

Clarke Forum

for Contemporary Issues

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium, 7 p.m.

A Conversation on Corrections in Ink

Keri Blakinger, *Los Angeles Times*

Renée Ann Cramer, Dickinson College

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. The discussion will be facilitated by Dickinson’s Provost Renée Ann Cramer.

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

Asem Shukoori, Film Subject

The final nine months of America's 20-year war in Afghanistan from multiple perspectives is the subject of this Oscar-Shortlisted film. A Q&A with the film's executive producer and two subjects of the film will follow the 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.

From Our Mission

The Clarke Forum believes that critical reflection and the informed exchange of divergent ideas across academic disciplines improves knowledge and understanding.

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 P'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 P'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.

LEADERSHIP IN AN AGE OF UNCERTAINTY SERIES

The Clarke Forum established a series of programmatic events dedicated to the theme of leadership in an age of uncertainty. This initiative is grounded on the reality that today's generation of Dickinson students confronts a large number of intractable political, economic, and social problems. How Dickinsonians respond to these challenges presents us with an opportunity for reflection on the meaning of leadership in the contemporary world. This series is partially supported by a fund created by Betty R. '58 and Dan Churchill.

* Denotes a program that is part of the series

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