

RESEARCH ROUNDTABLE*
2017-2018

Thursday, August 31

Lydia Cooper, Associate Professor of 20th and 21st Century American Literature
"Reading Native American Religion"

Thursday, September 28

Greg Zacharias, Professor of English and Director, Center for Henry James Studies
"Henry James Matters"

Tuesday, October 24

Anthony Kincaid, Professor, School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
"Prions for the Masses"

Thursday, November 9

Terry Clark, Professor of Political Science & Crysta Price, Co-director of the Human Trafficking Initiative
"Creighton's Role in the State-Wide Effort to Combat Trafficking"

Thursday, January 18

Alexei Marcoux, Professor of Business Ethics and Society & Senior Scholar, Institute for Economic Inquiry
"The Chick-Fil-A Challenge: Liberal Toleration, Identity-Conferring Commitments, and the Market for Values"

Thursday, February 22

Nancy D. Hanson, Professor of Medical Microbiology & Director, Center for Research in Anti-Infectives and Biotechnology
"Antibiotic Resistance: A Global Crisis"

Thursday, March 22

Irina Fox, Associate Professor of Law
"Debt-financed Dividends"

Thursday, April 5

Chandra Boosani, Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical and Translational Sciences
"Epigenetics and Human Diseases"

**About the Research Roundtable*

The Research Roundtable provides an informal atmosphere for faculty to learn, share, and build community around our common intellectual life. The format will involve a 30-40 minute presentation followed by questions and dialogue. See below for additional background on each of our faculty presenters. Roundtable events are scheduled from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. in Room 255 of the Law School. Appropriate refreshments will be provided. All faculty and their invited guests are welcome. RSVPs to Ed Morse (morse@creighton.edu or 402-280-3091) are appreciated, but last minute guests are welcome. Please come and join us!

BACKGROUND OF FACULTY PRESENTERS

Lydia R. Cooper is associate professor of 20th and 21st century American and Native American literature at Creighton University, and, as of July 1, the new Timms Endowed Professor serving as the Director of the Magis Core Curriculum. Her most recent book is *Masculinities in Literature of the American West*, part of the Global Masculinities series by Palgrave Macmillan (2016). She has also written a book on Cormac McCarthy (2011), as well as numerous scholarly essays on McCarthy (her primary research interest) and on several Native American writers, including Leslie Marmon Silko, James Welch, Sherman Alexie, and David Treuer.

Greg Zacharias is professor of English, director of the Center for Henry James Studies, Co-general editor of *The Complete Letters of Henry James* (11 vols. to date), executive director of the Henry James Society, Inc., and editorial board member of *The Complete Fiction of Henry James* (Cambridge UP). He is author and editor of a range of publications on Henry James and others. He was 2014 Nebraska Professor of the year and was awarded Creighton's RFK teaching award, the university annual research award, and a number of other university, college, and department awards since he began at Creighton in 1991.

Anthony Kincaid is a professor in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions where he teaches neuroscience, cell biology and anatomy. When Dr. Kincaid came to Creighton in 1995 he had never worked with prions. However, he contributed to a successful prion grant with a colleague in the Medical School in 2000. The collaboration continued and has proved to be successful with the prion group at Creighton being continuously funded by the NIH for the past 17 years. Dr. Kincaid has authored or contributed to 20 research and review articles on prion pathogenesis and has been invited to speak at national and international prion meetings. His effectiveness as a teacher has been recognized by university, school and department teaching awards.

Crysta N. Price is the Director of the Data Science Laboratory at Creighton University and the Director of the Human Trafficking Initiative (HTI). The goal of the Human Trafficking Initiative (HTI) is to provide reliable research on the prevalence and causes of human trafficking, and to identify and evaluate holistic strategies to countering the problem in support of the Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force. As a data science research group with an innovative tech stack, HTI spans the entire gamut from basic to applied research with the goal of informing and shaping effective, evidence-based responses to the complex system within which human trafficking is embedded. The group's research involves collecting, generating, and analyzing data on human trafficking. HTI connects information sources to produce research and analytical products in support of policymakers, law enforcement, service providers, and the broader academic community. The Initiative is funded by a generous grant from the Sherwood Foundation. Ms. Price wrote the successful grant proposal.

Terry D. Clark is Professor of Political Science at Creighton University and co-Director of the Human Trafficking Initiative. Prof. Clark has published widely on the application of fuzzy mathematics and social network analysis in comparative politics and international relations.

Alexei Marcoux is Professor of Business Ethics and Society and Institute for Economic Inquiry Senior Scholar in Creighton University's Heider College of Business. His research focuses on the moral foundations of commercial transactions and embraces topics like the ethics of price discrimination and markets as models of moral toleration. A two-time winner of the Best Paper Award from the Society for Business Ethics, he has published scholarly articles in *Business Ethics Quarterly*, *Journal of Business Ethics*, *Journal of Markets & Morality*, *Journal of Private Enterprise*, and *Reason Papers*. Professor

Marcoux is co-author (with Al Gini) of two textbooks, *Case Studies in Business Ethics* (6th ed., Prentice Hall, 2009) and *The Ethics of Business: A Concise Introduction* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2012). In press with Routledge is his co-edited (with Eugene Heath and Byron Kaldis) volume, the *Routledge Companion to Business Ethics*. Along with Chris MacDonald, he is both founding co-editor of the *Business Ethics Journal Review* and co-curator of the business ethics news aggregation site Business Ethics Highlights.

Nancy D. Hanson is Professor and Director of the Center for Research in Anti-Infectives and Biotechnology in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology. Her area of expertise is the study of molecular mechanisms of antibiotic resistance. She has received numerous awards and acknowledgements throughout her career, including Nebraska Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation researcher of the year, the Distinguished Research Career Award from Creighton University School of Medicine, American Society of Microbiology Distinguished Lecturer, and most recently Researcher of the Year for Health Sciences for Creighton University. In the international arena, she was the keynote speaker for the opening of the Australian Center for Antimicrobial Resistance Ecology and participated in an international colloquium on antibiotic resistance.

Irina Fox specializes in business law. Her research interests include debtor-creditor relations, bankruptcy issues, and fraudulent transfer avoidance. She teaches Business Associations, Securities Regulation, Corporate Finance, Corporate Reorganizations, Secured Transactions, and Mergers and Acquisitions. Prior to joining the law school faculty, Professor Fox practiced law in San Francisco at Latham & Watkins, representing multinational corporations in complex business litigation, focusing on antitrust. She worked on several high-profile mergers, represented emerging companies in finance transactions, and worked on cutting-edge bankruptcy matters. Professor Fox clerked for the Honorable Carl J. Barbier at the federal district court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans.

Chandra S. Boosani is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical and Translational Science, Creighton University School of Medicine. He was a recipient of the Rockefeller Foundation Training Fellowship, and also the Scholar-in-Training award from American Association of Cancer Research. His expertise is in gene manipulation. He developed transgenic plants, mice, bacteria and viruses, and while working in a biotech company he also developed recombinant drugs used in cancer treatment. In 2016, he was recognized as an outstanding reviewer for Canadian Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology. He is currently working on Epigenetic gene regulations in cancer and cardiovascular diseases.