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Dr. Scott Minnich is a professor of microbiology at the University of Idaho. He received his Ph.D. in Microbiology from Iowa State University (1979). He pursued postdoctoral studies in microbial and molecular genetics at Purdue and Princeton Universities. Dr. Minnich’s present research is centered on the molecular pathogenesis of Yersinia pestis (bubonic plague) and hemorrhagic E. coli. He is course chair for the WWAMI microbiology and infectious disease class for first year medical students and is Associate Director for the NIH-funded Idaho INBRE program. From October 2003 to May 2004, he served as a subject matter expert with the Iraq Survey Group WMD Inspection Team headquartered in Baghdad. Over the years he has published numerous peer-reviewed publications in such journals as the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Journal of Molecular Biology, Journal of Bacteriology, Molecular Microbiology and Infection and Immunity.

Gen. Richard Myers is retired as the 15th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on 1 October, 2005, after serving over 40 years in the US Air Force. During his term as Chairman, he served as principal military adviser to the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the National Security Council. General Myers led the US Armed Forces during a time of great threat to the Nation’s security. During his tenure as Chairman, the US led international efforts to topple the Taliban and deny Al Qaeda’s safe haven in Afghanistan, and to defeat the Saddam Hussein regime in Iraq. He also oversaw the US military’s role in relief efforts for the tsunami that struck the Pacific in December of 2004, and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. A native of Kansas City, Kansas, General Myers also served as Vice Chairman and Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He has held command positions at every level, including Commander of US Space Command, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Pacific Air Forces, US Forces Japan, and two fighter wings. A fighter pilot with over 4,100 hours, General Myers logged more than 600 combat hours during the Vietnam conflict. He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom on November 9, 2005. General Myers holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Kansas State University, an MBA from Auburn University (1977), and has attended Air Command and Staff College, the Army War College, as well as the Program for Senior Executives in National and International Security, John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University (1991).


TUESDAY, APRIL 1

• Renfrew Colloquium presentation on “Commemorating Catastrophe: Remembering the First World War 100 Years On”
  Dr. Jay Winter, Professor at Yale University
  Idaho Commons, Whitewater Room  |  Time: 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

• “Leest we Forget’: Influenza, the Great Pandemic of the Great War”
  Dr. Scott Minnich, Professor at University of Idaho
  SUB Vandal Ballroom  |  Time: 12:30 p.m.

• “Impacts of the Great War on the Middle East”
  Dr. Priya Satia, Professor at Stanford University
  SUB International Ballroom  |  Time: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

• Borah Symposium Keynote, “The Changes to the Laws of the War and the Control of WMDs.”
  General Richard Myers, Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
  SUB International Ballroom  |  Time: 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

• “Killing Franz Ferdinand: The Terrorist Act That Started a War and Changed the World”
  Dr. Richard Spence, Professor at University of Idaho
  SUB Vandal Ballroom  |  Time: 1:30 p.m.

• Borah Symposium Plenary Address, “Legacies of the Great War on the Modern Era”
  Dr. Jay Winter, Professor at Yale University
  SUB International Ballroom  |  Time: 7:00 p.m.