

Spring 2008 Political Economy Days April 9th and 10th

Schedule of Speakers (You are required to attend one of these sessions. You may attend any session that interests you. You are not bound to the one scheduled for the same time as your class.)

Attendance will be limited to the capacity of the room. If too many people wish to attend a session, you may be asked to go to another session.

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

8.00 to 9.20

Mark Abajian

Topic: An Economist Looks At Professional Sports

Room: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)

(Mark Abajian is Associate Professor of Economics at Mesa College. He has also taught at Palomar College and the University of San Diego. He received his Bachelors and Masters Degrees at San Diego State University after graduation from Palomar College. He teaches a course on Sports Economics at the University of San Diego.)

9.30 to 10.50

Dr. Barry Naughton

Topic: How Long Can China Beat the Odds? The Future of China's Economic Growth and Political Emergence"

ROOM: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)

(Dr. Naughton is one of the leading authorities on the Chinese economy, with emphasis on issues relating to industry, trade, finance, and China's transition to a market economy. He is Sokwanlok Professor in Chinese International Affairs in the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at UCSD. He has written the leading textbook on the Chinese economy. He is also the author of several other books on the Chinese economy as well as numerous articles.)

9.30 to 10.50

Bill Jahnel and Joe Limer

Topic: Deconstructing Democracy: Historical Image and Law

Room: P – 18

(Looking through policy implementation and historical images, Professors Jahnel and Limer will show how the notions of democracy have changed in America and how democracy is invoked in discussions of politics, the law, and policy. Bill Jahnel is Associate Professor of History at Palomar College. Joe Limer is Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Palomar College.)

11.00 to 12.20

Dr. David Mares

**Topic: The Political Economy of Resource
Nationalism in Latin America**

Room: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)

(Dr. Mares is Professor of Political Science at UCSD. He earned his PhD in Political Science from Harvard University. Professor Mares has also served as a Baker Scholar in Energy Studies at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University. He specializes in international relations and the comparative politics of Latin America. He is the author or co-author of numerous books, including *Penetrating the International Market*, *Violent Polarized Interstate Bargaining in Latin America*, and *Civil-Military Relations: Building Democracy and Regional Security in Latin America, Southern Asia and Central Europe.*)

11.00 to 12.20

Dr. Frank Motlagh

**Topic: Iranians and Americans: Similarity and
Dissimilarity of the Two Nations’**

Room: P – 30

(Dr. Motlagh is a physician and a journalist and researcher. He is currently a freelance writer and researcher. He worked with the Kayhan newspaper in Iran for six years and has published many articles in both English and Farsi.)

12.30 to 1.50

Brian Kupfer

**Topic: Violent Political Conflict: To Fight or Not to
Fight. The Middle East and Beyond**

Room: P – 18

(Brian Kupfer is Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Palomar College, California State University San Bernardino, and Mt. Jacinto College. He has Masters Degrees in Political Science and in Political Anthropology. He is the author of an article on the conflict in the Middle East.)

12.30 to 1.50

Dr. Robert Bond

**Topic: From the Balkans to Baghdad: Legacies of
the Ottoman Empire**

Room: P – 30

(Robert Bond is adjunct professor of History at Palomar College and Mesa College. He earned his PhD in History from UCLA. He is a research specialist in Ottoman historiography, intellectual & bureaucratic history, and the Ottoman Empire & its relationship with the Black Sea. Previously, Professor Bond served as Assistant Professor of Middle East History at Youngstown State University.)

2.00 to 3.20

Loren Lee

**Topic: Technology and American Political
Economy**

*Talk is Given in Conjunction with the Campus
Explorations Program*

Room: ES - 19

(Loren Lee is Professor of Economics at Palomar College in his 28th year with the college. The talk will focus on the way technologies influence the economic and political system. It will particularly explore the ways by which the technologies determine an economic system that is in conflict with political values.)

2.00 to 3.20

Sharon Allen

Topic: Women in Islam

ROOM: P - 18

(Sharon Allen is Adjunct Professor of Middle East History and Multi-Cultural Studies at Palomar College. She holds a masters Degree in Arabic Studies and Middle East History as well as ABD in Philosophy. She will be teaching a course on Islam in the fall.)

Thursday, April 10th

8.00 to 9.15

Dr. David Fisk

**Topic: Evaluating the Determinants and Impacts
of Second Chamber Assertion in European
Parliamentary Democracies**

ROOM: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)

(David Fisk is lecturer in Political Science at UCSD, where he also earned his PhD in 2007. Professor Fisk has done extensive field research in legislative roll call data in Great Britain, Germany and Belgium. He specializes in European politics and parliamentary systems.)

9.30 to 10.50

Dr. Linda Dudik

**Topic: Stories of World War II: Paratrooper Dick
Field Recalls His Wartime Service**

ROOM: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)

(Linda Dudik has been Professor of History at Palomar College since 1975. She has her Ph.D. in History from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She has taught many classes in History including a class on World War II.)

9.30 to 10.50

Palomar College Democrats vs. Palomar College Republicans

Topic: Election 2008 Debate

ROOM: P - 18

(Cody Campbell is President of the Palomar College Democrats and works for Democrat Nick Liebham in his campaign for Congress in the 50th District. Adam Devalon is an active member of the Palomar College Democrats. Matt Fleming is the President of the Palomar College Republicans. He served as an airman in the U.S. Air Force during Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Paul Barboa is recording secretary for the Palomar College Republicans and the Vice President of the Associated Student Government.)

11.00 to 12.20

Dr. Gary Jacobson

Topic: The Republican Party after George W. Bush

ROOM: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)

(Dr. Gary Jacobson is Professor of Political Science at UCSD. He earned his PhD in Political Science from Yale University. Professor Jacobson is widely regarded as the nation's most eminent authority on Congressional elections. He is the author or co-author of numerous books and articles, including *The Politics of Congressional Elections*, *Money in Congressional Elections* and *The Logic of American Politics*.

11.00 to 12.20

Matt Estes

Topic: 9066 to 9/11: The Japanese American Internment

Room: NS - 312

(Matt Estes is Assistant Professor of History at Palomar College. He has a Masters degree in History from San Diego State University. His thesis involved the relocation of the Japanese community in San Diego during World War II. He is the author or co-author of several publications.)

11.00 to 12.20

Charles Hanlen

Topic: Targeting the President: Failed Assassination Attempts on the Presidents

ROOM: P - 30

(Charles Hanlen is Professor Emeritus of History at Palomar College, having taught History at Palomar for 29 years. He has his Masters Degree in History from the University of San Diego.)

12.30 to 2.00

Dr. Aaron Finkle

Topic: Game Theory and Litigation. I'm going to title it "Games Lawyers Play: Economic Theories about Litigation and Settlement"

ROOM: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)

(Dr. Aaron Finkle is Assistant Professor of Economics at California State University – San Marcos. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Washington in 2004. His main area of research interest is Law and Economics. He has four articles published and four more in process. He has won two awards – one for his research and one for his teaching.)

12.30 to 2.00

Erik Olson - Fernandez

Topic: The State of Working People in America

ROOM: P – 30

(Erik Olson Fernandez has a law degree. He is an activist and a proponent of non-violent action for social justice. He is a founder and member of the Invest-In Project and the Human Rights Campaign. The principles of the Invest-In Project can be found at www.investinproject.org. He is presently Field Director for the California School Employees Association.)

12.30 to 1.50

Jared Zacharias

Topic: Separation of Church and State?

Rethinking the First Amendment and the Establishment Clause

ROOM: P – 18

(Jared Zacharias is adjunct professor of Political Science at Palomar College, Grossmont College and Miramar College. He earned his MA in political science from San Diego State University. He has edited a book on the Bill of Rights for Greenhaven Press.)

2.00 to 3.20

Dr. Bradley Schiller

Topic: Global Poverty

ROOM: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)

(Dr. Bradley Schiller Professor Schiller not teaches economic theories to students and practitioners in public policy. His specializations include public policy analysis As a consultant to governments and major corporations, he has designed, evaluated, and operated scores of employment, training, and welfare programs. He continues to be an active consultant in these areas as well as in forensic economics. He also lectures extensively on Social Security reform and the ever-changing federal budget outlook. Schiller has written many editorials for the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, and other papers, plus scores of articles in professional journals. His book *The Economics of Poverty and Discrimination* 9th ed. (Prentice Hall, 2004) has been the standard text for those fields for more than 20 years. His principles text, *The Economy Today* is one of the most widely used Economics books in the world.)