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MAGAZINE DISPLAY AT UD TO FEATURE LEFTIST, PROGRESSIVE LITERATURE

DAYTON, Ohio — Since the break-up of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War, national political discussion has pretty much ignored the left, and the lack worries a group of faculty members and students at the University of Dayton.

“Since the 1980s, the left of center has fallen off the map,” said Lawrence J. Flockerzie, associate professor of history. “It’s just not being discussed.”

An exhibit of progressive and leftist magazines, along with mission statements from some of the periodicals and computers to display online journals, will be featured Thursday and Friday, April 13 and 14, in Kennedy Union Room 211 on campus. Hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. Admission is free and open to the public.

Sponsor of the exhibit is the Radical Democratic Forum, a group of faculty and students formed in 1998 to challenge the assumptions of capitalism and to offer alternative, democratic social visions based on political and economic equality.

“The whole point of a university is to explore new alternatives and challenge our assumptions,” Flockerzie said. “I feel like we’re opening up an entirely new territory for discussion, and I think that’s a beautiful thing.”

Magazines featured in the exhibit will range from *Catholic Worker* and the *National Catholic Reporter* to *Mother Jones* and *Earth Island Journal*. *The Activist*, *New Socialist* and *Democratic Left* will be on display, as will *The Nation* and *Utne Reader*. More than 40 periodicals will be included in the exhibit.

The exhibit is being held in conjunction with a Distinguished Speaker Series address by Robert W. McChesney, author of *Rich Media, Poor Democracy*. McChesney will talk about his views on media and American politics at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in the Kennedy Union Ballroom. Admission is free and open to the public.

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