

Finding Aid for the Assembly Series Collection, 2009-2011

Descriptive Summary

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Creator: Office of Public Affairs, Washington University in St. Louis.

Title: Assembly Series Collection.

Dates: 2009 -- 2011.

Quantity: 0.5 linear feet and 70 digital audio and/or video recordings.

Language: English.

Historical Note

For a half century, the Washington University Assembly Series has brought some of the most important voices in contemporary society to campus. The lectures, which represent a broad range of topics designed to complement the University's curriculum, are free and open to the public.

Support for the lecture series comes from Student Union and the University, as well as from other student groups, academic departments, and schools.

Scope and Content Note

This finding aid describes Assembly Series recordings from one decade. Items are listed by a unique Assembly Series Lecture identifier (ASL number), then by speaker name, and lecture title. Physical format is noted in brackets. Analog recordings were made through 2008. Starting in 2009 recordings are only in digital format, indicated with the note "born digital." A brief abstract of the lecture is given if available.

Additional decades are described in separate finding aids.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically, grouped by year.

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

Assembly Series staff from the Office of Public Affairs transferred the recordings to University Archives each semester.

Accruals

Accruals are interfiled with the collection.

Processing Information

Material is continually added to this collection and is processed as it is received.

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Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Collection Contents

2009

ASL2009-01

Speaker: Maxine Clark,

Entrepreneurship in the Current Economy

Date of Program: February 2, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Location: Graham Chapel

In 1997, Clark turned a unique concept into a multi-million dollar success. The founder of Build-A-Bear Workshop updated the traditional Teddy Bear and made it interactive. In just over 11 years, she has grown the business from one store to more than 400 worldwide. She will field questions on the role of entrepreneurship in the current economy, and announce the winner of the 2008 Olin Cup. The Olin Cup is a business formation competition sponsored by the University's Skandalaris Center and the Olin Business School, in addition to a number of off-campus sponsors.

ASL2009-02

Speaker: Lela Lee,

My Culture is Pop Culture

Date of Program: February 11, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Asian American Association

Location: Graham Chapel

Through her cartoons, short films, and Web comic series, Lee has found creative outlets for expressing her feelings as a minority in America. Lee also is an actress, and has appeared on television hits such as Scrubs.

ASL2009-03

Speaker: Janice Radway,

Zines, Half-lives and Afterlives: On the Temporalities of Social and Political Change

Date of Program: February 17, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Named Lecture: Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities (IPH) Lecture Series

Location: Women's Building Lounge

Radway is known as a cultural historian and literary scholar who examines the art as well as the act of reading. Her books, Reading the Romance, and A Feeling for Books, look at the excitements and satisfactions of "middlebrow" reading.

ASL2009-04

Speaker: Jonathan Schaeffer,

Computers (and Human) Perfection at Checkers

Date of Program: February 18, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Named Lecture: William C. Ferguson Lecture

Location: Steinberg Hall Auditorium

Schaeffer is a computer scientist who created the Chinook Project, the 18-year project to build a computer program capable of winning the human World Checkers Championship. In his William C. Ferguson Lecture, "Computer (and Human) Perfection at Checkers," he will discuss the interplay between people and technology—the story of man versus machine -- for supremacy at Checkers.

ASL2009-05

Speaker: David Konig,

Speaker: Andrew Rehfelf,

The Legacy of George Washington

Date of Program: February 18, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Location: Women's Building Lounge

To commemorate the anniversary of George Washington's 277th birthday, Washington University scholars will examine the legend versus the real man, and consider whether the philosophical and moral ambiguities he wrestled with during his lifetime have modern connotations. Panelists are David Konig, Ph.D., professor of history in Arts & Sciences and professor of law in the School of Law; and Andrew Rehfelf, Ph.D., associate professor and director of undergraduate studies in political science in Arts & Sciences.

ASL2009-06

Speaker: Anna Shabsin,

Speaker: Asad Ahmend,

Speaker: Fernando Cutzn,

Speaker: Bob Hansman,

Speaker: Aaron Samuels,

Speaker: Tim Taylor,

Speaker: Sarah Wong,

A Discussion About Race

Date of Program: February 25, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Location: Danforth University Center (DUC) Fun Room

In January, several sponsors brought the Human Race Machine to campus, with the hope of creating a new way of discussing race. Students and faculty will converge for an informal and candid conversation about being a member of a minority group in America today.

ASL2009-07

Speaker: Paul Alivisatos,

Development of New Nanocrystal Molecules for Biological Sensing and Detecting

Date of Program: March 4, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Named Lecture: Arthur Holly Compton Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

Nanoscience and its applications will play a major role in future scientific and medical breakthroughs, and for the past two decades, Alivisatos has been at the forefront of this revolution. In his talk for the Arthur Holly Compton Lecture, he will describe his work and the promise it holds for creating new imaging tools.

ASL2009-08

Speaker: Janine Benyus ,

Date of Program: March 19, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Engineers without Borders

Sponsor: College of Architecture

Sponsor: Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Design

Location: Graham Chapel

Benyus is a leading theorist and practitioner of the new discipline of biomimicry, which develops sustainable technologies inspired by ideas from nature. Benyus' talk is sponsored by Engineers without Borders and the College of Architecture and the Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Design.

ASL2009-09

Speaker: Robert Osserman,

How the Gateway Arch Got Its Shape

Date of Program: March 25, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Department of Mathematics

Named Lecture: Department of Mathematics Lecture

Location: Steinberg Hall Auditorium

The St. Louis Gateway Arch is not only a monumental architectural structure, it's also a mathematical marvel. Osserman, a distinguished mathematician, will explore the concepts involved in the Arch's design.

ASL2009-10

Speaker: Henry "Roddy" Roediger, III,

Phi Beta Kappa Lecture

Date of Program: March 30, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Phi Beta Kappa

Location: Graham Chapel

Roediger, Ph.D., the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor in Arts & Sciences, will deliver the annual Phi Beta Kappa Lecture. An expert in human memory function, his most recent research focuses on applying cognitive psychology to improve learning in educational situations.

ASL2009-11

Speaker: Morgan Spurlock,

Lecture

Date of Program: April 1, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Congress of the South 40

Location: Graham Chapel

For filmmaker Spurlock, "keeping it real" is more than just a phrase - it's a philosophy that drives him to write, direct and star in his documentaries. He gained fame in 2005 with the Oscar-nominated "Super Size Me," an indictment of Americans' unhealthy eating habits. His film, "Where in the World Is Osama Bin Laden?" was released in 2008.

ASL2009-12

Speaker: Richard P. Martin,

Finding Homer

Date of Program: April 9, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Named Lecture: Biggs Lecture in the Classics

Location: Steinberg Hall Auditorium

The distinguished scholar in Homeric poetry and ancient Greece will deliver the annual Biggs Lecture in the Classics. Martin's work centers on the way in which Homer was appreciated as performance art in his time and compares ancient Greek poetry with modern rap.

ASL2009-13

Speaker: Chad Nackers,

Speaker: John Harris,

'The Onion' Guys

Date of Program: April 9, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: WUnderground

Sponsor: Washington University Libraries

Named Lecture: Neureuther Library Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

Newscasters Chad Nackers and John Harris of The Onion will bring their satire to campus.

ASL2009-14

Speaker: Theresa Wilson,

Making a Purchase that Makes a Difference: The Blessing Basket Project

Date of Program: April 15, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Women's Society

Named Lecture: Women's Society Adele Starbird Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

Wilson is leading thousands of women in some of the poorest countries out of poverty with her non-profit organization. The concept, connecting basket weavers directly with consumers, translates a simple purchase into one that makes a big impact.

ASL2009-15

Speaker: Harold Ramis,

"Existentialism, Post-modernism and Deconstructionism: Will this be on the test?"

Date of Program: September 9, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Filmboard

Location: Graham Chapel

Ramis earned a bachelor's degree in Arts & Sciences in 1966. His work in film has stood the test of time. In an April 2004 New Yorker story, Tad Friend points out how Ramis' unique perspective on our culture and its institutions have kept his films funny for 25 years. They attack "the smugness of institutional life ... with an impish good will that is unmistakably American," apparent in such films as "Animal House," which trashes fraternity systems; "Caddyshack," which targets country clubs; and "Stripes," which skewers the Army. Then there are the "tongue-in-cheek pep talks," one of the most memorable performed by Bill Murray in "Stripes": "We're Americans! ... That means that our forefathers were kicked out of every decent country in the world." Ramis films have the unmistakable imprint of improvisation, picked up from his stint in Chicago's Second City improv troupe, where he cut his comedic teeth along with John Belushi and Murray. Ramis featured Murray in six movies, including what most critics consider his masterpiece, "Groundhog Day." Several films followed, including "Multiplicity," "Analyze This," its sequel, "Analyze That," "Stuart Saves his Family" and "Bedazzled." These works, in turn, have influenced and inspired a new generation of comedic talent ranging from Judd Apatow to Bobby and Peter Farrelly. Since graduation, Ramis has stayed connected to WUSTL and periodically visits the campus. He served two terms on the Board of Trustees from 1997-2005. He received a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1988 and an honorary doctor of arts in 1993. His latest comedy, "Year One," stars Jack Black and Michael Cera and has been compared to a Bob Hope and Bing Crosby road movie. And there is good news for Ramis fans: "Ghostbusters III" is in the works. ("Record" August 27, 2009)

ASL2009-16

Speaker: Julie Otsuka,

When the Emperor Was Divine

Date of Program: September 15, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Center for the Study of Ethics and Human Values Sponsor: Freshman Reading Program

Sponsor: Washington University Libraries

Named Lecture: Neureurher Library Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

"When the Emperor Was Divine," Otsuka's debut novel, is a heartbreaking yet un sentimental account of a Japanese-American family's evacuation and internment during World War II and its return home. In addition to being a rich character study, "Emperor" delves into the subjects of race, identity and racial profiling. Otsuka's novel is this year's Freshman Reading Program selection. Her talk is part of a bigger series on racial profiling this fall sponsored by the Center for the Study of Ethics and Human Values. (Record, August 27, 2009)

ASL2009-17

Speaker: Jessica Jackley,

[Kiva.org]

Date of Program: September 17, 2009

[born digital, video/mp2]

Sponsor: Skandalaris Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, Olin School of Business

Location: Skandalaris Center for Entrepreneurial Studies

After experiencing firsthand the many dimensions of poverty, Jackley and her husband, Matthew Flannery, founded Kiva.org, the first online micro financing Web site that connects individual lenders to aspiring entrepreneurs in developing countries. Kiva is the only micro financing enterprise that provides person-to-person lending and allows lenders and borrowers to stay in touch. (Record, August 27, 2009)

ASL2009-18

Speaker: Jonathan Chase,

Speaker: Dan Hellmuth,

Green Building at Tyson Research Center

Date of Program: September 24, 2009

[born digital, video]

Location: Wilson Hall Room 214

Many of WUSTL's buildings are environmentally friendly, but the new Living Learning Center at the Tyson Research Center takes the commitment a giant leap forward. Chase, Ph.D., associate professor of biology in Arts & Sciences and director of the Tyson Research Center, and Hellmuth, a principal and co-founder of the center's design firm, Hellmuth & Bicknese Architects, will discuss the significant challenges they faced in creating one of North America's greenest buildings. (Record, August 27, 2009)

ASL2009-19

Speaker: Matthew Coles,

State of the LGBT Movement

Date of Program: September 30, 2009

[LECTURE NOT RECORDED]

Sponsor: School of Law

Named Lecture: Public Interest Law & Policy Speakers Series

Location: Anheuser-Busch Hall, Bryan Cave Moot Courtroom

Coles is a constitutional and civil rights expert on legal issues involving sexual orientation, gender identity, employment discrimination, domestic partnerships and HIV/AIDS. For more than three decades, Coles has helped bring about some of the country's legal milestones in gay rights. This event was not recorded. (Record, August 27, 2009)

2009-20

Speaker: Harold Ford Jr.,

An Afternoon with Harold Ford, Jr.

Date of Program: October 7, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Named Lecture: Elliot Stein Lecture in Ethics

Location: Graham Chapel

Ford, a former five-term congressman from Tennessee, shot onto the national political scene in 2000, delivering the Democratic National Convention's keynote speech. Since losing a close senatorial race in 2006, he chairs the Democratic Leadership Council, is a vice president at Merrill Lynch and teaches public policy at Vanderbilt University. (Record, August 27, 2009)

ASL2009-21

Speaker: David Callahan,

Creating a Culture of Integrity

Date of Program: October 15, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Center for Academic Integrity Conference

Named Lecture: Center for the Study of Ethics and Human Values Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

When it comes to getting ahead in school and life, Callahan believes that Americans are abandoning their moral compass in search of success at any cost. In his book "The Cheating Culture" and its follow-up, "The Moral Center," he lists the culprits he holds responsible for this decline and presents compelling arguments for a return to honoring our culture's core principles. Callahan's talk is the keynote address for the Center for Academic Integrity Conference. (Record, August 27, 2009)

ASL2009-22

Speaker: Urvashi Vaid,

Beyond the Wedding Ring: LGBT Activism in the Age of Obama

Date of Program: October 23, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Spencer T. Olin Fellows Conference

Named Lecture: Spencer T. Olin Fellows Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

The prominent activist/lawyer has devoted her career to fostering equal rights for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered communities. Her 1996 book, "Virtual Equality: The Mainstreaming of Gay and Lesbian Liberation," brought attention to the progress made by gay persons living in America and the obstacles keeping them from achieving true equality. (Record, August 27, 2009)

ASL2009-23

Speaker: Francis G. Slay,

A Discussion with Mayor Slay

Date of Program: October 29, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Chimes

Named Lecture: Chimes Junior Honorary Lecture

Location: Danforth University Center (DUC) - Tisch Commons

This past April, Slay began his third term as mayor of St. Louis. Under his leadership, the city has made progress in reducing some urban social ills but continues to face difficult challenges, especially in education. Slay will lead an informal discussion on St. Louis' prospects and challenges. (Record, August 27, 2009)

ASL2009-24

Speaker: John Maeda,
Creative Leadership

Date of Program: November 4, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts

Named Lecture: Conference on Economies: Arts Architecture Keynote Address

Location: Graham Chapel

The emergence of computer-assisted art design created the need for experts in both disciplines to educate the next generation of designers. With degrees in computer science and art — and a passion for both — Maeda has influenced the way today's artists use technology to create great designs. He is the president of the Rhode Island School of Design and wrote "The Laws of Simplicity." Maeda is the keynote speaker for the Sam Fox School's Conference on Economies: Arts Architecture. (Record, August 27, 2009)

ASL2009-25

Speaker: Benedict Kiernan,

Blood and Soil: Genocide in World History

Date of Program: November 11, 2009

[born digital, audio/wav]

Named Lecture: Holocaust Memorial Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

A leading scholar on the history of genocide with a focus on Southeast Asia, Kiernan has worked tirelessly to bring the Khmer Rouge to justice for its crimes against the Cambodian people. His recent book is "Blood and Soil: A World History of Genocide and Extermination from Sparta to Darfur." Kiernan will deliver the annual Holocaust Memorial Lecture.

2010

ASL2010-01

Speaker: Amory Lovins,

Reinventing Fire: The Profitable Transition from Oil and Coal to Efficiency and Renewables

Date of Program: January 27, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Arthur Holly Compton Lecture

Named Lecture: Arthur Holly Compton Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

Deemed by many as an environmental visionary, Lovins has advocated for finding and using alternative energy sources for more than three decades. As cofounder, chair and chief scientist of the Rocky Mountain Institute, a leading environmental think tank, he is widely recognized as one of the world's premiere authorities on energy conservation and innovation.

ASL2010-02

Speaker: Robert Freling,

Skandalaris Center's Olin Cup Competition Keynote

Date of Program: February 4, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Engineers Without Borders

Sponsor: Skandalaris Center

Location: Graham Chapel

Few things are more essential to the estimated two billion people living in the developing world than access to clean, affordable electricity. Robert Freling, executive director of SELF — the Solar Electric Light Fund — has made it his mission to deliver clean, renewable electricity to villagers around the world.

ASL2010-03

Speaker: Edward Larson,

From Dayton to Dover: A Brief History of the Evolution Teaching Controversy in the U.S.

Date of Program: February 10, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Thomas Hall Lecture

Named Lecture: Thomas Hall Lecture

Location: Louderman, Room 458

Historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Edward Larson's books, which mainly deal with evolution and the current and historical conflicts between science and religion, are regarded as both scholarly and highly readable for the general population.

ASL2010-05

Speaker: Caroline Bynum,

Weeping Statues and Bleeding Bread: Miracles and their Theorists

Date of Program: February 22, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities (IPH)

Named Lecture: Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities Lecture

Location: Women's Building Lounge

Throughout her distinguished career, medieval historian Caroline Bynum has been examining the language, imagery and concept of identity in texts of the European Middle Ages.

ASL2010-06

Speaker: Kip Fulbeck,

What Are You? The Changing Face of America

Date of Program: March 2, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Association of Mixed Students

Sponsor: Missouri History Museum

Named Lecture: Association of Mixed Students Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

Kip Fulbeck uses art, film, photographs and words to explore the meaning of racial identity for those whose ethnic backgrounds do not fit into one, neat category. Fulbeck's own mixed heritage is Cantonese, English, Irish and Welsh, which qualifies him for the term "Hapa," the once derogatory slang word for "half," as in half Asian or Pacific Islander. One of his most lasting contributions to the national discussion on race and identity is the Hapa Project, an exhibition (and book) featuring more than 1,200 portraits. Portions of Fulbeck's Hapa Project are displayed in the Missouri History Museum's new exhibition, "RACE: Are We So Different?" which runs through April 4. The museum is co-sponsoring Fulbeck's talk, "What Are You? The Changing Face of America," at 5 p.m. March 2 in Graham Chapel. At 7 p.m. March 5, Fulbeck will appear at the museum.

ASL2010-07

Speaker: Matisyahu,

Matisyahu: Unplugged, an unscripted conversation about music, philosophy, and religion

Date of Program: March 18, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Jewish Student Union and St. Louis Hillel

Sponsor: Congress of the South 40, Chabad on campus, Congregation b'nai amoona

Location: Graham Chapel

Acclaimed singer/songwriter Matisyahu will make a special appearance at Washington University at 4 p.m. March 18 in Graham Chapel. The program will feature an acoustic performance as well as a discussion about his development as an artist, his latest record, "Light," and the fusion of his philosophies and various musical styles. Matisyahu is a cultural icon, whose unique blend of Hasidic, reggae and hip-hop music has sold millions of records and garnered fans around the world. Seating will be limited.

ASL2010-08

Speaker: Naomi Klein,

The Present and Future of Capitalism

Date of Program: March 24, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Chancellor's Fellows Lecture

Named Lecture: Chancellor's Fellows Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

Since writing the 2000 best seller "No Logo: Taking Aim at the Brand Bullies" and following it up with the explosive and equally popular 2007 book "Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism," Naomi Klein has become a symbol for the anti-globalization movement. Klein's talk, "The Present and Future of Capitalism," will be the Chancellor's Fellows Lecture at 11 a.m. March 24 in Graham Chapel. The discussion will continue at 2 p.m. with a panel in the Women's Building Lounge.

ASL2010-10

Speaker: Eric Greitens,

CEO The Mission Continues: Inspiring Leadership in Challenging Times

Date of Program: March 30, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Gephardt Institute for Public Service

Sponsor: Skandalaris Center for Entrepreneurial Studies

Named Lecture: Thomas C. Hennings Memorial Lecture

Location: Brown Hall, Room 118

Greitens is a highly-decorated veteran and humanitarian who has established a center in St. Louis that assists wounded veterans in finding leadership opportunities in community service

ASL2010-11

Speaker: James Lennox,

William Harvey: Enigmatic Aristotelian of the Scientific Revolution

Date of Program: April 7, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Biggs Lecture in the Classics

Named Lecture: James and Penelope Biggs Lecture in the Classics

Location: Simon Hall, May Auditorium

James Lennox is a historian and philosopher of science. A preeminent scholar in the field of Aristotle's philosophy and biology, he is also an expert on Darwin and contemporary philosophy of biology.

ASL2010-12

Speaker: Gloria Steinem,

Sex Trafficking and the New Abolitionists

Date of Program: April 12, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Location: Graham Chapel

For nearly half a century, Steinem has been at the forefront of the women's rights movement in America. Her influence on American culture has been far-reaching and included the creation of Ms. Magazine and Take Your Daughter to Work Day. More recently, her advocacy has focused on the global sex trade problem, which will be the subject of her lecture, "Sex Trafficking and the New Abolitionists."

ASL2010-13

Speaker: Nancy Giles,

Mentoring Matters

Date of Program: April 15, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Location: Graham Chapel

Since 2003, Nancy Giles has been delivering smart and witty social commentaries on everything from Barack Obama's presidency to Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" on "CBS Sunday Morning." Giles is also a veteran of the famous improvisation troupe Second City, has acted in a number of films and television series, and has written and performed solo pieces for the stage.

ASL2010-14

Speaker: Robert Thach,

An Emerging Tick-borne Disease in the Central United States: Human Monocytic Ehrlichiosis

Date of Program: April 20, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Phi Beta Kappa / Sigma Xi

Named Lecture: Phi Beta Kappa / Sigma Xi Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

WUSTL biologist Robert Thach will reflect on his current work which seeks to understand the ecology and epidemiology of vector-borne illnesses associated with ticks.

ASL2010-15

Speaker: Mary Zimmerman,

Bodies I Have in Mind: Adapting Ancient Texts for the Stage

Date of Program: April 21, 2010

[born digital, audio]

Sponsor: WU Women's Society

Named Lecture: Women's Society Lecture / Helen Clanton Morrin Lecture

Location: Edison Theater

Tony award winning playwright and director Mary Zimmerman possesses a love for literature, as many of her theatrical works on stage can attest. Zimmerman will be here for the Performing Arts Department's staging of "Metamorphoses."

ASL2010-16

Speaker: Arsalan Iftikhar,

The Pacifist Fundamentalist

Date of Program: September 13, 2010

[born digital, audio/mp3]

Sponsor: First Year Center

Named Lecture: Freshman Reading Program and First Year Center Lecture

Location: College Hall, WUSTL Residential Area (South 40)

Arsalan Iftikhar, an international human rights lawyer, prominent political commentator and author of the popular blog, TheMuslimGuy.com, will explore some of the themes found in the novel, The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mosin Hamid, which is this year's reading selection of the Freshman Reading Program. When it comes to presenting the "Islamic" voice in American media, Iftikhar notes the tendency of media to play to exaggerated statements of an intolerant few instead of presenting the tolerant, moderate majority voice. Since the attacks of 9/11, Iftikhar has been battling this tendency, trying to dispel the falsehoods of the uninformed and extremist few who find the spotlight. Iftikhar majored in political science in Arts & Sciences as an undergraduate at WUSTL

ASL2010-17

Speaker: Matthew Bishop,

Philanthrocapitalism

Date of Program: September 16, 2010

[born digital, audio]

Sponsor: Skandalaris Center

Named Lecture: Skandalaris Center for Entrepreneurial Studies Lecture

Location: May Auditorium, Simon Hall

In this era of financial morass, is it odd that “mega-giving” is thriving? Not according to Bishop, who with co-author Michael Green has coined the term philanthrocapitalism. As the recent pledges made by billionaires demonstrate, the concept of using a person’s wealth, business savvy, and influence to address the world’s gravest ills has taken a firm hold on our collective psyche, and it will only grow stronger. Bishop is the U.S. business editor and New York bureau chief of The Economist, and author of many books.

ASL2010-18

Speaker: Kevin Washburn,

Improving Criminal Justice for American Indians

Date of Program: September 23, 2010

[born digital, audio/mp3]

Sponsor: School of Law and the Native American Law Student Association

Sponsor: Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies at the Brown School of Social Work

Location: Anheuser-Busch Hall, Trial Courtroom #309

As a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, Washburn knew firsthand about racial disparities. He now uses his legal expertise to help develop law policy on behalf of American Indians, such as the Tribal Law and Order Act, recently signed by President Obama, which bolsters justice resources for reservations. Washburn is also one of the country’s leading experts on gaming law.

ASL2010-19

Speaker: Jonathan Safran Foer,

Reading and Commentary

Date of Program: September 30, 2010

[born digital, audio/mp3]

Sponsor: Washington University Libraries (Neureuther Lecture)

Sponsor: Campus Bookstore and Mortar Board honor society

Named Lecture: Neureuther Library Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

Foer is widely regarded as one of the most important and most unconventional writers of our time. Hailed by many critics as a work of genius, his first novel, *Everything Is Illuminated*, was published when he was 25 years old. It was followed by another critically acclaimed novel, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, in 2005. His most recent work, the non-fiction *Eating Animals*, is an account of his personal journey toward vegetarianism.

ASL2010-20

Speaker: Nicholas Kristof,

Half the Sky: From Oppression to Opportunity for Women Worldwide

Date of Program: October 04, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Named Lecture: Benjamin E. Youngsdahl Lecture in Social Policy

Location: Graham Chapel

In his search to shed light on the profound challenges people living in underdeveloped countries must endure, Kristof has frequently placed himself in danger. Despite the atrocities he's witnessed, the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning op-ed columnist for the *New York Times* and co-author of *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, remains committed to giving a voice to the most vulnerable.

ASL2010-21

Speaker: Cynthia Enloe,

Spencer T. Olin Fellows Lecture

Date of Program: October 8, 2010

[born digital, audio/mp3]

Sponsor: Spencer T. Olin Fellowship

Location: Steinberg Hall Auditorium

As Enloe's research has shown, the effects of globalization on women are vastly different from that of men. She has travelled the globe, talking to women about their everyday lives and analyzing their situations from a distinct feminist perspective. In her many books, Enloe, who teaches at Clark University, exposes the human side of what it means to be female in a global economy. She is this year's Spencer T. Olin Fellows lecturer.

ASL2010-22

Speaker: Adam Ross,
Reading and Commentary

Date of Program: October 19, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: University Libraries (Neureuther Lecture)

Sponsor: Writing Program

Named Lecture: Neureuther Library Lecture

Location: Women's Building Formal Lounge

Although Ross's debut novel, *Mr. Peanut*, bagged the #1 spot on the Huffington Post's "best summer reading," it's anything but lightweight. The graduate of WUSTL's Writing Program uses a murder investigation as a way to create a sophisticated, complex, funny and brutally honest rumination on the institution of marriage. Stephen King put it best when he called *Mr. Peanut* "The most riveting look at the dark side of marriage since *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*"

ASL2010-23

Speaker: Colette Avital,
Lecture

Date of Program: October 22, 2010

[LECTURE NOT RECORDED]

Sponsor: Students for a Peaceful Palestinian and Israeli Future

Location: College Hall, South 40 Campus

The former deputy speaker of the Knesset and former Israeli ambassador has dedicated her career to the service of Israel, to which she emigrated from Romania in 1950. Elected to the 15th Knesset in 1999 as a member of the Labour Party, she served in a number of capacities and chaired committees on ethics, foreign relations, women's issues, and immigration. She held her seat for three legislative terms. Furthermore, she was instrumental in creating a committee that located and restored stolen assets of Holocaust victims. Avital's appearance is sponsored by Students for a Peaceful Palestinian and Israeli Future. This event was not recorded.

ASL2010-24

Speaker: Mott Greene,

Alfred Wegener and the Origins of Modern Earth Science in the Theory of Continental Drift

Date of Program: November 3, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Thomas Hall Lecture in the History of Science

Named Lecture: Thomas Hall Lecture in the History of Science

Location: McMillan Hall, room 149

With the sophisticated methods scientists now access, it's interesting to think about how great discoveries were made a century ago. Greene, a geologist and MacArthur Fellow, has done just that. In his soon-to-be-published book, Greene examines the work of Alfred Wegener, the first earth scientist who recognized the importance of using data from other disciplines. Greene believes this widening of focus was key to Wegener's discovery of continental drift.

ASL2010-25

Speaker: Marianne Hirsch,

Rites of Return: The Afterlife of the Holocaust in Jewish Memory

Date of Program: November 8, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Holocaust Memorial Lecture

Named Lecture: Annual Holocaust Memorial Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

Iconic images of the horrors of the Holocaust are a part of our culture's collective memory. Hirsch studies the ways in which these images became part of one's unconscious understanding of the world and how the past is processed and remembered. Hirsch's most recent book, *Ghosts of Home: The Afterlife of Czernowitz in Jewish Memory*, co-authored with Leo Spitzer, offers a profound analysis of memory's echo across generations.

ASL2010-26

Speaker: Jonathan Zimmerman,

Beyond Bedrooms and Borders: What a Historian of American Sex Education Learned by Looking Overseas

Date of Program: November 11, 2010

[born digital, audio/mp3]

Sponsor: Phi Alpha Theta history honorary

Location: Women's Building Lounge

As Zimmerman often notes in his books, op-ed pieces, and blogs, the classroom has always been the battleground for America's culture wars. Although the Scopes trial occurred nearly a century ago, the fight over teaching evolution in the classroom, as well as the ongoing conflicts over prayer, sex education, and which "side" gets to tell the story of America in its textbooks -- is as fervent as ever. Zimmerman's solution? Teach all sides of a cultural issue.

ASL2010-27

Speaker: Mia Farrow,

Human Rights: Why it is Mandatory for All of Us

Date of Program: November 17, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Gephardt Institute for Public Service

Sponsor: Elliot Stein Lecture in Ethics

Named Lecture: Elliot Stein Lecture in Ethics

Location: Graham Chapel

The acclaimed actress is also a devoted humanitarian who advocates for African children devastated by armed conflict and civil unrest. As a UNICEF goodwill ambassador, Farrow has helped raise awareness and funds for the millions of children caught in the middle of violent clashes in such countries as Chad, Uganda, and Sudan. For her compassion and service, Farrow was recognized in 2008 as one of the most influential people in the world by Time magazine. This is the annual Elliot Stein Lecture in Ethics.

ASL2010-28

Speaker: Van Jones,

Beyond Green Jobs: The Next American Economy

Date of Program: November 30, 2010

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Green Action, Law & Culture Initiative, Energy & Environmental Law Society, and the Black Law Student Association

Location: Graham Chapel

As he outlines in his 2008 best seller, *The Green Collar Economy: How One Solution Can Fix Our Two Biggest Problems*, the leading environmentalist believes America's economic restoration lies in the development of clean energy. The former special advisor to President Obama and founder of Green for All has been profiled in Time magazine's "100 Most Influential People" (2009) and in its 2008 issue featuring "Environmental Heroes."

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ASL2011-01

Speaker: Bryan Stevenson,

Poverty, Incarceration and Injustice in America

Date of Program: February 3, 2011

[born digital, audio/wma]

Sponsor: WUSTL School of Law

Named Lecture: Public Interest Law and Policy Speakers Series (PILPSS)

Consider this statistic from the Equal Justice Initiative website: Since 1972, 130 Americans on death row have been exonerated, which means that one in eight people who have been executed in this country may have been innocent. Stevenson, JD, has produced plenty of evidence showing that the administration of the death penalty is permeated with mistaken identities and racial bias. Since 1989, Stevenson has directed the Equal Justice Initiative, a nonprofit law organization that focuses on social justice and human rights issues in the U.S. criminal justice system.

ASL2011-02

Speaker: Strobe Talbott,

Angels of Our Nature: Polarization in America and Its Challenge to Universities and Think Tanks

Date of Program: February 7, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Office of the Chancellor and the Office of the Provost

Sponsor: Brookings Institution, and WUSTL's School of Law, Arts & Sciences, the School of Engineering & Applied Science, Olin Business School, WUSTL D.C. Programs, the Department of Political Science in Arts & Sciences, the McDonnell International Scholars Academy, the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, and the John C. Danforth Center on Religion & Politics.

Brookings Institution President and statesman Talbott will deliver a policy address regarding the challenge of today's polarization in American politics, now at its worst level since the late 19th century. In reviewing the factors driving this current climate, Talbott will explain the urgency of the problem and its implications for pressing public policy challenges. As head of a prominent think tank, he sees the role of universities and think tanks — bastions of fact-based research and academic freedom — as an antidote to the animosity permeating our society. This program is sponsored by the Office of the Chancellor and the Office of the Provost. Co-sponsors include the Brookings Institution, and WUSTL's School of Law, Arts & Sciences, the School of Engineering & Applied Science, Olin Business School, WUSTL D.C. Programs, the Department of Political Science in Arts & Sciences, the McDonnell International Scholars Academy, the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, and the John C. Danforth Center on Religion & Politics.

ASL2011-03

Speaker: Hamid Dabashi,

The End of an Islamic Republic

Date of Program: February 10, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Iranian Cultural Society

Named Lecture: Iranian Cultural Society Lecture

Location: Steinberg Hall Auditorium

As the prospect of a nuclear-armed Iran looms large, the international community, and especially the United States, is faced with limited options for the prospect of peace. But inside Iran, according to Iranian scholar Dabashi, PhD, the republic is grappling with the powerful Green Movement, which arose from the disputed Iranian election in 2009 and the brutal repression of its citizens. In his most recent book, *Iran, The Green Movement and the USA: The Fox and the Paradox*, Dabashi considers Iran's geopolitics as well as its internal politics, addresses the tumultuous relationship between Iran and the United States, and suggests the best course of action for peace in the region.

ASL2011-04a

Speaker: Sean Wilentz,

Three Presidents: Andrew Jackson's Proclamation on Nullification

Date of Program: February 22, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities and the Center for the Humanities Lecture

Named Lecture: President's Week Lectures

Location: Women's Building Formal Lounge

As the invited speaker to deliver this year's "President's Week" lectures, Princeton historian Wilentz, PhD, will give three talks covering the most important political figures governing the three great transformations of the mid-19th century. The lectures begin with an overview of the role these presidents — Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant — played in advancing democratic nationalism, which in turn led to the abolition of slavery. His lecture on Jackson kicks off the mini-series, followed by the second lecture Feb. 23 on Abraham Lincoln's role and the final talk Feb. 24 concentrating on Grant's contributions. This is the Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities and the Center for the Humanities Lecture.

ASL2011-04b

Speaker: Sean Wilentz,

Three Presidents: Abraham Lincoln

Date of Program: February 23, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities and the Center for the Humanities Lecture

Named Lecture: President's Week Lectures

Location: Women's Building Formal Lounge

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ASL2011-04c

Speaker: Sean Wilentz,

Three Presidents: Ulysses S. Grant

Date of Program: February 24, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities and the Center for the Humanities Lecture

Named Lecture: President's Week Lectures

Location: Women's Building Formal Lounge

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ASL2011-05

Speaker: Ernest Adams,

Single Player, Multiplayer, MMOG: Design Psychologies for Different Social Contexts

Date of Program: February 24, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: WU Game Developers Society

Named Lecture: WU Game Developers Society Lecture

Location: Steinberg Hall Auditorium

Electronic gaming is here to stay, whether they are played online, on a computer, or on a console. No one understands this better than Adams, a giant in game design and development whose credits include the Madden NFL Football series. But all games are not equal, and what makes them different is the designer's ability to understand how people play and what makes a game more satisfying to play than others. Adams' presentation will consider the importance of understanding the different psychologies that underpin games.

ASL2011-07

Speaker: Rebecca Skloot,

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Date of Program: March 23, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Diversity Initiatives, the Woman's Club of Washington University, African and African-American Studies in Arts & Sciences, the Department of Education in Arts & Sciences, University Libraries, the Social Justice Center, Government and Community Relations, and the School of Law

Sponsor: Missouri History Museum and the Academy of Sciences

Location: Graham Chapel

When a poor African-American woman died of cervical cancer in 1951, no one could have foreseen the magnitude of her contribution to medicine. Thus begins Skloot's intriguing medical saga in her debut book, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. Cancer cells taken from Henrietta's body without her knowledge or her permission became the world's first replicating human cell line. Research from these cells launched a medical revolution and generated spectacular medical discoveries and treatments. Her poignant story covers this terrain while also examining the personal ordeal of the Lacks family, who were never told of Henrietta's gift, never received any compensation, and who today cannot afford health insurance.

ASL2011-08

Speaker: Jimmy Wales,

Democracy and the Internet

Date of Program: March 25, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Global Leadership Conference

Named Lecture: Global Leadership Conference Keynote Address

Location: Graham Chapel

In 1999, Wales set out to transform the concept of the encyclopedia and adapt it for the Internet age. Instead of creating entries the traditional way — giving the tasks to subject experts — he opened it up to anyone willing to contribute. Despite predictions that chaos would ensue, it didn't, thanks to a software program called a wiki. Wales added a feature that allowed anyone to track and edit existing entries, ushering in a radical populist approach. Today, a mere decade later, Wikipedia has about 16 million entries made by 91,000 contributors, available in 270 languages, making it the largest reference site on the web, and making Wales one of the founding fathers of social media. This is the keynote address for the Global Leadership Conference.

ASL2011-09

Speaker: Frank Warren,

The Most Trusted Stranger in America: Frank Warren's PostSecrets

Date of Program: March 29, 2011

[LECTURE NOT RECORDED]

Sponsor: Association of Mixed Students

Named Lecture: Association of Mixed Students Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

This is the story of a tiny art project that became an international sensation through the simple distribution of postcards. In 2004, Warren, bored with his job, placed hundreds of blank postcards around his community, inviting persons to divulge their innermost secrets through words and art, and mail them back to him. When the postcards began returning in droves, he was amazed by the confessions and personal statements, which ranged from sentimental to heartbreaking, and matched in emotion by some of the most creative artwork he had ever seen. Now, with five books, a traveling exhibition, and one of the most visited blogs on the web, Warren provides a conduit to the world, allowing anyone to communicate their feelings, share the pain of a buried secret and experience the cathartic nature of healing from its exposure. This event was not recorded.

ASL2011-10

Speaker: Julian Bond,

Post Racial America: Fact or Fiction?

Date of Program: April 1, 2011

[born digital, audio/mp3]

Sponsor: Chancellor's Fellowship Conference

Named Lecture: Chancellor's Fellowship Conference Keynote Address

Location: Graham Chapel

Bond arguably is the best person to weigh in on the current state of racial relations. As a teenager, the civil rights leader helped create the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the organization that advanced the movement to such a profound extent that they succeeded in integrating Atlanta's movie theatres, lunch counters and parks. For more than four decades, Bond has been advancing the civil rights cause and has been on the cutting edge of social change as an activist, politician, civil rights leader, university professor and author. This is the keynote address for the Chancellor's Fellowship Conference. At 2 p.m., a panel discussion to further explore the points made in Bond's talk will be held in the Women's Building Formal Lounge. Additional events will take place on March 31 and include a presentation on research and a panel discussion on "Navigating a Career in Academia" featuring WUSTL faculty of color.

ASL2011-11

Speaker: Henry Royal,

Speaker: Lee Sobotka,

Speaker: Michael Wyssession,

Fukushima: The Science and Health Effects of the Nuclear Disaster in Japan

Date of Program: April 1, 2011

[born digital, video/mp4]

Location: Lab Science Building, Room 300

Amid the daily, dire news emanating from Japan, the world watches as its citizens try their best to cope with life in the post-earthquake, post-tsunami country. Thankfully, those two tragic events are over, but a third tragedy, the ongoing nuclear disaster, won't be over any time soon. Now new fears are emerging about food and water safety — a fundamental need for a country with hundreds of thousands suffering refugees already without the most basic resources. These fears are partly the result of not understanding what is really occurring within the nuclear power facilities. To help clarify the increasingly confusing situation, two Washington University scientists and experts in nuclear science and radiation, Henry Royal, MD, professor of radiology at the School of Medicine, and Lee Sobotka, PhD, professor of chemistry in Arts & Sciences, will offer their expertise in an Assembly Series lecture. The lecture, "Fukushima: The Science and Health Effects of the Nuclear Disaster in Japan," is free and open to the public. Sobotka and Royal's presentation will focus on the scientific and technical aspects behind the volatile situations in the four buildings housing the damaged reactors. Sobotka, an expert in basic nuclear science, will delve into reactor physics, isotope production and the chemistry behind the disaster. After earning a doctoral degree from the University of California, Berkeley, Sobotka joined the WUSTL faculty in 1984. He has conducted experiments in 18 particle accelerator laboratories in the United States and abroad in an effort to understand what makes some atomic nuclei stable and others unstable. Royal is a professor of radiology and associate director of nuclear medicine at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, both in the School of Medicine. His contribution to the lecture will focus on the health effects of radiation, a subject in which he has a wealth of experience. His work on the study of health effects of radiation exposure ranges from the Chernobyl disaster, in which he co-led that section of the International Atomic Energy Agency's official examination, to the Nevada Atomic Bomb Tests, serving on the Committee on Public Health Implications of Exposure to I-131.

ASL2011-12

Speaker: Soledad O'Brien,

Diversity: On TV, Behind the Scenes and in Our Lives

Date of Program: April 5, 2011

[LECTURE NOT RECORDED]

Sponsor: Association of Black Students

Named Lecture: Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

O'Brien has been America's eyewitness to some of the most significant events on this planet since joining CNN in 2003. Her reports on Hurricane Katrina, the Southeast Asian tsunami, and the London terrorist attacks, to name a few, have garnered a large and faithful following, as well as a number of prestigious journalism awards. But perhaps her most lasting contribution is her award-winning special series and documentaries on our changing nation. To address the dearth of reporting on communities of color and to fight the status quo reporting of stereotypes, O'Brien has created compelling stories with lasting value, most notably the "Black in America" and the "Latino in America" series. This is the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the Association of Black Students. This event was not recorded.

ASL2011-13

Speaker: Andrew Stewart,

Inventing the Female Nude: Praxiteles, Phyrne and the Knidia

Date of Program: April 7, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: John and Penelope Biggs Lecture in the Classics

Named Lecture: John and Penelope Biggs Lecture in the Classics

Location: Steinberg Hall Auditorium

Stewart is a world-renowned authority on Greek sculpture, ancient art and architecture, and archaeology, and is known for his ability to place the creation of art in relation to the political, social, cultural, and intellectual issues of their day. Some of his most influential books include Greek Sculpture: An Exploration; Art, Desire, and the Body in Ancient Greece; and Classical Greece and the Birth of Western Art.

ASL2011-14

Speaker: Maria Bernadette Majella Doyle,

Adele Starbird Lecture

Date of Program: April 13, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: WU Women's Society

Named Lecture: Women's Society Annual Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

If Majella Doyle had not become a surgeon, she might have gone into business, or perhaps become a professional show horse jumper, her life-long love. And if Doyle hadn't left Dublin for St. Louis, there would be one less life-saving liver transplant surgeon in the WUSTL School of Medicine surgery department. After receiving her medical training from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, a chance encounter with the university's transplant unit chief led to a one-year fellowship at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Now, more than five years later, she has planted roots here, and will talk about her work.

ASL2011-15

Speaker: Barton Brooks,

Skandalaris Center Lecture

Date of Program: April 14, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Skandalaris Center

Named Lecture: Skandalaris Center Awards Event for Social Entrepreneurs

Location: Simon Hall, May Auditorium

"If someone is going to change the world, why shouldn't it be me? "With that sudden realization, Barton Brooks began Global Colors, his organization that sees a need and finds the human and monetary resources to address that need. The chosen projects are aimed at providing immediate solutions, such as digging a well, creating a rice bank, or building a school. The impact of Global Colors can be found throughout the world. Name a country and you are likely to find a village or group of people his organization has helped.

ASL2011-16

Speaker: Rafia Zafar,

What's Food Got to Do with It? Meals and Meaning in the Civil Rights Era

Date of Program: April 20, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Phi Beta Kappa / Sigma Xi

Named Lecture: Phi Beta Kappa / Sigma Xi Annual Lecture

Social scientists have long understood the significance of food in the study of humankind. The humanities, however, have more recently begun to focus on its connection to history and culture. But not Rafia Zafar: As a specialist in 19th-century American and African-American literature, she has long recognized that the act of eating, especially communally, is significant to our understanding of history. Zafar, a WUSTL professor of English, African and African-American studies, and American culture studies, will provide insight into how the act of eating communally (think of the lunch counter sit-ins) impacted the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

ASL2011-17

Speaker: Steven Galloway,

Steven Galloway Reading and Panel Discussion

Date of Program: September 12, 2011

[LECTURE NOT RECORDED]

Sponsor: First Year Center

Author Steven Galloway reads from his novel "The Cellist of Sarajevo," this year's Freshman Reading Program selection. The program also includes a question and answer session with Galloway. This event was not recorded.

ASL2011-18

Speakers: Ahmet T. Karamustafa, R. Marie Griffith, Sahar E. Aziz, John R. Bowen, Gulden Ilhan,

Navigating a Post-9/11 World: A Decade of Lessons Learned

Date of Program: September 15, 2011

[LECTURE NOT RECORDED]

Sponsors: Gephardt Institute for Public Service, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, The Muslim Students Association, Institute for Social Policy and Understanding

"Navigating a Post-9/11 World: A Decade of Lessons Learned" will explore the challenges that have surfaced between our society's quest for greater national security and the ideals of civil liberty and religious freedom — particularly toward the American Muslim population. This event was not recorded.

ASL2011-19

Speaker: Jeremy Courtney,
Reconciliation Through Healing

Date of Program: September 19, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Sponsor: Skandalaris Center for Entrepreneurial Studies

Location: May Auditorium

Jeremy Courtney, one of the founders of the Preemptive Love Coalition (PLC), gives a talk for the Washington University in St. Louis Assembly Series on "Reconciliation through Healing," and outlines his belief that in the midst of violence there is opportunity to provide healing which opens the doors to reconciliation.

ASL2011-20

Speaker: Ellen Gustafson,

A New Understanding of Hunger, Obesity and the Food System

Date of Program: September 23, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Named Lecture: Olin Fellows Lecture

Location: Bryan Cave Moot Courtroom, Anheuser-Busch Hall

Gustafson, a former U.N. spokesperson for the World Food Program and former executive director of the FEED Foundation, addresses the world's hunger and obesity problems as a holistic global food issue. She hopes that over the next 30 years, our food and agricultural systems will provide healthy balanced meals for everyone.

ASL2011-21

Speaker: Jorge Cham,

Screening of "The PhD Movie" and Talk

Date of Program: September 26, 2011

[LECTURE NOT RECORDED]

Sponsors: The Graduate Professional Council, The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Screening of "The PhD Movie" and talk with Jorge Cham, creator of the PHD Comics that inspired the movie. This event was not recorded.

ASL2011-22

Speaker: Henry I. Schvey,

Tennessee Williams at 100: From Washington University to the Wider World

Date of Program: October 6, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Location: Steinberg Hall Auditorium

Part of a series of events celebrating the centennial year of Tennessee William's birth, and the 75th anniversary of his matriculation at Washington University, Schvey's talk explores how Washington University and the city of St. Louis shaped Williams as a person and into one of America's best playwrights.

ASL2011-23

Speaker: E.J. Dionne,

Can Religion and Politics Make Us More Civil and Not Just Angry?

Date of Program: October 10, 2011

[born digital,video]

Sponsor: The John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics

Location: Graham Chapel

In books, essays, newspaper columns and commentaries on television and radio, Dionne analyzes and reports on American politics and its intersection with various aspects of society, especially religion. Currently, he believes the country is entering a period of governmental reform and renewed civic activism in our communities. More than 100 newspapers publish his Washington Post op-ed column, and he joins his conservative colleague David Brooks for a weekly commentary on NPR. As the fall keynote speaker for the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, Dionne will present his thoughts on the question "Can Religion and Politics Make Us More Civil and Not Just Angry?"

ASL2011-24

Speaker: Richard Muller,

Global Warming--New Results from an Independent Assessment

Date of Program: October 19, 2011

[born digital,audio/wav]

Named Lecture: Arthur Holly Compton Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

Muller, a distinguished astrophysicist, is a committed advocate for immediate action to address the growing problem of man-made climate change. Muller is leading a group of scientists and statisticians to conduct an independent study to determine if the accepted wisdom of the scientific establishment is, in fact, the truth. The group launched the Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature project in 2009, using innovative techniques for measuring the Earth's warmth, and has released preliminary results that have revived the debate over this controversial subject.

ASL2011-25

Speaker: Robert D. Putnam,

American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us

Date of Program: November 2, 2011

[LECTURE NOT RECORDED]

Sponsors: The Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, The Gephardt Institute for Public Service, The John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, The Center for Social Development at the Brown School, The Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Work and Social Capital

Putnam's talk examines the interaction of religion and politics in America over the past half-century and how religion both contributes to and detracts from the vibrancy and stability of American democracy. This event was not recorded.

ASL2011-26

Speaker: David Rosen,

The Moral Complexity of the Child Soldier "Problem"

Date of Program: November 9, 2011

[born digital, audio/wav]

Named Lecture: Holocaust Memorial Lecture

Location: Graham Chapel

David Rosen, JD, PhD, professor of anthropology and of law at Fairleigh Dickinson University and author of "Armies of the Young: Child Soldiers in War and Terrorism," presents his perspective on "The Moral Complexity of the Child Soldier 'Problem'".