

Northwood plans series of lectures open to public

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Northwood University's Forum for Citizenship and Enterprise is planning a number of lectures and debates during the spring semester.

Speakers include award-winning authors and professors, policy experts and contrarian bloggers. Members of the community are welcome to join students, faculty, and staff for these public events. Admission is free, and no RSVP is required. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, Feb. 9: Has the Great Society Succeeded? Rachel Sheffield, policy analyst in the DeVos Center for Religion & Civil Society at The Heritage Foundation, kicks off the first presentation in a three-part lecture series, "The Great Society at 50." The series will re-examine the effects of President Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society welfare programs on America. This event will take place in the Griswold Lecture Hall and is co-sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies.
- Monday, March 2: Are U.S. National Interests in the Middle East Best Advanced by Active Military Intervention? Max Boot, the Jeane J. Kirkpatrick senior fellow in National Security Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, and Doug Bandow, senior fellow at the Cato Institute in Washington, will debate the merits of American military policy abroad. This event will take place in the Griswold Lecture Hall and is co-sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies.
- Wednesday, March 18: Are We Stuck with the Great Society? Bryan Caplan, professor of economics at George Mason University and blogger for EconLog, gives the second lecture in the series, "The Great Society at 50." This event will take place in the Helen Gerace Auditorium and is co-sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies.

- Tuesday, March 31: Grant and Lee in War and Peace. William C. Davis, Pulitzer-nominated historian and professor of history and director of programs for the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies at Virginia Tech, offers new insights into the lives of the Civil War's greatest generals, Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee. This event will take place in the Helen Gerace Auditorium.
- Monday, April 20: Alternatives to the Great Society. Kris Mauren, co-founder and executive director of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, presents the final lecture in the series, "The Great Society at 50." This event will take place in the Griswold Lecture Hall and is co-sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies.

All events begin at 7 p.m. on Northwood University's Midland Campus, 4000 Whiting Drive. Refreshments are provided.

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