



**James Caron, Lecturer in South Asian Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, and Margaret Mills, Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at The Ohio State University, stand together after Caron spoke to an audience of over 50 people at the Mershon Center.**



**Margaret Mills, Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at The Ohio State University, introduces speaker James Caron for his talk at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies on October 29, 2010. This event was co-sponsored with the Center for Folklore Studies.**



**James Caron, Lecturer in South Asian Studies at the University of Pennsylvania joins the Mershon Center for a talk titled, "Taliban and Participative Small Media in Pashtun Society, 1920-2010." Caron's language skills and work within the Pashtun society has allowed him to chronicle histories that have not been readily available in the West prior to his work.**



**James Caron's talk focused on Taliban poetry, both oral and written, memoirs, transcribed folklore and modern media that shape Pashtun society and the Taliban. He looks at the perceptions of the Taliban both concrete and imagined, from the socio-political and the cultural history taken together.**