Symposia

September 15 - 18

Trends in Islam
- John L. Esposito, Professor of Religion and International Affairs and of Islamic Studies, Georgetown University, “Islam & World Affairs: Listening to the Voices of a Billion Muslims”
- Arsalan Ifthikhar, Civil Rights Attorney, Media Commentator, and Contributing Editor, Islamica Magazine, “Muslims in a Post-9/11 America”
- Amina Wadud, Emeritus Professor of Islamic Studies, Virginia Commonwealth University, “Islam, Gender, and Human Rights”
- Mostaz Fattah, Associate Professor of Political Science, Cairo University and Central Michigan University, “Democracy’s Friends and Foes in the Muslim World”
- Juan Cole, 2008 Gates Lecturer in Religious Studies; Richard P. Mitchell Distinguished Professor of History, University of Michigan, “Obstacles to Democracy in the Middle East”
- Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na’im, Charles Howard Chandler Professor, Emory University School of Law, “Islam and Human Rights at the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration”

October 28 - 30

The State of Democracy
- Hans Apel, former German Defense Minister, “The European Union: Divided and Without a Solid Democratic Structure”
- B. Ramesh Babu, Adjunct Professor, ICFAI University School of Public Policy, “Paradigm Shift in U.S.-India Relations: Estranged Democracies to Strategic Engagement”
- Michael Bratton, Professor of Political Science and African Studies, Michigan State University, “The State of Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Public Opinion Perspective”
- Carlos de la Torre, Chair of Political Studies, FLACSO, “Latin American Populism: The Foe or the Essence of Democracy?”
- Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, Associate Director for Research and Senior Research Scholar at the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, “Medvedev’s Challenges in Governing Putin’s Russia: What the Next U.S. President Should Know”
- Marina Ottaway, Director of the Middle East Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, “Democracy in the Middle East: What Can It Be Built On?”

February 3 – 5

Global Pharmaceuticals
- Rachel Nugent, Deputy Director for Global Health, Center for Global Development, “Roles and Responsibilities in Preventing Global Drug Resistance”
- Ray Giguere, Class of 1962 Term Professor of Chemistry, Skidmore College, “The Drugs in Molecules that Matter”
- Panel Discussion. Moderated by David Rosenbaum ’78
- Geoffrey Allan, CEO of Insmed, “The Drugs in Molecules that Matter”
- Kathlene R. Stratton, Scholar, Institute of Medicine, “Public Health Controversies and Vaccine Safety”
- “Careers in Public Health,” Career Connection
- Brook Baker, Northeastern University School of Law & Health GAP, “Pharma Wars: More ARVs, More than ARVs, More than Africa.”

April 14 – 16

Water
(“Co-sponsored with the Center for Prairie Studies and the Luce Program)
- Matthew Heberger, Research Associate, Pacific Institute’s Water Program, “Facing the National Water Crisis.”
- Documentary, “The Water Front”
- William A. Ehm, Director of Water Resources, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, “Water, the Public’s Wealth.”
- Ed P. Brands ’96, Coordinator, Urban Environmental Studies, Assistant Professor of Geography, Birmingham Southern College, “Policy, Process, and Perception: What Determines the Quality and Safety of Drinking Water?”
- Chemistry 210 Water Module Poster Session

National Security Network Speaker Series

September 8

September 23
- Alex Their, United States, Institute of Peace, “Afghanistan: The Forgotten War”

September 29
- Brian Katulis, Center for American Progress, “Transnational Challenges to Security”

October 7
- Roger Cressey, Good Harbor Consulting, President, “International Terrorism”
Lectures

October 15
- Ronnie Coffman, Cornell University, World Food Prize Lecture, “The Borlang Global Rust Initiative”

November 6

November 13
- Bob Dole, “A Veteran’s Perspective on WW II”

November 20
- Vlad Sambaiw, President of The Stanley Foundation, “The U.S. Role in a Changing Global Order”

November 20
- Lloyd P. Gerson ’70, “The Morality of Nations”. Co-sponsored with Global Perspectives Association

December 3
- Mary Beth Gallagher, “Working for Children & Global Health: AIDS in Namibia”

December 3
- Samuel Rizk, Specialist in interfaith/intercultural dialogue and peacebuilding, “Peace and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East: A Perspective from NGOs”

December 4
- Tom Gardner, “Torture Awareness Week” co-sponsored with Grinnell Student Peace Action Network

December 5
- Peter Drobac, Internist, Partners in Health, “A Preferential Option for the Poor: Fighting Health Inequality from Boston to Rwanda”

January 19
- Commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Panel Discussion

January 21
- “Remaining Awake During a Revolution”, recording of the speech Dr. Martin Luther King gave in Grinnell in 1967

January 28
- Dan McCue, “When News Breaks: The Daily Show Fixes It”

February 16
- Greg Thielmann ’72, “National Security Secrets and the Congress: Why the ‘First Branch’ is Often the Last to Know”

March 12
- Lara Puglielli ’91, Director, Staff Safety and Security, Catholic Relief Services, “NGO’s and Security in Today’s World”

March 30 – April 2
- Ramon Daubon, President, The Esquel Group, “Development as Democratic Relationships” and “Cuba and Puerto Rico with the U.S.: Two Sibling Love-Hate Cases?”

April 23
- William Wulf, University of Virginia, “Responsible Citizenship in a Technological Democracy”, Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Lecturer

Internship Colloquia

September 22
- Ritadhi Chakravarti – “Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries”
- Daniel Moskowitz ’09 – “The Urban Institute”
- Mark Root-Wiley ’09 – “Centre for Public Participation”
- Chloe Sikes ’10 – “Centre de Estudios Hoya Amazonica (HOYAM)”

September 25
- Heidi Conner ’09 – “Food First”
- Tamara Harrington ’09 – “US-Asia Institute”
- Chloe Neely ’10 – “Centre de Estudios Hoya Amazonica (HOYAM)”
- Alec Schierenbeck ’10 – “Center for Independent Media”
- Darcy Ward ’09 – “Tulane School of Public Health – Epidemiology”
- Chris Wong ’09 – “Chicago Council on Global Affairs”

April 22
- Rebecca Bernstein’ 10 – “MJAFT Movement”
- Saida Ayupova ’10 – “Lambda Legal”

Convocations

September 18
- Juan Cole, 2008 Gates Lecturer in Religious Studies; University of Michigan, P. Mitchell Distinguished University Professor of History, “The Iraq Crisis and the Presidential Campaign”

October 30
- Scholar’s Convocation, Thomas Melia, Freedom House, “Democracy Promotion in a Time of Transition”

Current Events

September 29
- “What is Happening to the U.S. Financial System” – Panel Discussion

January 19 - 23
- Food Drive for Martin Luther King Day

January 20
- Presidential Inauguration – All-campus viewing

January 20
- “Hillary Clinton Got Me Pregnant” by Megan Gogerty (Co-sponsored with Gender & Women’s Studies)

April 27
- Gay Marriage in Iowa – Panel Discussion

Pre-Election Film Series (Co-sponsored with the Center for the Humanities)

October 30 – November 3
- Sarah Purcell ’92, “Lions for Lambs”
- Jeanette Roan, “The Visitor”
- Glenn Odom, “Fern Gully”
- Astrid Henry, “Tying the Knot”
- Terri Geller, “The Corporation”
- David Western, “Why We Fight”
- Panel Discussion

World War II Commemoration (Co-sponsored with the Community Education Council)

November 11 – 13
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Panel Discussion, “Democracy in Peril on all Sides”, Faulconer Gallery, October 12
- Panel Discussion, “Poweshiek County Veterans Tell Their Stories”
- Panel Discussion, “Stories from the Home Front”
- Bob Dole, Senator, “A Veteran’s Perspective on World War II”