ISSUES AND INSIGHTS
SPRING 2013
STIMULATING DISCUSSIONS ABOUT AMERICAN CULTURE

Central Campus, Blue Bell
Science Center, Room 213

Wednesday, April 10
12:30—2:00PM
THE AMERICAN GUN CULTURE
Panel:

Joseph S. McGuriman
Director of Campus Safety

Theresa Napson-Williams
Assistant Professor of History

Benn Prybutok
Director of Criminal Justice, Fire Science and Emergency Management

Mustafa Saatci
Assistant Professor of Sociology

Wednesday, April 17
12:30—2:00PM
SOCIAL MEDIA & INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS
Panel:

Ann Marie Donohue
Associate Professor of Psychology

Kathryn Ishler
Instructional Technology Specialist

Lynn Swartley O'Brien
Instructor of Anthropology

Mustafa Saatci
Assistant Professor of Sociology

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lessons that American and Israeli war experiences can teach us

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Wednesday, September 18
12:30-2:30PM

The film: “THE FOG OF WAR”
Secretary of Defense
Robert S. McNamara
reflects on the Vietnam war

Wednesday, October 2
12:30-2:30PM

The film:
“THE WAR BEHIND CLOSED DOORS”
The behind-the-scenes buildup
leading to the Iraq war

Wednesday, October 16
12:30-2:30PM

A SONY PICTURES CLASSICS RELEASE

THE GATEKEEPERS

directed by Dror Moreh

The film: “THE GATEKEEPERS”
Israeli heads of internal security reflect on their war on terror
WORLD WAR I
COMMENORATION

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PART I: MARCH 5
WORLD WAR I IN PERSPECTIVE
DR. TOM KOLSKY AND
DR. LAWRENCE BACKLUND
Introductory Comments
DR. LAWRENCE BACKLUND
Decision in Berlin in Summer 1914: Modding, Mediating, or Marching
DR. MUSTAF A SAAICI
World War I: Ottoman Choice by Default
DR. LOWELL YOUNG
The American Role in World War I

PART II: MARCH 19
WORLD WAR I AND THE CREATIVE ARTS (HUMANITIES)
DR. PETER SCHEPONIK
Poetry and War: A Marriage Made in Hell
DR. MARK AMDAHL
War and Modern Memory
DR. ANNA RASKIN
World War I and Russian Art

PART III: APRIL 2
SOME LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES OF WORLD WAR I
DR. GARVEY LUNDY
World War I and the Process of Decolonization in Africa
DR. TOM KOLSKY
The Echoes of World War I in the Middle East Today
DR. LAWRENCE BACKLUND
AND DR. TOM KOLSKY
Lessons of War

THREE WEDNESDAYS
MARCH 5, 19 & APRIL 2, 2014 • 12:30—2:00 P.M.
SCIENCE CENTER AUDITORIUM 213
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Issues & Insights' Programs Commemorate World War I

by Diane VanDyke

Montgomery County Community College’s Spring 2014 “Issues and Insights” will feature three programs discussing the various aspects and impacts of World War I, also known as the First World War, fought from July 28, 1914 through Nov. 11, 1918.

The programs will be held on Wednesdays, March 5 and 19 and April 2, 2014, 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Science Center Theater, 340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell. The programs are free and open to the public.

On Wednesday, March 5, the discussion topic will be “World War I in Perspective.” The program will start with introductory remarks and an overview by host Professor of History and Political Science Dr. Thomas Kolsky and History Professor Dr. Lawrence Backlund. Backlund then will start the discussion with the “Decision in Berlin in Summer 1914: Meddling, Mediating, or Marching,” followed by Sociology Assistant Professor Dr. Mustafa Saatci who will address “World War I: Ottoman Choice by Default.” Then, Dr. Lowell Young, retired Villanova University assistant professor of history, will talk about “The American Role in World War I.”

On Wednesday, March 19, the second part of the series will focus on “World War I and the Creative Arts (Humanities).” English Professor Dr. Peter Scephonik will discuss “Poetry and War: A Marriage Made in-Hell,” English Associate Professor Dr. Mark Amdahl will address “War and Modern Memory,” and History Assistant Professor Dr. Anna Raskin will talk about “World War I and Russian Art.”

On Wednesday, April 2, the third and final part of the series will examine “Some Long-Term Consequences of World War I.” Sociology Assistant Professor Dr. Garvey Lundy will start the discussion with “World War I and the Process of Decolonization in Africa,” followed by Dr. Kolsky who will address “The Echoes of World War I in the Middle East Today,” and then the program will conclude with Drs. Backlund and Kolsky talking about the “Lessons of War.”

“Issues and Insights” is designed to expand awareness, share knowledge and shed light on major issues for both the campus and public communities. Dr. Kolsky has been organizing and hosting these in-depth panel discussions for 28 years, and the Spring 2014 program will be his last series, as he shifts his attention to more writing and lecturing.

Dr. Kolsky, who has taught at Montgomery County Community College since 1971, started hosting Issues & Insight programs in 1986, although the series did not officially take that name until 1999. The program’s purpose is to stimulate discussions about diverse topics, to invite the larger community to participate in an exchange of ideas, to share the academic talent of the College’s faculty and to invite outside guest scholars to share their insights.


For more information, contact Dr. Thomas Kolsky at 215-641-6380 or tkolsky@mc3.edu (mailto:tkolsky@mc3.edu).
Sunday, September 14, 2 pm:

**Decision in Berlin in Summer 1914: Meddling, Mediating, or Marching**

Dr. Lawrence Backlund, Professor of History and Political Science at Montgomery County Community College, will describe the characters and the political scenes in Austria-Hungary, Germany, Russia, France, & England, that led to the start of World War I. What was life like in Europe in early 1914? How capable were the leaders? What motivated them towards the decisions they made? What led to the delusion that a war would be short and decisive?

Sunday, September 28, 2 pm:

**The Echoes of World War I in the Middle East Today**

How did decisions made after World War I affect or lead to subsequent events in the 20th and 21st centuries? Tom Kolsky, Professor of History and Political Science at Montgomery County Community College, provides an overview of the impact of World War I on events of the past 100 years, including events in Iraq. Dr. Kolsky was named 2004 Pennsylvania Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Sunday, October 12, 2 pm:

**World War I and Nation-Building: From the Ottoman Empire to the Turkish Republic**

Dr. Mustafa Saatci, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Montgomery County Community College, describes the situation in the Ottoman Empire at the time of World War I, and how and why the Ottoman Empire was drawn into the conflict. What role did nationalism play?

Sunday, October 26, 2 pm:

**United States and World War I**

After an attempt at neutrality, and an economic boom, the U.S. was pulled into the orbit of the Allies. Learn about submarine warfare, German attacks on merchant ships, the stalemate in the war in Europe, the Russian revolution, and the immediate events that drew the U.S. into the war in 1917. Learn about "Wilsonianism", an idea that remains a foreign policy objective.

Dr. Lowell Young, retired Villanova University Assistant Professor of History, will describe U.S. involvement in WWI. Dr. Young’s PhD from University of Virginia was in American Diplomatic History.