



MONTANA MODEL UN 2014

Faculty Guest Speakers in MMUN Committees ***Monday, November 24***

10:30 – 11:00 am

Security Council (UC 326-327)

“The Situation in Iraq”

Professor Owen Sirrs, UM Defense Critical Languages and Culture Program

Professor Sirrs teaches Arab Studies to U.S. military and intelligence personnel at UM’s Defense Critical Language and Culture Program. He earned an MA at the US Naval War College and an MS at National Defense Intelligence College. Professor Sirrs served as a Senior Intelligence Officer for the US Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., where he worked on the Iran desk and at the Middle East Policy Directorate.

1:10-1:40 pm

General Assembly Second Committee (Economic and Financial) (UC Theatre)

“Intellectual Property Rights”

Professor Abhishek Chatterjee, UM Department of Political Science

Professor Chatterjee has written about the origins of states and financial markets in India and the US, and about the philosophy and conduct of research in the social sciences. He earned his Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Virginia. He teaches courses on political economy, state formation, and comparative politics.

2:00-2:30 pm

General Assembly Plenary (UC North Ballroom)

“Promoting and Protecting the Rights of Children”

Professor Lindsey Nichols, UM Department of Counselor Education

Professor Nichols teaches and writes about children's, family, and community mental health. She is interested in intercultural youth and family development in the US and abroad. Prof. Nichols specializes in holistic, mind-body approaches to counseling and school-community collaboration. She earned her Ph.D. in Counselor Education & Supervision at Pennsylvania State University.

3:10-3:40 pm

General Assembly First Committee (Disarmament and Security, UC South Ballroom)

“Strengthening Security and Cooperation in Europe”

Nicholas Potratz, UM Department of Political Science

Nicholas Potratz is currently completing his M.A. in Political Science at the University of Montana. This is his second year as the Teaching Assistant for the Montana Model UN course and conference. Nick’s research interests include European politics, Communist/Post-communist politics, and international relations theory, with specific emphases on international organizations and the relations of global and regional powers.

4:00-4:30 pm

General Assembly Third Committee (Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian; UC 331/332/333)

“International Humanitarian Law”

Professor Eric Hines, UM Department of Political Science

Professor Hines teaches international relations and comparative government including courses on international law and organizations, American foreign policy, and the European Union. His research focuses on the Europeanization of international and domestic institutions. Prof. Hines earned his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 2006. This year, he joined MMUN as co-faculty advisor.