

SPEAKER SERIES

2023-2024 Public Policy Analysis Challenge

Violence in America

January

23 – Dr. John Lott

Former Senior Advisor for Research and Statistics at the Department of Justice

Public Policy Incubator Classroom, Brown Hall

1:00 – 3:50



Dr. Lott is the former Senior Advisor for Research and Statistics at the U.S. Department of Justice and President of the Crime Prevention Research Center. By sharing his statistical expertise and key research findings, Dr. Lott will demonstrate the importance of evaluating quantitative claims critically (especially when that data is being used to inform policy). Dr. Lott will join both sections of the Public Policy Incubator course as a guest speaker.

February

13 – Panel I: Root Causes of Violence

Table Room, Brown Hall

11:30 – 12:45

- Moderator: Dr. Doug Fields, Emeritus Scientist at the NIH and author of *Why We Snap*
- Demeatreas Whatley, Cure Violence Global
- Dr. Pete Myers, Yellowbrick Consultation and Treatment Center

Research Presentation: Dr. Doug Fields

Emeritus Scientist at the NIH and author of Why We Snap

Lillard Science Center, 044

4:00 – 5:00



Dr. Fields is an Emeritus Scientist at the National Institutes of Health. In his book titled *Why We Snap*, he explores the neural and evolutionary forces that underpin violent behavior. In addition to moderating the first panel discussion, Dr. Fields will also host a presentation for those interested in learning more about how and why the human brain might resort to violence.

March

19 – Panel II: Community Response Strategies

Table Room, Brown Hall

11:30 – 12:45

- Moderator: Jason Palmer, Crusader News Group
- Joyce Mason, Illinois State Representative
- Robb Tadelman, McHenry County Sheriff
- Marvin Lindsey, former CEO of Community Behavioral Health Association of Illinois

April

8 – Keynote Address: Dr. Jerome Adams

Former U.S. Surgeon General

Table Room, Brown Hall

4:00 – 5:00



As the former Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. Adams strives to minimize violence in order to promote public health and safety. Dr. Adams will discuss the role of mental health concerns and sociocultural factors in violent behavior, as well as effective prevention and treatment strategies he has observed throughout his career.

For more information about the Public Policy Speaker Series, contact us at walker@lakeforest.edu and bolerjackba52@lakeforest.edu.