## Summer 2015 UIS Speaker Series Event Schedule*

All Events are Free & Open to the Public

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<td><strong>June 9</strong></td>
<td><strong>10:00AM</strong></td>
<td><strong>PAC G</strong></td>
<td><strong>Constructing Culture Workshop</strong></td>
<td>Lorena Johnson, M.A., M.P.A., Director of the Certified Public Manager Program of Illinois&lt;br&gt;Ms. Johnson has a M.A. in Communication and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Illinois, and a BSW in Social Work from Loyola University of Chicago. Ms. Johnson has been an adjunct faculty member for interdisciplinary courses in Humanities and Social Sciences at Parkland College in Champaign IL. She has worked for over 20 years in the field of diversity and multicultural education providing professional development workshops on creating culturally inclusive learning environments to K-12, community college, and university faculty and staff across the country.</td>
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<td><strong>June 23</strong></td>
<td><strong>7:00PM</strong></td>
<td><strong>Studio Theatre</strong></td>
<td><strong>Challenges to Americans and American Journalists’ Understanding of the Middle East in the Age of Jihad and ISIS</strong></td>
<td>Nina D. Burleigh, is an American writer and journalist who is currently a national political correspondent for Newsweek. She has written for Time, the New York Times, the New York Observer, People, Slate and other newspapers and magazines. She is the author of five books, including The Fatal Gift of Beauty, about the murder trial in Italy of American college student Amanda Knox. Burleigh was born in Chicago and has a Masters Degree in Creative Writing from the University of Chicago. She also has a master’s degree from the Public Affairs Reporting (PAR) program at UIS, and has been inducted into its Hall of Fame. Photo is from <a href="http://www.ninaburleigh.com/essays/">http://www.ninaburleigh.com/essays/</a>.</td>
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| July 16
Thursday
6:00PM
Brookens Auditorium |
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| **Enemy Mine (1985)**  
Film Screening and Discussion |
| Moderator: Ed Myers |

In the distant future, as the galaxy is being colonized, humanity goes to war against the Dracs, a reptilian race from the planet Draco as both races fight over the control of many worlds. During a space battle, space pilot Willis Davidge crashes on Fryine IV, a volcanic planet. Willis finds he isn't alone and finds a Drac named Jeriba Shigan has also crashed on the planet. Both stranded on Fryine IV...Davidge and Jeriba both put aside their differences and their hatred for each other as they both try to survive on the planet, where they learn of each other’s cultures and form a friendship. ([http://www.imdb.com/](http://www.imdb.com/))

Ed Myers is the author of several short stories, plays, and novels, including the first volume in a sci-fi/comedy series, *The Totally Gnarly Adventures of the Galactically Bitchin’ Comet Sweat!* He serves as an instructor for UIS’s Speaker Series and as an English instructor for various other colleges in the Springfield area.

* Please Note:

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