**Political Economy Week – Spring 2012**

**Monday, April 23**

9:30 – 10:45 Room 578 Economics of Happiness with Todd Myers and Shahrokh Shahrokhi

9:30 – 10:45 Room 577 The Affordable Care Act: Do We Have to Buy Insurance with Joe Braunwarth

11:00 – 12:15 Room 575 Ayaan Hirsi Ali’s Nomad: From Islam to America: A Personal Journey through the Clash of Civilizations with Todd Myers

12:30 – 1:45 Room 524 Lessons from History: The Great Depression vs. The Great Depression with Scott McGann

12:30 -1:45 Room 577 Depictions of Women in Advertising with Joe Braunwarth

2:00 – 3:15 Room 577 Gold? Stocks? Cash? The Macroeconomics of Investing in Uncertain Times with Scott McGann

**Tuesday, April 24**

9:30 – 10:45 Room 41-117 Whose the Man? Women with Joe Braunwarth

11:00 – 12:15 Room 581 How Los Angeles Stole a River.  Video and discussion with Brian Jennings

12:30 – 1:45 Room 575 Liberal/Libertarian Debate with Will Cummings and Scott McGann

12:30 – 1:45 577 Real World Perspectives on Career Success with Mary Braunwarth

2:00 – 3:15 Room 577 Steven Pinker’s The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined with Todd Myers

5:30 – 6:45 Room 576 Economic Instability and Irrational Financial Markets with Shahrokh Shahrokhi

**Wednesday, April 25**

9:30 – 10:45 Room 577 Justifying Freedom: Insights into Libertarian Ideology with Scott McGann and Todd Myers

11:00 – 12:15 575 Health Care Debate and Discussion with Gregg Robinson and Scott McGann

12:30 – 1:45 Room 524 Young and Restless in China: Striving to Succeed in a New China.  Video and Discussion with Brian Jennings

12:30 – 1:45 Room 576 Income Inequality and Economic Growth with Shahrokh Shahrokhi

2:00 – 3:15 Room 579 Keynes the Return of the Master with Will Cummings

5:30 – 6:45 Room 577 Freedom on my Mind: the Fight for Voting Rights for African Americans.  Video and Discussion with Brian Jennings

7:00 – 9:30 Room 523 Practical Political Economy. Promoting Change by the Numbers with Nancy Speckmann

**Thursday, April 26**

9:30 – 10:45 Room 41-117 The Legalization of Drugs with Larry Smith

11:00 – 12:15 Room 581 Insights from Behavioral Economics: Are You the Rational Person That Standard Economics Maintains You Are? with Will Cummings

12:30 – 1:45 Room 577 Why We Fight: the American Military Industrial Complex.  Video and Discussion with Brian Jennings

12:30 – 1:45 Room 575 A Conservatives’ Guide to Making Government More Efficient with Gary Rattray

2:00 – 3:15 Room 577 Charles Murray’s Coming Apart: The State of White America 1960-2010 with Todd Myers

5:30 – 6:45 Room 576 Health Care Puzzle: Lessons from Economics with Shahrokh Shahrokhi

**Friday, April 27**

9:00 – 12:00 Room 36-325 "Inside Job" The astounding true story of the economic collapse.  Academy Award winning movie and discussion with Will Cummings