PREVIOUS NIU LLI NOTABLES

**Fall 2016**

*September 13*
Ancient Instruments Rediscovered  
Greg Beyer, NIU School of Music

*September 20*
The 3D Printing Revolution  
Federico Sciammerella, NIU Department of Mechanical Engineering

*September 27*
The Atlantic World in the Age of Revolution and Emancipation, 1776-1867  
Aaron Fogleman, NIU Department of History

*October 4*
What Does the State’s Attorney Do?  
Richard Schmack, DeKalb County State’s Attorney

*October 11*
Recent Progress in the Study of Andean Origins  
Kurt Rademaker, NIU Department of Anthropology

*October 18*
Dirty Words: Culture and Language  
Betty Birner, NIU Department of English

*October 25*
Knights and Samurai  
Valerie Garver and E. Taylor Atkins, NIU Department of History

*November 1*
History and Archaeology at the Glidden Homestead  
Rob Glover, Executive Director, Joseph F. Glidden Homestead Historical Center

**Spring 2016**

*March 15*
History and Health Care Reform  
Beatrix Hoffman, NIU Department of History

*March 22*
Race and Contemporary American Policing  
Kirk Miller, NIU Department of Sociology

*March 29*
The 2016 Presidential Election: Update and Analysis
Matt Streb, NIU Department of Political Science

April 5
Chasing the Wind
Walker Ashley, Meteorology Program, NIU Department of Geography

April 12
On a Non-Racial Basis: Sports and the Struggle Against Apartheid
Stanley Arnold, NIU Department of History

April 19
A Visit with the Coroner
Dennis Miller, DeKalb County Coroner

April 26
Running a Local History Museum
Michelle Donahoe, Director, Sycamore History Museum

May 3
Identity Theft
Jason Leviskas, Illinois Comptroller’s Office

Winter 2016
January 19
A Comparison of Health Care Systems
Ivan Shils, M.D., DeKalb Clinic physician (retired)

January 26
The DeKalb Public Library Expansion
Dee Coover, Director, DeKalb Public Library

February 2
Friendship
Suzanne Degges-White, NIU Department of Counseling, Adult and Higher Education

February 9
The Everyday Lives of Children in the Middle Ages
Valerie Garver, NIU Department of History

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
The July Crisis in France
Elaine Spencer, Professor Emerita, 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 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

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