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.

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 Carlarme, who will be teaching several courses including Introduction to Peace Studies; Activism, Power and Social Change; and a readings seminar.

Carlarme’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.

Carlarme 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.
## Fall 2011 Calendar of Events

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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

Thursday, October 27, 2011

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

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

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

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Bruce Cummings
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

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

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

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

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Christine Jojarth
Research Fellow, Erfut University
Noon, Mershon Center Room 120

Tuesday, 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

Wednesday, November 2, 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

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

For more information and to reserve your spot, please see the Mershon Center web site at mershoncenter.osu.edu
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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


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/