

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 Gandal, 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

Top Ten Misconceptions about American Paternity Laws
Jeffrey A. Parness, J.D., University of Chicago
Professor Emeritus, NIU College of Law

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

Fall 2006

November 8, 2006

How Is the Constitution Relevant to Political Disagreement?
Three Cases: Immigration, the Iraq War and the Marriage Amendment
Gary Glenn, Ph.D., University of Chicago
Presidential Teaching Professor, Department of Political Science

November 1, 2006

Intersections of State and Federal Political Affairs
Kathryn Buettner, M.P.A., Northern Illinois University
Vice President and Executive Director, External Affairs and Economic Development

October 25, 2006

Soil Carbon, Agricultural Land-Use, and Global Change Relationships
Michael Konen, Ph.D., Iowa State University
Associate Professor, Department of Geography

October 18, 2007

Why Does Our Landscape Look So Monotonous?
Ann Sorensen, Ph.D., University of California-Berkeley
Director, Center for Agriculture in the Environment

October 11, 2007

Ancient Greek Influence on the American Founding Fathers

George Kourvetaris, Ph.D., Northwestern University
Professor, Department of Sociology

October 4, 2006

The Politics of Marbury v. Madison and the Lasting Legacy of Judicial Review
Artemus Ward, Ph.D., Maxwell School of Citizenship, Syracuse University
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

September 27, 2006

Huskie Core Values: Delivering a “World Class” Student-Athlete Experience
Carol Owens, Head Coach
Northern Illinois University Women’s Basketball

September 20, 2006

The World of Independent Filmmaking Up Close and Personal
Laura Vazquez, Ph.D., Northwestern University
Assistant Professor, Department of Communication

Winter 2006

February 15, 2006

“Making Music History Style!”
E. Taylor Atkins, Sean Farrell, Jason Hawke, Beatrix Hoffman, Eric Jones, James Schmidt
Department of History, Professorial Band

February 8, 2006

“Barbarism Exposed: Journalism and Mormonism in the Late 1800s”
Walter Atkinson, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Department of Communication

February 1, 2006

“Pollution Under Your Feet: How Groundwater and Soil Influence Contamination”
Melissa Lenczewski, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences

January 25, 2006

“Autobiographical Memory”
John. Skowronski, Ph.D., Professor
Department of Psychology

Fall 2005

November 9, 2005

“Government Information Policy: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly”
Earl Shumaker, M.S., Louisiana State University

Associate Professor and Head, Government Publications Department
Coordinator of the Branch Library System, University Libraries

November 2, 2005

“Of Windmills and Warriors: Spanish Politics and Character Through the Eyes of Don Quixote”

Carl Atlee, Ph.D., University of Arizona

Assistant Professor, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

October 26, 2005

“‘I Have Created a Monster’: Genetic Explanations for Halloween’s Legendary Creatures”

Rick Johns, Ph.D., University of Oregon

Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences

October 19, 2005

“First Amendment Center and Freedom of Information”

David Bennett, Executive Director, Illinois Press Association

Beth Bennett, Director of Legislative Affairs, Illinois Press Association

October 12, 2005

“Behind the China Gate: Teaching and Living in Contemporary China”

Kenton Clymer, Ph.D., University of Michigan

Chair, Department of History

October 5, 2005

“‘Acuity’: A Memory Enhancement Game for Seniors”

Alan Robinson, Ed.D., Northern Illinois University

Director, Outreach, College of Health and Human Sciences

September 28, 2005

“Critiquing a Presidential Speech”

Ferald Bryan, Ph.D., University of Missouri

Associate Professor, Department of Communication

September 21, 2005

“Using 4-D Confocal Microscopy to Study the Effect of Load on How Cells Build Skin, Cornea, Tendon and Bone”

Barbara Johnson-Wint, Ph.D., Michigan State University

Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences

Summer 2005

July 27, 2005

“From Polytheism to Monotheism in Ancient Greece”

Sharon Sytsma, Ph.D., Loyola University
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy

July 20, 2005

“For the Love of the Bard”
William Baker, Ph.D., University of London
Professor, Department of English, University Libraires

July 13, 2005

“An Open Forum with Mayor Frank VanBuer: The Past, Present, and Future of DeKalb, Illinois “
Frank VanBuer, Ph.D., University of Illinois
Mayor, City of DeKalb, Illinois

July 6, 2005

“Before the Land of Lincoln: Taming the Wild Prairie”
Drew VandeCreek, Ph.D., University of Virginia
Abraham Lincoln Historical Digitization Project, and
Northern Illinois University Libraries Digitization Unit

Spring 2005

May 11, 2005

“The NIU Forensics Team”
Judith Santacaterina
Director of Individual Events, NIU Forensics, Department of Communication
Advisor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

May 4, 2005

“Heroines, Harlots, and Homebodies: Women in Popular Literature Collections at NIU”
Lynne Thomas, MLS, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana
Head of Rare Books and Special Collections, Founders Memorial Library

April 27, 2005

“The Changing Demographics of Northeastern Illinois”
Ruth Ann Tobias, ABD, Northern Illinois University
Senior Research Associate, NIUCenter for Governmental Studies

April 20, 2005

“Albert Einstein and the World of Physics 2005”
David Hedin, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin
Professor, Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Physics
Patricia Sievert, Outreach Coordinator, Department of Physics

April 13, 2005

“The New Vietnam”

Clark Neher, Ph.D., University of California-Los Angeles
Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science
Distinguished Presidential Teaching Professor

April 6, 2005

“Using Personal Resources to Keep in Charge of Your Life!”

Judith Hertz, Ph. D., RN, University of Texas-Austin
Assistant Professor, School of Nursing
2002-2004 John A. Hartford Foundation Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity
Post Doctoral Scholar

March 30, 2005

“Paul Douglas and Post World War II Liberalism”

Roger Biles, Ph.D., University of Illinois-Chicago
Visiting Professor, East Carolina University
Department of History

March 23, 2005

“John Gray is from Mars: Popular Advice vs. Gender Communication Research”

Lois Self, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin
Chair, Associate Professor, Department of Communication

Winter 2005

February 9, 2005

“The Poetry of Love”

Stephen Franklin, Ph.D., Northern Illinois University
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of English

February 2, 2005

“Treasures of Mexico”

Michael Gonzales, Ph. D., University of California-Berkley
Director, Center for Latino and Latin American Studies
Presidential Research Professor, Department of History

January 26, 2005

“NIU Center for Burma Studies”

Catherine Raymond, Ph. D., La Sorbonne, Paris, France
Director, Center for Burma Studies

January 19, 2005

“Lost in Translation? Issues in Translating American, German, and French Films”

Katharina Barbe, Ph.D., Rice University
Associate Professor, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

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November 11, 2004

“The 2004 Presidential and Congressional Elections”

Gary Glenn, Ph.D., University of Chicago

Presidential Teaching Professor, Professor, Department of Political Science

November 3, 2004

“Life in a Mega-Science Experiment”

Gerald C. Blazey, Ph.D., University of Minnesota

Co-Director, Northern Illinois Center for Accelerator and Detector Development

Distinguished Research Professor, Associate Professor, Department of Physics

October 27, 2004

“Perceptions and Misperceptions of Egypt and the Arab World”

Hanan Hegazi, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt

Visiting Scholar, Women’s Studies

October 20, 2004

“The Acoustics of Music”

Thomas Rossing, Ph.D., Iowa State University

Distinguished Research Professor, Professor, Department of Physics

October 13, 2004

“Film and Literature”

Robert Self, Ph.D., University of North Carolina

Professor, Department of English

October 6, 2004

“NIU Huskies Basketball”

Rob Judson, NIU Head Men’s Basketball Coach

September 29, 2004

“The History of Medicare”

Beatrix Hoffman, Ph.D., Rutgers University

Associate Professor, Department of History

September 22, 2004

“NIU Regional History Center”

Glen Gildemeister, Ph.D., Northern Illinois University

Director, NIU Regional History Center, University Archivist

Summer 2004

July 28, 2004

“NIU Huskies Football”

Joe Novak, NIU Head Football Coach, NIU Athletics

July 21, 2004

“The History of Blues Music as an Expression of Black Culture”

Brian Thornton, Ph.D., Department of Communication

July 14, 2004

“The Red Planet’s River Valleys”

Wei Luo, Ph.D., Department of Geography

Spring 2004

May 5, 2004

“Four Arguments in the Intelligent Design Debate”

Larry Arnhart, Ph.D., Department of Political Science

April 28, 2004

“Henry D. Thoreau at NIU”

Elizabeth Hall Witherell, Ph.D., Editor-in-Chief, The Writings of Henry D. Thoreau Project, University Libraries

April 21, 2004

“NIU’s Anthropology Museum”

Ann Wright-Parsons, M.A., Director, Anthropology Museum, Department of Anthropology

April 14, 2004

“Immigration, Religion, Gender, Marriage, and Sex in Early America”

Aaron Fogleman, Ph.D., Department of History

April 7, 2004

“Do Good Looks Win Votes?”

James N. Schubert, Ph.D., Department of Political Science

March 31, 2004

“The Prairie Parkway Project”

John Lewis, Ph.D., Center for Governmental Studies

March 24, 2004

“NIU’s Center for Black Studies”

LaVerne Gyant, Ed.D., Director, Center for Black Studies

March 17, 2004

“As She Likes It: Shakespeare’s Surprising Women”

Alexandra Bennett, Ph.D., Department of English

Winter 2004

February 4, 2004

“The Arab Israeli Conflict”

Tomis Kapitan, Ph.D., Department of Philosophy

January 28, 2004

“The Case of Michael Moore: Politics Enters Entertainment”

Jeffrey Chown, Ph.D., Department of Communication

January 21, 2004

“Sports and Race”

Stanley Arnold, Ph.D., Department of History

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November 5, 2003

“Blue Nippon: Authenticating Jazz in Japan”

E. Taylor Atkins, Ph.D., Department of History

October 29, 2003

“DNA Analysis and Genetic Engineering”

Patricia S. Vary, Ph.D., Distinguished Research Professor, Department of Biological Sciences

October 22, 2003

“Reading the Family Dance”

John V. Knapp, Ph.D., Department of English

October 15, 2003

“Modern Unitarianism: Heresy Trials, Historical Amnesia, and the American Religious Milieu”

Jerome D. Bowers II, Ph.D., Coordinator, History and Social Sciences Secondary Teacher Certification, Department of History

October 8, 2003

“Wet Dogs and Gushing Oranges: Winespeak for a New Millennium”

Sean N. Shesgreen, Ph.D., Distinguished Research Professor, Department of English

October 1, 2003

“Print and Broadcast Media in the Middle East”

Orayb Najjar, Ph.D., Department of Communication