



Richard Herrmann, director of the Mershon Center, introduced Robert Pape who spoke on "America's Relative Decline and Its Consequences." Pape, a former student of Herrmann, spoke at the Mershon Center on September 25, 2009 as part of the Center's National Security Lecture Series.



Robert Pape, professor of political science at the University of Chicago, explained how the economy, relative to potential rivals, ultimately determines the limits of power in international politics.



Pape outlined the implications that America's international decline, which he argued was well under way before the economic downturn of 2008, have for America's grand strategy.



During the question and answer portion of his lecture, "America's Relative Decline and Its Consequences," Robert Pape, professor of political science at the University of Chicago, answered a variety of questions about American grand strategy, air power, and relative economic decline.



Peter Mansoor (left), Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History, and John Mueller (right), Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies, spoke with Robert Pape, professor of political science at the University of Chicago, after his lecture, "America's Relative Decline and Its Consequences," September 25, 2009, at the Mershon Center.