News at Noon is a weekly forum for faculty and student discussions about current events. Each Wednesday discussion will be lead by a faculty expert. Living in a democracy carries the responsibility of being an informed citizen. Join friends and faculty members on Wednesdays to consider how current events are presented in the media. Stop by the College Readership Newspaper bins, swipe your ID, and grab a NY Times to bring with you!

**SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2009**
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | MSC – Century A
*Making Sense of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict*
Discussion leader: Sapir Handelman, Center for International Studies

**Wednesday, March 4, 2009**
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM | MSC – Century A
*Life After College*
Discussion leader: Andy Masters, Professional Speaker and Author
*Registration required: [http://careers.umsl.edu](http://careers.umsl.edu) (Click “Special Events”)

**Wednesday, March 11, 2009**
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | MSC – Room 313
*Proposition STR8: Gay Marriage in America*
Discussion leader: Kathleen Nigro, Institute for Women and Gender Studies

**Wednesday, March 18, 2009**
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | MSC – Room 313
*Looking in the Crystal Ball: The Future of Higher Education Funding*
Discussion leader: Missouri State Senator Jeff Smith, District 4
*Hosted by ASUM for “Lunch with the Legislator”*

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