



World Affairs Council *of Western Michigan*

2019-2020 Events

Special Events:

- 11/18/2019 “CHINA Town Hall” (livestream) and Courtney Henderson, Michigan China Innovation Center
- 12/04/2019 “La Virazón: Post-Maria Puerto Rico with Dr. Gilda Gely, Davenport University
- 5/06/2020* “Coronavirus and the US- China Relationship” with Sarwar Kashmeri, author; part of CxC: Amplified, a WACA national virtual summit
- 5/12/2020* “COVID 19 and a Future with Pandemics” with Amb. Bill Garvelink, former U.S. Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- 6/11/2020* “A Conversation with Ambassador André Haspels”

Global Executive Briefings

- 10/08/2019 “A Moderated Conversation on German- U.S. Business Relations” with Wolfgang Moessinger, Consul of Germany in Chicagoⁱ
- 10/25/2019 “2019 Canadian Elections and its Impact on Business” with Maryscott Greenwood and Joseph Comartin, Consul General of Canada in Detroit
- 10/29/2019 “A Forward Looking Conversation on Japan-U.S. Economic Relations” with Tsutomu Nakagawa, Consul General of Japan in Detroitⁱⁱ

National Conference

- 11/06-11/08/2019 “The 8 Forces Reshaping the Global Economy” The Mayflower Hotel, Washington DC

Fall Lecture Series: “Strategic Partnerships: Three Countries Important to U.S. International Relations

- 09/25/2019 “Vietnam, the U.S., and the Long Road to Peace” with Dr. Ed Martini, Western Michigan University
- 10/08/2019 “Wunderbar Together: Germany and the U.S.” with Wolfgang Moessinger, Consul of Germany in Chicago
- 10/29/2019 “A Forward Looking Conversation on Japan-U.S. Relations” with Tsutomu Nakagawa, Consul General of Japan in Detroit

70th Anniversary Event

- 1/14/2020 Vandenberg Luncheon with Ambassador Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., former U.S. Ambassador to Russia and China

Great Decisions Global Discussions: Monday evenings at Aquinas College and Tuesday noon at Calvin College

- 2/10-2/11/2020 “Kashmir: Flashpoint between India and Pakistan” with Raza Ahmad Rumi, Ithaca Collegeⁱⁱⁱ
- 2/17-2/18/2020 “Mirror to the World: The Philippines under Duterte” with Julie McCarthy, NPR^{iv}

- 2/24-2/25/2020 "Regional Security in the Red Sea" with Steve Dalzell, RAND Corporation^v
- 3/02-3/03/2020 FPA Video on Climate Change
- 3/09-3/10/2020 "Human Trafficking: Global and Local Perspectives" panel with Rachel VerWys, Solutions to End Exploitation (SEE)^{vi}
- 3/16-3/17/2020* "The Future is Now: Artificial Intelligence and National Security" with Lindsey Sheppard, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)^{vii}
- 3/23-3/24/2020* "China's Road into Latin America" with Margaret Myers, Inter-American Dialogue
- 3/30-3/31/2020* "Central American Immigration and U.S. Foreign Policy" with Sonia Nazario, Pulitzer-winning journalist

"Future of Work" series in partnership with Kent District Library

- 4/14/2020* "Global Trends Shaping the Future of Work" with Kristin Sharp, Entangled Solutions
- 4/21/2020* "Entrepreneur's Experiences in the Changing Economy--Local Perspectives" with Attah Obande, Spring GR
- 4/28/2020* "Working Together for Growth in West Michigan: Industry and Education" with Dr. Bill Pink, Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC)

WorldQuest

- 5/19/2020* International Trivia Game for local corporate and educational teams

#GlobalConnections (Programming for young professionals and the young at heart—Drinks and discussion after all general programming)

Global Leaders Programming

- 1/21/2020 Global Leaders Retreat –Cultural Intelligence Workshop

* Programming hosted virtually in response to COVID-19

ⁱ Additional events with Aquinas College and Ferris State University

ⁱⁱ Additional event with Amway and Calvin University

ⁱⁱⁱ Additional event with Calvin University

^{iv} Additional event with Grand Valley State University

^v Additional event with Calvin University

^{vi} Additional event with the City of Holland

^{vii} Additional event with DornerWorks