

MANSFIELD CENTER

FALL 2013 BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES



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All presentations are free and open to the public.

Unless otherwise noted, presentations will be held at 12:10 pm
in the Mansfield Center Conference Room, Mansfield Library.

Wednesday, September 11

Why Mansfield Matters

Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center Director Abraham Kim

Meet the new Director of the Mansfield Center, Dr. Abraham Kim, as he discusses how Mike Mansfield's guiding ethos has shaped the classes, internships, and Asia-focused programs that the Center is sponsoring today. His talk will be followed by a question and answer section on the Mansfield Center and on his own experience in the policy world of Washington, DC, including opportunities for students in DC.

Thursday, September 19: SCHOOL OF LAW ROOM 201, NOON

An International Lawyer Looks at the Development Agenda for the Future

University of Denver Sturm College of Law Professor Ved Nanda

Co-Sponsored by the Montana Law Review at the University of Montana School of Law

Professor Ved Nanda will look at the intersection between International Trade Law and Environmental Law.

Tuesday, September 24

Deep in the Delta: Studying Climate Change in Vietnam

University of Montana Environmental Studies Professor Dan Spencer

The Mekong Delta is Vietnam's most important agricultural region and home to a growing, dynamic economy. Yet it is one of the most endangered places on the planet due to the twin threats of climate change and sea level rise. Dr. Spencer will address these challenges while giving an overview of UM's 4-week Wintersession in Vietnam class.

Wednesday, October 9

"JET to Japan!" — Working In Japan with the Japan Exchange & Teaching (JET) Program

Jet Program Coordinator Lynn Shiori Miyauchi

The JET Program is an opportunity for college graduates to work in Japan as Assistant Language Teachers or Coordinators for International Relations. Participants are employed by either private or public elementary schools, junior high and senior high schools or local government offices. Come see the staff of the Consulate General of Japan to learn more.

Wednesday, October 16

Building Entrepreneurship Capacity in Poor and Urban Communities in Cambodia

Cambodia Rural Development Team Project Manager Ty Ratana

A special offering of the U.S. Department of State Economic Empowerment Project

Based on her work at Cambodia Rural Development Team (CDRT), Ms. Ty will discuss grassroots efforts to reduce unemployment in Cambodia by engaging poor communities in entrepreneurship through microfinance. Ms. Ty has been with CDRT since it was an informal organization launched by university students, and now it is an NGO with a current budget of half a million dollars. She specializes in working in remote communities and with the indigenous people in the northeast corner of Cambodia.

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Mining: A Cross-Cultural Comparison of Impacts in Thailand and Montana

Thailand's Ecology and Culture Study Group Coordinator Bampen Chaiyarak
and Clark Fork Coalition Staff Scientist Christine Brick

A special offering of the U.S. Department of State Economic Empowerment Project
Ms. Chaiyarak is a researcher and organizer, focusing on forced movement of villagers and the impacts of agricultural chemicals on low-income areas, and looks at the economic impact tied to ecological, cultural, and health issues related to salt and potash mining in northeastern Thailand. As a hydrogeologist and Science Director at the Clark Fork Coalition, Dr. Brick's work is dedicated to monitoring the health of the Clark Fork river and mining waste, and figuring out restoration solutions. Together they will compare ecological and cultural impacts of mining in Thailand and Montana.

Wednesday, November 13

Modern Japanese Literature and Technology

University of Montana Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures Professor Brian Dowdle
The shift to digital media over the past 30 years has transformed the production, circulation, and consumption of literature. It is easy to assume that such technology driven changes in literature are unprecedented, yet such transformations—and their cultural and legal implications—happened in the 1880s and 90s in Japan. Drawing on parallels to contemporary literary developments, Professor Dowdle will examine the formation of modern Japanese literature as a reaction to reprints created through moveable type and to new copyright laws.

Wednesday, November 20

The Impact of Social Media In China

Confucius Institute Executive Director Suhan Chen

With the world's largest population of internet users, China's local social media such as SINA Weibo and Renren has flourished and rapidly grown to be one of the most powerful platforms for people to stay connected and to share information. A survey in 2013 showed around 300 million people in China are using social media. From the recent "Brother Watch" case to the "Li Tianyi trail," Chinese social media has created new trends with its impact on public opinion and the society.

The Mansfield Center promotes better understanding of Asia, U.S. relations with Asia, and ethics and public affairs.
More information on these sessions can be found on our website at www.umt.edu/mansfield or call 243-2988