FALL 2015

THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

THE SCHEMEL FORUM

FOR **CULTURAL ENRICHMENT & EDUCATION** IN THE COMMUNITY

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Brennan Hall, Room 228 Pearn Auditorium **8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

- Registration & Morning Coffee: 8:45 to 9:15 a.m., Pearn Lobby
- Lunch: Brennan Hall, Room 509
- Reception: Pearn Lobby

David Dzurec

Remember that Old New York Was Once New Amsterdam: The Dutch Roots of American Pluralism

David Dzurec, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of History, The University of Scranton*
9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

It has been argued that contemporary American culture was built on a British foundation and over time that initial culture grew—with waves of immigration, principally from Europe--creating a multicultural society that became a model for progressive societies all over the world. This talk will "complicate" the British foundations model arguing that it was the 17th Century Dutch colony of New Netherland rather than Puritan Massachusetts or Anglican Virginia that offered the pluralistic model for what the United States was to become.

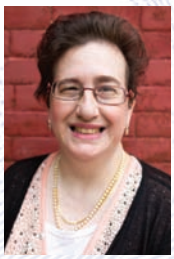
Akhil Reed Amar

The Law of the Land: A Grand Tour of our Constitutional Republic

Akhil Reed Amar, Ph.D., *Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science, Yale University*
11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

In this talk, based on his just-released book, *The Law of the Land*, Professor Amar will discuss how geography, federalism and regionalism have influenced some of the biggest questions in American constitutional law—for example, how Abraham Lincoln's ideas about secession were influenced by his midwestern upbringing, how certain key states have played an outsized role in the Electoral College, and how all the current justices learned the law in the northeast. He will also discuss what modern Americans can learn from the fact that our nation's map proximately and repeatedly features the names Camden and Wilkes—as in Camden, Maine; Camden, New Jersey; Camden, South Carolina: Camden Yards (home of the Baltimore Orioles); Wilkes County, Georgia, Wilkes County, North Carolina; and, of course, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

A book signing will follow the lecture.



Colette Mazzucelli

Wright* Spaces: Citizenship Learning in Liquid Times

Colette Mazzucelli, Ph.D., *Professor, NYU New York, LIU Global, and Pioneer Academics*
1:45 p.m. to 3 p.m.

In the 21st century millions of refugees are homeless as residents of camps located in no-man's land, a space for which no state takes responsibility. These vulnerable people live in "liquid times," described by sociologist Zygmunt Bauman as our age of uncertainty. Millions of others, although not in camps, lack the opportunity to learn about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in their societies. This lecture speaks to technology-mediated spaces in which students experience unlearning intolerance as engaged global citizens in our interdependent, post-9/11 world.

* Wright refers to the world-famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright who designed buildings to enhance the human experience.

Teresa Grettano

Suis-Je Charlie? The Rhetoric of Solidarity in Civic Responses to 21st Century Terrorism

Teresa Grettano, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor, English & Theatre, The University of Scranton*
3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Using the response to the lethal attacks on the satirical newspaper, *Charlie Hebdo*, in Paris in January 2015, the lecture will analyze expressions of solidarity in reaction to terrorist attacks. Drawing on theory from Kenneth Burke and Terry Eagleton, the presentation will question recent responses and speculate on more effective approaches that could lead to dialogue, empathy and reconciliation.

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University for a Day Fee: $25 for Non-Members, Free to Schemel Forum Members

Munley Law

WORLD AFFAIRS LUNCHEON seminars

All seminars meet from Noon to 1:30 p.m. • Buffet lunch is served.

Thursday, September 17

Mark Rothko: Immigrant, Artist, Pioneer

Although Mark Rothko has undeniably reached the status of an iconic artist whose paintings sell for about $80 million, he remains mysterious. Cohen-Solal approaches him through the lens of her social history research and unveils many fascinating aspects of his life and character. Rothko fought the narrow-mindedness of many US institutions and was deeply committed to giving all publics genuine access to art.

Annie Cohen-Solal, Ph.D., *Cultural historian, Writer and Professor of American Studies at the Université de Caen*

DeNaples Center, Room 405

A book signing will follow the lecture.

Friday, October 9

Genomic Science, Politics and Race: Can They Coexist Comfortably?

As the uses of genomic science move into many arenas of life including medicine, law, racial identity, energy production, pest control and dating services, genomics can be expected to develop ideological and partisan valences. Is this an arena of a "liberal war on science?" Is it now possible for Americans to think about race and genetics in the same sentence without reverting to the old eugenics? This lecture will help us answer these perplexing questions.

Jennifer Hochschild, Ph.D., *Henry LaBarre Jayne Professor of Government and Professor of African and African American Studies, Harvard University*

Brennan Hall, The Rose Room, 509

Wednesday, October 21

Who was the Greater American, George Washington or Abraham Lincoln?

Washington and Lincoln are considered to be our greatest presidents. Do you agree? If so, which do you think was the greater? Does greatness in our leaders require a national crisis? What were the challenges that Washington and Lincoln confronted prior to and during their presidencies? Can you compare a president of a fledgling nation in the 18th century with one attempting to preserve a greatly expanded one in the 19th century? An examination of their respective strengths and weaknesses may help us to decide. Your opinions will be welcome.

Morey M. Myers, Of Counsel, *Myers, Brier & Kelly, LLP*

Brennan Hall, The Rose Room, 509

Thursday, November 5

Why Not Just Forget About the Middle East?

That's the temptation, as US oil production soars and the region collapses. But Rubin, who recently travelled to Iraq and Jordan and has covered the area for decades, will explain why a U.S. focus on the region is still essential if ISIS is to be defeated, Iran contained and Mideast chaos prevented from spreading beyond the Arab world.

Trudy Rubin, *Worldview columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer*

Brennan Hall, The Rose Room, 509

Friday, November 13

The Iran Nuclear Agreement and the Future of U.S.-Iran Relations

After a brief overview of the historic Vienna nuclear agreement between Iran and the world powers, the lecture explores the potential impact of the deal on Iran's economy and domestic politics, its changing role in the Persian Gulf and the broader Middle East, and its troubled relations with the United States.

Ali Banuazizi, Ph.D., *Professor of Political Science at Boston College and Director of the Program in Islamic Civilization & Societies*

Brennan Hall, The Rose Room, 509

Wednesday, November 18

When There Were Two Europes: Islam and Christendom

By the close of the thirteenth century a Christian reconquest, fueled by religious zeal and superior military power, had occupied Muslim Toledo, conquered the Cordoban caliphate and overwhelmed the caliphate's successor city-states. Even so an "Indian Summer" of Christian, Muslim and Jewish philosophical, literary and scientific collaboration persisted long after the fall of Toledo (1085). As Muslim Europe appeared to vanish Christian Europe experienced a Renaissance and an Age of Discovery underpinned by the philosophical commentaries and navigational advances derived from Islamized Iberia.

David Levering Lewis, Ph.D., *Julius Silver University Professor and Professor of History Emeritus, New York University*

Brennan Hall, The Rose Room, 509

LUNCHEON FEES: * Free to Schemel Forum Members

$20 per luncheon per person • $30 per luncheon per couple • $110 per series of 6 per person • $160 per series of 6 per couple

COLLABORATIVE programs

All events below are free.
RSVP requested to Emily.Brees@scranton.edu

In collaboration with the Lackawanna Bar Association

The U.S. Role in the World: Challenges and Responsibilities

Senator George J. Mitchell

Thursday, October 6, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

Senator George J. Mitchell, former US Senate Majority Leader and former Chairman of the Northern Ireland peace negotiations and US Special Envoy for Middle East Peace and author of *The Negotiator: A Memoir*

A book signing will follow the lecture.

Elm Park United Methodist Church
712 Linden Street, Scranton, PA 18510

In collaboration with the Panuska College of Professional Studies and WVIA-TV

Making Sense of the Most Dangerous and Complicated Region on Earth

Avi Melamed

Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

Avi Melamed will discuss highlights of his just-published book, *Inside the Middle East: Making Sense of the Most Dangerous and Complicated Region on Earth*. Described as "a personal GPS that helps you navigate the dramatically changing Middle East," it gives us a comprehensive understanding of current events in the region.

A book signing will follow the lecture.

Avi Melamed, Israel-Middle East Strategic Intelligence Analyst, author and lecturer and Fellow of Middle East Security and Affairs for the Eisenhower Institute

Center for Rehabilitation Education, Forum
Corner of Jefferson Avenue and Linden Street

In collaboration with The Commonwealth Medical College

Lessons from Our Most Vulnerable Patients: Why We Should Treat Without Prejudice

Pedro J. Greer, Jr.

Wednesday, October 28, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

The talk will focus on the critical importance of treating the indigent and how public health policy in the U.S. should take into consideration those in the greatest need.

Pedro J. Greer, Jr. MD, FACP, FACG, Professor and Founding Chair of Department of Humanities, Health and Society, Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

The Commonwealth Medical College Auditorium, First Floor
525 Pine Street, Scranton, PA

In collaboration with the Office of Community and Government Affairs

Strategizing Scranton's Recovery

Henry Amoroso

Thursday, December 3, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

The lecture will feature an in-depth report on Scranton's recovery strategy and place it within the broader context of challenges facing cities across America that struggle with the burdens of high legacy costs, demographic shifts and a changing economic base.

Henry Amoroso, Budget Consultant to the City of Scranton and a member of the firm, Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi

Brennan Hall, Pearn Auditorium Room 228

Sondra Myers
Director, The Schemel Forum

FROM THE director

The seeds of the Schemel Forum were planted ten years ago when Dr. Harmar Brereton asked Professor Rebecca Beal if she would give a course on Dante's *The Divine Comedy* for him and a few friends. Since then we have grown organically, now offering the wide array of learning opportunities that you find in this brochure. We have become a community of learners — informed on current affairs of the world and delving into the mysteries of the past — and a great asset to the region's educational and cultural life.

about THE SCHEMEL FORUM

The Schemel Forum was founded in July 2006 through generous gifts to the Rev. George Schemel, S.J., Fund, created by friends of the late Father Schemel in his loving memory. Its aim is to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to explore the intellectual and cultural wonders of the world.

BUS trip

Saturday, November 7, 2015

WHAT'S NEW IN OLD NEW YORK?

Photograph by Ed Lederman / whitney.org

The trip will take us to the new Whitney Museum of American Art in the meat-packing district, just next to the High Line and Chelsea. Designed by Renzo Piano, one of the world's most renowned architects, we will have the opportunity to enjoy the museum's permanent collection and soak up the cultural life of Chelsea.

After lunch on our own we will board the bus and travel to the Roundabout Theatre Company to see Scranton-native Stephen Karam's newest play, *The Humans*, which comes to New York after rave reviews in Chicago. His schedule permitting, Stephen will meet with us after the show.

Then back on the bus.

Cost is **$100 per person** which includes transportation and theater ticket. The bus leaves from The University of Scranton at 7:30 a.m. & returns at approximately 7:30 p.m. **Please reply by October 2 as spaces are limited.**

courses

Bernard Shaw and the Making of the Modern World

George Bernard Shaw is the only person who ever won both an Oscar and a Nobel Prize. He was a widely quoted, often controversial public figure from the "horse and buggy" days of the nineteenth century right up to the atomic age. This course will examine Shaw's impact on the cultural and political development of the 20th Century and the way in which his plays, such as *Arms and the Man*, *Man and Superman*, *Pygmalion* and *Saint Joan*, both reacted to the mores of their times and anticipated the course of events.

John McInerney, Ph.D., *Professor Emeritus in English Literature, The University of Scranton, and member and former officer in The International Shaw Society*

Wednesdays: October 7, 14, 21, 28 & November 4, 11 from **6 to 7:15 p.m.**
Weinberg Memorial Library, Room 305

Keep it Reel: New Directions in Non-Fiction Film

This course will include weekly screenings of recent documentary films. An introductory lecture will feature clips from classic and contemporary documentaries in order to orient the participants to the practice of "reading" a documentary film and introduce key developments in technical, thematic, and ethical issues in film-making over time.

October 8: Introductory lecture and short clips
October 15: *Searching for Sugar Man* (2012)
October 22: *Poverty, Inc.* (2014)
Guest speaker: Michael Matheson Miller, Ph.D., *Director*
October 29: *Joachim Prinz: I Shall not be Silent* (2014)
Guest speaker: Rabbi Clifford Kulwin, Ph.D.
November 5: *Detropia* (2012)
November 12: *Kids for Cash* (2014)

Co-conveners: Jamie Trnka, Ph.D., *Associate Professor, World Languages, The University of Scranton* and **Andrew Oppenheimer, Ph.D.,** *Independent Scholar*

Thursdays: October 8, 15, 22, 29 & November 5, 12 from **5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**
Brennan Hall, Pearn Auditorium Room 228

The Six Years That Defined the German Century

Few countries had a greater impact on the history of the 20th Century than Germany, at the heart of Europe and the center of the maelstroms of the First World War, fascism and communism, the Second World War and the Cold War. This course will examine six years that forged both Germany's and Europe's destiny in the 20th Century. The years will be 1918, 1933, 1943, 1949, 1961 and 1989.

Sean Brennan, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of History, The University of Scranton*

Mondays: October 5, 12, 26 & November 2, 9, 16 from **6 to 7:15 p.m.**
Weinberg Memorial Library, Room 305

Course Fees: Single Fee Non-Member: $60 • Couple Fee Non-Member: $100 *Free to Schemel Forum Members