This fall, join us on Saturday mornings for great talks by Dartmouth faculty before Big Green football home games!

2009 faculty chalk talk

Sept. 19 vs. Colgate

GET A GRIP: NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR ICE SAFETY, RECREATION, AND EFFICIENCY

Victor Petrenko, Professor of Engineering, Thayer School of Engineering

Dartmouth is the northernmost Ivy League school, so it’s no surprise that the newest research on the control and manipulation of ice is happening right here. The world’s leading ice scientist will tell us how, through a sophisticated process of ice adhesion modification, we will soon be able to ski faster, travel safer, and leave the car ice scraper behind.

Oct. 3 vs. Penn

RESHAPING THE WORLD ORDER: HOW WASHINGTON SHOULD REFORM INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

William Wohlforth, Daniel Webster Professor of Government

Stephen Brooks, Associate Professor of Government

Analysts now commonly argue that the United States is a declining power and that we are entering a “post-American” world. Professors Wohlforth and Brooks will show that the U.S. remains, and will long remain, by far the most powerful state in the system. They will then argue that the demand for U.S. leadership will not go down and that America retains the ability to reshape the global system.

Oct. 24 vs. Columbia (Homecoming)

CHANGING THE BRAIN: DYNAMITE, GHOSTWRITERS, AND ZEN

Chris Jernstedt, Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences

The capabilities of the human brain are not what we have thought. As some of the mysteries of the brain unfold, brain science has enabled the discovery of powerful ways for us to change our brain. The toolkit for making these discoveries has included dynamite, photographs of the ghostwriter in the brain, and the art of Zen. What is the nature of human consciousness, and to what degree do we know what our own brain is doing?

Nov. 7 vs. Cornell

THE 2008 ELECTIONS AND THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN POLITICS

Dean Lacy, Professor of Government

What happened in the 2008 American elections? Why did both parties fail to win the key social groups they targeted? How pivotal were the candidates, the issues, the economy, and Iraq? What should we expect in the 2010 midterm elections? Professor Lacy will explore these and other questions using data from a national survey conducted by Dartmouth students and faculty during the 2008 campaign.

Nov. 21 vs. Princeton

WOMEN’S RIGHTS AND COLD WAR POLITICS

Lisa Baldez, Associate Professor of Government and Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Studies

This talk will address the evolution of demands for women’s rights within the United Nations in the 1960s and 1970s. Professor Baldez will discuss how shared concepts of women’s rights evolved as a result of interactions between the wide range of countries represented in the U.N. at the time: monarchies in the Middle East (especially Iraq and Afghanistan), the newly independent African countries, communist countries, and the liberal democratic countries of the West.

All talks are 10–11 am in Alumni Hall

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