PRESENTS
ISSUES AND INSIGHTS—Fall 2007

"THE UNITED STATES IN A
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE"

TWO WEDNESDAYS:
OCTOBER 31 AND NOVEMBER 7
SCIENCE CENTER AUDITORIUM 213

PART I
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31
12:30-2:00 P.M.

"THE UNITED STATES AND THE
ISLAMIC WORLD"

GUEST: PROFESSOR ROSNANI HASHIM
VISITING FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR AND PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION AT THE
INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF MALAYSIA

PART II
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
12:30-2:00 AND 7:00-8:30 P.M.

"THE IMAGE OF THE
UNITED STATES IN THE WORLD"

GUEST: JOSEPH SZABO
EDITOR, AUTHOR, AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY
ON THE ART OF CARTOONS

HOSTED BY TOM KOLSKY
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

"ISSUES AND INSIGHTS" IS AN INTERVIEW/TALK SHOW THAT SEeks TO
PROMOTE GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS:

ISSUES AND INSIGHTS, SPRING 2008

"WHAT ARAB LITERATURE TEACHES US ABOUT ARAB SOCIETY"

DR. ROGER ALLEN
AUTHOR, TRANSLATOR, PROFESSOR OF ARABIC,
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

WEDNESDAY APRIL 23 2008
7:00-8:30 p.m.

SCIENCE CENTER 213
Election Coverage

Professor Tom Kolsky's Platform

In an effort to engage the members of the college community in thoughtful discussion, Dr. Tom Kolsky, Professor of Political Science, is running a mock election for President of the United States. Of course, Dr. Kolsky, is also a candidate in the election. His platform is outlined below.

"PEOPLE FIRST, MEANINGFUL CHANGE"
CITIZEN KOLSKY'S VIRTUAL 2008 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN:
(An Instructor's American National Government class project)
"AMERICAN RENEWAL MOVEMENT (ARM)" PLATFORM
(AKA "The Twelve Steps Rejuvenation Initiative")

1. EDUCATION
   a. Increase scholarships for science and mathematics education.
   b. Revitalize physical education programs.
   c. Promote a two-language initiative;
      (Goal: every American citizen should know English + another lan-
      guage)

2. SOCIAL SECURITY
   a. Keep it with some modification.
   b. Begin a $2,000 savings account for every child at birth with $2000
   at government expense. It would be the beginning of a personal edu-
   cational and retirement fund.

3. HEALTHCARE
   a. Create a County-State-National health network.
   b. Define health as a matter of national security.

4. ENVIRONMENT
   a. Initiate an informational program to explain that all Americans are
      affected by environmental challenges.
   b. Increase tax incentive for the creation of a clean environment and
      minimizing global environmental deterioration.

5. ENERGY SOURCE EXPANSION
   a. Provide major tax incentives and governmental assistance for cre-
      ating alternate energy sources.
   b. Save energy through the promotion of general energy efficiency
      and the creation of a new energy efficient national public transporta-
      tion network.

6. NATIONAL and INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
   Initiate obligatory national service for all young persons (18-40) con-
   sisting of:
   (1) A domestic service corps.
   (2) An internationally-oriented service corps (like Peace Corps).
   (3) National military service.
   This should involve men and women (18-40)

7. IMMIGRATION
   a. Tighten border protection and develop a national immigration policy.

8. TAX REFORM
   a. Keep taxes as low as possi-
      ble.
   b. Attack the deficit problem.

9. EX-PRESIDENTS’ COUNCIL
   Create an ex-presidents’ advisory council for the purpose of
   advising the sitting president. Their real presidential experi-
   ence and retired status would allow them to provide helpful
   (hopefully non-partisan) advice to the president.

10. INCLUDE THE WORD "CONSTITUTION" IN THE
    PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
    Add the word "constitution" to
    "the flag" in the pledge and initi-
    ate a Constitution literacy pro-
    gram.

11. MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVE
    a. Put strong economic and political pressure and provide meaningful
       incentives for building peace between Israel and the Palestinians.
    b. Create and subsidize summer camps for Israeli and Palestinian
       children in the United States on the model of "Seeds of Peace."
    c. Maintain contact with all political elements in the Middle East for
       the purpose of searching for means of eliminating the underlying causes
       of conflict in the region.

12. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
    Begin planning and designing a comprehensive national public trans-
    portation system with the goal of saving energy, creating greater em-
    ployment opportunities, and facilitating inter-regional population
    mobility.
3-Part Series on the Middle East

September 9, 23 & October 7
12:30 PM
Encore Experiences at Harleysville

Presented by Tom Kohsy, Ph.D., Middle Eastern Studies, Montgomery County Community College

These programs are free & open to the public.

An Introduction to the Middle East (Part 1)
September 9
A brief overview of Middle Eastern history from ancient times to the present. The forces shaping the contemporary events in the area will be highlighted.

The Intractable Arab-Israeli Conflict (Part 2)
September 23
An analysis of the historical forces that shaped the century-long confrontation between the Zionist-Israeli and Arab antagonists over the issue of Palestine/Israel.

From the Shores of Tripoli to the Banks of the Euphrates:
The United States & the Middle East (Part 3)
October 7
An examination of the phases of American involvement in the Middle East from the late 18th century to the current state of affairs in the region.

For more information:
Encore Experiences at Harleysville
312 Alumni Avenue
Harleysville, PA 19438
215-256-6900
www.encoreexperiences.org

This session is part of a year long series examining several different world cultures. For more information contact us at 215-256-6900. This program has been supported in part by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, the Federal-State Partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.
AMERICAN POLITICS IN THE OBAMA ERA I:

THE DOMESTIC AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010
12:30-2:00 pm — Science Center 214 and West SH 216
Sponsored by Dr. Thomas Kolsky

Panelists:
- Dr. Lee Bender — Economics
- Jodi Empol — Political Science
- Grace Spena — Health and Wellness

After making some general comments about President Obama’s domestic agenda, the panel will turn to an in-depth discussion of President Obama’s attempt to reform the American healthcare system.

AMERICAN POLITICS IN THE OBAMA ERA II:

THE FOREIGN POLICY AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010
12:30-2:00 pm — Science Center 214 and West SH 216
Sponsored by Dr. Thomas Kolsky

Panelists:
- Dr. Janet Kestenberg Amighi — Anthropology
- Dr. Lawrence Backlund — History
- Jodi Empol — Political Science
- Benn Prybutok — Criminal Justice
- Dr. Lowell Young — History

Our program will attempt to shed light on important aspects of American foreign policy making. Special attention will be devoted to our involvement in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the confrontation with terrorism under the administration of President Obama.

For more information about this event contact:
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FOCUS ON THE POLITICAL SEASON: FALL 2010

2010 ELECTIONS PREVIEW: RED, BLUE, OR TEA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010
12:30-2:00 PM—SCIENCE CENTER 214
MODERATORS:
JODI EMPOL-SCHWARTZ, political scientist, MCCC professor
TOM KOLSKY, historian/political scientist, MCCC professor
PANELISTS:
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTENDING POLITICAL PARTIES

AMERICA AND ISLAM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010
12:30-2:00 PM—SCIENCE CENTER 214
MODERATOR: TOM KOLSKY, historian/political MCCC professor
PANELISTS:
AYESHA BUTT, Islamic scholar
FARIDA FERRADJI, instructor of Arabic at MCCC
MOEIN KHAWAJA, Executive Director, Philadelphia Office of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR)
MICHAEL PEREZ, anthropologist, MCCC Diversity Fellow
 MUSTAFA SAATCI, sociologist, MCCC sociology professor

INSIDE THE BELTWAY: WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN THE 2010 MIDTERM ELECTIONS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
12:30-2:00 PM—SCIENCE CENTER 214
PANELISTS:
LEE BENDER, economist, MCCC professor
JODI EMPOL-SCHWARTZ, political scientist, MCCC professor
TOM KOLSKY, historian/political scientist, MCCC professor
BENN, PRYBUTOK, political scientist and criminologist, Director of the MCCC Criminal Justice program.