2008/2009 Academic Year

“A(h)ither Democracy in South Africa?”
Robert Mattes, Professor of Political Science, University of Cape Town
September 9

“Zimbabwe: Political Crisis and Regional Implications”
Akwe Amosu, Senior Policy Analyst for Africa, Open Society Institute
Wednesday, September 17, 2008
September 10

“A(natomy of a Major Debt Deal: The Paris Club and Nigeria in 2005.”
Thomas M. Callaghy, Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania
September 17

African Studies Meet and Greet
12:00pm to 1:00pm – Room 736 Bernstein Offit Building, 1717 Mass. Ave., NW
September 19

Dr. Judith Asuni, Visiting Scholar of African Studies, Johns Hopkins University-SAIS
September 24

“Perspectives on Recent Political Developments in South Africa”
Dr. Paul Jourdan, former CEO of Mintek (a minerals research and development company in
South Africa) and Advisor to the South African Minister of Trade and Industry
September 26

“Failing the Congo: Local Violence and International Intervention”
Severine Autesserre, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Barnard College and Columbia
University
October 1

“Dying but Not Dead: is Resurrection of the Congo State Possible?”
Theodore Trefon, Contemporary History Section of the Royal Museum for Central Africa,
Belgium
October 15

"Unlocking Africa's Potential: Development Corridors and SDIs - a private sector led growth strategy"
Dr. Rosalind Thomas, Visiting Scholar of African Studies, Johns Hopkins University-SAIS
October 22

“When a Crocodile Eats the Sun: Reflecting on the Current Situation in Zimbabwe”
Peter Godwin, Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
October 24

Leonard Wantchekon, Professor of Political Science, New York University.
October 29

Cyril K. Daddieh, Director of Black World Studies, Miami University of Ohio
October 31

“Eastern DRC: Violence and Volatility in the Midst of Plenty?”
Delphine Schrank, Freelance Reporter, International Reporting Project, JHU-SAIS
November 5

“Legal Command and Local State Resilience in the DRC”
Pierre Englebert, Associate Professor of Politics, Pomona College
November 12

“Reporting Zambia: Working as a Journalist in Southern Africa”
Joseph Schatz, Senior Writer, Congressional Quarterly
November 14

"Rejecting the DIstloyal Opposition? The Trust Gap in Mass Attitudes Toward Ruling and Opposition Parties in Africa"
Carolyn Logan, Assistant Professor of Political Science Michigan State University
November 19
Reception and Photo Exhibit with Ed Kashi, Photographer
Curse of the Black Gold: 50 Years of Oil in the Niger Delta
November 20

“Christianity, Islam, and Democracy in Africa”
Rev. Robert Dowd, Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame
December 3

“Somalia: Anatomy of the Crisis”
Kenneth Menkhaus, Professor of Political Science, Davidson University
December 5

"State Building in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: The Challenge of the Margins"
Denis Tull, Senior Research Fellow German Institute for International and Security Affairs
January 28

"Guinea after the Coup: New Opportunities for Reform"
Frederic Loua, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy
February 13

"Reforming Africa's Armed Forces"
Col. Birame Diop, Senegalese Air Force and Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy
February 18

"Addressing Instability in the Niger Delta"
Nnamdi Obasi, International Crisis Group
February 25

"Can Sudan Survive?"
Alex de Waal, Program Director, HIV/AIDS and Social Transformation, Social Science Research Council
February 25

"Film and Commentary: A Journey to Darfur"
Nick Clooney, Distinguished Journalist in Residence, American University, School of
"Security and Development in the Eastern DRC: Toward a Public-Private Partnership"
Herman Cohen, former Assistant Secretary of State for Africa and SAIS African Studies
Raymond Gilpin, US Institute of Peace
Patience Kabamba, Emory University
March 11

April 2

April 3

"Conflict in the Great Lakes"
Rene Lemarchand, Professor Emeritus, University of Florida
April 8

"Peace Building in the Democratic Republic of the Congo"
Francois Grignon, Director, Africa Program, International Crisis Group
April 17

"Negotiating and Contesting Public order in Eastern DR Congo"
Koen Vlassenroot, Professor and Conflict Research Group Coordinator, Ghent University
April 24