

For Immediate Release

# Perspectives on the Drug War

How it affects our communities and international relations

- **What:**

A week-long series of speakers will be brought to Union College to engage the community in discussion of the international and domestic repercussions of the United States' policies regarding the production and distribution of illegal drugs. A concert event will bring the series to a close. All events are on Union College campus.

- **The Event:**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2002, 5:30pm in the Daycare Center**

*Clifford Thorton, Jr*

<http://www.efficacy-online.org>

Cliff is the President of Efficacy, a non-profit organization advocating peaceful responses to social problems. The primary effort of the organization at this juncture is to promote open discussion of alternatives to the "war on drugs". Efficacy, as well as many other respected institutions has found that the drug war is two degrees from all social problems. Cliff will be speaking about racial and economic issues related to drug policy.

**Wednesday, May 22, 2002, 7pm in Old Chapel**

*Sanho Tree*

<http://www.ips-dc.org/bios.htm#Sanho%20Tree>

Sanho has worked as a military and diplomatic historian and is pursuing drug policy reform by reaching out to non-traditional allies and employing innovative tactics to promote a sustainable, constitutional, and humane drug control policy. He currently chairs the International and Border Affairs Committee of the National Coalition for Effective Drug Policy (NCEDP).

*Professor Daniel Mosquera*

Professor Mosquera is from Columbia and is an assistant professor of modern languages at Union College. He will bring personal experience and a firsthand perspective to our discussion about foreign policy and specifically how it relates to Latin America.

**Thursday, May 23, 2002, 5:30pm in the Daycare Center**

*Terri Derikart*

Terri was the head of FAMM (Families Against Mandatory Minimums) for New York State which is a national nonprofit organization founded in 1991 to challenge inflexible and excessive penalties required by mandatory sentencing. FAMM promotes sentencing policies that give judges the discretion to distinguish between defendants and fit the punishment to the crime.

**Friday, May 24, 2002, 5:30pm in the Daycare Center**

*Professor Andrew Feffer*

Professor Feffer is an associate professor of history and director of American Studies at Union College. He will be discussing historical foreign policy in the far east.

*Professor Thomas Lobe*

Professor Lobe is an adjunct professor of political science at Union College. He will be discussing the situation in the far east, and Afganistan specifically with regard to United States foreign policy and the drug war.

**Saturday, May 25, 2002, 2pm behind the Campus Center**

- GOD: The Band
  - \* <http://www.godtheband.com>
- Metal Elephant
- Hot House Jazz Trio
  - \* <http://www.hothousejazztrio.com>
- More TBA!

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