



World Affairs Council
of Western Michigan

Great Decisions Global Discussions

March 26th “Global Health: Equity, Ethics, and Eradication” Ambassador Mary Ann Peters (ret.), CEO, The Carter Center

The diseases that afflict the poorest of the poor are often neglected by the global health community. Virtually no one in United States or Europe suffers from Guinea worm disease, or river blindness or lymphatic filariasis, diseases that mire their victims in extreme poverty. Ambassador Peters will talk about the campaign against neglected tropical diseases, using examples from the work of The Carter Center.

Ambassador Peters joined The Carter Center on Sept. 1, 2014. As CEO, she provides vision and leadership for The Carter Center and oversees program implementation and operations.

Before coming to The Carter Center, Ambassador Peters was Provost of the U.S. Naval War College from September 2008 to July 2014. Previously, she served as Dean of Academics at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

Ambassador Peters spent more than 30 years as a career diplomat. From 2000 to 2003, she served as U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh, leading the Embassy response to the September 11 attack and earning a Presidential Meritorious Service Award for that work. Prior to her posting in Dhaka, Ambassador Peters was the Deputy Chief of Mission in Ottawa, Canada, responsible for managing the embassy and supervising six U.S. consulates general. From 1995 to 1997, Ambassador Peters served as Director for European and Canadian affairs on the National Security Council staff, where she worked on Northern Ireland peace process.

Ambassador Peters’ earlier postings include Sofia, Bulgaria, Moscow during the Soviet era, Rangoon and Mandalay in Burma and Frankfurt, Germany. Ambassador Peters is a graduate of Santa Clara University and holds an MA from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Women in International Security and serves of the Boards of the Task Force for Global Health and the Emory Global Health Institute.

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6-7:15 p.m.: Aquinas College Performing Arts Center

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