

Study Abroad Scholars



Jonathan Powell (center), chief of staff for Tony Blair, talked with students including Mershon scholar Stephanie Sobek (far right) from AMIDEAST's Peace and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East program in London. Powell discussed the conflict in Northern Ireland and his belief that it is necessary to work with but not appease terrorist organizations when dealing with conflict resolution.

Mershon Center begins developing new initiative in peace studies

Students wanting to learn how to set up refugee camps in war-torn regions of the world and faculty looking for the latest research on peace will soon have a new resource at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies.

The center is working with university partners to develop a peace studies initiative consisting of three parts:

- A minor in peace studies to be offered in coming years through the International Studies program.
- An online certificate program that will combine

courses in the theory and practice of peace building.

- An academic conference on peace studies likely at the Mershon Center in 2012-13. It will be open to the public.



Carlarne

Critical to the initiative is the hiring of two positions. One is an endowed Chair in Peace Studies, for which the Mershon Center is currently conducting a search.

The other is Peace Studies Coordinator **John Carlarne**, who will be teaching several courses including Introduction to Peace Studies; Activism, Power and Social Change; and

a readings seminar.

Carlarne's research focuses on nonviolence, with particular emphasis on the role of civilian actors in fostering change within unraveled and unraveling states. He has worked in 14 countries, including post-conflict Bosnia and Croatia, where he conducted an analysis of peace-building initiatives by the international community.

Carlarne has also been a member of Peace Brigades International since 1996, and is currently a member of the organization's International Council. He has a doctorate in social and cultural anthropology from University of Oxford.

Mershon welcomes new director

J. Craig Jenkins, professor of sociology, political science and environmental science, has joined the Mershon Center for International Security Studies as its new director this year.

Jenkins comes to the center after a year as a visiting professor at the Peace Research Institute of Oslo, and before that as chair of the Sociology Department.



Jenkins

His research focuses on four major themes:

- *Rentier* states and political conflict in the Middle East
 - patterns of political contention
 - the development and impact of the U.S. environmental movement
 - the political economy of high technology development.
- Jenkins has been the recipient of numerous Mershon grants, including:
- *Rentierism and Conflict in the Middle East*, which also won a grant from the National Science Foundation
 - *World Handbook of Political Indicators IV*
 - *The Development of Islamist Insurgency: Egypt, 1986-1999*

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Fall 2011 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPTEMBER 18	19 <i>Noon,</i> 120 Mershon Brian Pollins	20	21 <i>Fall quarter</i> <i>begins</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 <i>3:30 p.m.,</i> 120 Mershon John Owen	29	30	OCTOBER 1
2	3	4 <i>3:30 p.m.,</i> 120 Mershon William Shkurti	5	6 <i>Noon,</i> 120 Mershon Bruce Cumings <i>Conference</i> Beyond Mosque, Church & State	7 <i>Conference</i> Beyond Mosque, Church & State <i>Conference</i> Science and Technology in East Asia	8 <i>Conference</i> Beyond Mosque, Church & State <i>Conference</i> Science and Technology in East Asia
9 <i>Conference</i> Science and Technology in East Asia	10 <i>Noon,</i> 120 Mershon Christopher Gelpi	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 <i>Noon,</i> 120 Mershon Richard Ned Lebow	19	20 <i>Conference</i> Immigration: What's At Stake?	21 <i>Conference</i> Immigration: What's At Stake?	22
23	24 <i>Noon,</i> 120 Mershon Henrik Urdal	25	26	27 <i>3:30 p.m.,</i> 437 Arps Hall Jesse Shapiro	28 <i>Noon,</i> 120 Mershon Charles Griswold	29
30	31	NOVEMBER 1 <i>Noon,</i> 120 Mershon Christine Jojarth	2 <i>Noon,</i> 120 Mershon Michael Horowitz	3	4	5
6	7	8 <i>Noon,</i> 120 Mershon Jeffrey Hunker	9	10 <i>Conference</i> Islam and Rationality	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> <i>Conference</i> Islam and Rationality	12 <i>Conference</i> Islam and Rationality
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	26
27	28	29 <i>3:30 p.m.,</i> 120 Mershon Page Fortna	30	DECEMBER 1	2 <i>Last day of fall classes</i>	3



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Wednesday, September 28, 2011

John Owen
Professor of Politics
University of Virginia
"The Clash of Ideas in World Politics"
 3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120



Owen

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

William Shkurti
Adjunct Professor
John Glenn School of Public Affairs
"New Lessons From an Old War"
 3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120



Shkurti

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Bruce Cumings
Gustavus and Ann Swift Distinguished Service
Professor in History, University of Chicago
"Pacific Ascendancy: Or, A Non-Atlanticist View of the American Position in the World"
 Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Cummings

Monday, October 10, 2011

Christopher Gelpi
Professor of Political Science
Duke University
"Paying the Human Costs of War: American Public Opinion and Military Conflict"
 Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Gelpi

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Richard Ned Lebow
James O. Freedman Presidential Professor of
Government at Dartmouth College
"In Search of Ourselves: The Politics and Ethics of Identity"
 Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



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Monday, October 24, 2011

Henrik Urdal
Senior Researcher, Centre for the Study of
Civil War, Peace Research Institute of Oslo
"Differential Population Dynamics, Inequality and Political Violence in India"
 Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Urdal

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Jesse Shapiro
Professor of Economics
University of Chicago
"Ideological Segregation Online and Offline"
 3:30 p.m., 437 Arps Hall



Shapiro

Friday, October 28, 2011

Charles Griswold
Borden Parker Bowne Professor of Philosophy
Boston University
"Liberty and Compulsory Civil Religion in Rousseau's Social Contract, and Adam Smith's Alternative"
 3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120



Griswold

Edgar S. Furniss Book Award Winner

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Christine Jojarth
Research Fellow, Erfut University
"The Fuzzy Governance of Soft Hard Law and Hard Soft Law"
 Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Jojarth

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Michael Horowitz
Associate Professor Political Science
University of Pennsylvania
"How Prior Military Experience Influences The Future Militarized Behavior Of Leaders"
 Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Horowitz

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Jeffrey Hunker
Principal, Jeffrey Hunker Associates LLC
"Cyber as a National Security Issue: What We Know and Don't Know (and What are the Elephants in the Room?)"
 Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Hunker

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Page Fortna
Associate Professor of Political Science
Columbia University
"Do Terrorists Win? Rebels' Use of Terrorism and Civil War Outcomes"
 3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120



Fortna



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- Rentier States and International Terrorism in Ecological Focus
- Dissent/Repression Nexus in the Middle East, which also won a grant from the National Science Foundation
- If it Bleeds, It Leads: Assessing Media Effects on Transnational Terrorism
- The Ecology of Terrorist Organizations
- Violent Conflict, Environmental Degradation, and Food Security
- Conflict Carrying Capacity and the Early Warning of Civil Violence

He is author of more than 80 referred articles and book chapters and *The Politics of Insurgency: The Farm Worker Movement of the 1960s* (1986), *The Politics of Protest* (1995), *Identity Conflicts* (2007) and *The Handbook of Politics* (2010).

Jenkins was named a Fulbright Fellow to Norway in 2010, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2009, and a Joan N Huber Faculty Fellow in 2003.

Among his immediate goals at the Mershon Center are to hire distinguished scholars in the endowed Chair in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution and Woody Hayes Chair of National Security, as well as continue to build Mershon's program of conferences and events and its research grants to faculty and students.

Mershon Center sponsors variety of conferences during Fall 2011

The Mershon Center for International Security Studies in partnership with other departments and units from across Ohio State, is sponsoring the following conferences during fall quarter 2011:

- **Beyond Mosque, Church, and State: Negotiating Religious and Ethno-National Identities in the Balkans**, organized by Theodora Dragostinova and Yana Hashamova, compares the histories of Bosnia and Bulgaria. Though both Balkan countries have negotiated complex religious and ethnic identities, Bulgaria has maintained religious tolerance and political stability, while Bosnia has gone through civil war and ethnic cleansing. Thursday-Saturday, October 6-8, John Glenn School of Public Affairs. More info: <http://slaviccenter.osu.edu/beyondmosque.html>
- **Science, Technology and Medicine in East Asia: Policy, Practice, and Implications in a Global Context**, held in honor of Ohio State historian James Bartholomew, examines the ways in which the sciences in East Asia have shaped and are being shaped in the contemporary world. Friday-Sunday, October 7-9, Mershon Center. More info: <http://history.osu.edu/east-asian-conference>
- **Immigration: What's at Stake?** is part of the 2011-12 university-wide Conversation on Immigration. Organized by Don Hubin and Eric McGilvray, the conference will focus on core ethical, political, social, and economic issues related to immigration. Thursday-Friday, October 20-21, Thompson Library. Keynote speaker: Jorge Castañeda, former foreign minister of Mexico. More info: <https://immigration.osu.edu>
- **Islam and Rationality: The Impact of al-Ghazali**, organized by Georges Tamer, will discuss the impact of Abu Hamid al-Ghazali (1058-1111), a central figure in the history of Islamic theology, jurisprudence, philosophy and Sufism. Thursday-Saturday, November 10-12, Mershon Center. More info: <http://www.islamandrationality.org/>

