

Schedule

2016-2017 Community Lecture Series

**All lectures are held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the
Portage County Library in the Pinery Room**

September 13, 2016 6:30 p.m.
Should Extinction Be Forever?
Chris Diehm (Philosophy)

October 11, 2016 6:30 p.m.
*Emergent Black Ghettos in
New York and Chicago, 1880-1940*
David Chunyu (Sociology and Social Work)

November 8, 2016 6:30 p.m.
The Making of Global Citizens
David Barry (Sociology and Social Work)

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Nuclear Fallout and the Birth of the Ecosphere
Jerry Jessee (History)

February 7, 2017 6:30 p.m.
Wisconsin's Climate: The Past As Key to the Future
Samantha Kaplan (Geography and Geology)

March 14, 2017 6:30 p.m.
Preparing for the Drone Invasion
Tim Kennedy (Geography and Geology)

April 11, 2017 6:30 p.m.
Using Lakes As Sentinels for Environmental Change
Krista Slemmons (Biology)

May 9, 2017 6:30 p.m.
Rebuilding U.S.-Cuba Relations
Anju Reejhsinghani (History) and Jennifer Collins (Political Science)

Location

All lectures take place at:

Portage County Library
Pinery Room
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Stevens Point, WI 54481
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Community Lecture Series
or to view past lectures, please visit:

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Welcome to the Community Lecture Series, which the College of Letters and Science at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is proud to sponsor.

When the college inaugurated the series in 2008, we did so with the express goal of sharing select examples of our faculty members' teaching and research with the community we are so fortunate to call home.



The College of Letters and Science is proud of all its faculty and staff members who serve the university and community. The faculty and students presenting

this year are a small sample of the wide array of expertise and talent embodied in our college.

We cordially invite you to attend one or more of the lectures this year. Through these lectures, the college demonstrates its firm commitment to promoting dialogue and learning in our community.

Sincerely,

Christopher P. Cirno, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Letters and Science
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

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Should Extinction Be Forever?

September 13, 2016 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

Chris Diehm (Philosophy)



Advances in genetic technologies have many people excited about the prospect of reviving extinct species, or "de-extinction." But is species revival really possible? If so, is it good to do? This lecture discusses the technical questions that de-extinction raises, as well as the ethical challenges it faces.

Emergent Black Ghettos in New York and Chicago, 1880-1940

October 11, 2016 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

David Chunyu (Sociology and Social Work)



Black-white segregation in northern cities was conventionally believed to start after the Great Migration. This talk will present an alternative view that, based on the analyses of New York City and Chicago 1880-1940 census data and historical street maps. Although the high segregation and isolation in the black ghettos had crystallized by 1940, the segregation processes were firmly in place by 1880.

The Making of Global Citizens

November 8, 2016 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

David Barry (Sociology and Social Work)



The notion that we are all "citizens of the world" has become a popular adage. However, little attention has been given toward understanding the popular perception of global identity or whether people that espouse such an identity share similar traits and characteristics.

Nuclear Fallout and the Birth of the Ecosphere

December 13, 2016 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

Jerry Jessee (History and International Studies)



Most Americans are aware that nuclear fallout from atomic bomb tests poisoned the environment. Far fewer recognize that scientists utilized this radioactivity to document the global "ecosphere." This talk explains how the scientists who traced nuclear fallout across the globe fundamentally changed how we think about the planet and our place in it.

Wisconsin's Climate: The Past As Key to the Future

February 7, 2017 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

Samantha Kaplan (Geography and Geology)



What will Wisconsin's climate look like in the future? Computer climate models give us scenarios based upon projections of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions, but what will that look like in terms of the Wisconsin landscapes we know? This talk will explore how Wisconsin's environment has changed through time in response to climate, the tools scientists use to uncover the climatic past,

and what these discoveries can tell us about the future.

Preparing for the Drone Invasion

March 14, 2017 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

Tim Kennedy (Geography and Geology)



Unmanned Aerial Vehicles have the potential to positively and negatively affect our everyday lives. How are drones being incorporated into the National Airspace System and how can we prepare future drone operators to operate safely and ethically?

Using Lakes As Sentinels for Environmental Change

April 11, 2017 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

Krista Slemmons (Biology)



Not only are lakes a highly valued ecosystem service but freshwater resources provide a means of early detection of environmental change. This lecture will discuss how lakes can provide a window into past environments and offer predictions for the future of our freshwater systems. Examples from arctic and alpine lakes will be discussed, as well as the current status of Wisconsin lakes.

Rebuilding U.S.-Cuba Relations

May 9, 2017 6:30 p.m. at the Portage County Library

**Anju Reejhsinghani (History) and
Jennifer Collins (Political Science)**



After decades of Cold War, the U.S. and Cuba resumed diplomatic relations in 2014. Soon after, professors Reejhsinghani and Collins co-led a student program to Cuba. They explain how normalization is impacting Cuba and what it means for everyday Americans.