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**Fall 2015**

September 15
Fashion, Gender, and Ethnicity in Mainland Southeast Asian Art  
Catherine Raymond, NIU School of Art & Design, Director, Center for Burma Studies

September 22
Putin and the USA: A New Cold War?  
Albert Resis, Professor Emeritus, NIU Department of History

September 29
After Charlie Hebdo: Laïcité and Religious Politics in France  
Brian Sandburg, NIU Department of History

October 6
Weather Safety 101: What You Really Need to Know  
Gilbert Sebenste, NIU Staff Meteorologist

October 13
Combating Cancer in the 21st Century  
Barrie Bode, NIU Department of Biological Sciences

October 20
My Love Affair with Comic Books  
Michael Korcek, NIU Sports Information Director, Retired

October 27
Youth Leadership and Conflict Resolution in the Southern Philippines  
Susan Russell, NIU Department of Anthropology

November 3
Taking Care of Old Cons: Why We Need MORE Prisons  
Jim Thomas, Professor Emeritus, NIU Department of Sociology

**Spring 2015**

*March 17*
Skeletons Out of the Closet: Japanese American Resistance in World War II Incarceration Camps  
Author Takako Day and her editor Michael Day, Department of English

*March 24*
Understanding Our Asymmetrical Universe  
David Hedin, Board of Trustees Professor, Department of Physics
March 31
Planning for Northern Illinois University’s Future
Doug Baker, President, Northern Illinois University

April 7
Tapping into Sports Marketing: The Relation Between Sports and Alcohol
Steven Howell, Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education

April 14
Boron the Miracle Element – From Preserving Egyptian Mummies to Curing Cancer
Narayan Hosmane, Distinguished Research Professor and Board of Trustees Professor,
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

April 21
What’s Brewing in Genoa?
Andrew Nordman and Brian Matejka, Proprietors, Cademon Brewing Company

April 28
College Republicans and Conservative Social Identity
Jeffrey L. Kidder, Department of Sociology

May 5
Making Our Community Safe
Lieutenant Mike Thomas, City of DeKalb Fire Department

Winter 2015
January 20
The Drug Court
Marilyn Stromborg, Retired DeKalb County Drug Court Administrator

January 27
Sycamore’s Railroad History Revisited
Clint Cargile, Author-Historian

February 3
Giulia Bigolina and Early Modern Italian Literature
Christopher Nissen, Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures

February 10
Food Systems and Sustainable Agriculture
Courtney Gallaher, Department of Geography and Women’s Studies Program

Fall 2014
September 23
Bullying in Relation to Athletic Training
William Pitney, NIU Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education

September 30
Identity Theft and Computer Fraud
DeKalb Police Officer Chad McNett and Sycamore Police Officer Ann Carlson

October 7
What is the Role of Women in an Ideal Society?
Andrea Radasanu, NIU Department of Political Science

October 14
Watersheds and National Borders: Resource Conflicts in Jordan, Israel, and Palestine
Emily McKee, NIU Department of Anthropology and the Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability & Energy

October 21
The Sociology of Animal Crime
Keri B. Burchfield, NIU Department of Sociology

October 28
Issues to Consider on Election Day
Matthew Streb, NIU Department of Political Science

November 4
Trends in Low-Wage Worker Organizing
Michael M. Oswalt, NIU School of Law

Spring 2014
March 18
Public Health in the Time of Plague: The Case of Sixteenth-Century Seville
Kristy Wilson Bowers, NIU Department of History

March 25
Safe Passage Services and Philosophy
Marj Askins, Safe Passage

April 1
From Gown to Town and Back
Bill Nicklas, NIU Vice President for Public Safety and Community Relations

April 8
Witnessing the Cambodian Killing Fields: Using Life Histories to Design a Museum Exhibit
Judy Ledgerwood, NIU Department of Anthropology
April 15
Fossil Primates from Asia
Dan Gebo, NIU Department of Anthropology

April 22
Creating Acres of Change: A History of DeKalb County
Clark Neher, NIU Department of Political Science, and attorney Ronald Klein

April 29
Pushing the Limits of Human Endurance: A Look Inside the World of Ultracycling
Paul Carpenter, NIU Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education

May 6
Controversies in American Art
Barbara Jaffee, NIU School of Art

Winter 2014
January 21
Teaching Shakespeare in Myanmar
Amy Levin, NIU Department of English

January 28
Molecular Structure: Beauty and Treachery
Douglas Klumpp, NIU Department of Chemistry

February 4
The Rise of Inequality: Why Labor Matters
Rosemary Feurer, NIU Department of History

February 11
The Team, The Coach
Rod Carey, NIU Head Football Coach

Fall 2013
September 17
Comparing Shari’a Politics in Two Indonesian Provinces
Michael Buehler, NIU Department of Political Science

September 24
The Greatest Chief Justice? How John Roberts Has Transformed the Supreme Court
Artemus Ward, NIU Department of Political Science

October 1
Time Art: Art in a New Millennium  
Bart Woodstrup, NIU School of Art

October 8  
Killing With Kindness: Haiti, International, and NGOs  
Mark Schuller, NIU Department of Anthropology

October 15  
The Origins of Cinema: Spectacle and Storytelling, 1894-1913  
Scott Balcerzak, NIU Department of English

October 22  
The Origins and Evolution of Madagascar’s Modern Vertebrates  
Karen Samonds, NIU Department of Biological Sciences

October 29  
Leadership and the Situation at Hand  
Gene Lowery, DeKalb Chief of Police

Spring 2013  
March 19  
Media, Culture and Society in Iran  
Mehdi Semati, NIU Department of Communication

March 26  
Building a School, Building a Future for Girls in Kenya  
Diana Swanson, NIU Department of English & Women’s Studies Program

April 2  
The Curious Case of Sherlock Hare: Race, Class and Mental Health in British Burma  
Trude Jacobsen, NIU Department of History

April 9  
Public Health Issues in Northern Illinois  
Jane Lux, DeKalb County Health Department

April 16  
Deception Detection  
Chin Chen Lee, NIU Department of Accountancy

April 23  
Teaching about Southeast Asia through Film  
John Hartmann, NIU Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

April 30
English Language Learners: Who Are They and How Do We Service Them in Our K-12 Schools?
James Cohen, NIU Department of Literacy Education

May 7
Doping and Sports
Jan Rintala, NIU Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education (professor emerita)

**Winter 2013**

*January 22*
Revisiting November: A Look Back at the 2012 Elections
Matt Streb, NIU Department of Political Science

*January 29*
How to Read a Graphic Novel
Steven A. Torres-Roman, DeKalb Public Library

*February 5*
Using Themed Learning Communities to Explore the Effect of War on Art
Stephanie Kummerer, NIU Department of English

**Fall 2012**

*September 18*
The Mindset and the Maintenance of Social Anxiety
David Valentiner, NIU Department of Psychology

*September 25*
The History of International Adoption
Heidi Fehrenbach, NIU Department of History

*October 2*
It’s Not Your Grandfather’s Farm Any More
Doug Dashner, DeKalb County Farm Bureau

*October 9*
How NIU Really Works – An Ombudsperson’s Perspective
Tim Griffin, NIU Ombudsperson emeritus

*October 16*
How Should the Supreme Court Interpret Legislation?
Amy Widman, NIU College of Law

*October 23*
Policing in a Democracy
Kirk Miller, NIU Department of Sociology

October 30
Local History Research and Preservation: The Sycamore Train Depot
Clint Cargile, Graduate Student, NIU Department of History

Spring 2012
March 20
The Fuss over Food: The Spice Trade and the Origins of the Modern World
Eric Jones, NIU Department of History

March 27
Nutrition and Poverty
Marti O’Gorman, NIU Recreation Services

April 3
2012 Presidential Election: Update & Analysis
Matt Streb, NIU Department of Political Science

April 10
The Serious Side of Graphic Novels
Peter Van Ael, NIU School of Art

April 17
The Big Picture: Books for Children & Young Adults
Melanie Koss, NIU Department of Literacy Education

April 24
Challenges of the Modern Olympics
Jan Rintala, NIU Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education

May 1
Sex, Drugs, and Rock ‘n’ Roll: Forty Years On
Steve Lux, NIU Health Enhancement

May 8
Playing & Touring with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Linc Smelser, Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra

Winter 2012
January 24
The ABCs of DNA
Kenneth Gasser, Department of Biological Sciences
January 31
Perceived Country of Origin as a Factor in International Marketing
Peter Magnusson, Department of Marketing

February 7
Inside Public Radio
Dan Klefstad, WNIJ

February 14
East Africa in the Iron Age: Swahili Traders and Their Partners in the Indian Ocean
Sibel Kusimba, Department of Anthropology

Fall 2011
September 20
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
Fashion, Modernism, and Modernity
Rebecca Houze, Ph.D., University of Chicago
Associate Professor and Art History Division Head, NIU School of Art

October 4
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
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
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
Representing Guantanamo Detainees: An Update
Marc Falkoff, Ph.D., Brandeis University
J.D., Columbia Law School
Associate Professor, NIU College of Law

November 8
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 (NGOLD)

Spring 2011
March 15
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
Chariot Racing in Ancient Rome
Sinclair Bell, Ph.D., University of Edinburgh
Assistant Professor, NIU School of Art

March 29
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
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
Emerging Infectious Disease and the Next Pandemic
Stuart Hill, Ph.D., University of St. Andrews
Associate Professor, NIU Department of Biological Sciences

April 19
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
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
The Ordeal of Slaves’ Flight in Ottoman Tunis
Ismael Montant, Ph.D., York University
Assistant Professor, NIU Department of History

Winter 2011
January 18
The Structure, Function, and Beauty of Cells
Kenneth Gasser, Ph.D., Washington State University
Associate Professor, NIU Department of Biological Sciences

January 25
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
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
Global Studies and Engagement
Deborah Pierce, Ph.D., University of Michigan
Associate Provost, NIU Division of International Programs

Fall 2010
September 14
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
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
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
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
Educating Girls: Economic Development in Tanzania
Kurt Thurmaier, Ph.D., Syracuse University
Professor and Director, NIU Division of Public Administration

October 19
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
Corporate Fraud
David Sinason, Ph.D., Florida State University
PricewaterhouseCoopers Professor, NIU Department of Accountancy

November 2
Students Learning while Serving
David H. Taylor, J.D., Washington University
Presidental Teaching Professor & Director of Skills Training, NIU College of Law

Spring 2010
March 17
Older Adult Friendships
Robin Moremen, Ph.D., Yale University
Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies
NIU Department of Sociology

March 24
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
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
Leadership: The U.S. Army’s Perspective
Lt. Col. Stephen Ashpes, M.A., Webster University
Chair, NIU Department of Military Science

April 14
The Penalty of Death: Retribution Gone Awry
Lorraine Schmall, J.D., George Washington University
Professor, NIU School of Law

April 21
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
Energy Future and Sustainability
Milivoje Kostic, Ph.D., University of Illinois - Chicago
Professor, NIU Department of Mechanical Engineering

May 5
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
Saving Lives: The World is My Workshop
Manny Hernandez, M.F.A., Northern Illinois University
Associate Professor, NIU School of Art

January 27
The Moral Order of Celebrity Sightings
Kerry Ferris, Ph.D., University of California-Los Angeles
Associate Professor, NIU Department of Sociology

February 3
Tourist Art: Exploring Authenticity in a Museum Collection
Ann Wright-Parsons, M.A., Northern Illinois University
Director, NIU Anthropology Museum
February 10
Student Newspapers: Training Journalists in Real Time
Jim Killam, B.A, Northern Illinois University
Advisor, Northern Star

Fall 2009

September 23
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
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
Coaching On and Off the Court
Carol Owens, B.A., Northern Illinois University
Head Basketball Coach, NIU Women’s Basketball

October 14
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
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
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
Top Ten Misconceptions about American Paternity Laws
Jeffry Parness, J.D., University of Chicago
Professor Emeritus, NIU College of Law

November 11
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*
Plants and Humans
Ron Toth, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts
Professor, NIU Department of Biological Sciences

*July 15*
Entrepreneurship 2009: Global to Local
Lynn Neeley, Ph.D. University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Professor, NIU Department of Management

*July 22*
Mark Twain: Life and Writing on the Mississippi
Meredith Frederich, Ph.D. student, NIU
NIU Department of English

*July 29*
Endangered Languages
James Collins, Ph.D., University of Chicago
Director, NIU Center for Southeast Asian Studies

**Spring 2009**

*March 18*
Current Status of Health Care Reform
James Ciesla, Ph.D., University of South Carolina
Professor, NIU School of Allied Health

*March 25*
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

*April 1*
Searching for Huskies: Recruiting at NIU
Jerry Kill, B.A., Southwestern College
Head Football Coach, NIU Intercollegiate Athletics

*April 8*
Protecting Yourself from Fraud  
David Sinason, Ph.D., Florida State University  
PricewaterhouseCoopers Professor, NIU Department of Accountancy  

April 15  
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 22  
Shakespeare: From Page to Stage  
William Johnson, Ph.D., University of Iowa  
Distinguished Teaching Professor, NIU Department of English  

April 29  
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  

May 6  
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  

Winter 2009  
January 21  
Top Ten Misconceptions about American Paternity Laws  
Jeffrey A. Parness, J.D., University of Chicago  
Professor Emeritus, NIU College of Law  

January 28  
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  

February 4  
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  

February 11