

History of Winter Lecture Series

Sessions (16) held at Vine Congregation Church

- 1985 Central America
- 1986 The Middle East
- 1987 South Africa
- 1988 The Soviet Union
- 1989 China
- 1990 Mexico
- 1991 Eastern Europe
- 1992 Japan
- 1993 The Global Bond
- 1994 Africa
- 1995 Cuba
- 1996 India
- 1997 South America
- 1998 Canada
- 1999 Southeast Asia
- 2000 Revisiting the World

Sessions held at Lincoln Unitarian Church

- 2001 Human Rights and Migration – A Global Perspective
Speakers: David Forsythe; Robert Hitchcock; Cartherine Daly; Lucia McSpadden;
Carole Nagengast; Patrice McMahon; Miguel Carranza.
- 2002 Our Children’s Inheritance: Global Environmental Issues of the 21st Century.
Speakers: Werner Fornos; Peter Collings; Robert Hitchcock; Don Wilhite; Kenneth
Cassman; Naida Loskutoff.
Dinner Panel: Karim Gharzai with Faride Ebrahim, Samira Mahboub, Asad Obaidi
- 2003 Global Food: Poverty and Equity
Speakers: Don Reeves; James Riddell; Lorna Butler; Wesley Peterson; Juan Paulo
Ramirez; Chuck Hassebrook.
Dinner Panel: Robert Hitchcock with David Taw, Dubounty Bukjiok, Duol Rut, David
Chand, Albert Maribaga, Sentino Akot, Khuleng & Nyplat Stephen; Saeede
Amoun, Keck Chol, Mr. Khot
- 2004 National Identity and Global Citizenship: The Benefits and Negative Results of
Globalization and International Cooperation
Speakers: Natalie Hahn; David Forsythe; David Rapkin; Sullivan Owomoyela; Walter
Echohawk; Patrice McMahon.
Dinner Panel:
- 2005 Palestine & Israel: Religions, Homelands, and Cultures
Speakers: Sandy Kaplan; Steve Burnet; Simon Wood; Jeff Spinner; Moshe
Gershovich; Bill Draper-Finlaw
Dinner Panel: Sandy Kaplan, Simon Wood, Moshe Gershovich
- 2006 China: From Early Dynasties to the Present

- Speakers: Janet Lu; Suping Lu; Megan Greene; Ian Newman; Andy Wedeman; Stephen Wang.
- Dinner Panel: Robert Stoddard with Suping Lu, Stephan Wang
- 2007 Climate Change: Causes and Responses
Speakers: Kenneth Dewey; Clinton Rowe; Richard Levy; Charles Harper; Janel Curry; Charles Kutscher
- Dinner Panel: David Iaquinta with Chris Beutler, John Hanse, JoEllen Polzien
- 2008 Africa: Challenge and Hope
Speakers: Robert Hitchcock; Betty Levitov; Wesley Peterson; Janet Poley; Andres Manu
- Dinner Panel: David Iaquinta with Charles Wood, Harriet McLeod, John Yohe
- 2009 Cuba: From Slavery to Sanctions and Beyond
Speakers: Tom Gjelten; Charles Stansifer; Joe Starita; Byron Barksdale; Stan Garbacz; Ricardo Zuniga.
- Dinner Panel: David Iaquinta with Suzy Prenger, Odalys Duque, Maria Teresa Gaston, Fred Fibueroa
- 2010 Pakistan and Afghanistan
Speakers: Sabahat Rafiq (2x); Jack Shroder; Tom Gouttierre; Roger Lemke; Shahid Kamal
- Dinner Speaker: Michael Keays
- 2011 Russia and the Post-Soviet States
Speakers: Robert Stoddard; James McClelland; Bill Gleason; Kyle Scott; Bruce Garver; Michele Commercio
- Dinner Panel: David Iaquinta with Joyce Gleason, Bachtiyer Kholmatov, Brian Ridenour
- 2012 Northern Africa from Morocco to Egypt
Speakers: Majid Hannoum; Nejb Ayachi; Simon Wood; Mohammed Dahab; James LeSeuer; Raymond Maxwelll
- Dinner Speaker: Samira Sayeh
- 2013 Understanding Iran
Speakers: Touraj Daryae; Barbara Flanagan; Franklin Lewis [inc. Feb.11]
- 2014 Climate Change: Local, National, and International Responses
Speakers: Chuck Kutscher; Eileen Shea; Marcus Wijnen; Jennifer Turner; Melchiade Bukuru; Panel: Don Wilhite; Mike Hayes, Director; David Iaquinta; Ken Haar; Ann Bleed; Milo Mumguard.
- 2015 National Borders and Refugees: Social and Political Consequences
Speakers David Iaquinta; David Forsythe; Anna Shavers; Sergio Wals; Bob Hitchcock; Marvin Almy.

2016 National Identity and the Politics of Nationalism

We face international issues of poverty, water shortages, food security, climate change, wars, terrorism, refugees, and nuclear proliferation, but people create and confront those problems in nation states that do not always claim their identity and loyalty. Instead, identities may be based more strongly on affiliations that are tribal, cultural, racial, regional, religious, or even international. This lecture series examines the complex subject of how national (and other) identities and loyalties are manipulated and constructed, and the role they play in world affairs.

2/14/16. Introduction and Overview. Professor David Forsythe, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

2/21/16. Europe. Professor Mark Orsag, Doane College.

2/28/16. South Asia. Professor Robert Oberst, Nebraska Wesleyan University.

3/6/16. Middle East. Professor Mahood Monshipouri, San Francisco State University.

3/13/16. Africa. Professor Dane Kennedy, George Washington University.

3/20/16. Panel discussion: Panel discussion. Reactions and summary.

2017. Inequality of Income and Wealth: Causes, Consequences, & Resolutions

Of the many factors that define and divide people, inequalities of income and wealth loom as one of the most important. Not only does this dimension define societies and nations as “developed,” “third world,” “developing” etc., but within those societies and nations income disparities are often stark. Those disparities define us as rich or poor, impoverished or middle class, and they account for differences in nutrition, longevity, and wellbeing.

This lecture series will take a closer look at the complex subject of inequality of income and wealth. It will examine the conditions that lead to inequality within and between nations, the impacts that inequalities have on well being and on the institutions of society and government, and how income inequality is addressed currently and potentially in the future.

2/12/2017: Inequality: An Overview of the Main Issues

Wes Peterson, Professor, Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

2/19 2017: *Inequality in Nebraska*

Eric Thompson, W.W. Marshall Associate Professor of Economics, and Director, Bureau of Business Research, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

2/16/ 2017: *Making Sense of the 2016 Elections: Was it Economic Inequality?*

Dona-Gene Barton, Associate Professor, Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

3/5/ 2017: *The Consequences of Racism and Discrimination for Minority Health*

Bridget Goosby, Happold Associate Professor & Graduate Chair Sociology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

3/12/ 2017: *Reversing Extreme Inequality: Changing the Story and Fixing the Future* Chuck Collins, Senior Scholar, Institute for Policy Studies, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts

3/19/2017: Panel Discussion with James Goddard (Nebraska Appleseed), Scott Young (Food Bank of Lincoln), and Anita Seth (UNITE/HERE, New Haven)

2018. Imagining a Just World Order

There has been much gloom and doom talk lately, stimulated by such facts (real news, not fake news !) as continuing terrorism, resurgence of narrow nationalism, continuing economic inequalities, evident racism, proof of global warming, and much displacement and migration from conflicts and inadequate economic progress. At the same time we tend to overlook some countervailing patterns such as decline of war among great powers, increasing attempts to manage other forms of violence, greater tolerance for minority religions and other minority behaviors (at least in parts of the world), greater scientific cooperation in a variety of fields, less global poverty and hunger and child mortality, etc. So perhaps we have over-emphasized the negatives and disregarded some positives. In that spirit, we address what a just world order would look like and the steps that might be taken to achieve it. Within the limits of our time frame, we selected the following leading issues that need to be addressed to obtain a just world order, paying special attention to progressive steps in each.

2/18/2018. Patrice McMahon Political Science, UNL. Global Governance or International Regimes to Manage Problems.

2/25/2018. State Department Bureau of Population, Migration, and Refugees. Coping with Population, Migration, and Refugees.

3/4/2018. Jordan Kuck, History, West Virginia Wesleyan College. Controlling Violence.

3/11/2018. Gus Hurwitz: UNL College of Law. Managing Cyber Sensitivities.

3/18/2018. Don Wilhite: UNL IANR. Sustainable development, environmental stressors and resilience.

3/25/2018. Concluding Panel.

2019. The Korean Peninsula: Past, Present, and Future

2/10/2019. Parks Coble, History, UNL, Early history of the Koreas through around 1945.

2/17/2019. Thomas Berg, History, UNL, International agreements and disagreements following WWII that led to the Korean war and the political and economic fallout from that Korean war.

2/24/2019. In the 1990's Ambassador Christopher Hill, An insider's perspective.

3/3/2019. Nan Kim, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, National division and other Korean War legacies, with a focus on the issue of separated families.

3/10/2019. Steven Wills, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Japanese-Korean relationships.

3/17/2019. Bruce Cumings, University of Chicago How economic and military alliances affect current and future relationships with the Koreas and their Asian neighbors.

2020. The US and Latin America: Problems and Prospects

We focus on six specific countries and regions in Central and South America. Our six scholars describe the overarching historical, cultural, political, and economic factors that have shaped them and that contributed to the current issues that each face. We selected those Latin

American countries or regions, either because they face problems that are important at this time or they have become the focus of important US federal policies. Occasionally in the past American foreign policies have contributed to problems in those neighboring countries. Insofar as citizens of the US wish to assist with solutions, rather than ignoring the problems, we need to cultivate a deeper understanding of our neighbors.

2/9/2020. Tim Borstelmann, History, UNL, US Diplomatic History in the Western Hemisphere: From the Monroe Doctrine to our time.

2/16/2020. Jonathan Hiskey, Political Science, Vanderbilt University, Central America and the Decision to Emigrate: Root Causes and Elusive Solutions.

2/23/2020. Sergio Wals, Political Science, UNL, Mexico Yesterday and Today: Democratic Change and Transnational Challenges.

3/1/2020. Kelly Bauer, Political Science, Nebraska Wesleyan, South American Indigenous Peoples: Challenges and Opportunities.

3/8/2020. Courtney Hillebrecht, Political Science, UNL, Why States turn Right: The Case of Brazil.

3/15/2020. William Aviles, Chair, Political Science, UNK, Venezuela's Bolivarian Revolution and the Persistence of Authoritarianism.