In 1982, the U.S Marines arrived to a war-torn Lebanon to maintain peace. On October 23rd, 1983, 241 U.S. servicemembers were killed in the deadliest single-day attack on the United States Marine Corps since the battle for Iwo Jima in 1945. This panel discusses the history of the Lebanese civil war, the American military intervention of 1982-1984, and the importance of remembrance.

Thursday, September 28, 2023
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Bodega Poetics: Classics and Caribbean Diaspora
Dan-el Padilla Peralta, Princeton University
Beginning with a reflection on the history of the word “bodega,” this lecture will look at the significance of ancient Greece and Rome to modern Caribbean communities. The focus will be on thinking through the shifting relationship of “classics” to Afro-Caribbean diasporas, and on several forms of interpretation useful for charting that relationship: historical, poetic, and autobiographical.

Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
Counting Lost Stars: Fiction Inspired by History
Kim van Alkemade, Author
In this program, the author will discuss the facts that inspired her latest novel - from the Nazis’ use of early computers to orchestrate the Holocaust to the coercive adoptions that characterized the Baby Scoop Era in the United States - and how imagination transforms history into fiction.

Tuesday, September 26, 2023
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Winfield C. Cook Constitution Day Conversation
Citizenship and Immigration Law in American History
Amanda Frost, University of Virginia
John E. Jones III ’77, P’11, Dickinson College
To commemorate Constitution Day in 2023, Dickinson College will feature President John E. Jones III, a retired federal judge, in a wide-ranging constitutional conversation with noted legal historian Amanda Frost from the University of Virginia. Jones and Frost will discuss how various landmark cases and developments from the American past have helped shape several recent controversies in citizenship and immigration law.

Tuesday, October 5, 2023
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
A Conversation on Corrections in Ink
Keri Blakinger, Los Angeles Times
In this program, Blakinger will discuss her memoir which traces her journey from competitive figure skating, to struggles with an eating disorder and addiction, to eventually a two-year sentence in New York’s prison system. Blakinger will reflect on her experiences and how they have influenced her work as an investigative reporter covering mass incarceration.
Thursday, October 26, 2023
Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.
The Bechtel Lecture
Know-Do Gap: A Fallacy for Scale-Up & Sustainability
Malabika Sarker, Brown University
Bridging the know-do gap is crucial for the successful implementation of any public health intervention especially in pertinent to scalability and sustainability. This presentation will showcase the fallacy in addressing the know-do gap as a simple linear two-dimensional strategy, illustrating with examples from Sarker’s research in Sub-Saharan Africa and Bangladesh, that the know-do gap is a continuum, not a binary theme.

Monday, October 30, 2023 *
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Creating a Calling In Culture within the Reproductive Health, Human Rights, and Justice Movements
Loretta J. Ross, Smith College
In this lecture, Ross will speak on transforming the Calling Out Culture into a Calling In Culture within the Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice movements. She is committed to changing our national dialogue and improving our work on human rights by inviting us to deeply explore how we can most effectively affect change in our society to protect women’s human rights.

Thursday, November 2, 2023
Carlisle Theatre, 7 p.m.
Film Screening of Retrograde
Baktash Ahadi, Filmmaker
Other Panelists: TBD
The final nine months of America’s 20-year war in Afghanistan from multiple perspectives is the subject of the Emmy-nominated 2022 documentary, Retrograde. A Q&A with the film’s executive producer will follow the film screening.

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 *
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
The Glover Memorial Lecture
Uncertainty in Climate Change Research: An Integrated Approach
Linda O. Mearns, National Center for Atmospheric Research
Uncertainty is a factor in all phases of climate change research regarding the future from projections of regional climate change, to the various impacts of climate change, through the economics of climate change. All these uncertainties need to be considered when approaching the complete problem of climate change. We start from the consideration of decision making under uncertainty, and then consider the nature of uncertainty in the different parts of the problem.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
The Morgan Lecture
Savage States: Settler Governance in an Age of Sorrow
Audra Simpson, Columbia University
How is the past imagined to be settled? What are the conditions that make for this imagining, this fantasy or rather, demand of a new beginning? In this piece, Simpson considers the making of ‘new time’ in light of histories of wrongdoing – residential and boarding schools and the dispossession that is tied to this in recent history – 1990 to the near present in Canada.

Thursday, November 30, 2023 *
Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.
The President’s Award and Celebration
Lives of Leadership: A Conversation with David Petraeus ’04 and Holly Petraeus ’74, P’04
The Dickinson College President’s Award is a symbol of excellence and distinction. The award is bestowed by President John E. Jones III ’77, P’11, to individuals who lead lives of service, forge new paths in their respective fields, contribute meaningfully to the betterment of the world and inspire future generations. The inaugural recipients of the President’s Award are David Petraeus ’04 and Holly Petraeus ’74, P’04, in recognition of their exemplary lives of service, both to their nation and to their community. This conversation will be facilitated by President Jones.

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