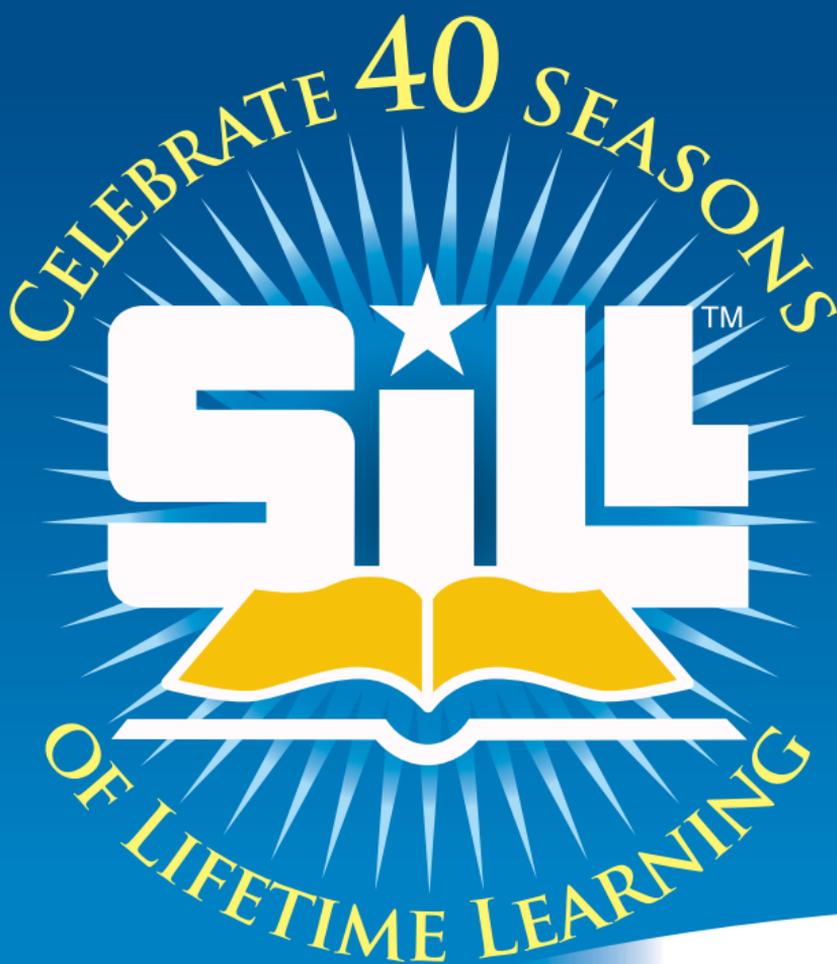


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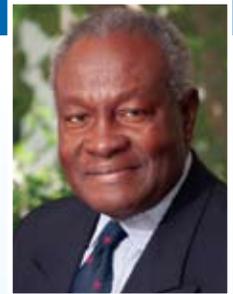
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A Message from the President

Greetings, welcome back, and welcome to first-time SILL attendees!

The Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning (SILL) enters its 40th year in 2011. We've planned activities to commemorate this 40th Anniversary and there will be ample opportunities for you, seasoned attendees and those new to SILL, to join in the celebration. Over these years SILL has garnered a reputation for presenting stimulating educational programs on important topics that you have indicated time and again are important in helping you keep apace in our ever-changing world. Our 2011 program promises the high quality speakers and substantive content you have come to expect.

Much has transpired on the world stage since SILL completed its 2010 season. Your SILL programmers have been dedicated this summer to structuring a 2011 slate featuring presenters, many of whom are regulars from the global corridors of power, who will bring you "insider" views on key issues along with prospective assessments of what they mean at home and abroad. We expect 2011 to be another banner year for SILL – and you!

Thank you for your support in 2010. SILL attendance exceeded our "best case" projections. In addition, many of you made generous contributions to Friends of SILL, which provides significant assistance in recruiting worldwide experts while helping SILL maintain ticket prices that are among the lowest in Greater Sarasota.

We thank the many SILL Volunteers and the SILL Board of Directors who together provide perhaps the most valuable components – through their time, their energy and their ideas – and are the linchpin of our success. SILL remains unique in Greater Sarasota as an all-volunteer organization, i.e. no paid staff.

We are always eager to add new volunteers to SILL's talent pool. I assure you that no matter what skills and time you have to share, SILL would benefit from your involvement. If you wish to become a SILL volunteer, please contact any member of our Board or visit us on the Internet at www.sillsarasota.org, for more information.

We trust you will enjoy the 2011 SILL 40th Anniversary season as much as we enjoy presenting it to you.

Chet Thompson, President

SILL AT 40

Something Old and Something New

2011 marks the Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning's 40th anniversary and SILL is having a SILL-a-bration! SILL will present to the entire community SILL-a-bration Days, an expression of gratitude for four decades of enthusiastic support and to attract new audience members. On January 6 and 7, SILL-a-bration Days will offer free Global Issues and Music Mondays lectures to live audiences in both Sarasota and Venice. In addition, the general public will be able to sign up to watch via the internet free simulcasts of the Sarasota Global Issues lecture on January 6 and the Music Mondays presentation on January 7.

Also new for 2011: simulcasts of the Sarasota Music Monday series! Because of the expanding interest in the Thursday Global Issues series simulcasts, and with more retirement communities signing on for next year, SILL will now offer the popular music series too.

Looking back, many of us did not live in the Sarasota area 40 years ago and are not aware of SILL's roots. When Evelyn Duvall, PhD, and a group of like-minded residents launched SILL in 1972 they had a modest goal: To provide an opportunity for post-career residents to be exposed to new ideas and information through small discussion groups meeting for 5 or 6 weeks. They originally focused on topics relating to history, religion, public policy, the arts, gardening and personal finances. These early SILL Board members, primarily retired educators, were expected to define topics, design a syllabus and lead the discussions.

In its first decade SILL volunteers imbued SILL with an ethos of exploration. Some topics were tried and abandoned. Those that drew the greatest audience interest coalesced around the broad areas of public policy, international relations and music, and the current program offerings of Global Issues and Music Mondays are direct descendents of that early audience interest. Eventually, this led to recruiting expert speakers from all over the country to inform the growing and ever more demanding SILL audience. As the rush of "high season" visitors and part-timers swelled, SILL scheduled its lecture series January through March to capture this larger audience. An audience of a few hundred each year has grown to over 25,000 in 2010.

Despite this remarkable growth, the spirit of the SILL founders prevails: To innovate, explore and adapt to the times and its audience. In recent years SILL has offered pre-registration, a website, e-mail messaging, pre-lecture infomercials, an expanded and more informative program brochure, and most recently, simulcasts to area retirement communities.

SILL's innovation and exploration continues. It is exciting to imagine what the next 40 years will bring. Stand by, better yet, get onboard!

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All seminars are limited to 30 participants

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Players Theatre

JANUARY 11

Obama and the Middle East: Preoccupation or Obsession?

President Obama has focused most of his foreign policy energy on addressing Middle East challenges. **Dr. Jerry Pubantz** examines: Has this preoccupation paid off for the region, the world, or American interests? Have other pressing global problems been neglected? Will the obsession about Middle East peace that has eluded presidents for 60 years prove to be Obama's greatest victory or defeat?

JANUARY 18

Saudi Arabia and U.S. - Iranian Tensions Saudi Arabia is becoming a powerful player on the world stage. **Dr. Jean-Francois Seznec** will evaluate the role of Saudi Arabia in Persian Gulf tensions. He will review how Saudi economic power factors into the Iran - U.S. - Saudi triangle and examine how the U.S. and Saudi Arabia view each other and work together, if at all, in countering Iranian goals.

JANUARY 25

Cracks in the Kremlin Wall Russia's greatest sources of power are in reality strategic vulnerabilities and weaknesses. The energy and natural resources giant has feet of clay. **Dr. Robert Barylski** will comment on Putin's reception for the spies President Obama expelled and Russian speculation on the death of a defector living in Sarasota.

FEBRUARY 1

Energy Exploration and the Environment: Lessons from the BP Oil Disaster **Dr. Douglas Rader** will discuss what went wrong with the BP Macondo well, the implications of the resulting oil disaster and the lessons to be learned. Dr. Rader will explore the factors that both exacerbated and limited its impacts as a foundation for considering options for successful long-term restoration and management of the Gulf.

FEBRUARY 8

The Immigration Debate: Federal versus State Authority in the Immigration Wars Despite the blow dealt by a federal judge to Arizona's tough immigration law, lawmakers and activists continue to back similar measures in states across the country. The failure of Congress to act on immigration legislation has caused some important economic problems as well as public safety issues. **Muzaffar Chishti** will discuss these issues.

FEBRUARY 15

Challenges and Opportunities in Unfolding U.S.-Chinese Relations China is developing economically and becoming a growing consumer of world resources. **Stephen Dachi** will examine: How will the U.S.-China relationship evolve as China increasingly projects its influence in the world?

FEBRUARY 22

Searching for Stability In recent years the United States has engaged in not just training, but also creating armed forces, police, and judicial systems in Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq and, to a degree, Haiti. **Dr. Richard Millett** will examine: How successful have we been and what are the future prospects?

MARCH 1

Backing the Right Vision for Afghanistan: America's Critical Challenge Competing visions for a future Afghanistan are more complex than our media would suggest. Americans should have a clearer understanding of the players and their goals. **Amb. Kenton Keith** will explore this issue.

MARCH 8

CIA from Its Inception to the War on Terror **Frederick P. Hitz**, author and former Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), discusses the CIA's real mission, examining how the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991 and the rise of Islamist terrorism have altered its role and introduced elements of law enforcement and special military operations into its profile.

MARCH 15

Obama and the Roberts Court **Robert Barnes** will discuss the conflict between President Obama and the Supreme Court. The tension is only expected to rise as the court, the most conservative branch of government, begins to consider Obama's progressive agenda. Obama also has the potential to transform the court itself, as he could have the opportunity to nominate more than two justices.

MARCH 22

Relations between Iran and the U.S.: Confrontation or Rapprochement? **Dr. Moshen Milani** will discuss the status of U.S.-Iranian relations during the Obama Administration and evaluate the consequences of a possible military confrontation between Iran and the U.S.

MARCH 29

Will Turkey Ever Get into the EU? French President Nicolas Sarkozy has long blocked Turkey's entry into the EU. France has frustrated Turkey's EU hopes. But what if Turkey's EU accession talks fail? **Dr. Soner Cagaptay** postulates: This will be a disaster, ending Turkey's consolidation as a liberal democracy, with dangerous consequences for the West, including France.

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JANUARY 12

Barack Obama's Foreign Policy in the Second Half In the United States, Presidents make foreign policy. However, Congresses and elections matter too. Now that the midterm elections are over, **Dr. Jerry Pubantz** examines: How successful has President Obama been in pursuing his foreign and military policy goals overseas and on Capitol Hill? How will his policies change as the political clock ticks closer to November 2012?

JANUARY 19

The Arab States of the Persian Gulf vs. Iran The Arab States, which comprise the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), are becoming increasingly worried about a potential nuclear Iran. **Dr. Jean-Francois Seznec** will discuss the relationships between Iran and some of the GCC states. He will focus on the competition between Iran and the GCC, the race towards nuclear technology, and the role of the U.S. in these relationships.

JANUARY 26

Inconvenient Truths: Russia and Afghanistan The events of 9/11/2001 resulted in a U.S. decision to attack terrorists wherever they may reside. Osama bin Laden's operations are based in Afghanistan where U.S. military strikes are now underway. Russia fought Islamic extremists in Afghanistan from 1979-1989. **Dr. Robert Barylski** will examine how Russia's dealing with the Iranian dictatorship since 1979 can teach the U.S. some lessons on how to conduct our operations in this part of the world.

FEBRUARY 2

Challenges to Sustainability in the Changing Gulf **Dr. Douglas Rader** examines the long-term implications of the BP oil disaster in the context of other forces shaping the Gulf of Mexico, including rising seas and intensifying storms. Dr. Rader will consider challenges to sustainable management of the shared waters and resources of the Gulf, and outline high-value Gulf management policies.

FEBRUARY 9

Immigration Policy and Politics Immigration has, once again, become a hotly contested public policy issue. For a nation of immigrants, America has always been ambivalent about immigration. While it has enabled America to grow and prosper, immigration results in changes that can be unsettling and divisive. The recent events in Arizona have highlighted the challenge of state's rights versus Federal laws. **Muzaffar Chishti** will discuss these issues.

FEBRUARY 16

China, Emerging Power: Foe, Rival or Partner of the United States? China has become an Asian economic and political super-power. Its quest for world resources already brings it into competition with the U.S. and the West. It is fast developing a navy to match the military strength of its land, air, and missile forces. **Stephen Dachi** will examine the dynamics of a changing relationship.

FEBRUARY 23

Central America: Peace Without Security The end of wars in Central American countries has decreased, rather than increased, the security of the population. The appearance of gangs, drug trafficking and other forms of violence has left individuals feeling less safe. **Dr. Richard Millett** will examine the implications for the U.S.

MARCH 2

Pakistan's Internal Fault Lines: What They Mean for the Region and for America's Policy Goals Violent domestic conflicts and a vigorous political Islam in a nuclear state that believes itself to be in a permanent state of war with another nuclear state combine to present the West with a nightmare challenge. **Amb. Kenton Keith** will examine: What should the U.S. be aiming for in its relations with Pakistan?

MARCH 9

Whither CIA? How does the intelligence community effectively fight non-state Islamist terror in the 21st Century? **Frederick P. Hitz**, author and former Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), explores the future of the intelligence community and the CIA.

MARCH 16

The Judiciary in Transition The real work of the federal judiciary takes place in district and appeals courts. President George W. Bush nominated younger, more conservative judges. Now it is Obama's turn, and he has been met by Republican resistance and delay. A partisan gridlock on judges seems part of the future, no matter which party is in control. **Robert Barnes** will discuss this issue.

MARCH 23

The Future of Iran's Green/Reform Movement **Dr. Moshen Milani** will discuss the short-term and long-term implications of the disputed presidential elections of June 2009 on Iran's reform movement.

MARCH 30

Turkish Foreign Policy in a New Era: Will Turkey Remain a Friend of the United States? Policy differences caused by Ankara's religious point of view continue to emerge between Turkey and the U.S. Some argue that Washington should simply ignore Turkey. Ankara's potential for disrupting U.S. objectives should be a serious concern for Washington. **Dr. Soner Cagaptay** examines this issue.

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JANUARY 13

Israel, Palestine and the United States: Why Is It So Hard to Make Peace? **Amb. Phil Wilcox** will examine the decades old Israeli-Palestinian struggle. Israel faces a deep identity crisis over the meaning of Zionism and the goal of a “Jewish, democratic state”. Palestinians are also deeply divided between the pragmatic Palestinian Authority, and the Islamist Hamas. Ambassador Wilcox will assess the current situation and prospects for the future.

JANUARY 20

The Dr. Margaret L. Bates Lecture

The Future of NATO The North Atlantic Treaty Organization was established in 1949 to defend against a Soviet attack. Since 1999, NATO has added 12 members and created partnerships across the Mediterranean and into the Asia-Pacific region to combat terrorism, nuclear proliferation, piracy, and cyberwar. **Dr. James Goldgeier** will examine: Is a military alliance based on a partnership between the U.S. and Europe the right tool for responding to the threats of the 21st century?

JANUARY 27

Afghanistan: Is It Worth It? Can It Be Done? **Amb. Ronald Neumann** was U.S. ambassador in Afghanistan from 2005 to 2007. He will reflect on his own experiences and what he found when he returned in May 2010. He will address the importance of the fight and whether success is possible in a country that has shown itself so difficult for outsiders to comprehend.

FEBRUARY 3

Global Economy - After the Storm Europe and the U.S. appear locked into a prolonged period of low growth, high unemployment and heavy debt, while the emergent economies are powering forward and the world appears headed for a new balance of economic and possibly political power. **Martin Walker** will ask: Is this process set in stone, or can the West recover?

FEBRUARY 10

Broken Government **Dr. Norman Ornstein** will examine why we have a higher level of dysfunction in how our government operates than at any time in many decades. We have more partisanship, rancor and ideological division. What, if anything, can and should be done about it?

FEBRUARY 17

Iran in Transition **Dr. Ray Takeyh**, an expert on Iran, presents a survey of Iranian domestic political dynamics and the country’s alleged quest for nuclear weapons.

FEBRUARY 24

Energy: Beyond the Politics of Petroleum

Molly Williamson will explore key factors in energy and energy policies, concepts of energy independence and energy security, and examine what is required to transition to the energy future of the planet.

MARCH 3

China’s New Foreign Policy As China has gained in world status, its foreign policy has become more outwardly focused. As China’s world power has advanced, so have its ambitions of dominance characterized by its attempts to control the South China Sea. The recent crisis over North Korea’s nuclear weapons is an example of China’s increasing new role in global diplomacy. **Gordon Chang** will discuss the situation.

MARCH 10

U.S. - Mexican Relations: Closest Friend and Nearest Enemy

The U.S. and Mexico share a 2000 mile border and more than 200 years of bilateral relations. The economic prosperity of both countries is undermined by the increase in transnational crime, drug trafficking and illegal migration. **Dr. Jennie Lincoln** will examine: How are the current administrations of President Obama and President Calderon addressing these problems? What is working and what is not?

MARCH 17

A Region in Flux: The Koreas, China and Japan

Donald Gregg, ambassador to South Korea 1989-1993, also lived and worked in Japan for ten years when he was with the Central Intelligence Agency. He is chairman emeritus of The Korea Society. Amb. Gregg has visited North Korea five times, and is an advocate of dialogue with that isolated and dangerous country.

MARCH 24

The FDA: Does Science Trump Politics?

The new leadership at the Food and Drug Administration has promised to use science as the basis of its decision making. The FDA has fallen from being an admired and respected agency to one that is always behind the curve on major public health issues. **Ira Loss** will examine: What steps have been taken to fix the FDA? Will they work?

MARCH 31

Why the Scorpion Stings: Goldman Sachs and the U.S. Financial Collapse

17-year Wall Street trader/executive **William D. Cohan** takes on the street’s leading and most profitable investment house, Goldman Sachs. Cohan answers the questions: Who are they? How have they survived for 141 years? Did Goldman cause or exacerbate the financial collapse? Is this firm morally corrupt with respect to its dealing with customers and competitors?

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JANUARY 13

The Israeli-Palestinian Struggle, the Larger Middle East Conflict, and the United States The Middle East, especially its core Israeli-Palestinian conflict, has presented Washington's most intractable foreign policy challenge for decades. **Amb. Philip Wilcox** will examine: Are the related problems of Israel, Palestinians, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, and Iraq insoluble? Or, has the United States been hobbled by ideology, misconceptions, and domestic politics in dealing with this region? What can and should be done to protect U.S. vital interests in this volatile region?

JANUARY 20

Transatlantic Relations and the Rise of Asia The rise of great powers and dynamic economies in Asia has undermined the dominance of the West in world affairs. **Dr. James Goldgeier** will examine: What impact will the shift in global power have on relations between the United States and Europe?

JANUARY 27

Thinking Regionally in the Persian Gulf: Iran, Iraq and the Arabian Peninsula America is withdrawing combat troops from Iraq. However, the power relationships between Iraq, Iran and the Arab States of the Arabian Peninsula remain key components of world economic health, due to the free flow of oil, and to U.S. strategy in the region. **Amb. Ronald Neumann** served throughout the area in his long foreign service career including in Iraq, Iran, the UAE and as Ambassador to Bahrain. He will discuss the key factors the U.S. needs to consider as it plans its national security policy in the Persian Gulf region in the aftermath of the Iraq war.

FEBRUARY 3

Can the Euro Survive? Europe's sovereign debt crisis has exposed a flaw at the heart of the euro project - the difficulty of combining a single currency and monetary policy across a group of sovereign nations with vastly different economic and social policies and very different economic structures. The U.S. manages this diversity among its states through a common federal tax system and payment transfers. **Martin Walker** will examine: Can Europe do the same, or is there another way to combine national sovereignty and a common currency?

FEBRUARY 17

Iran: Internal Turmoil, Nuclear Aspirations, and Challenges to U.S. Foreign Policy Iranians demand internal political changes, and the country rejects American and international pressures to halt the apparent development of nuclear weapons. **Dr. Ray Takeyh** will examine: What are the U.S. challenges and opportunities for altering Iran's abhorrent behavior and creating a dialogue with Iran?

FEBRUARY 24

The 3 E's: Energy, Environment, and the Economy

The world demand for energy will increase by as much as 50% by 2035, with the U.S. as the single largest consumer of oil. How do we balance economic development with energy needs and environmental concerns? **Molly Williamson** will explore the interrelationships of these three elements and the ramifications for policy makers.

MARCH 3

Emerging Issues in China China's rapid economic growth has resulted in a number of problems including increasing demands for energy, inadequate healthcare, increasing pollution, a widening rural-urban income gap, and water shortages. Additionally, in less than fifteen years, China will have 30 million more men of marriageable age than women. An aging population will also tax China's limited resources. **Gordon Chang** will discuss these issues.

MARCH 10

Challenges for U.S. - Mexico: Drug Trafficking, Migration and Economic Relations **Dr. Jennie Lincoln** will look at the pros and cons of current policies in both Mexico and the U.S. to address the growing problems of transnational crime, drug trafficking and illegal migration from Mexico to the U.S. Both countries are accusing each other of not doing enough to stem the tide of violence and devastation that results from these problems. What can be done and what should the next steps be in U.S.-Mexican relations?

SPECIAL SILL LUNCHEON LECTURE FEBRUARY 10

Politics and Policy in Washington in 2011 and 2012



Dr. Norman Ornstein, a national political expert, will look at how Obama, Democrats and the Republicans, after a midterm election has changed the dynamics, will handle both the policy agenda ahead and the looming presidential campaign.

The lecture will be held at The Sarasota Yacht Club. Time and ticketing information will be published on the SILL web site www.sillsarasota.org.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Robert Barnes studied journalism at the University of Florida and worked for the former *Clearwater Sun*, the Associated Press and the *St. Petersburg Times* before becoming a reporter and editor at *The Washington Post*. For over 20 years, he has covered politics, government and, since November 2006, the Supreme Court for *The Washington Post*.

As Deputy National Editor in charge of domestic policy, he supervised coverage of the Supreme Court, Justice Department, the census, demographics and race. As Political Editor during the first term of the Clinton administration, Barnes coordinated coverage of national politics, the White House and Congress. He also served as Metropolitan Editor, directing the Post's local coverage of the District, Maryland and Virginia.

Barnes returned to reporting in August 2005 as a political reporter and columnist and began covering the Roberts Court in its second term. He took a brief break to cover the presidential race during the summer and fall of 2008 and returned to covering the court after the election. Recently, Barnes covered the nominations of Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan.

Dr. Robert Barylski is an Associate Professor in the Department of Government and International Relations at USF Sarasota and former Dean of the university. He has an undergraduate degree in political science from Brown University and graduate degrees in Russian area studies and political science from Harvard.

An expert on civil-military relations in Russia, he published *The Soldier in Russian Politics: Duty, Dictatorship and Democracy under Gorbachev and Yeltsin*. He travels to Russia frequently and speaks and writes on political and economic reconstruction in the former Soviet Union. He is particularly interested in the development of the oil resources in Russia and the newly independent nations on its borders. In recent years, he has become one of the leading experts on Russian policy towards states and peoples of Islamic heritage. He has also spoken to SILL audiences on the rise of tycoons in the Russian economy and the relationships between Russia, China and Iran. He has made occasional expert contributions to the Voice of America for broadcast to the greater Caspian region and participated in U.S. policy symposia at the U.S. Central Command.

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ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Dr. Soner Cagaptay is a senior fellow and director of the Turkish Research Program at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy. He has written extensively on U.S.-Turkish relations, Turkish domestic politics, and Turkish nationalism. He has published in scholarly journals and major international print media, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *Middle East Quarterly*, *Middle Eastern Studies*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *Newsweek*. He appears regularly on Fox News, CNN, NPR, Voice of America, al-Jazeera, BBC, CNN-Turk, and al-Hurra.

A historian by training, Dr. Cagaptay wrote his doctoral dissertation at Yale University (2003) on Turkish nationalism. Dr. Cagaptay has taught courses on the Middle East, the Mediterranean, and Eastern Europe at Yale and Princeton. His spring 2003 course on modern Turkish history was the first such course offered by Yale in three decades. From 2006-2007, he was Ertegun Professor at Princeton University's Department of Near Eastern Studies. He has also been a visiting professor at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

Dr. Cagaptay is the recipient of numerous honors, grants, and chairs, among them the Smith-Richardson, Mellon, Rice, and Leylan fellowships, as well as the Ertegun chair at Princeton. He also serves as chair of the Turkey Advanced Area Studies Program at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute.

Gordon G. Chang has lived and worked in China and Hong Kong for almost two decades, most recently in Shanghai, as Counsel to the American law firm Paul Weiss and previously in Hong Kong as Partner in the international law firm Baker & McKenzie. His writings have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The International Herald Tribune*, *Commentary*, *The Weekly Standard*, *National Review*, and *Barron's*. He is a columnist at Forbes.com.

He has spoken at Columbia, Cornell, Princeton, Yale, and other universities and at The Heritage Foundation, the Brookings Institution, the Cato Institute, RAND, the American Enterprise Institute, the Council on Foreign Relations, and other institutions. He has given briefings at the National Intelligence Council, the Central Intelligence Agency, the State Department, and the Pentagon. He has also spoken before industry and investor groups including Bloomberg, Sanford Bernstein and Credit Lyonnais Securities Asia. Chang has appeared before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission and has delivered to the Commission a report on the future of China's economy.

He is the author of *The Coming Collapse of China* and *Nuclear Showdown: North Korea Takes On the World*.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Muzaffar Chishti is a lawyer and director of the Migration Policy Institute's office at New York University School of Law. His work focuses on U.S. immigration policy, the intersection of labor and immigration law, civil liberties, and immigrant integration. Prior to joining MPI, Mr. Chishti was Director of the Immigration Project of the Union of Needletrades, Industrial & Textile Employees (UNITE). Mr. Chishti currently serves

on the Boards of Directors of the National Immigration Law Center, the New York Immigration Coalition, and the Asian American Federation of New York. He has served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Immigration Forum, and as a member of the Coordinating Committee on Immigration of the American Bar Association.

Chishti has written and testified before Congress on immigration policy issues. In 1992, as part of a U.S. team, he assisted the Russian Parliament in drafting its legislation on forced migrants and refugees. He is a 1994 recipient of the New York State Governor's Award for Outstanding Asian Americans and is a 1995 recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Mr. Chishti was educated at St. Stephen's College, Delhi; the University of Delhi; Cornell Law School; and the Columbia School of International Affairs.

William D. Cohan, a former award-winning investigative newspaper reporter in Raleigh, North Carolina, worked on Wall Street for seventeen years. He spent six years at Lazard Frères in New York, becoming Vice President. He was a director in the Mergers & Acquisitions Group at Merrill Lynch and a Managing Director at JPMorgan Chase.

Mr. Cohan offers audiences a unique, close-up perspective of the greatest financial crisis since the Great Depression. He combines deep knowledge of the investment banking world with fine storytelling skills. His most recent book about Wall Street, *House of Cards: A Tale of Hubris and Wretched Excess on Wall Street*, lays out in gory detail how the current financial crisis began with the collapses of Bear Stearns and Lehman Brothers.

His book, *The Last Tycoons: The Secret History of Lazard Frères & Co.*, won the 2007 Financial Times/Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year Award for its candid revelations about how Wall Street works. It edged out Alan Greenspan's *Age of Turbulence* for the award. He writes regularly for major publications, is a contributing editor for Bloomberg TV and in January he will begin writing a regular business column in *The New York Times*.

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Stephen F. Dachi is a foreign affairs specialist and consultant who served the U.S. Foreign Service in Asia, Central Europe and Latin America from 1967 to 1996. Currently he is Chair for South Asian Area Studies at the Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State. He is a Professional Lecturer at The Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University where he teaches Political Islam.

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Since the fall of 2006 he has been presenting lectures and seminars on Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan at the Defense Intelligence Agency, the U. S. Army National Ground Intelligence Center, the United States Coast Guard, the Office of Naval Intelligence and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency.

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He has been a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution, Whitney H. Shepardson Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, the Henry A. Kissinger scholar in foreign policy and international relations at the Library of Congress, a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and a W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow and the Edward Teller National Fellow at the Hoover Institution.

Dr. Goldgeier is the author of *Leadership Style and Soviet Foreign Policy* (Johns Hopkins, 1994), and *Not Whether But When: The U.S. Decision to Enlarge NATO* (Brookings, 1999). He co-authored (with Michael McFaul) *Power and Purpose: U.S. Policy toward Russia after the Cold War* (Brookings, 2003). His most recent book (co-authored with Derek Chollet) is *America Between the Wars: From 11/9 to 9/11* (Public Affairs, 2008).

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Amb. Donald P. Gregg joined the Central Intelligence Agency after graduating from Williams College and over the next quarter century was assigned to Japan, Burma, Vietnam and Korea. He was special assistant to the U. S. Ambassador to Korea from 1973-1975.



Gregg was appointed to the National Security Council staff in 1979, where he was in charge of intelligence activities and was subsequently given responsibility for Asian policy affairs. In August 1982, he became then Vice President George H.W. Bush's National Security Advisor. Upon retiring from the CIA, he was awarded the CIA's highest decoration, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal. From 1980 to 1989, Gregg also served as a professorial lecturer at Georgetown University, teaching a graduate-level workshop entitled "Force and Diplomacy".

From September 1989 to 1993, Gregg served as the U.S. Ambassador to Korea. Prior to his departure from Korea, Gregg received the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, a decoration from the prime minister of Korea, and an honorary Ph.D. in international relations from Sogang University. In March 1993, Gregg retired from a 43-year career in the United States government and served as the president and chairman of The Korea Society until retiring in 2009.

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His extensive writings include *The Great Game: the Myth and Reality of Espionage*, published by Knopf in 2004. In April, 2008, a second book entitled *Why Spy? Espionage in an Era of Uncertainty* was published by St. Martin's Press.

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Amb. Kenton Keith retired from the United States Information Agency (USIA) in 1997 with the rank of career minister. Previously he had been Director of the USIA Office of North African, Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs and had been Ambassador to the State of Qatar. After the USIA, he became Vice President of Meridian International Center, a post from which he recently retired.



Ambassador Keith also served in Pakistan setting up and directing the Coalition Information Center in Islamabad. In Afghanistan he served as spokesman for the U.S. led coalition during combat operations there.

He is active in many international organizations including the American Field Service, the Council on International Educational Exchange, Partners for Democratic Change, and the Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange.

A graduate of the University of Kansas, he lectures widely on public diplomacy, has testified before Congress, and serves as President of the Association of Black American Ambassadors. He has received many honors including two Presidential meritorious service awards, including one for his work at the 1991 Middle East peace conference in Madrid. He is a Chevalier in the French Order of Arts and Letters in recognition of his contribution to cultural exchanges between the United States and France.

Dr. Jennie Lincoln is a Professor and the Coca-Cola Eminent Practitioner at the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Lincoln teaches U.S. Foreign Policy, U.S.- Latin American Relations, Latin American Foreign Policies and Latin American Politics and has taught Information Technology Policy for the School of Public Policy. Her research interests focus on uses of information technology to improve democratic initiatives in developing countries. She is also contributing to a research agenda on cultural competencies for U.S. military and diplomats.



She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from The Ohio State University and taught previously at Miami University (Ohio). Dr. Lincoln was a Fulbright Professor in Costa Rica from 1984-86 and was then Associate Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Program at the Carter Center before coming to Georgia Tech in 1993.

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Mr. Loss was a founder of Washington Analysis Corporation in 1973. Prior to founding Washington Analysis, he served as senior policy analyst for a consulting firm, Assistant Counsel for the American Insurance Association and as a Legislative Assistant to a Connecticut congressman.

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Professor Milani has written more than fifty articles, book chapters, and encyclopedia entries about the Persian Gulf, Iran's revolution, and Iran's foreign and security policies. His latest publications include "Tehran's Take: Understanding Iran's U.S. Policy" (*Foreign Affairs*, July/August 2009), "Iran's Persian Gulf Policy" (in *Contemporary Iran*, Oxford University Press, 2009), "Iran's Policy Toward Afghanistan" (*Middle East Journal*, 2006), "Iran-Iraq Relations during the Pahlavi Era, 1921-79" (*Encyclopedia Iranica*, 2006). He has served as a research fellow at Harvard University, Oxford University's St. Antony's College, and the Foscarelli University in Venice, Italy.

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Dr. Millett graduated from Harvard and received his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico. He did postdoctoral work at Ohio State University and is a graduate of the Air War College. He taught at Southern Illinois University from 1966 through 1999. He has also taught at the University of Miami, St. Louis University, the Air War College, the Marine Corps University, Copenhagen Business School, and four universities in Colombia.

He has published over one hundred items, including *Columbia's Conflicts: The Spillover Effects of a Wider War* (2002), *Beyond Praetorianism: The Latin American Military in Transition* (1996), and *Searching for Panama* (1993). His co-edited volume (with Orlando Perez and Jennifer Holmes) *Latin American Democracy: Emerging Reality or Endangered Species?* was published by Routledge in January 2009. His articles have appeared in *Foreign Policy*, *The Wilson Quarterly*, *Joint Forces Quarterly Journal of Inter-American Studies*, *Current History*, *The New Republic*, and numerous other journals and newspapers. He has testified before Congress on 19 occasions.

Amb. Ronald E. Neumann is the President of the American Academy of Diplomacy. Formerly a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, he served as Ambassador to Algeria, Bahrain and finally to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Before Afghanistan, Mr. Neumann served in Baghdad from February 2004 with the Coalition Provisional Authority.



During his diplomatic career, Ambassador Neumann held the posts of Chief of Mission in Manama, Bahrain (2001-2004), and Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Near East Affairs (1997-2000). Between 1994 and 1997 Ronald Neumann was Ambassador to Algeria and Director of the Office of Northern Gulf Affairs. Earlier in his career, he was Deputy Chief of Mission in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and in Sanaa in Yemen, Principal Officer in Tabriz, Iran and Economic/Commercial Officer in Dakar, Senegal. His previous Washington assignments include service as Jordan Desk Officer, Staff Assistant in the Middle East (NEA) Bureau, and Political Officer in the Office of Southern European Affairs. He earned a B.A. in history and an M.A. in political science from the University of California at Riverside.

Ambassador Neumann's book on Afghanistan, *The Other War: Winning and Losing in Afghanistan* was published in 2009. He is the author of numerous monographs and articles.

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Dr. Norman Ornstein holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan. A resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Dr. Ornstein is a long-time observer of Congress and politics. He writes a weekly column for Roll Call and is an election analyst for CBS News.



He serves as co-director of the AEI-Brookings Election Reform Project and participates in AEI's Election Watch series. He also serves as a senior counselor to the Continuity of Government Commission recommending actions to be taken if the government were to suffer a major disaster. Dr. Ornstein led a working group of scholars and practitioners that helped shape the McCain-Feingold Act that reformed the campaign financing system. He was elected as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2004.

His many books include *The Permanent Campaign and Its Future* (AEI Press, 2000); the co-authored *The Broken Branch: How Congress is Failing America and How to Get It Back on Track* (Oxford University Press, 2006); and most recently co-authored *Vital Statistics on Congress 2008* (Brookings Institution Press, 2008).

Dr. Jerry Pubantz was recently appointed Dean of the Lloyd International Honors College and is Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. His writings include works on American foreign policy, the Middle East, Arab and Islamic affairs, the United Nations, international civil society and democratization, and U.S.-Russian Relations. He is the co-editor of the *Encyclopedia of the United Nations*, now



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Dr. Pubantz appears regularly on local, national, and foreign media, including Radio Canada International and Sahar TV in Iran, to discuss American foreign policy and Middle East affairs. For several years he served as National Education Consultant to the Middle East Policy Council and directed the Council's Teacher Workshops on the Arab World and Islam. He holds a Ph.D. from Duke University, and a Bachelor's degree from the Foreign Service School at Georgetown University.

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Dr. Douglas N. Rader, the Environmental Defense Fund's Chief Ocean Scientist, advises EDF's Oceans Program leadership to leverage cutting-edge science in current projects and emerging ocean issues. Previously, Dr. Rader led efforts to protect and restore the marine and estuarine ecosystems of the U.S. Mid-Atlantic, U.S. Southeast and the Caribbean, including stronger fisheries management policies, improved coastal habitat protection, and science-based networks of marine protected areas.



Dr. Rader has also worked on marine issues, and on sustainable ocean energy in Cuba. He currently serves on the North Carolina Governor's Scientific Advisory Committee on Offshore Energy. He chairs the Duke University Lemur Center's Education Board, has chaired or co-chaired the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Habitat and Environmental Management Advisory Panel, the North Carolina General Assembly's Subcommittee on Offshore Energy Exploration, and has served on numerous advisory boards and commissions. Dr. Rader worked previously for the State of North Carolina in a variety of environmental management positions, including director of the state-federal Albemarle-Pamlico Estuary Program.

Dr. Rader earned his B.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, his M.S. from the University of Washington, and his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Jean-François Seznec is Visiting Associate Professor at Georgetown University in Washington after twenty years as an Adjunct Professor at Columbia University. His interests center on the influence of the Arab-Persian Gulf political and social variables on the financial and oil markets in the region. He is focusing on the industrialization of the Gulf and in particular the growth of the energy-based industries such as petrochemicals, aluminum or steel. He is Senior Advisor to PFC Energy in Washington, DC. He holds a Master of International Affairs degree from Columbia University, a M.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University. He has published and lectured extensively and is interviewed regularly on TV, radio and newspapers worldwide.



Dr. Seznec has 25 years experience in international banking and finance of which ten years were spent in the Middle East, including six years in Bahrain as a banker. Dr. Seznec is a founding member and Managing Partner of the Lafayette Group LLC, a U.S. based private investment company. He uses his knowledge of business in the Middle East and the United States to further his analysis of the Arab-Persian Gulf.

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Dr. Takeyh recently held the post of senior adviser to the special adviser for the Gulf and Southwest Asia at the U.S. Department of State.

He was previously professor of national security studies at the National War College; professor and director of studies at the Near East and South Asia Center, National Defense University; fellow in international security studies at Yale University; and fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Dr. Takeyh's most recent book is *The Guardians of the Revolution: Iran's Approach to the World* (Oxford University Press, 2009). Previous books include *Hidden Iran: Paradox and Power in the Islamic Republic* (Henry Holt, 2006) and *The Origins of the Eisenhower Doctrine: The U.S., Britain and Nasser's Egypt, 1953-1957* (St. Martin's Press, 2000). Dr. Takeyh has published in the major foreign affairs journals, and has testified frequently before various Congressional committees. His commentary has also been featured in many major newspapers and on the major television networks.

Martin Walker, is the Senior Director of the Global Business Policy Council, a private think-tank for CEOs founded by the A T Kearney business consultancy. He is also a syndicated columnist and Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of United Press International. He is a graduate of Balliol College at Oxford, England.



Previously, in his 25 years as a journalist with *The Guardian* newspaper, he served as bureau chief in Moscow and the United States, as well as European editor and assistant editor.

A regular broadcaster on the BBC, National Public Radio and CNN, and panelist on Inside Washington and The McLaughlin Show, he is also a senior scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC, a senior fellow of the World Policy Institute at the New School for Social Research in New York, and a contributing editor of the *Los Angeles Times'* Opinion section and of *Europe* magazine.

His books include *Waking Giant: Gorbachev and Perestroika*, *The Cold War: A History*, *Clinton: The President They Deserve*, and *America Reborn* (Knopf 2000). He is also the author of a series of books based on a fictional detective in the Perigord region of France where he has a vacation home.

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He graduated from Williams College with a B.A. in History in 1958, and obtained an LL.B. from the Stanford Law School in 1961.

In the Foreign Service, he served at U.S. Embassies in Laos, Indonesia, and Bangladesh. His last overseas assignment was as Chief of Mission and U.S. Consul General, Jerusalem.

In the Department of State, Wilcox served as Special Assistant to the Undersecretary for Management, Deputy Director for UN Political Affairs in the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, and in the Bureau for Middle Eastern and South Asian Affairs as Director for Regional Affairs, Director for Israeli and Arab-Israeli Affairs and as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs. He also served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research and as Ambassador at Large and Coordinator for Counter Terrorism.

He has been awarded the Department of State's Meritorious, Superior, and Presidential Honor Awards.

Molly Williamson is a retired Foreign Service Officer with the rank of Career Minister. She was assigned March 2005 to the Department of Energy as the Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the Secretary.



In 2004-2005, Williamson served as interim ambassador in Bahrain. She was also assigned to special projects regarding Israel/Palestine, Iraq, and the United Nations. From 1999-2004, Williamson was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce responsible for the Middle East, South Asia, Oceania and Africa, advancing trade relations with 86 countries and with a trade portfolio valued at over \$120 billion/year.

In 1996-1999, Williamson was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, International Organizations Bureau responsible for the policy and programs affecting UN political and Security Council matters, peacekeeping and humanitarian operations. From 1993-95, Williamson was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense responsible for the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia.

She had numerous postings in the Middle East, including Chief of Mission and Consul General in Jerusalem during the Madrid Peace Process (1991-93). Molly Williamson, a native of California, has won numerous awards for her diplomatic achievements. She has studied both Hebrew and Arabic.

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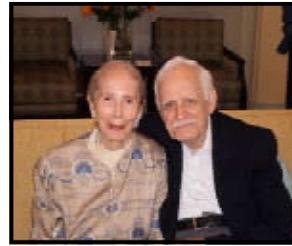
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JANUARY 18

Saudi Arabia and U.S. - Iranian Tensions Saudi Arabia is becoming a powerful player on the world stage. **Dr. Jean-Francois Seznec** will evaluate the role of Saudi Arabia in Persian Gulf tensions. He will review how Saudi economic power factors into the Iran – U.S. - Saudi triangle and examine how the U.S. and Saudi Arabia view each other and work together, if at all, in countering Iranian goals.

JANUARY 25

Cracks in the Kremlin Wall Russia's greatest sources of power are in reality strategic vulnerabilities and weaknesses. The energy and natural resources giant has feet of clay. **Dr. Robert Barylski** will comment on Putin's reception for the spies President Obama expelled and Russian speculation on the death of a defector living in Sarasota.

FEBRUARY 1

Energy Exploration and the Environment: Lessons from the BP Oil Disaster **Dr. Douglas Rader** will discuss what went wrong with the BP Macondo well, the implications of the resulting oil disaster and the lessons to be learned. Dr. Rader will explore the factors that both exacerbated and limited its impacts as a foundation for considering options for successful long-term restoration and management of the Gulf.

FEBRUARY 8

The Immigration Debate: Federal versus State Authority in the Immigration Wars Despite the blow dealt by a federal judge to Arizona's tough immigration law, lawmakers and activists continue to back similar measures in states across the country. The failure of Congress to act on immigration legislation has caused some important economic problems as well as public safety issues. **Muzaffar Chishti** will discuss these issues.

FEBRUARY 15

Challenges and Opportunities in Unfolding U.S.-Chinese Relations China is developing economically and becoming a growing consumer of world resources. **Stephen Dachi** will examine: How will the U.S.-China relationship evolve as China increasingly projects its influence in the world?

FEBRUARY 22

Searching for Stability In recent years the United States has engaged in not just training, but also creating armed forces, police, and judicial systems in Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq and, to a degree, Haiti. **Dr. Richard Millett** will examine: How successful have we been and what are the future prospects?

MARCH 1

Backing the Right Vision for Afghanistan: America's Critical Challenge Competing visions for a future Afghanistan are more complex than our media would suggest. Americans should have a clearer understanding of the players and their goals. **Amb. Kenton Keith** will explore this issue.

MARCH 8

CIA from Its Inception to the War on Terror **Frederick P. Hitz**, author and former Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), discusses the CIA's real mission, examining how the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991 and the rise of Islamist terrorism have altered its role and introduced elements of law enforcement and special military operations into its profile.

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MARCH 22

Relations between Iran and the U.S.: Confrontation or Rapprochement? **Dr. Moshen Milani** will discuss the status of U.S.-Iranian relations during the Obama Administration and evaluate the consequences of a possible military confrontation between Iran and the U.S.

MARCH 29

Will Turkey Ever Get into the EU? French President Nicolas Sarkozy has long blocked Turkey's entry into the EU. France has frustrated Turkey's EU hopes. But what if Turkey's EU accession talks fail? **Dr. Soner Cagaptay** postulates: This will be a disaster, ending Turkey's consolidation as a liberal democracy, with dangerous consequences for the West, including France.

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Israel, Palestine and the United States: Why Is It So Hard to Make Peace? *Amb. Philip Wilcox* will examine the decades old Israeli-Palestinian struggle. Israel faces a deep identity crisis over the meaning of Zionism and the goal of a “Jewish, democratic state”. Palestinians are also deeply divided between the pragmatic Palestinian Authority, and the Islamist Hamas. Ambassador Wilcox will assess the current situation and prospects for the future.

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The Dr. Margaret L. Bates Lecture

The Future of NATO The North Atlantic Treaty Organization was established in 1949 to defend against a Soviet attack. Since 1999, NATO has added 12 members and created partnerships across the Mediterranean and into the Asia-Pacific region to combat terrorism, nuclear proliferation, piracy, and cyberwar. *Dr. James Goldgeier* will examine: Is a military alliance based on a partnership between the U.S. and Europe the right tool for responding to the threats of the 21st century?

JANUARY 28

Afghanistan: Is It Worth It? Can It Be Done? *Amb. Ronald Neumann* was U.S. ambassador in Afghanistan from 2005 to 2007. He will reflect on his own experiences and what he found when he returned in May 2010. He will address the importance of the fight and whether success is possible in a country that has shown itself so difficult for outsiders to comprehend.

FEBRUARY 4

Global Economy - After the Storm Europe and the U.S. appear locked into a prolonged period of low growth, high unemployment and heavy debt, while the emergent economies are powering forward and the world appears headed for a new balance of economic and possibly political power. *Martin Walker* will ask: Is this process set in stone, or can the West recover?

FEBRUARY 11

Broken Government *Dr. Norman Ornstein* will examine why we have a higher level of dysfunction in how our government operates than at any time in many decades. We have more partisanship, rancor and ideological division. What, if anything, can and should be done about it?

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Iran in Transition *Dr. Ray Takeyh*, an expert on Iran, presents a survey of Iranian domestic political dynamics and the country's alleged quest for nuclear weapons.

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Energy: Beyond the Politics of Petroleum

Molly Williamson will explore key factors in energy and energy policies, concepts of energy independence and energy security, and examine what is required to transition to the energy future of the planet.

MARCH 4*

China's New Foreign Policy As China has gained in world status, its foreign policy has become more outwardly focused. As China's world power has advanced, so have its ambitions of dominance characterized by its attempts to control the South China Sea. The recent crisis over North Korea's nuclear weapons is an example of China's increasing new role in global diplomacy. *Gordon Chang* will discuss the situation.

MARCH 11
U.S. - Mexican Relations: Closest Friend and Nearest Enemy

The U.S. and Mexico share a 2000 mile border and more than 200 years of bilateral relations. The economic prosperity of both countries is undermined by the increase in transnational crime, drug trafficking and illegal migration. *Dr. Jennie Lincoln* will examine: How are the current administrations of President Obama and President Calderon addressing these problems? What is working and what is not?

MARCH 18
A Region in Flux: The Koreas, China and Japan

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MARCH 25

The FDA: Does Science Trump Politics? The new leadership at the Food and Drug Administration has promised to use science as the basis of its decision making. The FDA has fallen from being an admired and respected agency to one that is always behind the curve on major public health issues. *Ira Loss* will examine: What steps have been taken to fix the FDA? Will they work?

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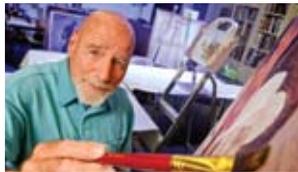
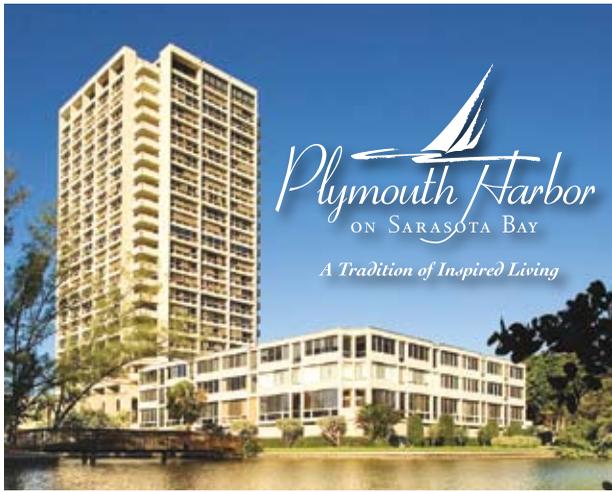
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OVERVIEW



June LeBell

Global Issues and discussions of politics and history started four decades ago when some retirees got together and decided they wanted to share their expertise with their friends. Since then, SILL has expanded beyond its founders' wildest dreams.

The Music Mondays series was the brain child of Herman Baar, a great lover of all things musical. Herman called me soon after I moved here from New York City in 2002, inviting me to lecture on the "Music Education" portion of SILL. I almost turned him down. After all, I'd heard so much about SILL: it had the finest, smartest, most eloquent speakers in the state of Florida. That terrified me.

But I took a deep breath and agreed to speak about...19th century Austrian composers with a focus on Gustav Mahler. Fortunately, the day I was scheduled to face the SILL audience, a good friend and musical colleague from my WQXR days was in town with his pianist and they agreed to appear with me and perform some of Mahler's songs. Since interviewing and eliciting intelligent commentary from people with considerably more knowledge than I has always been my forte, baritone Marcus deLoach and pianist/conductor Thomas Bagwell pretty much took over and, with their charm and brilliance rubbing off on me, I came out looking really good.

Herman then invited me to join the SILL board and, after he retired, I was asked to chair the Music division of the series. Herman moved to California to be with his son and has since passed away. But we must always remember that without his guiding force, Music Mondays would probably not exist.

This year, in honor of Herman Baar and SILL's 40th anniversary, Music Mondays is presenting people whose great careers in music have changed our lives. Jazz pianist Dick Hyman, legendary dancer Jacques d'Amboise, pianist Robert Levin, conductor Leif Bjaland, soprano Lauren Flanigan, tenor Robert White, composers Robert Ward and Robert Bolcom, singers Joan Morris and Marni Nixon and broadcasters Robert Sherman and Martin Bookspan are among our star-studded guests.

SILL's Music Mondays is not our parent's music education class. It's fun, witty, moving, stirring, uplifting and inspiring. I'll be interviewing most of our guests and I can assure you that Music Mondays will change your musical lives and make an impression that will polish your cultural outlook.

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ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Martina Arroyo For a generation, from the stages of the world's most prestigious opera houses — New York's Metropolitan Opera, the Paris Opera, London's Covent Garden, Milan's La Scala, the Vienna State Opera and the Buenos Aires Teatro Colón — to the concert halls of Salzburg, Berlin, Rome, Paris and New York, the name of Martina Arroyo has been synonymous with music making of the highest order.



Famous for her interpretations of Verdi, Puccini, Strauss and Mozart, Ms. Arroyo has had the honor of three opening night performances at the Metropolitan Opera, two of them in consecutive seasons. Ms. Arroyo has made more than 50 recordings of major operas and orchestral works with such conductors as Leonard Bernstein, Karl Böhm, Rafael Kubelik, Zubin Mehta, Thomas Schippers, Riccardo Muti, Claudio Abbado, James Levine and Colin Davis.

A Trustee Emerita of the Hunter College Foundation, she has also served as an artistic advisor of the Harlem School of the Arts, the Singers Development Foundation, and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, among others. In 2003, she established The Martina Arroyo Foundation to work with young singers.

Having delighted television and radio audiences with over twenty appearances on the "Tonight Show" on NBC-TV, she is a frequent guest and moderator on radio's "Singers Roundtable," the live intermission feature of the Saturday afternoon broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera.

Leif Bjaland Hailed by Sir Georg Solti as "a most musical young conductor with great future potential," Leif Bjaland was selected by Leonard Bernstein in 1988 to conduct the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as part of the American Conductors Program. Since then, Mr. Bjaland has gained a reputation as an "orchestra builder" and his work with both the Sarasota Orchestra and the Waterbury (Connecticut) Symphony Orchestra has endeared him to audiences and musicians.



Deeply committed to the value of live orchestral music as an essentially enriching component of community and individual lives, Bjaland's innovative and multilayered programming invites audiences to listen in a whole different way. His experimentation with formats and new technologies energize both musicians and audiences, resulting in critically acclaimed performances and full houses.

Mr. Bjaland's guest conducting appearances have included the internationally renowned Ravinia Festival in an all-Bernstein Concert with the Chicago Symphony, the Music in the Mountains Festival in Durango, Colorado, the San Francisco Symphony, the National Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic, Detroit Symphony, and the Utah Symphony.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

William Bolcom and Joan Morris According to the Chicago Sun-Times, “Bolcom and Morris may be the best thing to happen to American popular song since the invention of sheet music.” The duo of Bolcom and Morris have delighted audiences around the world since 1973.



William Bolcom, composer, pianist and raconteur, was one of the driving forces behind the ragtime revival in the 1970s. He is the prolific composer of works from rags to operas. As an accompanist, his lively and harmonically rich touch is impeccably tuned to every nuance of Joan Morris's voice.

Chanteuse Joan Morris brings out a veritable cast of characters to sing each of her songs —According to the Chicago Tribune, “She projects not just a song, but the character singing it, and gives that character her own irresistibly funny and winning personality.”

The duo has 24 recordings to their credit, including their Grammy-nominated debut, “After the Ball.”

The San Francisco Examiner said, “Together the couple is, to borrow the title of an early Bolcom opera, ‘dynamite tonight.’ His brilliantly propulsive, imaginative embellished pianism provides her with a strong rhythmic framework. And Morris plumbs every number for its specific emotional content.”

Martin Bookspan, known for his many years as The Voice of the New York Philharmonic, was also Commentator for “Live From Lincoln Center” for 30 years, since the very first broadcast in January, 1976. Martin's lifelong love and appreciation for music has let him to associations with the Boston Symphony, the New York Philharmonic, WQXR, and television Channel 7 News and Channel 11 News in New York City.



Martin Bookspan is the author of “101 Masterpieces of Music and Their Composers,” (Doubleday), as well as biographies of Zubin Mehta and André Previn, written with Ross Yockey. In the non-broadcast arena, he has served as a consultant to the Arts Program of the Rockefeller Foundation, as a panelist on the National Endowment for the Arts and as Director of the Concert Division of ASCAP. He currently serves as Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Ann and Gordon Getty Foundation.

In celebrating his 80th birthday at Tanglewood in the summer of 2006, the Boston Symphony dedicated a concert broadcast to his fabled career. He not only served as co-host, but excerpts were played from interviews he conducted with Serge Koussevitzky (1949) and Leonard Bernstein (1989).

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Jacques d'Amboise After his appearance at SILL two years ago, audience members were still quelling a week later. That's the way Jacques d'Amboise affects people. His enormous energy, zest for life and enthusiasm spark audiences whether he's dancing, speaking, choreographing or teaching.



One of the greatest male dancers of the 20th century, d'Amboise was a principal with the New York City Ballet where George Balanchine created many works specially for him.

He was the featured dancer in several hallmark movies including “Carousel,” and “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers,” and appeared numerous times on major television programs from “The Ed Sullivan Show” to “The Bell Telephone Hour.” A recipient of The MacArthur Fellowship, he also was a recipient of the Kennedy Center Honors.

In May 1999, at almost 65, Jacques started a seven month trek on the Appalachian Trail to raise money for the National Dance Institute, which he founded in 1976. He had choreographed a “Trail Dance” that he taught to anyone he met on the way, willing to learn, and asked them to teach it to two people they knew and ask the same of them. The trek was filmed for a documentary by director John Avildsen, known for his movies, “Rocky” and “Karate Kid.” Jacques ended the trek on Saturday December the 18, 1999 after hiking a distance of 2,157 miles.

Lauren Flanigan The New York Times has compared Lauren Flanigan to Maria Callas. New York Newsday called her “an adrenaline diva.” New York trumpeted her role last spring as Christine in Richard Strauss's *Intermezzo* at New York City Opera as “the operatic performance of the season.”



In fact, Lauren Flanigan is one of today's greatest and best known opera-singing actresses. She made headlines during the Metropolitan Opera's 1992-93 season by substituting for an ailing Aprile Millo in Verdi's *I Lombardi* with no stage rehearsal and opposite Luciano Pavarotti, going on to repeat the performance six more times, one of which was televised. She's sung the roles of Lady Macbeth, Queen Elizabeth and Lizzie Borden's stepmother.

She has appeared in leading roles with the Met, La Scala, Glyndebourne, and New York City Opera. In the past eleven years, she has sung eighty-five different operas, including five world premieres written for her.

Flanigan is working with the Martina Arroyo Foundation, helping young singers and was twice honored by Irish America Magazine as one of its “Top 100 Irish Americans” for her concert series *Comfort Ye*, which raises food and clothing for New York's homeless.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Dick Hyman One of the most celebrated musicians alive today, pianist, arranger, music director and composer, Dick Hyman has been making music with the likes of Benny Goodman, Doc Severinson and Ruth Laredo for more than a half-century. Mr. Hyman has recorded the piano music of Scott Joplin, Jelly Roll Morton, James P. Johnson, Eubie Blake and Fats Waller, Irving Berlin, Harold Arlen, Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers and Duke Ellington.

He is also known for his film scores for many of Woody Allen's movies and scores for *Moonstruck*; *Scott Joplin, King of Ragtime*; and *The Lemon Sisters*. His music has also been heard in *The Mask*, *Billy Bathgate*, *Two Weeks Notice*, and other films. Mr. Hyman is a Yamaha pianist and lives in Venice, Florida, with his wife, Julia Hyman, the sculptor.

Michael Lasser According to the Principal Pops Conductor of the Rochester Philharmonic, "Michael Lasser is a walking encyclopedia of...American song." A favorite speaker at SILL, Lasser is the author of several books on American popular music, *Tin Pan Alley* and *Broadway*. Best of all, he is entertaining, funny, warm and a great communicator.

In preparing for SILL's 40th anniversary "Great Performers" season, Lasser volunteered, "I'll give you some great performers: Fred and Ginger." And, next to the dancing, singing pair themselves – who were not available to fly to Sarasota – there could not be anyone better than Lasser to speak for them.

Lasser and Philip Furia are co-authors of *America's Songs: The Stories Behind the Songs of Broadway, Hollywood, and Tin Pan Alley*. Those songs are the basis for his nationally syndicated public radio program, *Fascinatin' Rhythm*, winner of a 1994 Peabody Award. He is currently at work on a new book, tentatively titled *That Pleasant Ache: How Long Song Lyrics Sang About Us, 1900-1950*.

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Robert Levin Known best to Sarasota audiences as a passionate pianist, exciting speaker and musical entrepreneur of the Sarasota Music Festival, Robert Levin has been heard throughout the United States, Europe, Australia, and in Asia, in recital, as soloist, and in chamber concerts. His solo engagements include orchestras from Atlanta to Vienna with such conductors as James Conlon, Bernard Haitink, Sir Neville Marriner, Seiji Ozawa, Sir Simon Rattle and Joseph Silverstein.

In addition to his performances in Sarasota, he has appeared frequently at other renowned festivals including Tanglewood, Ravinia, Bremen, Lockenhaus, and the Mozartwoche in Salzburg. After more than a quarter century as an artist faculty member at the Sarasota Music Festival he succeeded Paul Wolfe as Artistic Director in 2007.

In addition to his live appearances, Levin has made numerous recordings. A flamboyant and brilliant speaker, Robert Levin is as entertaining as a music lecturer as he is enlightening at the keyboard.

Marni Nixon The American soprano, Marni Nixon, is known in the popular world as the singing voice behind the stars of "West Side Story," "The King and I" and "My Fair Lady." An accomplished singer in her own right, she has sung opera, classical song and appeared on Broadway.

Marni Nixon was the singing voice of Audrey Hepburn, Deborah Kerr, Natalie Wood, Jeanne Crain and Marilyn Monroe, to name only a few. They, on the other hand, were her face. But Marni Nixon has a face -- and voice -- all her own, as she has been demonstrating to audiences for five decades.

Trained in opera, yet possessing a versatile voice for pop music and easy standards as well, she has performed and recorded the music of Leonard Bernstein, Arnold Schoenberg and Igor Stravinsky. She toured extensively with Liberace and Victor Borge, showing her ability as a comedienne, in addition to her musical talents. And, in recent years, she has appeared on Broadway and in national touring companies of "Follies," "The Sound of Music," and "My Fair Lady."

Besides her singing career, Marni Nixon is also an actress, recently nominated for an Ovation award. She gives master-classes throughout the country in musical theater and classical song.

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ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Robert Sherman A versatile speaker, author and music critic, New York audiences know Robert Sherman as host, for 23 years, of WQXR's "The Listening Room," the Avery Fisher Career Grant Awards at Lincoln Center, and his multiple award-winning folk series "Woody's Children."



On the faculty of the Juilliard School, Robert Sherman has given seminars at Oberlin, Yale, the Eastman School, the University of Arizona, the Mannes College of Music, and the Pennsylvania Academy of Music, where he is also chairman of the Advisory Council.

A music critic and columnist for The New York Times for over 25 years, Sherman has written two books with Victor Borge, is the co-author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Classical Music," and with his brother, Alexander Sherman, has compiled a pictorial biography of their mother, the renowned pianist Nadia Reisenberg.

Betsy Hudson Traba has served as the Principal Flutist of the Sarasota Orchestra and the Sarasota Wind Quintet since 1993. She is the former Principal Flutist of the Hofer Symphoniker in Hof, Germany, where she performed as a featured soloist on nine concerts during a two-year period. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, she studied with William Hebert and Jeffrey Khaner while earning a Bachelor of Music degree Summa Cum Laude from Baldwin-Wallace College, followed by a Master of Music degree earned at the Manhattan School of Music as a student of Julius Baker.



Ms. Traba has been heard frequently as a soloist throughout West Central Florida, including guest artist performances with the La Musica International Chamber Music Festival, Artist's Series of Sarasota and the Charlotte Symphony as well as multiple concerto performances with the Sarasota Orchestra.

Fernando Traba, Principal Bassoon of the Sarasota Orchestra, is a native of Mexico City, Mexico. Mr. Traba has served as Principal Bassoon with all five major orchestras in Mexico City, as well as the Orchestra of the Principality of Asturias in Oviedo, Spain, the National Opera Orchestra in Lisbon, Portugal and the Orquesta Sinfonica de Minería in Mexico City. Mr. Traba holds Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from



The Cleveland Institute of Music and has done postgraduate work at the Juilliard School.

Yes, Betsy and Fernando are husband and wife. They are the proud parents of Isabel and Mercedes.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Robert Ward Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his dramatic opera, "The Crucible," based on Arthur Miller's play, Robert Ward is one of America's foremost composers. A student of Howard Hanson at The Eastman School and an award-winning graduate of The Juilliard School, Ward has written symphonies, chamber works, songs and operas.



The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians describes Ward's music "...as largely from Hindemith..." with "considerable influence of Gershwin." Accessible, romantic, dramatic and exciting, Robert Ward's works have been performed all over the world by major orchestras and opera companies. But he is best known for "The Crucible," which is having its local premiere this season at the Sarasota Opera.

Robert White Debuting as a boy of 6, Robert White has been appearing professionally before the public for more than 50 years. He exemplifies the principle that vocal longevity stems from a sound technique.



Coming from a musical family (his father was one of the greatest Irish tenors of the early 20th century), tenor Robert White has made a career charming audiences with his beautiful voice, musical versatility and a stage presence that has won him accolades all over the world. White, who received his master's degree at Juilliard, has been a member of the voice faculty since 1992. A dedicated advocate of contemporary music, he presented a New York recital recently, premiering newly commissioned songs by no fewer than 19 noted American composers. But his versatile voice and musicianship have led him to sing works from oratorio to opera, Broadway to Ireland, and from cabaret theaters to recording studios.

On his punningly titled CD, "Berlin Lieder," he offers 26 songs by Irving Berlin with the great mezzo, Marilyn Horne, and pianist Dick Hyman. His recordings of songs that were the favorites of Princess Grace, and the multi-disc set that contains some of the greatest songs ever written, from Handel to Gershwin, are a treasure trove of great singing and great music.

The March 2002 issue of Opera News posed the question, "With whom might the mantle of John McCormack now most justly rest? The connection between New York-born Robert White and McCormack is plain for all to hear."

It is appropriate that one of the songs he performs on Berlin Lieder is called "Let Me Sing and I'm Happy." So are his audiences.

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