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*Peace Studies Speaker Series*

## Jerzy Nowak

"Aftermath of the Virginia Tech Tragedy: Student Responses and Development of Student-Centered Academic Opportunities"

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

1 p.m.

Mershon Center for International Security Studies

1501 Neil Ave., Columbus, OH 43201

Jerzy Nowak, professor of horticulture at Virginia Tech, is founding director of the [Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention](#).

In its first three years under Nowak's direction, the center has evolved as a hub for transdisciplinary research, education, and outreach. The center has three thematic areas that capture, focus, and leverage key strengths across the university and provide opportunities for partnerships with external entities: prevention of violence, peace studies, and global security.

Nowak has been an impassioned facilitator in the creation and vision of the center as widower of Jocelyne Couture-Nowak, a French instructor who was lost on April 16, 2007.

He will speak about his personal story and how the university can respond to violence in constructive ways.

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