

David L. Blaney Inaugural Lecture as the G. Theodore Mitau Professor of Political Science

St. Paul, Minn. – David L. Blaney will speak about “Alfred Marshall’s Economic Biology: Economics as Civilizational/Racial Science,” when he gives his inaugural lecture as the G. Theodore Mitau Professor of Political Science, Tuesday, April 19, at 4:45 p.m. in the John B. Davis Lecture Hall, Ruth Stricker Dayton Campus Center.

Blaney writes on the political and social theory of international relations, global inequality, and political economic thought. He has co-authored (with Naeem Inayatullah of Ithaca College) *International Relations and the Problem of Difference* (Routledge, 2004), which argues that the field of international relations has failed to confront its intellectual ties to the legacy of colonialism and the attendant cultural cleansing, and *Savage Economics: Wealth, Poverty, and the Temporal Walls of Capitalism* (Routledge, 2010), which examines the role of the trope of the savage in justifying the inequalities of modern capitalism in readings of Adam Smith, Hegel, and Marx.

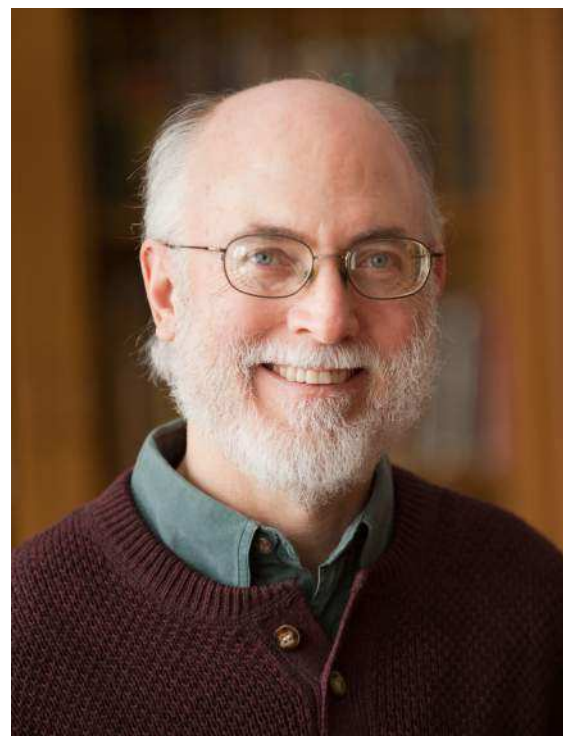
Currently, his work deepens this exploration of political economy as a mechanism for justifying suffering and extends the scope to include neoclassical economists such as Alfred Marshall and W. Stanley Jevons, and contemporary work in international political economy.

Blaney co-edits the Routledge book series *Worlding Beyond the West*, which supports scholarship that challenges the dominance of Western/Northern knowledge practices in international relations. As part of this series, he has edited (with Arlene Tickner of University of the Andes) *Thinking International Relations Differently* (2012) and *Claiming the International* (2013). With Tickner, he is now exploring the implications of work in political ontology - on the coexistence of multiple worlds - for the discipline of international relations.

Blaney received his PhD and MA from the University of Denver and his BA, with High Distinction, from Valparaiso University. He’s been at Macalester since 1994.

He teaches courses in international relations, political and social theory, and global political economy, and helped found the college’s concentration in international development. He received the Jack and Marty Rossmann Excellence in Teaching Award in 2011 and was granted a James Wallace Chair in 2012.

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