

# LUNCH AT THE FORUM

Join us for a series of five lectures presented by some of Chapman University's outstanding faculty members.  
 11:30 a.m. • George H.W. Bush Conference Center, Beckman Hall, Room 404

**Thursday, October 6, 2016**

## Why People Don't Want to Know What is Causing the Radical Increase in Autism



**Donald N. Cardinal, Ph.D.**

*Professor of education,  
 College of Educational Studies*

Autism has taken the world by storm. The once rarely discussed disability has been omnipresent in the popular media. Is it environmental, the byproduct of pharmaceutical company greed or a conspiracy between corporations and the Center for Disease Control? The CDC reports the rate of autism among children is 1 in 68, up from 1 in 150 just a decade earlier.

Professor Cardinal will share the results of a recent study conducted by the Thompson Policy Institute where the increased rates of autism can be explained in California's children by shifts in past policy, along with a changing perspective on neurologically diverse children and adults. Once thought of as deserving of a lifelong sentence in state hospitals, today, those with autism are demanding to be heard and be considered participants of life. In this presentation, science will meet the social movement of neurodiversity.

**Thursday, November 3, 2016**

## Waging Faith-Based Wars: Explaining the American Roots of Global Conflict



**Gregory Daddis, Ph.D.**

*Associate professor, Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences;  
 Director, War and Society M.A. Program*

How do Americans talk about war, justify its use, and what assumptions are made when we decide to employ and support military force overseas? In an era of what American policymakers are calling "persistent conflict," it seems worthwhile to consider how the United States' deployment of military power during the last 50 years has rested on a certain set of beliefs—convictions oftentimes resting on what we expect from war and on what we see as the overall utility of war. Policymakers and citizens alike maintain an enduring faith that our nation, via its military forces, has the power to transform societies abroad. This presentation offers insights into Chapman's new M.A. in war and society graduate program.

**Thursday, May 4, 2017**

## Mapping Discovery in Schmid College



**L. Andrew Lyon, Ph.D.**, *Dean, Schmid College of Science and Technology*

**Georgiana Bostean, Ph.D.**, *Assistant professor of environmental science, health and policy, Schmid College of Science and Technology, Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences*

How does one's environment support healthy behaviors and improve our overall wellbeing? This is just one of the many questions being asked by faculty at Schmid College, where collaborative, interdisciplinary approaches to research are vital to the process of discovery. In this presentation, Dean Lyon and Dr. Bostean will discuss a range interesting and research questions being tackled by Schmid College faculty and students, with a focus on her efforts to examine how social and environmental factors influence our health. Dr. Bostean, who leads the Social Determinants of Health Laboratory at Chapman, will give examples of how her team of undergraduate student researchers use a variety of scientific methods to search for answers to important questions about the roles of society and environment in health.

**Thursday, February 2, 2017**

## After Obama: An Early Assessment of the 45th President



**Lori Cox Han, Ph.D.**

*Professor of political science,  
 Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences*

American presidential elections are contentious, chaotic, and complex, not to mention long and expensive. There is also a disconnect between the qualities that make for a successful presidential candidate and the qualities needed for a president to successfully govern.

Dr. Han will discuss her research as a presidency scholar to explain how the 2016 presidential campaign has shaped the political environment in which the 45th president of the United States attempts to govern. As the author of numerous books, including *In It to Win: Electing Madam President* and *Presidents and the American Presidency*, Dr. Han will highlight the importance of media coverage, and public opinion polling on shaping a president's narrative and vision in the transition from campaigning to governing, and the difficulties that may exist for leaders of both parties in Washington to heal the rifts following the 2016 campaign.

**Thursday, March 2, 2017**

## The Performing Arts at Chapman and Beyond: A 21st Century Vision



**Giulio M. Ongaro, Ph.D.**

*Dean, College of Performing Arts*

With the opening of the magnificent Musco Center, the performing arts are at a defining moment in their history at Chapman University. At the same time, the traditional business model of the performing arts in our society seems to be inadequate, with opera companies, orchestras, theatres and dance groups often struggling to stay afloat, or closing their doors. There is an intense debate going on among professionals and educators in the performing arts, trying to figure out what will attract audiences and continue to make performing arts a vibrant part of society in the 21st century.

Dr. Ongaro will focus on what makes most performing arts students different from the general Chapman student population, the range of careers available to them, the set of skills needed in the performing arts world, and what it all means at Chapman and on a bigger stage.