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## Place and Placelessness in America Lecture Focus

By Nicole Burkholder  
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On Thursday, Nov. 18, the American Studies department presented a lecture by Dr. David Glassberg. Glassberg is a member of the History department of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

In line with current debates about urban sprawl, Glassberg delivered his lecture entitled "Place and Placelessness." The focus of his current research is the study of Americans' sense of place in society, history, and nature.

Throughout the lecture, Glassberg used a variety of slides to support his point. Using pictures as diverse as generic shopping malls and historical monuments, Glassberg presented his interpretation of how Americans perceive certain places to be more or less important than others.

The lecture also focused on the historical perspective of the so-called urban sprawl.

Glassberg pointed out that the tendency for Americans to build or use an area, become dissatisfied with it, and build again is nothing new. He cited many examples from the beginnings of

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Photo by Nicole Burkholder

Dr. David Glassberg

## Reaching Out



Photo courtesy of Janet Widoff

Students had the opportunity to sign a banner that was sent to Texas A&M University in response to the school's recent bonfire structure collapse in which twelve students were killed. Another banner was sent to University Park in the wake of the bus accident that killed a student and a bus driver, and injured many others.

## International Internship an Amazing Experience

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Meghan scurries down the hallway hoping to avoid yet another conversation with yet another classmate or club-member about a question she will probably have the answer for but not the time to fully articulate.

Feeling somewhat like the rabbit from *Alice in Wonderland*, checking her watch and saying "I'm late, I'm late," she longs for the weekend, when her hectic routine will slow to a peaceful gallop.

She wishes there was a hole she could pop into and escape the realities of her busy life, if only for a moment. Meghan realizes that the internship she did this past summer has prepared her for this mayhem.

Meghan Jasani, 22, a senior at PSH majoring in Finance and

minoring in International Business, will graduate in December.

As if her schedule wasn't busy enough with classes and her role as the president of the Finance Club, she is also going to one job interview after another.

Hoping to land that job that may turn out to be a career, Jasani knows that the summer international internship with Fleet Bank, N.A., in London has also helped her land these interviews.

"I arrived in London not knowing where I was staying or who I was staying with," Jasani said. "It was a leap of faith."

She proceeded to go through a two-day orientation, and then, on June 17, she moved into a flat that she would share with three other interns.

On the 18th, Jasani interviewed

## Library Collection to Move During Semester Break

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Nobody likes to move. But, compared to moving the average household, moving the PSH library is the move from hell.

The plan to move the library over the semester break is in place and it looks like the plan for the Normandy invasion.

One thing that can't be planned, however, is the weather. Library Director Dr. Harold Shill would have preferred moving the library during the summer.

"The construction just worked out this way," Shill said.

Barring bad weather, moving over the semester break should work well. Historically, the library is quiet over the break.

According to Shill, once finals are over the majority of library transactions are students returning books or professors researching suspected plagiarism.

"Most people are getting ready for the holidays," Shill said. Shill does encourage stu-

dents and faculty to return or renew books before the move begins.

The library staff will make every attempt to offer emergency services during the dates the library will be closed to patrons. Staff should be able to locate a book or periodical depending on the status of the move for that section.

In addition, an information desk for "book returns and general questions" is promised in a memo to PSH faculty from Head of Public Services Gregory Crawford and Circulation Supervisor Fay Youngmark.

The memo included the dates and hours of operation from Dec. 13 through the opening of the new library on Jan. 10 (see box below).

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### MODIFIED LIBRARY HOURS

Dec. 13 - 16  
8am - 11pm

Dec. 17  
8am - 5pm

Dec. 18 - Jan. 5  
Library closed to patrons

Jan. 6 - 7  
12pm - 5pm

Jan. 10  
Regular hours resume



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