



Michael Neblo, Assistant Professor of Political Science, introduced James Fishkin, Janet M. Peck Chair in International Communication at Stanford University, who spoke at the Mershon Center on April 14, 2010. During his introduction Neblo remarked that as a prospective graduate student he was influenced by Fishkin's ability to combine philosophy and political science at the highest academic level.



James Fishkin is Janet M. Peck Chair in International Communication at Stanford University. He is also professor of political science and communication, director of Stanford's Center for Deliberative Democracy, and chair of the Department of Communication. Fishkin spoke at the Mershon Center on "Deliberative **Democracy and Public** Consultation" during a talk cosponsored by the department of political science.



More than 60 people attended the lecture by Jim Fishkin held at the Mershon Center on April 14, 2010. Fishkin gave a lecture titled, "Deliberative Democracy and Public Consultation," which was based on his most recently published book, "When the People Speak: Deliberative Democracy and Public Consultation," published by Oxford University Press in 2009.



James Fishkin, Janet M. Peck Chair in International Communication at Stanford University, gave a lecture titled "Deliberative Democracy and Public Consultation," at the Mershon Center for **International Security** Studies on April 14, 2010. Fishkin is best known for developing Deliberative Polling® -- a practice of public consultation that employs random samples of the citizenry to explore how opinions would change if they were more informed.



After his lecture, James Fishkin (right), Janet M. Chair in International Communication at Stanford University, continued conversation with William Eveland, professor and graduate program director in the School of Communication at The Ohio State University and Social & Behavioral Sciences Joan N. Huber Faculty Fellow.