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CAPE Invites You!
Bring a friend, a spouse, a colleague!
Shake That Cabin Fever!
Come and Enjoy!
Thursday, March 5th
4pm – 6pm @ Kendal of Ithaca

Come join your friends and colleagues for a wonderful selection of teas, ciders, wines, beers and gorgeous hors d'oeuvres!

Enjoy nice music with easy parking!
Mark your calendar!

Thank you, Frank!

After several terms and many roles with CAPE, Frank is retiring. Frank served as Lecture Chair, financial planning consultant and was instrumental in the expanded social programs to include the events such as those at Kendal! He was also the vice president and then president. His energy and humor will be greatly missed.

Thanks for your commitment and many contributions to CAPE, Frank!
Cornell Faculty Memorial Statements

From its founding, the Cornell University Faculty has had a practice of recording a tribute to its members upon their passing. The first and second such entries in the faculty minutes were for William C. Cleveland, Professor of Civil Engineering (d: January 16, 1873) and Ezra Cornell, Founder of the University and President of the Board of Trustees from its founding in 1863 until his death on December 9, 1874. The current Cornell Memorial Statement (and archived statements) can be found here: http://theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/dean/memorial-statements/

We occasionally receive memorial/life statements in advance, and we are happy to receive them. If you’re considering drafting yours statement of life, here are some general guidelines to consider:

- Academic title
- Birth date and birthplace
- College degrees obtained
- Date of hire at and retirement date
- Major accomplishments
- Contact information for a few people who can be quoted about the academic contributions
- Titles and dates of major publications
- Significant awards and honors
- Contact information for a family member or someone on campus who represents you/your family
- Names and hometowns of family
- A high-quality photo or jpeg to accompany the statement
- Proposed memorial service information, if applicable
- Where to send memorial contributions, if applicable

Cornell has guidelines, as well: Memorial articles range from 500 to 1500 words in length. • All articles submitted for publication are subject to editing as to: reasonable uniformity of style, i.e., reporting name of college, membership in societies, reporting publications, military service etc. • Use a title each time (when not using a pronoun). Please note if Emeritus or Emerita. Please send any postal addresses of family members to help ensure they will receive the booklet. More information can be found here: https://cpb-us-e1.wpmucdn.com/blogs.cornell.edu/dist/3/6798/files/2019/11/2019-20-Guidelines-for-Memorial-Statements.pdf

If you have questions or would like to send prepared statements contact the CAPE office: cape@cornell.edu.
February 20th, Sidney Tarrow, Government,
Lies, Fakes, and Deep Fakes: Advances and Abuses of AI in the Age of Trump

Changes in the law, technological innovations, and the rise of "citizen journalism" have recently combined to yield "fake news," as illustrated by the distortion of a recent speech by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to make it seem as if she was intoxicated or unwell. In an earlier effort, with Michael C. Dorf, we found that the First Amendment, as construed by the Supreme Court, offers scant protection for activist journalists to go undercover to uncover wrongdoing, while providing substantial protection for the spread of falsehoods.1 By providing activists the means to reach sympathetic slices of the public, the emergence of social media has blurred the lines between journalism and activism, at the expense of purportedly objective and truthful reporting. Does the coming of the Trump movement and the advent of "deep fakes" pose a risk to the decline of political discourse in America?

March 19th -- Rachel Bezner Kerr, Department of Global Development
The potential and challenges of agroecology – cases from Malawi and Tanzania

Recent efforts to promote a new “Green Revolution” in Africa have focused on productivity, the ‘yield gap’ and linking African farmers to global markets. Agroecology offers a viable alternative to this approach which has potential benefits for biodiversity and climate change adaptation. Key questions remain, however, of knowledge gaps and equity in agroecology, including gender inequalities. In this presentation Dr. Bezner Kerr will examine the evidence from long-term research on agroecological alternatives being applied by farmers in Malawi and Tanzania. Using survey data, interviews and field observations with smallholder farmers who are using agroecological methods, she will then examine some of the challenges, contradictions and tensions related to agroecological approaches. She argues that key aspects related to re-building ecological knowledge in communities and addressing gender and other inequities must be addressed if these approaches are to have positive impacts on food security, health and community resilience.

April 16th Thomas D. Seeley, Neurobiology and Behavior
The lives of bees: The Untold Story of the Honey Bee in the Wild

Humans have kept honey bees in hives for millennia, yet only in recent decades have biologists begun to investigate how these bees live on their own in nature. In this talk we will review what has been learned about the behavior, social life, and survival strategies of honey bees living outside the beekeeper’s hive, and how these things differ from their lives under the management of beekeepers. We will also see how the wild honey bee colonies can help us reverse the alarming die-off among the planet’s managed honey bee colonies - even some of the best minds have been fooled.

May 21st – Robert Frank, Department of Economics
The Mother of All Cognitive Illusions

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We’d Like to Hear From You!

Please let us know if you have a great idea or if you have an “About Our Colleagues” contribution to the newsletter. We’d love to hear from you!

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