The University of Delaware conducts research across all continents. The global reach of our university is enhanced by the faculty associated with the different Area Studies Programs (African, Asian, European, Islamic, Jewish, and Latin American and Iberian). They develop lasting collaborations with local academic communities and examine questions in the social sciences, humanities, and arts. This lecture series will showcase some of this research. Our faculty in the Area Studies programs will discuss issues in literature, history, culture, politics, economics, artistic representations, Diasporas, international justice, among others. The aim is not only to share findings in an informal manner but also discuss the challenges and rewards associated with the study of international and global issues.

**Schedule**

**February 16:**
Rudi Matthee (Islamic Studies). *Persia in Crisis: Safavid Decline and the Fall of Isfahan*

**February 23:**
Julio F. Carrión (Latin American and Iberian Studies). *Support for Democracy in Latin America: Evidence from the Americas Barometer*

**March 2:**
Carla Guerrón-Montero (Latin American and Iberian Studies). *The City of Knowledge: Education, Inclusion, and Citizenship in Bahia, Brazil*

**March 9:**
Ikem Okoye (African Studies). *The Fashion for African Cities*

**March 16:**
Persephone Braham (Latin American Studies). *From Amazons to Zombies: A Latin American Bestiary*

**March 23:**
John Patrick Montaño (European Studies). *Violence, Ritual, and Cultural Communication in Early Modern Ireland*

**April 6:**
Heidi Kaufman (Jewish Studies). *Stories from the Grave: Reading 19th Century Tombstones of the Jewish Diaspora in Jamaica*

**April 13:**
Alice Ba (Asian Studies). *East Asia’s Process-Driven Regionalism: the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the East Asian Summit*

**April 20:**
Patricia Sloane-White (Islamic and Asian Studies). *Working in the Islamic Economy: Research inside Malaysia’s Islamic Banks*

**April 27:**
Jesús Cruz (Latin American and Iberian Studies). *Middle Class Culture in Nineteenth Century Spain*

**May 4:**
Mónica Dominguez-Torres (Latin American and Iberian Studies). *Indigenous Identity and the Heraldic Imagination in Colonial Mexico*

**May 11:**
Lauren Balasco (Ph.D. student, Political Science and International Relations). *Transitional Justice in a Regional Context: The International Criminal Court in Latin America and Africa*