

Fall 2011

September 20, 2011

“Studying Environmental, Health, and Safety Regulation through Student Research Papers”

Brendon Swedlow, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley
J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law
Associate Professor, NIU Department of Political Science
Faculty Associate, NIU Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability, and Energy

September 27, 2011

“Fashion, Modernism, and Modernity”

Rebecca Houze, Ph.D., University of Chicago
Associate Professor and Art History Division Head, NIU School of Art

October 4, 2011

“Issues and Challenges in Intercollegiate Athletics Today”

Jeff Compher, M.S., Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
Associate Vice President & Director of Athletics, NIU Intercollegiate Athletics

October 18, 2011

“Divided Cyprus: A Vibrant and Tragic Island”

J.D. Bowers, Ph.D., Indiana University
Coordinator of Teacher Certification, NIU Office of the Provost
Associate Professor, NIU Department of History
Director, NIU Roger W. Smith Genocide & Human Rights Institute

October 25, 2011

“Metropolitan Chicago’s Evolution: Extending the Time Line with 2010 Census Results”

Richard Greene, Ph.D., University of Minnesota
Associate Professor, NIU Department of Geography

November 1, 2011

“Representing Guantanamo Detainees: An Update”

Marc Falkoff, Ph.D., Brandeis University
J.D., Columbia Law School
Associate Professor, NIU College of Law

November 8, 2011

“The NGOLD Center: A New Model in Community Leadership and Civic Engagement”

Judith Hermanson, Ph.D., George Washington University
Associate Professor, Division of Public Administration
NIU Department of Political Science Director
NIU Center for NGO Leadership and Development (NGLOD)

Spring 2011

March 15, 2011

“Politics: From Chicago to Washington and Back Again”

Matthew Streb, Ph.D., Indiana University

Associate to the President, NIU

Associate Professor, NIU Department of Political Science

March 22, 2011

“Chariot Racing in Ancient Rome”

Sinclair Bell, Ph.D., University of Edinburgh

Assistant Professor, NIU School of Art

March 29, 2011

“Revolutionary Mexico”

Michael Gonzales, Ph.D., University of California-Berkeley

Director, Center for Latino and Latin American Studies

Distinguished Research Professor, NIU Department of History

April 5, 2011

“Can You Really Lie to Me? Using FACS in Social Science Teaching and Research”

Rebecca Hannagan, Ph.D., University of Nebraska

Assistant Professor, NIU Department of Political Science

April 12, 2011

“Emerging Infectious Disease and the Next Pandemic”

Stuart Hill, Ph.D., University of St. Andrews

Associate Professor, NIU Department of Biological Sciences

April 19, 2011

“Hearing Health: Being Proactive and Maintaining Quality of Life”

Diane Schecklong, M.A., Northwestern University

Clinical Supervisor in Audiology, NIU Speech-Language Hearing Clinic

April 26, 2011

“Turkish Culture and Islam”

Omer Avci, M.S., Northern Illinois University

Doctoral student, NIU Department of Counseling, Adult & Higher Education

Graduate Instructor, NIU Department of Literacy Education

May 3, 2011

“The Ordeal of Slaves’ Flight in Ottoman Tunis”

Ismael Montant, Ph.D., York University

Assistant Professor, NIU Department of History

Winter 2011

January 18, 2011

“The Structure, Function, and Beauty of Cells”

Kenneth Gasser, Ph.D., Washington State University

Associate Professor, NIU Department of Biological Sciences

January 25, 2011

“Home Schooling, Autonomy Support, and Preparation for College”

Charles Howell, Ph.D., Syracuse University

Associate Professor and Chair,

NIU Department of Leadership, Educational Psychology and Foundations

February 1, 2011

“Catholicism and American Democracy: The JFK Election 50 Years Later”

Gary Glenn, Ph.D., University of Chicago

Distinguished Teaching Professor, NIU Department of Political Science

February 8, 2011

“Global Studies and Engagement”

Deborah Pierce, Ph.D., University of Michigan

Associate Provost, NIU Division of International Programs

Fall 2010

September 14, 2010

“Listening to Today’s Students: Iraq Veterans in the Classroom”

Jeffrey Chown, Ph.D., University of Michigan

Presidential Teaching Professor, NIU Department of Communication

September 21, 2010

“Copyright in the Digital Age: How Not to Break the Law”

Rebecca Butler, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison

Presidential Teaching Professor

NIU Department of Educational Technology, Research, and Assessment

September 28, 2010

“Listening to Rock Music: Music of Passion, Beauty, and Emotion”

Glenda Cosenza, D.M.A., Temple University

Associate Professor, NIU School of Music

October 5, 2010

“Jack London and His Fellow Radical Writers”

Co-Sponsored by the DeKalb Public Library “Big Read”

Lynne Thomas, M.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; M.A., Northern Illinois University

Head, Rare Books and Special Collections, NIU Libraries

October 12, 2010

“Educating Girls: Economic Development in Tanzania”

Kurt Thurmaier, Ph.D., Syracuse University

Professor and Director, NIU Division of Public Administration

October 19, 2010

“Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, and the Future of the U. S. Supreme Court”

Artemus Ward, Ph.D., Syracuse University

Associate Professor, NIU Department of Political Science

October 26, 2010

“Corporate Fraud”

David Sinason, Ph.D., Florida State University

PricewaterhouseCoopers Professor, NIU Department of Accountancy

November 2, 2010

“Students Learning while Serving”

David H. Taylor, J.D., Washington University

Presidential Teaching Professor & Director of Skills Training, NIU College of Law

Spring 2010

March 17, 2010

“Older Adult Friendships”

Robin Moremen, Ph.D., Yale University

Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies

NIU Department of Sociology

March 24, 2010

“The Skills for the Art: What Acting Students Learn Beyond Words”

Stanton Davis, M.F.A., University of Delaware

Assistant Professor, NIU School of Theatre & Dance

March 31, 2010

“Listening to Today’s Students: Iraq Veterans in the Classroom”

Jeffrey Chown, Ph.D., University of Michigan

Distinguished Teaching Professor and Director of Graduate Studies

NIU Department of Communication

April 7, 2010

“Leadership: The U.S. Army’s Perspective”

Lt. Col. Stephen Ashpes, M.A., Webster University

Chair, NIU Department of Military Science

April 14, 2010

‘The Penalty of Death: Retribution Gone Awry’
Lorraine Schmall, J.D., George Washington University
Professor, NIU School of Law

April 21, 2010

“Terrifying Tremors: Global Earthquakes from Indonesia to Haiti”
Philip Carpenter, Ph.D., New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology
Professor, NIU Department of Geology & Environmental Geosciences

April 28, 2010

“Energy Future and Sustainability”
Milivoje Kostic, Ph.D., University of Illinois - Chicago
Professor, NIU Department of Mechanical Engineering

May 5, 2010

“When it Bleeds it Leads: The Media’s Role in the Theater of Terrorist Violence”
Kristopher Robison, Ph.D., Ohio State University
Assistant Professor, NIU Department of Sociology

Winter 2010

January 20, 2010

“Saving Lives: The World is My Workshop”
Manny Hernandez, M.F.A., Northern Illinois University
Associate Professor, NIU School of Art

January 27, 2010

“The Moral Order of Celebrity Sightings”
Kerry Ferris, Ph.D., University of California-Los Angeles
Associate Professor, NIU Department of Sociology

February 3, 2010

“Tourist Art: Exploring Authenticity in a Museum Collection”
Ann Wright-Parsons, M.A., Northern Illinois University
Director, NIU Anthropology Museum

February 10, 2010

“Student Newspapers: Training Journalists in Real Time”
Jim Killam, B.A., Northern Illinois University
Advisor, Northern Star

Fall 2009

September 23, 2009

“Cyberculture: Why the Internet is not Optional”
David Gunkel, Ph.D., DePaul University

Presidential Teaching Professor and Director of Graduate Studies
NIU Department of Communication

September 30, 2009

“Beating the Odds: Successful Public Schools in High Poverty Communities”

Lee Shumow, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin

Presidential Teaching Professor

NIU Department of Leadership, Educational Psychology and Foundations

October 7, 2009

“Coaching On and Off the Court”

Carol Owens, B.A., Northern Illinois University

Head Basketball Coach, NIU Women’s Basketball

October 14, 2009

“Policing for Democracy: From Bosnia to Iran”

Donald Grady, Ph.D., Walden University

Chief of Police and Public Safety, NIU Department of Public Safety

October 21, 2009

“Globalizing Poe: The Two Centuries and Two Worlds of an American Romantic”

Jeffrey Einboden, Ph.D., University of Cambridge

Assistant Professor, NIU Department of English

October 28, 2009

“From Abingdon to Zuma: A Journey through 400 Years of Illinois History”

Edward Callary, Ph.D., Louisiana State University

Associate Professor, NIU Department of English

November 4, 2009

“Top Ten Misconceptions about American Paternity Laws”

Jeffry Parness, J.D., University of Chicago

Professor Emeritus, NIU College of Law

November 11, 2009

“Watch it! What Parents Need to Know to Raise Media-Smart Kids”

Mary Larson, Ed.D., Northern Illinois University

Professor, NIU Department of Communication

Summer 2009

July 8, 2009

“Plants and Humans”

Ron Toth, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts

Professor, NIU Department of Biological Sciences

July 15, 2009

“Entrepreneurship 2009: Global to Local”
Lynn Neeley, Ph.D. University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Professor, NIU Department of Management

July 22, 2009

“Mark Twain: Life and Writing on the Mississippi”
Meredith Frederich, Ph.D. student, NIU
NIU Department of English

July 29, 2009

“Endangered Languages”
James Collins, Ph.D., University of Chicago
Director, NIU Center for Southeast Asian Studies

Spring 2009

May 6, 2009

“The Financial Crisis and Economic Ramifications”
Jeff Reynolds, Ph.D. candidate, Northern Illinois University
Instructor, NIU Department of Economics,
and Assistant to the Dean, NIU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

April 29, 2009

“What Are You Truly Hungry For: Food or Freedom?”
Amy Ozier, Ph.D., University of Alabama
Assistant Professor, NIU Department of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences

April 22, 2009

“Shakespeare: From Page to Stage”
William Johnson, Ph.D., University of Iowa
Distinguished Teaching Professor, NIU Department of English

April 15, 2009

“Crazy for Koreana: Korea’s Cultural Impact on Imperial Japan”
E. Taylor Atkins, Ph.D., University of Illinois – Urbana/Champaign
Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies, NIU Department of History

April 8, 2009

“Protecting Yourself from Fraud”
David Sinason, Ph.D., Florida State University
PricewaterhouseCoopers Professor, NIU Department of Accountancy

April 1, 2009

“Searching for Huskies: Recruiting at NIU”
Jerry Kill, B.A., Southwestern College

Head Football Coach, NIU Intercollegiate Athletics

March 25, 2009

“Particles and Forces We Take for Granted”

David Hedin, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin

Distinguished Research Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, NIU Department of Physics

March 18, 2009

“Current Status of Health Care Reform”

James Ciesla, Ph.D., University of South Carolina

Professor, NIU School of Allied Health

Winter 2009

February 11, 2009

“Struck by Lightning: Mortality in the United States”

Walker Ashley, Ph.D., University of Georgia

Assistant Professor, NIU Department of Geography

February 4, 2009

“The Gun and the Pen: Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Faulkner, and the Fiction of Mobilization”

Keith Gandall, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley

Professor, NIU Department of English

January 28, 2009

“The Ethics of Stem Cell Research: Can a Conservative on Abortion”

Condone Stem Cell Research?

Sharon Sytsma, Ph.D., Loyola University

Associate Professor, NIU Department of Philosophy

January 21, 2009

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Jeffrey A. Parness, J.D., University of Chicago

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Fall 2008

November 5, 2008

“Elections 2008”

Matthew Streb, Ph.D., Indiana University

Assistant Professor, NIU Department of Political Science

October 29, 2008

“The Role of Neighborhoods in Crime Prevention and Control”

Keri Burchfield, Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University
Assistant Professor, NIU Department of Sociology

October 22, 2008

“Can Goodness Evolve?”

Neil Blackstone, Ph.D., Yale University
Professor, NIU Department of Biological Sciences

October 15, 2008

“Race, Gender, and Economic Knowledge”

Kate Cady, Ph.D., University of Iowa
Assistant Professor, NIU Department of Communication

October 8, 2008

“Does Illinois Need Another Constitutional Convention?”

James Banovetz, Ph.D., University of Minnesota
Professor Emeritus, NIU Division of Public Administration

October 1, 2008

“Confronting Genocide: Prediction, Prevention, and Punishment”

J. D. Bowers, Ph. D., Indiana University
Associate Professor, NIU Department of History
Director, Genocide & Human Rights Institute

September 24, 2008

“Who Will Take Care of Us?”

Judith Hertz, Ph.D., University of Texas
Associate Professor & Director of Graduate Studies, NIU School of Nursing & Health
Studies

September 17, 2008

“Russia Resurgent: Implications for Russians and the World”

Daniel Kempton, Ph.D., University of Illinois
Associate Professor, NIU Department of Political Science

Summer 2008

July 30, 2008

“The Economics of Poor Health and Working”

Virginia Wilcox-Gok, Ph.D., Washington University
Associate Professor, NIU Department of Economics

July 23, 2008

“The Past, Present, and Future of the Book”

Lynne Thomas, M.L.S., University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana

and M.A. in English Northern Illinois University
Rare Books Librarian, NIU University Libraries

July 16, 2008

“Tornadoes: Fatalities Due to Nature's Most Intense Windstorm”

Walker Ashley, Ph.D., University of Georgia
Assistant Professor, NIU Department of Geography

July 9, 2008

“What Sport Management Really Is: We Are the Business of Sport”

Rodney L. Caughron, Ph.D., University of Iowa
Associate Professor, NIU Department of Kinesiology & Physical Education

Spring 2008

May 7, 2008

“Representing Guantanamo Detainees”

Marc Falkoff, Ph.D., Brandeis University; J.D., Columbia University
Assistant Professor, NIU College of Law

April 30, 2008

“Religion and Violence: Historical Considerations”

Brian Sandberg, Ph.D., University of Illinois
Assistant Professor, NIU Department of History

April 23, 2008

“How Do Genes Influence Political Decision Making? Clues from Gender Differences”

Rebecca Hannagan, Ph. D., University of Nebraska
Assistant Professor, NIU Department of Political Science

April 16, 2008

“Cultural Considerations in Global Business”

Tanuja Singh, D.B.A., Southern Illinois University
Chair & Associate Professor, NIU Department of Marketing

April 9, 2008

“Why Hiroshima? Why Nagasaki?: Truman, Stalin, and the A-Bomb”

Albert Resis, Ph.D., Columbia University
Professor Emeritus, NIU Department of History

April 2, 2008

“Artificial Intelligence”

Joel Jeffrey, Ph.D., University of Colorado
Professor, NIU Department of Computer Science

March 26, 2008

“Islamic Cultures”

Andrea Molnar, Ph.D., Australian National University
Associate Professor, NIU Department of Anthropology &
Center for Southeast Asian Studies

March 19, 2008

“Post-Mortem on the 2008 Presidential Primaries”

Matthew Streb, Ph. D., Indiana University
Director of Undergraduate Studies & Assistant Professor
NIU Department of Political Science

Winter 2008

Feb 13, 2008

“Physical Geography of the Mississippi River System: Big River Meets Bigger Glacier
and Some Pesky Humans”

Michael Konen, Ph.D., Iowa State University
Associate Professor, NIU Department of Geography

Feb 6, 2008

“The Economics of Poor Health and Working”

Virginia Wilcox-Gok, Ph.D., Washington University
Associate Professor, NIU Department of Economics

Jan 30, 2008

“The Social and Economic Consequences of Globalization in Northern Illinois”

Robert Gleeson, Ph.D., Carnegie Mellon University
Associate Director, NIU Regional Development Institute
Director, Center for Government Studies

Jan 23, 2008

“An Anthropological and Local View of Our Midwestern Food System”

Kendall Thu, Ph.D., University of Iowa
Associate Professor, NIU Department of Anthropology
Jody and Beth Osmund, Cedar Valley Sustainable Farm

Fall 2007

Nov 7, 2007

“Choosing a Pope: A Board Game Simulating Papal Elections”

Stephen Haliczzer, Ph.D. St. Andrews University, Scotland
Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus ,NIU Department of History

Oct 31, 2007

“The Life of Early Medieval Women: From the Silence of the Sources”

Valerie Garver, Ph.D University of Virginia
Assistant Professor, NIU Department of History

Oct 24, 2007

“The Sources and National Security Implications of America’s Dependency on Foreign Oil”

Christopher Jones, Ph.D., Syracuse University
Chair and Associate Professor, NIU Department of Political Science

Oct 17, 2007

“Financing and Delivery of Health Care for Seniors”

James Ciesla, Ph.D. University of South Carolina
Associate Professor, NIU School of Allied Health Professions

Oct 10, 2007

“Romance and Memory of the Civil War: The Death of ‘Latane’ in Verse and on Canvass”

Bradley G. Bond, Ph.D. Louisiana State University
Associate Dean, NIU Graduate School, Assistant Professor NIU Department of History

Oct 3, 2007

“Aquifers and Ground Water Resources of Northern Illinois”

Colin J. Booth, Ph.D. The Pennsylvania State University
Professor, NIU Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences

Sept 26, 2007

“The Resurgence of Cambodian Buddhism”

Judy Ledgerwood, Ph.D. Cornell University
Associate Professor and Chair, NIU Department of Anthropology

Sept 19, 2007

“Honey Bee Disease and the National Economy: Why You Never See Honey Bees in Your Garden Any More”

Christopher Hubbard, Ph. D. Wake Forest University
Associate Professor, NIU Department of Biological Sciences

Summer 2007

August 1, 2007

“Storytelling for Life”

Peggy Sullivan, Ph.D., University of Chicago
Dean & Professor Emeritus, University Libraries & College of Professional Studies

July 25, 2007

“Alternative Energy and Power Systems”

Donald Zinger, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin
Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering

July 18, 2007

“The Abraham Lincoln Historical Digitization Project”

Drew VandeCreek, Ph.D., University of Virginia
Director of Digital Projects, Founders Memorial Library

July 11, 2007

“Double Standard, A Double Life, and the Double Helix: A Brief history of Women in Science”

Lesley Rigg, Ph.D. University of Melbourne
Associate Professor, Department of Geography & Department of Biological Sciences

Spring 2007

May 2

“Language Diversity & Our Schools: The Impact of Immigration on Teaching & Learning”

Rick Orem, Ed.D., University of Georgia
Professor, NIU Department of Literacy Education

April 25

“American Sign Language: The Language of Deaf Americans?”

Nancy Castle, Ph.D., Northern Illinois University
Professor, NIU Department of Communicative Disorders

April 18

“Challenges in the Global War on Terrorism”

Christopher Jones, Ph.D., Syracuse University
Chair & Associate Professor, NIU Department of Political Science

April 11

“Mr. Kiss Kiss Bang Bang: James Bond and Cultural Politics”

Christoph Lindner, Ph.D., University of Edinburgh
Assistant Professor, NIU Department of English

April 4

“Native Soil: A History of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau”

Eric Mogren, J.D., University of Colorado; Ph.D., University of Michigan
Associate Professor, NIU Department of History

March 28

“Report From the Ends of the Earth: Drilling in the Antarctic”

Ross Powell, Ph.D., Ohio State University
Professor, NIU Department of Geology & Environmental Geosciences

March 21

“Elections & Voting: Report From the Frontlines”

Sharon Holmes

DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder

March 14

“Anti-Immigration Municipal Codes: A Fractured Legal Template”

Guadalupe Luna, J.D., University of Minnesota

Professor, NIU College of Law

Winter 2007

February 7, 2007

“Contemporary Cuba”

Sarah Blue, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, NIU Center for Latino and Latin

American Studies

January 31, 2007

“Origins of Monumental Architecture: Hawaii in the 13th Century”

Michael Kolb, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles

Associate Professor, NIU Department of Anthropology

January 24, 2007

“Hidden Faults Beneath Our Feet: Illinois Earthquakes Past, Present and Future”

Phil Carpenter, Ph.D., New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology

Professor, NIU Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences

January 17, 2007

“The 2006 Congressional Elections Revisited”

Matthew Streb, Ph.D., Indiana University

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Assistant Professor, NIU Department of Political Science