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### **Stanford Professor Paul Wise on Haiti and International Child Health**

**Thursday, February 4**

Stanford in Washington  
2661 Connecticut Ave., NW  
Washington, DC

**6:30-7:15pm light refreshments**

**7:30-8:15pm lecture**



The WDCSA Speakers Series continues with engaging faculty member Paul Wise, Richard E. Behrman Professor of Child Health and Society. He will give a lecture, "The Struggle for Child Health and Protection in Areas of Intense Political Instability," with additional comments on the recent devastation in Haiti and its ramifications. Wise is a pediatrician by training and has presented such lively and diverse talks as "Are Adults Just Grown-up Kids?" and "Can the California Pediatric Health Care System Survive Health Care

Reform?" His most recent research hypothesizes that almost half of all preventable child deaths in the world occur in areas with unstable governance.

Find out how Stanford is developing new strategies to improve child health and well-being in areas plagued by violence and political instability.

Free for young alumni Washington DC Stanford Association members ('05 - '09) and Stanford in Washington students, \$8 for WDCSA members and young alumni non-members, and \$15 for non-members. Registrants may bring a guest for the same price. Register online quickly and conveniently at <http://pgnet.stanford.edu/goto/event6126reg>. Questions? Contact Risa Shimoda, '77, at [risashimoda@msn.com](mailto:risashimoda@msn.com) or 301-502-6548.

### **Book Club Discussion**

**Sunday, February 7**

**5pm**

The book group will meet at the home of Jodie Thayer in Potomac, MD., to discuss the novel Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout. Members will be contacted a week prior to the meeting. New members welcome. E-mail [alisoncolew@hotmail.com](mailto:alisoncolew@hotmail.com) for information.

## EVENT SPOTLIGHT: STANFORD'S FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM



Stanford's flag football team ended an action-packed season with an impressive 8-5 record.

One of the many highlights this season was beating a local powerhouse like Maryland and validating this team's progression. Playing shorthanded against Maryland, Stanford played very smart, hard, and aggressive football, and served a very good team with their walking papers.

In the final game of the season, despite losing their star running back pre-game and quarterback on the first play of the game, Stanford fought hard and forced a few turnovers, but lost in the third round to Michigan, the odds-on-tournament-favorite, by 6....(touchdowns).

This season Stanford added great pieces to the puzzle and if the team continues to work, stay together, and build on this effort, we're really going to make some noise next season!

**Google Presents: Democracy Online**  
**Featuring Stanford Professor Larry Diamond**  
**Monday, February 8 4:30-6pm**  
 1101 New York Ave NW, Second Floor  
 Washington, DC

Join Google and Freedom House to discuss the issue of free expression and democratic change online.

Pablo Chavez, of Google, will moderate a discussion, "Can the Internet Bring Change?"

Stanford Professor Larry Diamond will be featured on the panel along with Daniel Calingaert, of Freedom House and Omid Memarian, of Iranian Dissident Blogger.

Some experts look at incidents where new technology is being used by opponents of repressive regimes and have come to the conclusion that online

free expression has the potential to bring about great democratic changes. Others are less optimistic, noting that governments are manipulating Internet activists and that, in any case, all the activity amounts to little more than taking offline techniques and moving them online.

Rsvp here: <https://spreadsheets.google.com/a/google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dGEIVGdqa2FfM0JITHVJNm5ZZTFjT3c6MQ>.

Please submit and vote on questions for the panel at Google Moderator ([www.google.com/talks](http://www.google.com/talks)).

### **Ivy Singles Happy Hour**

**Friday, February 19 6:30-9pm**

Pines of Florence  
3811 N. Fairfax Dr.  
Arlington, VA

Come in from the cold to the warm atmosphere of this neighborhood favorite. Enjoy good conversation over hearty Italian fare. Cash bar. Pines of Florence will be closed to the public for the duration of this private party.

Located a block from the Virginia Square metro on the orange line. Free parking on the street after 6pm. Prepaid reservations: Send \$25 check, payable to CUCDC, to Nancy Tate, 901 N. Monroe Street, Apt. 705, Arlington, VA, 22201, postmarked by Monday, February 12. Please note your school on the check. RSVPs and walk-ins are \$35. Questions? Email [nancy.tate@hotmail.com](mailto:nancy.tate@hotmail.com).

### **Stanford at the Terra Cotta Warriors Exhibit**

**Thursday, March 11 6:30-9:30pm**

The National Geographic Museum at Explorers Hall  
1145 17th St NW  
Washington, DC

Please join us at an exclusive Stanford reception and viewing of the Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit at The National Geographic Museum. The show features the largest collection of objects from Emperor Qin Shi Huang's tomb to ever travel from China. Space is limited so do not delay!

Reserve your space online at: <http://www.stanfordalumni.org/erc/regional/detail.html?ref=erc&cid=206873>

Questions? Contact Joanie Belli at [jbelli@stanford.edu](mailto:jbelli@stanford.edu)

### **Department of Energy Under Secretary Kristina Johnson - Rescheduled Event**

**Thursday, April 15 6:30-8pm**

Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)  
2000 L Street NW; Suite 805  
Washington DC

Kristina M. Johnson, Ph.D., current Under Secretary for Energy, Department of Energy, discusses her perspectives on energy/climate change issues in 2010 and beyond. Prior to her appointment, Dr. Johnson was Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at The Johns Hopkins University. Among her many awards and accomplishments, she received the John Fritz Medal in May, 2008—widely considered the highest award in the engineering profession. Previous recipients include Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, and Orville Wright. Dr. Johnson has 142 refereed papers and proceedings and holds 129 US and international patents and patents pending. Graduating from Stanford in 1981 with both a bachelor's and master's degree [with distinction] in electrical engineering, she earned her Ph.D. at Stanford in 1984.

Following refreshments from 6:30-7:00, Dr. Johnson will provide informal remarks and answer questions. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to welcome her to Washington and hear about important energy challenges ahead!

Price: \$20 by April 8; \$30 at the door

To reserve your space, send a check payable to WDCSA to:

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Questions? Contact Garry or Barbara Tyran '75 at [gktyran@aol.com](mailto:gktyran@aol.com) or 301-652-6632.

**Stanford at the Opera****Spring 2010**

Kennedy Center

Marriage of Figaro – Mozart

Tuesday, May 4 @ 7:30 pm

Often considered Mozart's most perfect opera – the Houston Opera's gorgeous production with Teddy Tahu Rhodes as the Count. Deadline for ordering is April 16. Tickets will be mailed the week of April 26th.

Hamlet – Thomas

Tuesday, June 1 @ 7:30 pm

A Washington National Opera premiere of this seldom performed opera with bass Samuel Ramey as the evil Claudius, Diana Damrau as Ophelia and Placido Domingo conducting.

Deadline for ordering is May 7. Tickets will be mailed week of May 17.

Orchestra \$151.50; 2nd Tier \$ 76.50.

For tickets - send a check payable to WDCSA to Betty Byrne, 1822 Ingleside Terrace NW, Washington DC 20010. Contact Betty @ [bettybyrne@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:bettybyrne@stanfordalumni.org) or 202.483.4048.

**Stanford in the News**

- The digital pages of Stanford's latest 30-page report on undergraduate education feature embedded videos of students – present and past – talking about life on The Farm.
- In the Thinking Twice section of "Inside the Humanities at Stanford University" Professors Michael E. Bratman and Greg Walton offer two different views on the question of whether an individual is solely responsible for his or her actions.

**Get Involved!****WDCSA Co-Ed Softball on the Mall**

Very soon all that remaining snow is going to melt, the Super Bowl will be a fond memory and Spring Training is going to start. Tickets are already on sale for the Cactus and Grapefruit Leagues!

While there most likely won't be a rush to buy tickets to watch the CAN league, it is time to start thinking about the 2010 season of Stanford's co-ed softball team.

Key things to consider for softball:

- Practice(s) will start in April
- Pre-season scrimmage(s) will be in late-April/early May
- Season starts in May and runs through July
- End of season tournament should be the first or second weekend in August
- More than half the games are played during the week starting at 6:30 pm on the Mall. The remainder are played on the weekends starting at any time (9 am to 2 pm).
- Players should expect to pay anywhere from \$10 (WDCSA members that already have a burgundy jersey) to \$40 (WDCSA non-members who need a jersey)
- The quality of play is at moments brilliant and at other times hysterically pathetic, but we always have a good time

If you are interested in playing, please send an email to [wdcsasoftball@gmail.com](mailto:wdcsasoftball@gmail.com). We hope to see you on the diamond this Spring!

**Stanford Lacrosse Is Headed Our Way... Save The Dates**

The Stanford women's lacrosse team is coming to the Washington area to play at the University of Maryland on Thursday, March 25th at 7:00pm, and at Towson University on Sunday, March 28th at 1:00pm. Check the March issue of the WDCSA Newsletter for details, and for information about events being planned during the team visit.

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