



World Affairs Council of the Quad Cities

World Community Institute/World Affairs Council 2010-11 Visiting Fellow Lecture Series

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Liberia. Photo by Sean Harder

A Journey to Africa

Black Hawk College students
Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Students Cathrine Chikomo from Zimbabwe and Isaac Carr from Liberia will both speak about their country's culture, family, education, and food. They will also speak about their own background and educational goals while studying at Black Hawk College.

The Environment: Our Global Challenge

Henry Marquard, chief legal officer, Stanley Consultants Inc.; former chairman, Iowa Environmental Protection Commission
Tuesday, February 22, 2011



Preventing Nuclear Terrorism

Jennifer Smyser, Program Officer, The Stanley Foundation
Tuesday, March 22, 2011

The world's leaders say nuclear terrorism is the greatest threat we face—with good reason. Even if there's little chance of it, the explosion of one crude nuclear bomb in one major city would change the world forever. Not only could it cause death on a mass scale, but it could also trigger global economic disruption, environmental degradation, and a wider conflict requiring a military response.

There has been a serious effort to scoop up and lock down the world's nuclear materials since the end of the Cold War. Yet nearly 20 years later, we are far from having all of these radioactive materials secure. And we are at risk of them falling into the wrong hands.

Jennifer Smyser of the Stanley Foundation will lead a discussion of the global effort to prevent nuclear terrorism.

America's Role in United Nations Reform: Tough Love vs. Abusive Stalking and Reflections on a Way Forward

Alan Brody, Iowa United Nations Association
Tuesday, April 26, 2011



Music, Dance and Food from Around the World

Year End Celebration
Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Program Information

Free programs are at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Bettendorf Library.

The programs are sponsored by the World Community Institute and the World Affairs Council of the Quad-Cities. The series is supported by a grant from Riverboat Development Authority and individual contributions.

For more information, call (563) 355-4390 or (309) 792-3131. Visit our website at www.wacquadcities.org.

St. Ambrose University Urban Plunge Program 2010

By Duk Kim, Assistant Professor of Political Science and the Director of International Studies at St. Ambrose University

The St. Ambrose University (SAU) Urban Plunge 2010 is designed to get new students involved in our community and to offer them meaningful volunteer opportunities.

SAU offers "Learning Communities," which refer to a set of classes including students and faculty who wish to explore a common set of ideas. A primary goal of our learning

community, *Between Peril and Promise*, (which consists of my Global Issues, Fr. Joe DeFrancisco's Comparative Religions, and Stella Herzig's Information Literacy courses) is to explore global implications of major world religions, culture, peace and justice, global conflicts, climate change, globalization, and global resources.



This year our learning community is partnered with World Affairs Council of the Quad Cities (WAC). Our students have assisted in organizing WAC monthly lecture series and have also been exposed to the most pressing domestic and international issues.

A Note from the President

by Dr. Lisa Zaynab Killinger

It has been an exciting start to this year's World Affairs/World Community/Bettendorf Library collaboration! We started out with an engaging presentation on Native American wisdom. Our attendees certainly went home with a keener awareness about living our lives a little less rushed and more aware of the natural beauty around us. In October, we were so fortunate to hear Rufus Burrow, nationally known author and civil rights expert. He captivated the audience and we all were feeling pretty lucky that we could bring such high caliber speakers to the Quad Cities.

In November, the Three Faces of Jerusalem brought together a Palestinian Muslim, an Israeli Jewish guest from Peoria, and a Christian who also has called the Jerusalem area home. This panel focused on peace efforts in and around Jerusalem. The presenters also gave examples of how we can help build peace between the Abrahamic faiths here at home. I would like to thank our panelists, who took on this challenging topic for our council.

In December, we rest, but in January we will warm the winter night with a group of students from Africa. It will be well worthwhile to venture out into the cold, to hear and see African culture, clothing and dance in action. This student lead session reminds us that the Quad Cities is host to over 100 students from all around the world. This year, I personally have met Quad Cities area students from: Kuwait, Africa, China, Israel, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, and Turkey, Brazil, Mexico, France, Spain and Germany. Surely, that is just the tip of the iceberg (sticking with the winter analogies!)

Our February program will focus on **"The Environment: Our Global Challenge"**, featuring Henry Marquard, chief legal officer, Stanley Consultants Inc. and former chairman, Iowa Environmental Protection Commission. In March, the Stanley Foundation (well known for its outstanding speakers) will present: **"Preventing Nuclear Terrorism"**, and in April, we will have another



great program entitled, **"America's Role in United Nations Reform: Reflections on a Way Forward."** The fun doesn't end there; watch for more news on the May year-end event including food and dance from around the world. Needless to say, we're very proud to bring you such a rich series of programs in the 2010-2011 year.

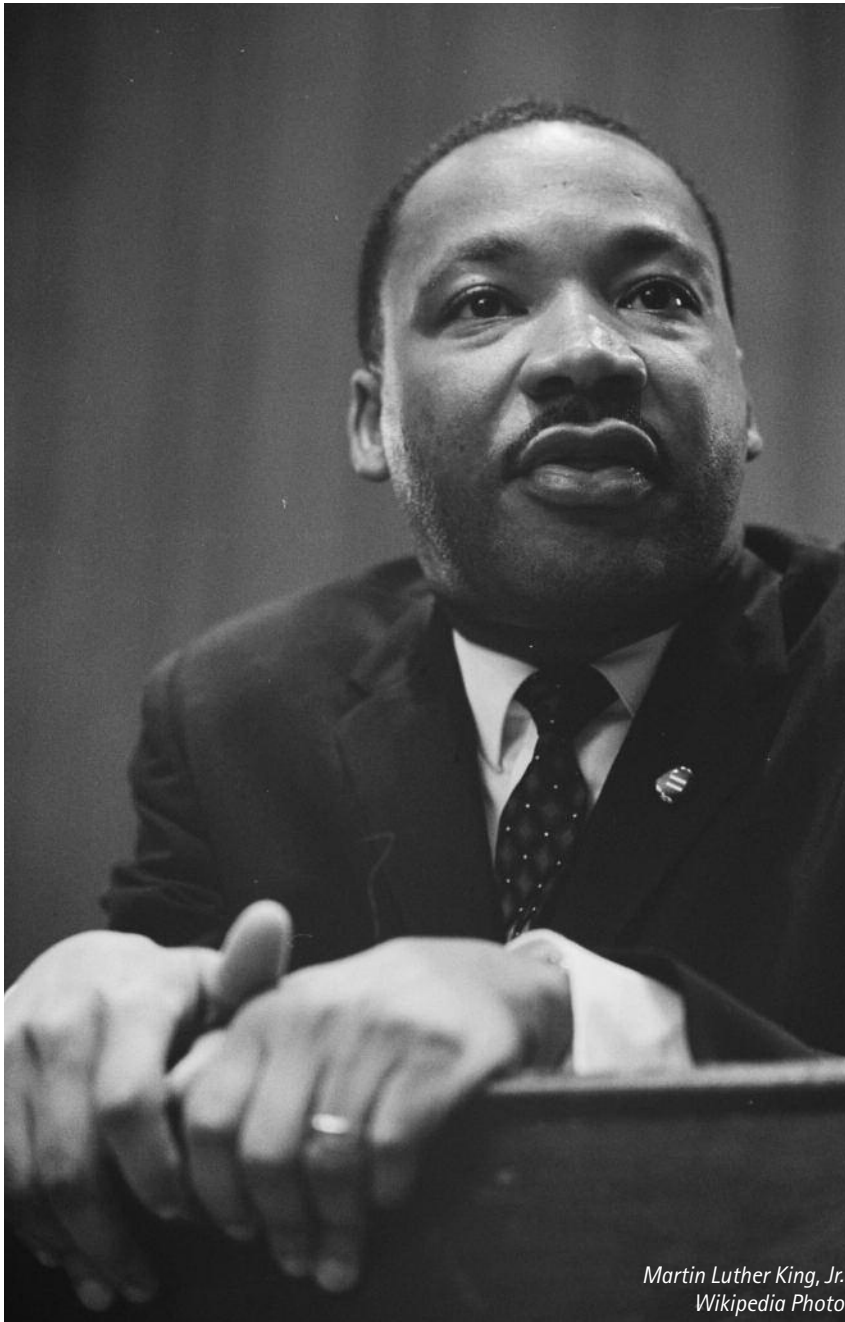
In November, our local World Affairs Council was the recipient of a \$1,000 grant to send one student to the World Affairs Councils of America's (WACA) annual conference. Our student grantee was Bushra Tayh, a Quad Cities native, who is studying International Studies and Journalism at University of Iowa. This year, WACA's theme was "US Foreign Policy: Into the Next Decade." Our next newsletter will feature a report from the national conference, compliments of our 2010 grant recipient!

We welcome you all to join us for the exciting upcoming programs. We also ask that you bring a friend. We have a lot to offer to our community, and want to share our efforts with more and more people in the Quad Cities and surrounding areas. Also, if you are looking for a great group in which to get involved, the World Affairs Council is always looking for energetic board members to assist in planning and conducting outstanding programs throughout the year. We look forward to hearing from you.

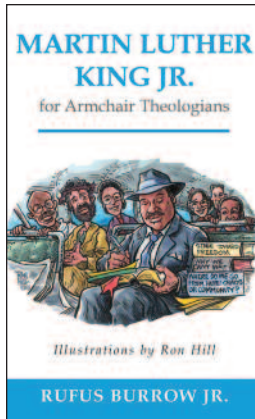
Happy Winter!
Lisa Zaynab Killinger, DC

A Note of Reflection on Dr. Rufus Burrow's Presentation

By Kimberly Litchfield, Student, St. Ambrose University



*Martin Luther King, Jr.
Wikipedia Photo*



Today's world is full of hate, crime, and war. It is a far cry from the society of brotherhood and peace that Martin Luther King Jr. once preached about. If King could see the world today, what would he say? Would his cries for peace and no violence still ring if he saw the effects of terrorism today?

During Dr. Rufus Burrow's speech on King, he gave us his opinion on what King would say about current issues today. Burrow compared his ideas to another author whose ideas differ from his. He [Burrow] believed that King would stay true to his ideas of non violence. However, the other author believes that, upon seeing the terrorist situation today, King would believe in taking action against terrorism. Burrow feels that King would stick to his non violent ways because it is against his beliefs. King was a deeply religious man who stuck with his faith. Early on in his life, he did apply for a gun license, but soon changed his mind.

Martin Luther King was a man who lived his faith; an idea that is hard to follow. Dr. Burrow is a religious man too, but he admitted that while he understands where King is coming from it is hard to really practice them in everyday life. Dr. Burrow's speech was very enlightening and makes one think about whether Dr. King's ideas could be applied to life today.

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Meet Our New Board Member

By Duk Kim

Hello! I am Duk H. Kim and an assistant professor of political science at St. Ambrose University (SAU). At Ambrose, I teach and conduct research in the areas of international conflicts, international organization and law, and politics. My research mainly utilizes methodological approaches to examine the post-conflict management roles of the United Nations and humanitarian NGOs for war-torn societies. I currently serve as the Director of International Studies and the faculty adviser of SAU Model United Nations.



Duk Kim

I was born and raised in Seoul, Korea. I received my B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Yes, I am a big fan of St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis is my second hometown. My wife, Vicky and I went to the same college. Our first child, Juha was born in St. Louis in 2008 and keeps us busy chasing after her. It looks like our life will be even busier when our second baby girl is born in February 2011.

I would like to give special thanks to Lisa Killinger, Tom Betts, Zobeida Laufenberg and the other board members of the WAC for their warm welcome and commitment to international education. I am grateful to be part of their journey of discovery.

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A quarterly publication, *Courier* provokes thought on world affairs by giving readers insight into issues driving foundation programming.

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- **Fragile States, Global Consequences:** This toolkit examines the global challenge of fragile states. It aims to encourage discussion of the growing movement in the international community to find comprehensive ways to promote stronger nations and more effective ways to deal with those that are already on the brink of failure.
- **Radioactive Challenge:** This toolkit examines the challenge of securing vulnerable nuclear materials globally. It aims to encourage discussion of the complexities of the “world’s greatest security challenge,” keeping nuclear material out of the hands of terrorists.
- **Rising Powers: The New Global Reality:** This toolkit explores the rise of three countries—Brazil, China, and India—in a new global reality. It aims to encourage discussion of several of the countries challenging the global order, some of the major issues that cut across national boundaries, and how all of this will impact American lives.

Sign up today to receive these and other materials at www.stanleyfoundation.org or call 563-264-1500.

Upcoming Community Events

World Adventure Series

2011 Schedule

Putnam Museum and Imax Theatre
(563-324-1933)
1717 W 12th Street, Davenport, IA
Tickets may be purchased for \$6/film at
www.putnam.org/wats.

Barbados

Presented by Steve Gonser
Tuesday, February 15
1pm • 4pm • 7pm

Beneath the Jungle and Beyond: Mesoamerica

Presented by Dale Johnson
Tuesday, March 15
1pm • 4pm • 7pm

Bettendorf Public Library Events

December 2010 – March 2011
The following are cultural events at the Bettendorf Public Library between late November and March. For more information about any listed below, contact Hedy N.R. Hustedde, 563-344-5705 or hhustedde@bettendorf.org.

Monday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.
Discussion of the book *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East* by Sandy Tolán, co-led by Art Pitz and Lisa Killinger

Wednesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.
Discussion of the poetry of Emily Dickinson with St. Ambrose University Professor Bea Jacobson.

Wednesday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.
Discussion of the book *The Case for Israel* by Alan Dershowitz and led by Alan Ross, Director of the Jewish Federation of the Quad-Cities.

Mondays starting March 7, 7:00 p.m.
Four chronological lectures by Dr. Arthur Pitz on the origins and prognosis of the Middle East Conflict in partnership with the Davenport Public Library.

- Lectures on March 7 and March 21 at the Bettendorf Public Library
- Lectures on March 14 and March 28 at the Davenport Public Library

Monday, January 17
DEADLINE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS SONG-WRITING COMPETITION—Guidelines are available in hardcopy at the Bettendorf Public Library and from the website www.bettendorflibrary.com.

Thursday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.
Civil Rights Song Fest featuring lots of local talent and highlighting the two winners of the Civil Rights Songwriting Competition. Peach cobbler will be served starting at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23, 1:00 p.m.
Discussion of the book *The Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell led by St. Ambrose University Professor Michael Hustedde.

Working Titles Film Series

The Working Titles Film Series is in partnership with St. Ambrose University and is part of their Ubiquity of Work project.

Friday, March 25, 1:30 p.m. Working Titles Film Series: *Molly Maguires*

Saturday, March 26, 1:30 p.m. Working Titles Film Series: *Bread and Roses*

Friday, April 1, 1:30 p.m. Working Titles Film Series: *Pursuit of Happyness*

Saturday, April 2
10:30 a.m. *Grapes of Wrath*
1:30 p.m. *East of Eden*

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The World Affairs Council of the Quad Cities

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Mailing Address: WAC QC Treasurer, c/o 5601 Eastern Ave. Apt B5, Davenport, IA 52807

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