

GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT

999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe

New!

STRAUSS ON OBAMA

FEE: \$60

Join **Julie Strauss, Ph.D.**, to examine the Obama Administration's progress nine months after its move into the White House. Everyone knew the job would be daunting when President Obama was inaugurated in January; people had lost confidence in the world's financial systems, and Israel's army had just pulled out of Gaza. By the end of the month, Obama's hope-filled agenda looked bleakly into the future. Register for the series of all three lectures or individual sessions.

PSE C05-77, GLEN, 3 Thu., 9/3-9/17, 10-11:15 am **CRN 61193**

New!

THE BALANCE OF POWER

FEE: \$30

When it comes to "executive power," has Barack Obama's administration charted a new and different course from its predecessor? Has the President delivered on his campaign pledges of bipartisanship, cooperation, and a new era of transparency and accountability? Or are we left with "business as usual" as the White House and Congress compete for dominance?

PSE C05-78, GLEN, 9/3, 1 Thu., 10-11:15 am **CRN 61194**

New!

THE WORLD STAGE

FEE: \$30

Examine whether and how the Obama administration has changed course from the Bush administration in key regions including Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, the Middle East and China. Is Hillary Clinton's star power and emphasis on diplomacy successful in advancing President Obama's agenda?

PSE C05-79, GLEN, 9/10, 1 Thu., 10-11:15 am **CRN 61195**

New!

THE DOMESTIC AGENDA

FEE: \$30

Is the Obama administration able to work with Congress to pass its ambitious domestic programs, its economic stimulus, health care overhaul and energy reform. Examine the key players, their strategies and chances for success.

PSE C05-80, GLEN, 9/17, 1 Thu., 10-11:15 am **CRN 61196**

New!

AFGHANISTAN'S MILITARY HISTORY

FEE: \$30

Afghanistan is an ancient, mountainous country whose early history includes invasion by Persians, Greeks and Macedonians (Alexander the Great), Mongols (Genghis Khan), and Turkic-Mongols (Tamerlane). In modern times, Britain has invaded three times (1839, 1878, and 1919), and the Soviet Union tried in 1979. All were unsuccessful in imposing their rule. Since 1992, the U.S. and NATO have been trying to eradicate the Taliban and Al-Qaeda. Join **Jim O'Neill** to consider their odds for success where so many others have failed.

PSE C08-64, GLEN, 1 Tue., 10/13, 10-11:30 am **CRN 61197**

New!

**FROM RUSSIA TO BERLIN:
A CENTURY OF IRVING**

FEE: \$60

Come on along, come on along, as Emeritus favorite **Charles Troy** explores the 101-year life span of the ultimate immigrant, Irving Berlin. These four multimedia presentations introduce Berlin's fabulous songs and revisit memorable movie scenes. Part 1 – *Alexander's Ragtime Band* (1888-1925) – Berlin pulls himself out of poverty on New York's Lower East Side by teaching himself to write lyrics and play the piano. Part 2 – *Easter Parade* (1926-1933) – Berlin marries a society girl, loses his self-confidence (and a fortune in the stock market crash), then snaps out of it by writing two great Broadway shows. Part 3 – *God Bless America* (1934-1945) – Berlin conquers Hollywood, scoring three films for Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. He also writes the most popular American patriotic song of all time and, of course, *White Christmas*. Part 4 – *There's No Business Like Show Business* (1946-1989) – Berlin writes his greatest show, *Annie Get Your Gun*, and another hit for Ethel Merman, *Call Me Madam*, before shifting audience tastes send him into seclusion.

MUS B29-64, GLEN, 4 Thu., 10/1-10/22, 10-11:30 am CRN 61198

New!

**CLASSICS IN BLACK AND WHITE:
"ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS"**

FEE: \$60

For those who enjoy classic black-and-white television of the 1950s and '60s, it doesn't come any better than "Alfred Hitchcock Presents." This weekly suspense series, drolly hosted by the "Master of Suspense" himself, featured murder, obsession, and revenge, often on a humorous level, and with a twist at the end. Hitchcock directed some episodes, but also gave opportunities to Robert Altman, Sydney Pollack, William Friedkin, and other up-and-coming new directors. The program also featured many current and future Hollywood stars, from Peter Lorre and Vincent Price, to Peter Falk, Joanne Woodward, and Charles Bronson. Join **Doug Deuchler** of Chicago's Facets Multimedia Film School to screen and discuss *The Glass Eye*, *Lamb to the Slaughter*, *Breakdown*, and other episodes from this popular series.

HUM B64-84, GLEN, 4 Tue., 9/15-10/6, 10-11:15 am CRN 61199

PASSPORT TO THE WORLD FOREIGN RELATIONS

Examine the new world order. Since fall 2008 we have seen the inauguration of a new U.S. president; a meltdown of national and international financial systems; new leaders in the Middle East; renewed sanctions against Cuba; and a shift in U.S. relations with Russia. Join us to analyze the meaning of these significant changes on the global stage.

**HUM S53-55, GLEN, 4 Thu., 11/12-12/10, 10-11:30 a.m., \$24 in district residents age 60 and above.
CRN 61191**

**HUM S53-56, GLEN, 4 Thu., 11/12-12/10, 10-11:30 a.m., \$40 out of district residents or under age 60.
CRN 61192**

Registration is by seminar only. Half-price discount does not apply. For more information, call 847-635-1414.

Thursday, November 12

NINE MONTHS LATER: THE MIDDLE EAST

The Obama Administration faces innumerable challenges in the Middle East, from the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and tension between Tehran and Washington. Join **Toufic El Rassi**, instructor of political science, for this update regarding the administration's strategies and goals with regards to myriad foreign policy problems.

Thursday, November 19

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE BUT FEWER DROPS TO DRINK: AN INQUIRY INTO THE EMERGING GLOBAL WATER CRISIS

We live in a world of emerging environmental crises that some believe could threaten access to essential resources, especially water. In fact, a recent United Nations report predicts that the shortage of fresh water will eclipse disease, poverty, ignorance, and the collapse of social order, as the most serious challenge facing people in the 21st century. Join **James Marran**, geography educator and editor, to examine the consequences of Earth's soaring need for fresh water, and how, by century's end, it will be in greater demand than petroleum.

Thursday, November 26 - No Class

Thursday, December 3

NINE MONTHS LATER: U.S. AND RUSSIA

In the past few years, relations between the U.S. and Russia have reached their lowest point since the Cold War. Many had hoped, however, that the Obama Administration would work to repair the relationship. Join **Nicholas Catanese**, a member of Oakton's language faculty, to discuss whether those hopes are being met at this point in Obama's presidency.

Thursday, December 10

CONTEMPORARY POLITICS IN AFRICA

Dramatic changes are taking place in sub-Saharan Africa, where the ongoing global financial crisis is having a profound impact on the region's future. **Peter Hudis**, a member of Oakton's philosophy faculty, returns to explore China's growing role in parts of Africa, the politics of oil, and efforts to advance alternative models of social and economic development.