



LEON S. PETERS ETHICS LECTURE SERIES

SPRING 2016

ISIS, Islam, and American Politics

February 2, 5-6:30 PM
McLane Hall, Room 121

A panel discussion focused on issues related to contemporary issues arising from discussion of ISIS and Islam in American politics, featuring:

- Imam Seyed Ali Ghazvini
- Sumaya Attia (student activist)
- Professor Vincent Biondo
- Supervisor Andreas Borgeas
- Rabbi Rick Winer

If Not Race, then What? Bio-cultural Groups, Social Ontology, Political Philosophy

Lucius Outlaw
March 11, 5-6PM
EE 191

Lucius Outlaw explores how best to characterize “bio-cultural groups”—social groupings that are self-reproducing biologically and partially self-sustaining through cultural practices. If such groups should not be referred to as “races,” then what are they and how can they be described?

Dr. Lucius Outlaw is Professor of Philosophy at Vanderbilt University. He is the author of *On Race and Philosophy* (Routledge 1996).

From Out in the Street to the Promised Land

Michael Brune
April 13 5-6PM
Alice Peters Auditorium (UBC, Room 191)

Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune will discuss his organization's historic, first-ever adoption of civil disobedience (to oppose the Keystone XL pipeline), the significance of the growing international climate movement, and the world-changing opportunities being created by the transition from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy.

Michael Brune has been Sierra Club's executive director since 2010. Brune is a nationally recognized writer, speaker, and commentator on energy and environmental issues.

Stealing from the Poor: Nepal's Earthquake and Development Ethics

Gyanesh Lama
May 3, 5-6PM
Alice Peters Auditorium (UBC, Room 191)

In April of 2015, a massive earthquake hit Nepal, causing significant suffering. Professor Gyanesh Lama has traveled to Nepal to support the relief and reconstruction effort. This talk will provide updates from Nepal one year later, while considering ethical issues related to economic, social, and political development. Issues to be considered include: targeting aid, graft and corruption, caste system and religious hierarchies.

Gyanesh Lama, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work Education at California State University, Fresno. Originally from Nepal, his degree is from Washington University in St. Louis.