Learning @ Lunch Series
From Tysons Corner to Internet Alley:
An Intersection of Technology, Politics, and Geography

Date
Thursday, November 20, 2008

Time
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Place
Library of Congress
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*M*uch of the world's Internet management and governance takes place in a corridor extending west from Washington, DC, through northern Virginia toward Washington Dulles International Airport. The U.S. military planning and analysis takes place here as well. At the A center of that corridor is Tysons Corner—suburban crossroads once dominated by dairy farms and gravel pits. Today, the government contractors and high- tech firms that populate this corridor have created an "Internet Alley" off the Washington Beltway. Paul Ceruzzi examines this compact area of intense commercial development and describes its transformation into one of the most dynamic and prosperous regions in the country. He finds that a variety of perennially relevant issues intersect here, making it both a literal and figurative crossroad of federal support of scientific research, the shift of government activities to private contractors, local politics of land use and the postwar movement from central cities to suburbs.

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Paul E. Ceruzzi is Curator of Aerospace Electronics and Computing at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. He received a B.A. from Yale University and PhD from the University of Kansas, both in American Studies. Before joining the National Air and Space Museum, he was a Fulbright scholar in Hamburg, Germany and taught History of Technology at Clemson University in South Carolina.

He is the author or co-author of several books on the history of computing and aerospace technology: *Reckoners: The Prehistory of The Digital Computer* (1983); *Beyond the Limits: Flight Enters the Computer Age* (1989); *Smithsonian Landmarks in the History of Digital Computing* (1994); *A History of Modern Computing* (1998); and *Internet Alley: High Technology in Tysons Corner* (2008). His current research and exhibition work concerns the use of computers for long-range space missions.

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