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
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
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

**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**
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
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 Haliczer, 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**  
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
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