

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Michigan
presents

The Second 2011-2012 Thursday Morning Lecture Series

Title: *Politics, Policies: Issues That Divide Us*

November 3, 2011

(Note: starts at 9:30 a.m.)

Federal and State Legislative Process

With our divided government and tight financial budgets at the Federal and most state levels, it appears we may be embarking on a new path to resolving long dormant issues. The speaker will give his views on the subject.

John J. H. Schwarz, M.D.

Visiting Lecturer at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Graduated from the University of Michigan in 1959 with a degree in history. He received his M.D. from Wayne State University in 1964. After interning at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center, Dr. Schwarz joined the U.S. Navy and served in Vietnam and in Indonesia as Assistant Naval Attaché at the U.S. embassy in Djakarta and with the CIA in Laos and again in Vietnam. Dr. Schwarz served as City Commissioner, then Mayor of Battle Creek from 1979 till 1986, in the Michigan Senate from 1987 till 2002 and was President Pro –Tem, 1993-2002. He was in the U.S. House of Representatives 2005-2007. As a lecturer at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at U of M since 2007, he teaches courses dealing with Congress and State Legislatures.

November 10, 2011

Citizens United Vs. Federal Election Commission

The landmark 5-4 decision by the US Supreme Court held that corporate funding of independent political broadcasts in candidate elections cannot be limited because of the First Amendment of the US Constitution. The speaker will address the background of the case and the ramifications this decision may have on our political process.

Leonard Niehoff

University of Michigan Law School Lecturer

Leonard Niehoff joined the University of Michigan Law School as a Professor from Practice in 2010 after 8 years as an adjunct faculty member. He practiced with the Butzel Long law firm for 26 years, chairing its appellate, media and higher education practice groups. He handled libel, privacy and access matters for such media clients as the Detroit News, CBS, Scripps -Howard and "60 minutes".

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

(Note: on a different day)

The Rise of China and U.S. Foreign Policy in Asia

The growth of China's economic, military and political influence has placed strains on alliances, institutions and economic relationships that the United States helped established during and after the Cold War. Professor Ciorciari will discuss how U.S. officials are interpreting China's influence and how they are working to promote U.S. values and interests and to maintain a strong leadership role in Asia.

John D. Ciorciari

Assistant professor, University of Michigan Ford School of Public Policy

The speaker received His AB and JD from Harvard University and his Ph.D from Oxford University.

December 1, 2011

Tax Policy in the Perfect Fiscal Storm

Tax policy has been central to the fiscal response to the Great Depression and will almost certainly be part of how we address the severe long-term fiscal imbalance we face. Professor Slemrod will discuss how we got into the perfect fiscal storm we are now experiencing, and evaluate the tax policy options we must choose from.

Joel Slemrod

Professor and Chair, Department of Economics, and Paul W. McCracken Collegiate Professor of Business Economics & Public Policy, Ross School of Business University of Michigan

He received his A.B. degree from Princeton University in 1973 and his Ph.D from Harvard University in 1980. He has been a consultant to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the World Bank and the OECD. He is the co-author with Jon Bakija of "Taxing Ourselves: A Citizens Guide to the Debate over Taxes"

December 8, 2011

After the spill is gone: the Gulf of Mexico, Environmental Crime, and the Criminal Law

The Gulf oil spill was the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history. Professor Uhlmann will address how the Gulf oil spill will shape our view of environmental crime and the role and limits of criminal enforcement in promoting enhanced environmental protection and worker safety.

David Uhlmann

Professor University of Michigan Law School

David M. Uhlmann is professor and head of the Environmental Law and Policy Program at the University of Michigan School of Law. His research and advocacy interests include criminal and civil enforcement of environmental laws, worker endangerment, and efforts to address global climate change.

Prior to joining the faculty, Professor Uhlmann served for 17 years at the U.S. Department of Justice, the last seven as Chief of the Environmental Crimes Section, where he was the top

environmental crimes prosecutor in the country. Professor Uhlmann received a J.D. from Yale Law School and a B.A. in history with high honors from Swarthmore College.

December 15, 2011

Health Care In America: Policy, Politics & Philosophy

Major health care challenges plague the Federal and state governments even as reform may be on the way. Millions lack health care insurance or rely on the state for insurance. It is a huge budget challenge at both the Federal and State level. The speaker will give her thoughts on the subject.

Marianne Udow-Phillips

Director of the Center for Healthcare Research & Transformation, a non profit partnership of the University of Michigan and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

Marianne Udow-Phillips has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Anti Defamation Leagues " Women of Achievement Award and Crain's Detroit Business top 100 "Most Influential Women" in 2002 and 2007. Prior to her current position, she was appointed by former Governor Jennifer Granholm as a Director of the Michigan Department of Human Services. .

The lecture series will be held at the Clarion Hotel and Executive Conference Center, 2900 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor.

Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Fee: If OLLI member, \$30 for the 6-lecture series, \$10 for one lecture; \$50 for non-OLLI members for the 6-lecture series (includes \$20 annual membership dues)

Note:

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