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The Janus Project Steering Committee is comprised of representatives from Brown's political student organizations. The Steering Committee proposes topics, researches issues, and invites experts to take part in the lecture series. Members of the committee represent the diverse opinions at Brown while sharing a commitment to the goals of the Janus Project, namely critical examination of pertinent political subjects through vigorous debate and discussion. To get more information about joining the Janus Steering Committee, email Janus@brown.edu.

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The Janus Forum Lectures are sponsored by Brown’s Political Theory Project. The Lectures are part of the Project’s Janus Forum, a student-run initiative that encourages, facilitates, and develops active thought, debate, and discussion around political ideas. The Janus Forum seeks to actively promote critical thinking and discourse by exposing students to a variety of perspectives regarding relevant social and political issues. In addition to hosting political forums at Brown, the Janus Forum also sponsors a student group of Janus Fellows, which participate in related student activities.

Francis Fukuyama is Bernard Schwartz Professor of International Political Economy at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, and Director of its International Development Program. Professor Fukuyama has worked at several prominent think tanks and public policy organizations. He has served the U.S. Department of State in posts related to Middle East affairs, and is a 2002 appeintee to the President’s Council on Bioethics. Professor Fukuyama is the author of several books including *The End of History* and the Last Man and, most recently, *America at the Crossroads: Democracy, Power, and the Neoliberal Legacy*. He is a co-founder of the magazine and website, *The American Interest*, a new and independent voice devoted to the broad theme of “America in the world,” and chair of its editorial board. Lee M. Silver is a professor at Princeton University in the Department of Molecular Biology and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He is an elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the recipient of a National Institutes of Health MERIT award for outstanding research in genetics. He has been elected to the governing boards of the Genetics Society of America and the International Mammalian Genome Society. Professor Silver is the author of several books including *Remaking Eden: How Genetic Engineering and Cloning Will Transform the American Family* and, most recently, *Challenging Nature: The Clash of Biotechnology and Spirituality*. He has published over 200 scientific articles in the fields of genetics, evolution, reproduction, embryology, computer modeling, and behavioral science, as well as academic essays at the interface of biotechnology, law, ethics, and religion.

Awards and Prizes

The Hardball Question Award is given to the student who asks the most critically challenging question. The winner receives an engraved trophy commemorating the Janus Lecture. The Janus Essay Contest awards cash prizes of $150, $100, and $50 for the most insightful essays on the evening’s lecture. There will also be cash prizes of $20 awarded to the five runners-up. Essays should be limited to 1000 words. Please submit essays for this event by Monday, October 15 to janus@brown.edu.

Robert George and Kent Greenawalt engage the audience in last spring’s Janus Lecture on Religion and the U.S. Constitution.

Upcoming Janus Lectures

Is America in the Midst of a Culture War? Thursday, November 29, 2007 3pm Speakers: Morris Fiorina and James Hunter

What should be the role of the US in the UN? Thursday, February 21, 2008 3pm Speakers: Ambassadors John Bolton and Richard Holbrooke