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*E. Winston*

# *Study Club*

*1997- 1998*

**Subject**

**EXEMPLARY MODERN CRITIQUES  
OF RELIGION**

*Professor David Booth  
St. Olaf College*



## MEETINGS

10:00 A.M., Thursdays

September 18

Mary Bowman

*Introduction to the idea of a critique or religion*

- Nietzsche's biography
- Critique of "Metaphysics"

Reading: *Twilight of the Idols* in *The Portable Nietzsche* (especially section called "The Problem of Socrates")

September 25

Kitty Pillsbury

*Nietzsche's critique of Christianity and Judaism*

- resentment
- the idea of a "genealogy"

Reading: *The Genealogy of Morals* (especially the first essay, "'Good and Bad,' 'Good and Evil'")

October 2

Mary Morrison

*Nietzsche's "counter scripture"*

- historical Zarathustra
- eternal recurrence
- the body

Reading: *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* in *The Portable Nietzsche* (suggested selections to be announced)

October 9 Katherine Murphy

*A "scientific, psychological" critique*

- Freud's biography
- principles of psychoanalysis:  
mental agencies, symptoms

Reading: *The Future of an Illusion*

October 16 Helen Hartfiel

*Freud's rational resignation*

- religion and neurosis
- self-control

Reading: *Civilization and Its Discontents*

October 23 Scottie Gillette

*Modern Feminist Critiques of Religion: Mary Daly*

- Daly's Biography
- sexist traditions: language, symbol and doctrine in  
Bible and theology

Reading: *The Church and the Second Sex*

October 30 El Winston

*Radical Feminist Critique*

- "patriarchalism and necrophilia"
- sisterhood

Reading: *The Church and the Second Sex* ("New  
Archaic Afterwords," etc.)

November 6 Marilyn Kingman

*Post-Christian Feminist Alternatives: Carol Christ*

- religion and women's psychology  
"A Daughter of the Father God"
- finitude and reverence for life

Reading: *Laughter of Aphrodite*

November 13 Mary Vaughan

*Feminist Christian Options: Rosemary Radford Ruether*

- Tradition and experience
- Principles of theology

Reading: *Sexism and God-Talk*

November 20 Ella Crosby

*Feminist Christian Options*

- human nature and gender
- dualism and hierarchy
- sin, body, oppression

Reading: *Sexism and God-Talk*

December 4 Ann Zelle

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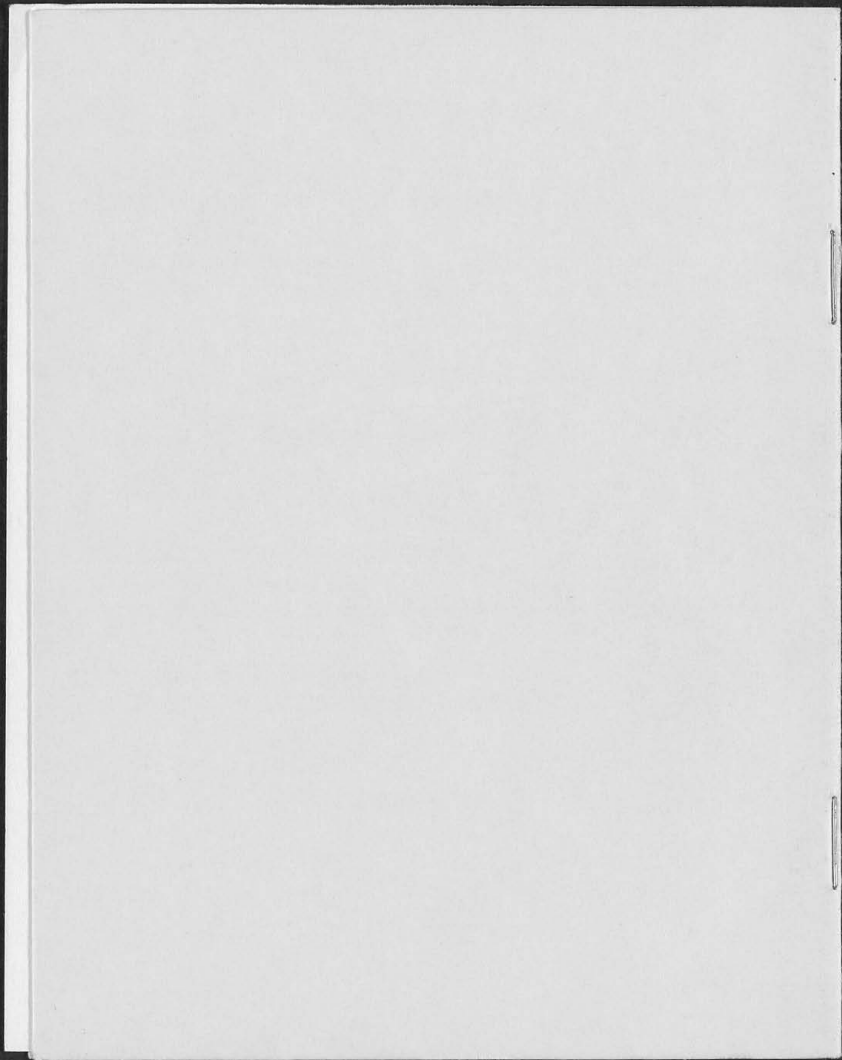
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September 17 Ellie Ogden

*Introduction: The Several Chinas  
problems of perspective, chronology and definition*

September 24 Martha Atwater

*Themes: issues in the Chinese revolution competing (and  
contradictory?) elements of China's drive toward  
greatness*

October 1 Mary Dolan

*Patriarchal rule: the burdens of Leninism and the  
inadequacy of Maoism*

October 8 Marnie Brooks

*Chinese Voices:  
Intellectuals and the role of literature and the arts*

October 15 ~~Ellie Ogden~~ Peggy Dixon

*Chiang Kai-shek's revenge: the triumph of the Taiwan  
model of development*

October 22 Allegra Parker

*Deng Xiaoping's revolution: pragmatism, the Four  
Modernizations, and the Open Door*

October 29 Marilyn Kingman

*Population:  
Peasant families, state power, and the One Child family  
policy*

November 5 Mary Vaughn

*People on the move: rural to urban migration and the  
dynamics of market driven economic development*

November 12 ~~Woodhill~~ Sue Bennett

*Questions of identity and values: Chinese discourses on  
individualism, race, ethnicity, gender and class*

November 19 Ella Crosby

*Will China disintegrate? regionalism and the issues of  
independence for Taiwan and Tibet*

December 3 Ann Zelle

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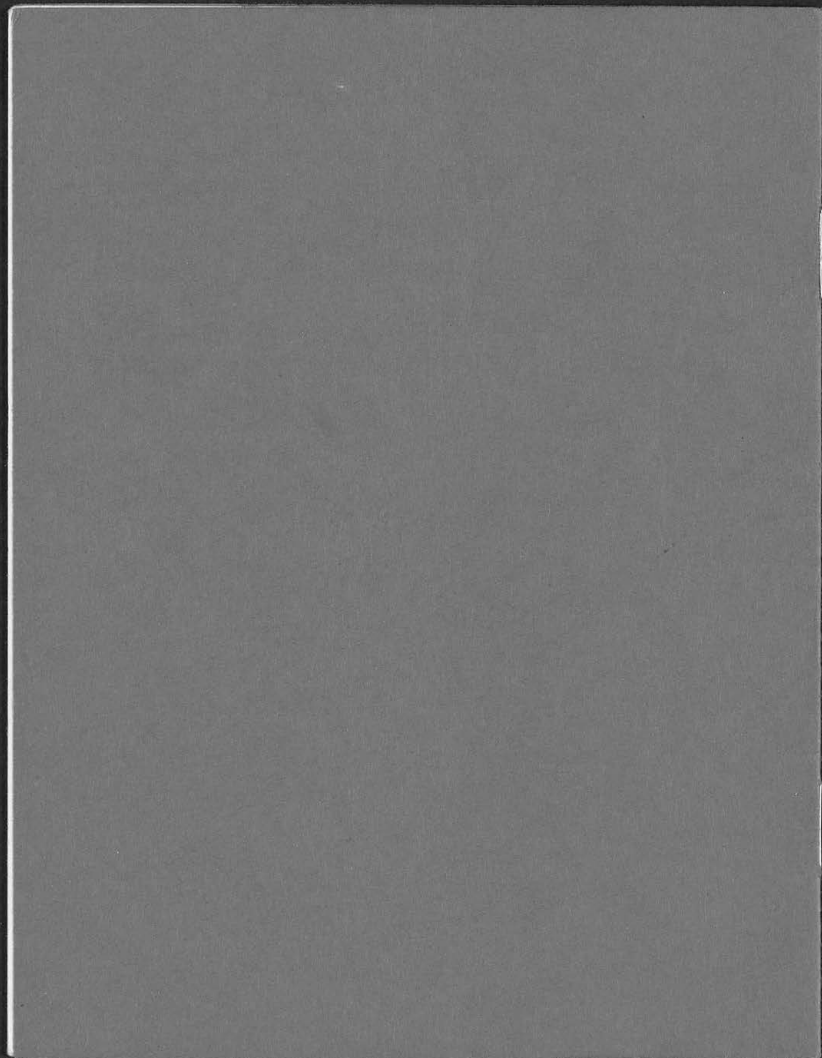
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*Reading Suggestions:*

*Main Street* by Sinclair Lewis.

*It Can't Happen Here* by Sinclair Lewis

*Me* by Brenda Ueland

*Miss Lulu Betts* by Zona Gale

*The Chuckling Fingers* by Mabel Seeley

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September 14 El Winston  
9:30 a.m. – to give us time to schedule remaining meeting places;  
before regular meeting.

"Sinclair Lewis: Home at Last." A slide presentation on the  
life and work of Sinclair Lewis.

September 21 Ella Crosby  
Letters of Sinclair Lewis: Advice to family members, advice  
to other writers (August Derleth, etc.), and love letters to  
actress Kitty Carlisle.

September 28 Katherine Murphy  
-Discussion of Lewis' *Main Street*.

October 5 Peggy Dixon  
Discussion of "Harri" and "Main Street Revisited," shorter  
works of Lewis.

October 12 Ellie Ogden  
Lewis' *Minnesota Rival*. A slide presentation on F. Scott  
Fitzgerald in Minnesota, comparing and contrasting his  
work with that of Sinclair Lewis, their meeting and their  
jealousies.

October 19

Discussion of Lewis' *It Can't Happen Here*.

October 26

Voices of women. Brenda Ueland, Meridel Le Sueur, Zona  
Gale, Ann Chidester, Francis Stevens and other Minnesota/  
Wisconsin authors. Discussion of Brenda Ueland's novel *Me*.

November 2

9:30 a.m. – to give us time to finalize topics for the November 9 &  
16 meetings; before regular meeting

Discussion of *Miss Lulu Betts* by Zona Gale and *The Chuck-  
ling Fingers* by Mabel Seeley

November 9

Tentative: Ernest Hemingway, slide presentation of his life,  
his interactions with F. Scott Fitzgerald and Sinclair Lewis

November 16

Tentative: *The Jesse James Northfield Raid: Confessions of the  
Ninth Man*. Slide presentation

Alternative topics for November 9 & 16

More on Sinclair Lewis or F. Scott Fitzgerald or women  
authors; Minnesota gangsters; H.V. Jones and the *Minneapo-  
lis Journal*; the American Civil War through the eyes of J.J.  
Dickson (slide presentation); "Zelda;" "Koblas' movie  
making experiences."

November 30

Business Meeting



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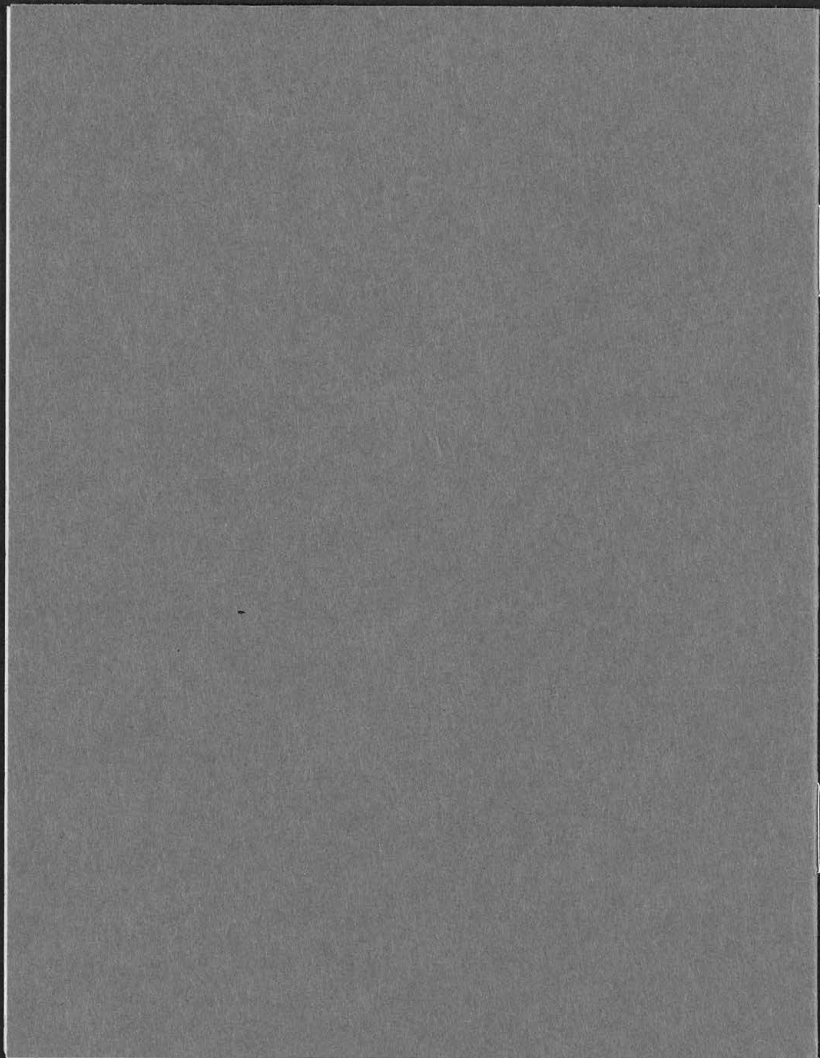
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*Lecturer:*

*Mary Ellen Lundsten, Ph.D*

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The lecture series is designed to give you deeper insight into the issues facing policy-makers and citizens in what is known as "the Middle East." This region, which extends from Afghanistan to Morocco, includes the many countries of the Arab world as well as Iran, Afghanistan, Turkey, and Israel. We will draw upon the disciplines of history, comparative politics, theology, sociology, and international relations to help understand the social and political dynamics of this vast area.

### *Course Content:*

Our readings and discussions will consider the role of the Islamic tradition, twentieth-century ideologies, the decolonization and modernization processes, how social groups interact and affect Middle East politics, and how political institutions typically function in this region. We will examine issues widely debated in Middle East public discussion today: efforts at democratization, gender politics, political Islam, water conflicts, and the breakdown of Arab-Israeli negotiations.

### *Course Resources:*

Deborah J. Gerner, ed., *Understanding the Contemporary Middle East*, Lynne Rienner Publishers, (Boulder: 1999)

This paperback book is one which will provide an array of readings by different authors on the topics selected for our discussions. Gerner's book is available from amazon.com and may be purchased as a used book.

Other readings will be selected from periodicals such as the New Yorker, Middle East Policy, Current History, and the New York Review of Books.

When such articles are recommended for supplemental reading, one copy will be brought to class in the preceding week.

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*Geopolitical Complexities*

*For this initial session you may enjoy reading  
chapter 2 of Gerner's book.*

Sept. 20 Kitty Pillsbury  
*Islam: The Tie that Binds*

Sept. 27  
*Colonial Legacies and Unfinished Processes*

Oct. 4 *Analyzing the Turkish State* Ogden

Oct. 11 Mitchell  
*The Arab-Israeli Negotiations for Peace*

Oct. 18 Katherine Murphy  
*The Challenge of Democracy in the 21st Century*

Oct 25 Ann Zelle  
*Kinship, Gender, and Changing Values*

Nov. 1 Ella Crosby  
*Conflicting Powers and the Gulf*

Nov. 8 Mary Vaughan  
*Analyzing the Algerian State*

Nov. 15 Judy Driscoll  
*Iran: Search for Order and Participation*

November 29 Betty Lebeckoff  
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FROM: THE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY

## SUBJECT

1. The following information was received from the Chief of Staff, Army, on 10/10/54:

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2002 - 2003

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*Lecturer:*

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**Subject:**  
**A Second Look**  
**at Today's Middle East**

The Middle East will again require our attention and closer inspection. Indeed, no region of the world has been of greater concern to Americans or Europeans during the past two years. Topics for lectures and readings this year are those which the Study Club adopted at its November meeting. Three major themes provide the framework:

- (1) identity and policy in three troubled nations, using a comparative country framework introduced last year;
- (2) the making of United States policy toward three crisis areas,
- (3) changing cultural practice among Arab feminists, writers, filmmakers and intellectuals.

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*Lecture: Politics and Society in Lebanon*

Reading: Martha Kessler, George Irani, Peter Gubser, and Augustus Norton,  
"Symposium: Lebanon and Syria: Internal and Regional Dimensions" Middle East Policy, September 2001, pp. 1-22.

September 26 Scotty Gillette  
*Lecture: Politics and Society in Sudan*

Reading: Randolph Martin, "Sudan's Eternal/Perfect War," Foreign Affairs (March/April 2002), pp. 111-127.

October 3 Mary Lee Dayton  
*Lecture: Policies and Society in Israel*

Reading: Michael Barnett, "Identity and Foreign Policy in Israel," chapter from Shibley Telhami and Michael Barnett, eds., Identity and Foreign Policy in the Middle East.



October 10 Kathleen Wanner

*Guest Lecture: Dr. Pamela Nice  
on Arab Novelist Sahar Khalifa*

Reading: Sahar Khalifa, Wild Thorns, tr. by  
Trevor Legassick and Elizabeth Fernea,  
paperback, Interlink Pub. Group,  
Sept. 1999.

October 17 Marney Brooks

*Lecture: U.S. Policy and  
the Palestine-Israel Conflict*

Reading: Hussein Agha and Robert Malley, "The  
Last Negotiation: How to End the Middle  
East Peace Process," Foreign Affairs  
(May/June, 2002), pp. 10-18.

October 24 Marilyn Kingman

*Lecture: U.S. Policy and Afghanistan*

Reading: Michael O'Hanlon "A Flawed  
Masterpiece," Foreign Affairs,  
(May/June 2002), pp. 47-63.  
Pauline Jones Luong and Erika Weinthal  
"New Friends, New Fears in Central  
Asia," Foreign Affairs,  
(March/April 2002), pp. 61-70.

October 31 Judy Driscoll

*Lecture: U.S. Policy and Iraq*

Reading: Seymour Hersh, "Annals of National

Security: The Debate Within", New  
Yorker, (March 11, 2002) pp. 34-39.  
Nicholas Lemann, "Letter from  
Washington: The Next World Order,"  
New Yorker, (April 1, 2001).  
Kenneth Pollack, "Next Stop Baghdad?" in  
Foreign Affairs, (March/April 2002),  
pp. 61-70.

November 7

*Guest Lecture: Dr. Pamela Nice,  
"Arab Female Filmmakers"*

Film clips will be used in conjunction  
with the lecture.

November 14

Ellie Ogden

*Lecture: New Influences  
on Gender in the Middle East*

Reading: Elizabeth Fernea, "The Challenges for  
Middle Eastern Women in the 21st  
Century," Middle East Journal,  
(Spring 2000), pp. 185-193.

November 21

*Lecture: New Discourses  
among Middle Eastern Intellectuals*

December 5

*Business meeting*

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*2004 - 2004*

## **Subject**

PROGRESS INTO THE PAST:  
ANCIENT MYSTERIES  
OF AN ANCIENT WORLD

*Lecturer:*

*Dr. Steven L. Derfler*



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### **PROGRESS INTO THE PAST: ANCIENT MYSTERIES OF AN ANCIENT WORLD**

Understanding the roots of ancient civilization means having the ability to understand ourselves better as we continue into the 21st Century. The discipline of archaeology allows us to be profoundly touched by history. The rediscovery of ancient societies puts "flesh onto the bones" of ancient myths and texts; filling in missing pieces and clarifying puzzling statements. Join us on an incredible 10 week journey as we make progress into the past through archaeology.

*Lecturer:*

*Dr. Steven L. Derfler*

## MEETINGS

10:00 A.M., Thursdays

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NOTE:: ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT WOODHILL UNLESS NOTED

September 18

### *Archaeologists and How They Work*

No longer are we in a world of pot-hunting and grave-robbing. Archaeology is an exact science today, a discipline that crosses scientific fields of study to allow us to reconstruct ancient society.

September 25

### *Ancient Egypt: The Pyramid Builders*

The glory that was Egypt truly began in the IVth Dynasty (2700-2300 BC) with the age of the pyramids. These monuments to the dead pharaoh were much more than funerary monuments, but symbols of Egypt's greatness.

October 2

### *Ancient Egypt: Rulers of the World*

The New Kingdom (1550-1000 BC) was the period of Egypt's greatest power, ruling the entire Near

East. The exploits of warrior-kings would extend her boundaries into central Africa and the Near East. The names of Thutmose III, Akhnaton, Ramses II and of course, Tutankamun, would echo throughout the land and instill fear in the hearts of all who opposed them.

October 9

### *Ancient Egypt: A Last Gasp for Glory*

The coming of the Greeks and Romans meant a total revision of Egyptian ideals in order to keep up. But could they compete? The Ptolemaic Dynasty (324- 60 BC) would be forced to rely on a beautiful queen who was willing to gamble it all for her country.

October 16

### *The Near East: Dawn of Civilization*

The Fertile Crescent was the scene; the time, @5000 BC. Humankind made the radical shift from hunter and gatherer to sedentary farmer; and the world would never be the same again.

October 23

*The Near East: Sumer and Akkad*

The first great civilizations saw their rise in the 3rd Millennium BCE. At first they shared power in the Tigris and Euphrates Valleys, but then vanity and greed would see their demise.

October 30

*The Near East: Babylon*

The Babylonians, in the 7th Century BC, would unite the land and sweep west and south, conquering nearly all in their path. Yet at the same time, science and technology would make great gains as well.

November 6

*Ancient Israel: From Sinai to Solomon*

The roots of western religious tradition take hold following the Exodus from Egypt. The Israelites, under Moses, would be given "A letter written by our parent in heaven" that would serve all humankind as a people-making instrument @1350 BC. But it wouldn't be until the monarchy of ancient Israel under Solomon (10th Century BC) that the House of the Lord would be built.

November 13

*Ancient Israel: Rabbinic Judaism and Early Christianity*

With the Destruction of Israel in 587 BCE, the nature of faith is forced to radically shift. The new spirituality would be called Judaism; or perhaps more accurately, Judaisms. Various sects and movements would evolve during the 1st Centuries BC/AD; giving rise of religious disputation and dialog.

November 20

*Ancient Israel: The Revolt and Rome*

Judean society, culture and faith would be put to the test beginning in 66 AD. A popular revolt against Rome brought the notion of religious and political freedom back to the fore. But would faith be enough to overthrow the yolk of an entire empire?

December 4

Mary Vaughan

*Business Meeting*

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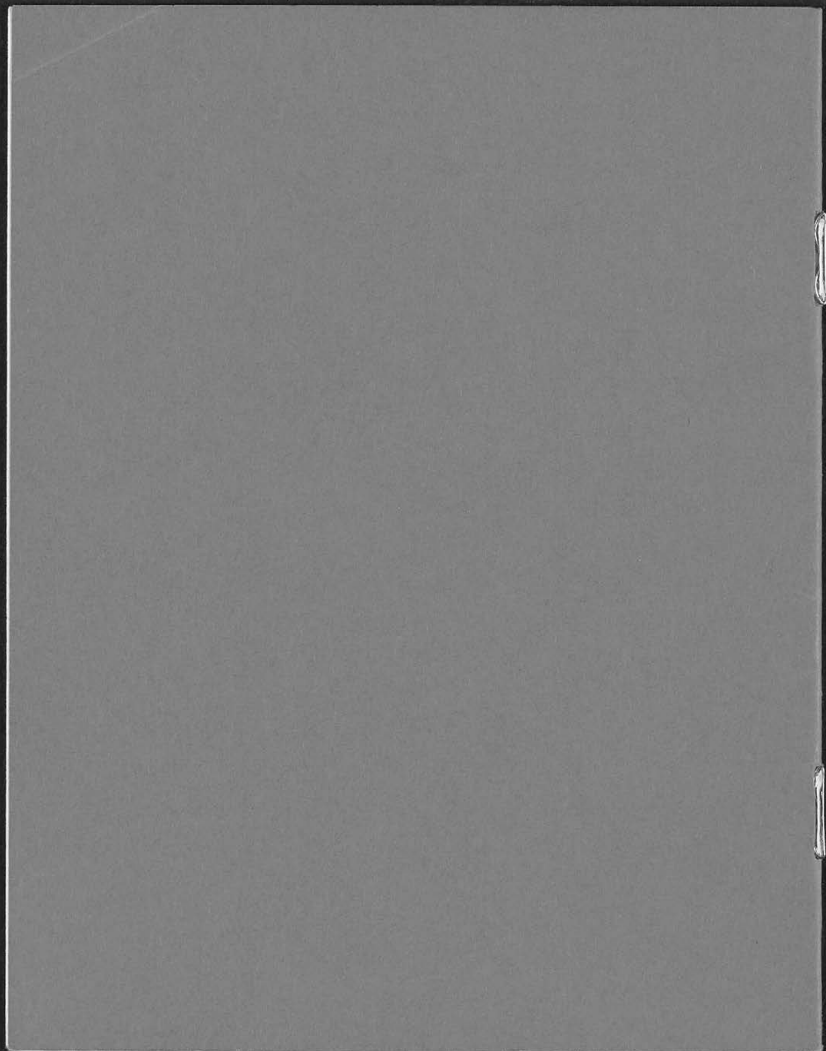
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# *Study Club*

2004

**Subject**

AFRICA, SELECTED TOPICS

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2004

Lecturers:

*Cynthia Becker, PhD, Assistant Professor of Art  
History at the University of St. Thomas*

*Robert A. Flaten, Adjunct Professor and Ambassador in  
Residence at St. Olaf College; former Ambassa-  
dor to Rwanda from December 1990 to Novem-  
ber 1993*

*Ali Galaydh, Humphrey Institute, University of  
Minnesota, and former Prime Minister of  
Somalia*

*Brikti Hiwet, born & raised in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,  
and immigrated to the United States in 1970.*

*Allen F. Isaacman, PhD, Professor of History, Univer-  
sity of Minnesota, MacArthur Program*

*Cherif Keita, Professor of French, Carleton College.  
Native of Mali.*

*Stephen R. Lewis Jr., President Emeritus and Professor  
of Economics, Carleton College*

## MEETINGS

The meeting will be on Thursdays, and start promptly at 10: a.m.

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September 16,  
at the Resource Room, 13th floor, US Trust Building

*Allen F. Isaacman will speak on  
"The Myth of the African Past."*

An overview of the most common stereotypes and misrepresentations about Africa and how the images were constructed and reproduced over time.

September 23, - Ann Zelle's  
at the Resource Room, 13th floor, US Trust Building

*Allen F. Isaacman will speak on  
"Understanding Africa's pre-colonial past".*

A broad overview of the major historical process which took place in pre-colonial Africa, including the creation of major kingdoms, the growth of the slave trade, Africa's role in the nineteenth century world economy and the conquest of Africa and imposition of European colonial rule.

September 30,  
at the Resource Room, 13th floor, US Trust Building

*Allen F. Isaacman will speak on the  
"The Nature of Colonial Rule".*

An analysis of the different colonial systems, and its legacies and how African people cooped, creatively adapted and resisted European rule.

October 7,  
at the Resource Room, 13th floor, US Trust Building  
*Allen F. Isaacman will speak on*  
*"South Africa: A History of Social Oppression,*  
*Political Struggle and Hope".*

An analysis of the origins and political  
economic and social basis of apartheid  
regime, the struggles for liberation, the  
creation of a non-racial society and the  
many problems which South Africa and the  
region face today.

October 14,  
at the home of Ellie Ogden  
*Stephen R. Lewis Jr. will speak on*  
*"Botswana, Africa's Ace of Diamonds"*

October 21, at the home of Scotty Gillette  
*Brikti Hiwet will speak on "Ethiopia: History and*  
*Culture of an Ancient Land" and if time allows she*  
*will incorporate into her talk "Art as a Reflection of*  
*Faith: Paintings, Religious Objects and the*  
*Monolithic Churches of Christian Ethiopia".*

October 28,  
at the Resource Room, 13th floor, US Trust Building  
*Cynthia Becker will speak on*

*"Imazighen Art & Culture & its current recognition*  
*by the Moroccan King".*

She will also address their struggle for  
official recognition & how this has affected  
their artistic production. In addition, she  
will give a brief over view of Moroccan  
history at the beginning of her talk.

November 4, at the home of Ella Crosby  
*Robert A. Flaten will speak on*  
*"Rwanda-When Peacekeeping Fails."*

November 11, at the home of Eleanor Winston  
*Ali Galaydh will speak on "Somalia."*

November 18, at the home of Joanie Case  
*Cherif Keita will speak on*  
*"Hero in the Epic traditions of Mali."*

A topic that encompasses aspects of Islam,  
the traditional religions, epic poetry and  
music in modern Mali and its neighboring  
countries. The talk will be illustrated with  
video clips of musical performances.

December 2, at the home of Mary Vaughan  
*Business Meeting*

### Suggested Reading on Africa

- Achebe, Chinua, *Things Fall Apart*, 1958
- Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi, *Purple Hibiscus*, 2003, (about Nigeria).
- Brehm, Ward, *Life Through a Different Lens*.
- Brehm, Ward, *White Man Walking*, 2003, (About Kenya).
- Carr, Rosamond Halsey, *Land of a Thousand Hills*, New York, Viking, 1999.
- Des Forges, Allison, *Leave None to Tell the Story*, New York, Washington, London, Brussels, Human Rights Watch, 1999, 800 pages.
- Erdman, Sarah, *Nine Hills to Nambonkaha*, 2003, (about Ivory Coast).
- Fuller, Alexandra, *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight*, 2001, (about Zimbabwe).
- Gasana, James, *Rwanda: du Parti-Etat a l'Etat-Garnizon*. Paris, L'Harmattan, 2002. (Available only in French)

- Gourevitch, Philip, *We Wish To Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families*, New York, Farrar Straus and Giroux, 1998, (about Rwanda).
- Huxley, Elspeth, *The Flame Trees of Thika*, Penguin Books, 1959, (about Kenya).
- Klobuchar, Jim, *Barefoot Capitalism*, (about micro lending).
- Leader, Joyce E., *Rwanda's Struggle for Democracy and Peace*, 1991-1994, Washington, The Fund for Peace, 2001, (Joyce was the Deputy Chief of Mission in Kigali for most of Ambassador Robert Flaten's time as Rwanda Ambassador. She stayed after he left).
- Mathabane, Mark, *Kaffir Boy*, 1986, (about South Africa)
- Michener, James, *The Covenant*, 1980, (about South Africa).
- Paton, Alan, *Cry the Beloved Country*, 1948, (about South Africa).

Sampson, Anthony, *Mandela*, 1999.

Scroggins, Deborah, *Emma's War*, 2002, (about Sudan).

Shostak, Marjorie, *Nisa The Life and Words of a Lkung Women*, 1981, (about Kalahari Desert).

Smith, Alexander McCall, *The Number One Ladies' Detective Agency*, 2003, (about Botswana). Other books by the author are: *Tears of the Giraffe*, *Morality for Beautiful Girls*, *The Kalahari Typing School for Men*, *The Full Cupboard of Life*.

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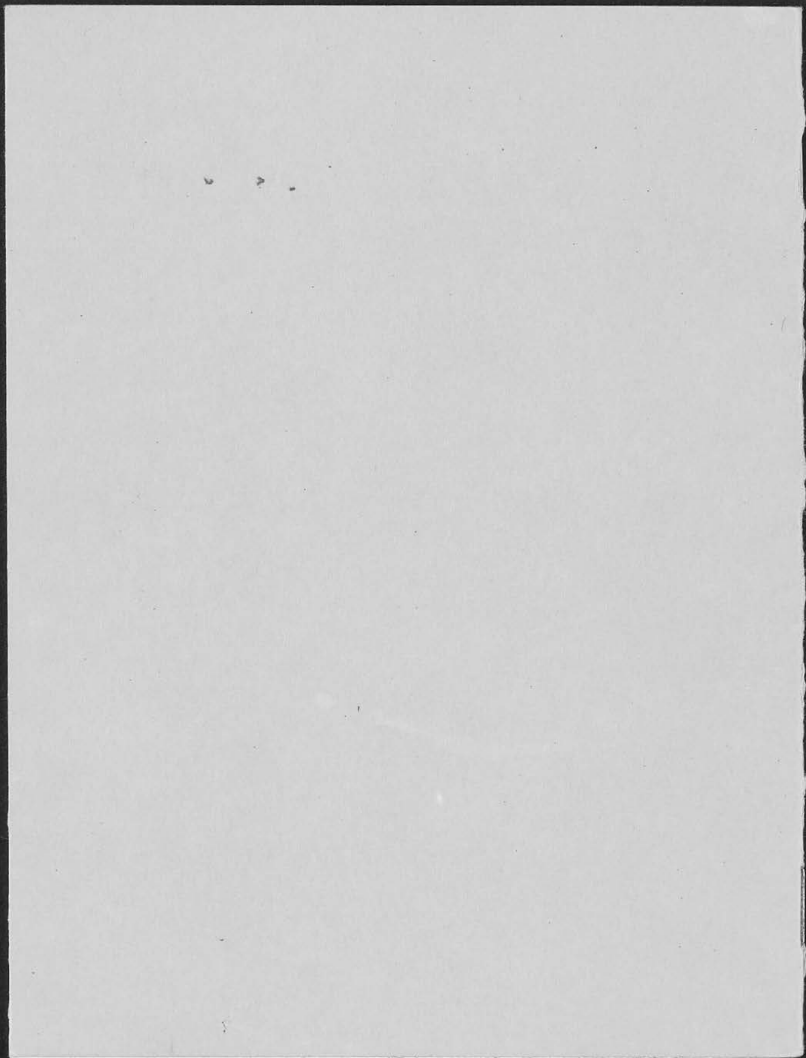
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# *Study Club*

2005

**Subject**

SELECTED ART HISTORY

*Lecturer:*

*Lowell McCarthy*

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2005

## Subject

### SELECTED ART HISTORY

Instructor, Lowell McCarthy, is a noted art history educator. He is a graduate of Hamline University, and earned his M.Ed. from Macalester College. He has spent more than 30 years in the public sector teaching archeology, art, English, history, humanities and language. His specialty is the study of Mexican muralists and the study of Mexican archeological sites. He did graduate study at the University of the Americas in Mexico City, Mexico.

At each session, Mr. McCarthy will show 20-60 slides, depending on the topic, and will also bring books and art work related to each artist.



## MEETINGS

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September 15

*Picasso*

September 22

*Rivera (Mexican Muralist)*

September 29

*Michelangelo & Leonardo*

October 6

*Rembrandt*

October 13

*Bosch*

October 20

*The Art of the Archaeological Sites, Monte  
Alban & Milta, Mexico*

October 27

*Gauguin*

November 3

*Grant Wood (Iowa) & Thomas Hart Benton  
(Missouri)*

November 10

*Dali*

November 17

*Cameron Booth, "Minnesota's finest artist"*

December 1

*Business Meeting  
at the home of Mary Vaughan*

### Suggested Readings:

Ignacio Bernal, *Great Sculpture of Ancient Mexico*

Dan Brown, *The Da Vinci Code*

Wanda M. Corn, *Grant Wood, the Regionalist*

*Vision*

Salvador Dali, *The Secret Life of Salvador Dali*

David Duncan Douglas, *The Private World of*

*Pablo Picasso*

Jean Claude Frere, *Leonardo Da Vinci*

Paul Gauguin (translated by Van Wyck

Brooks), *Paul Gauguin's Intimate Journals*

Gladys Schmitt, *Rembrandt: A Novel*

Irving Stone, *The Agony and the Ecstasy: A*

*Biographical Novel of Michelangelo*

Bertan Wolfe, *Fabulous Life of Diego Rivera*

*American Art Review Magazine*

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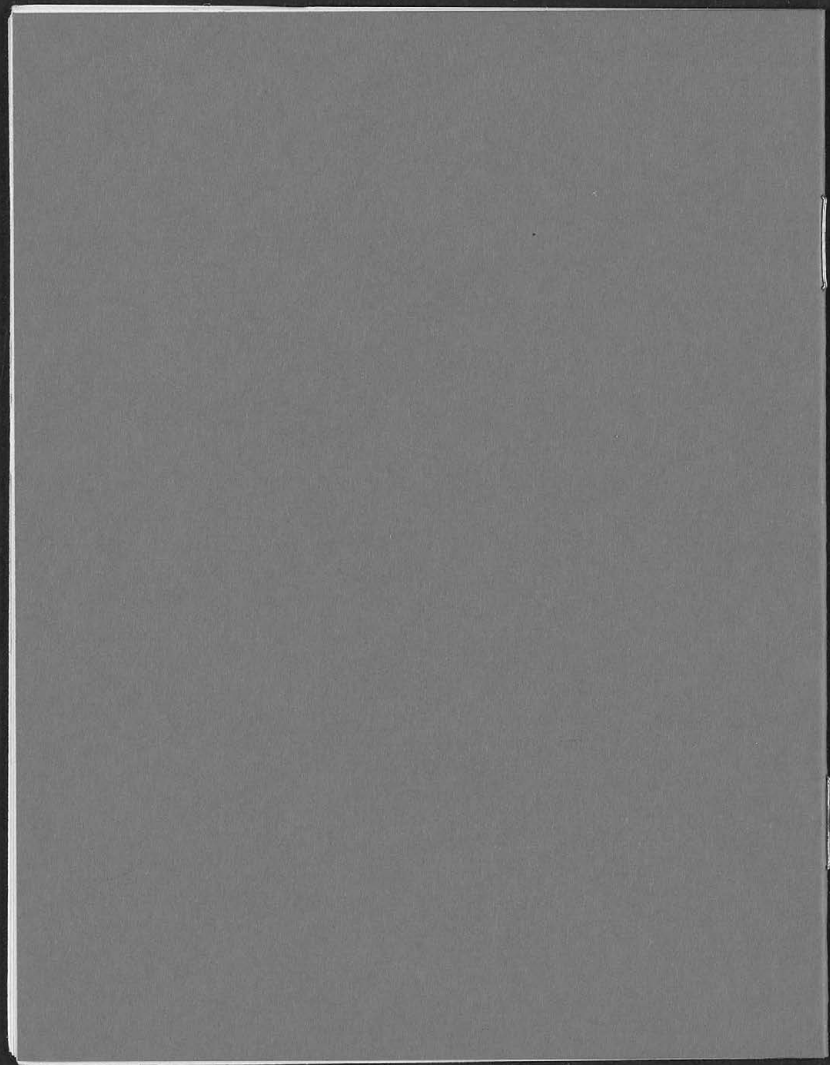
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U.S. IMMIGRATION  
IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

*Professor Donna Gabaccia  
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*Donna Gabaccia, History, University of Minnesota*

*Louis Mendoza, Chicano Studies, University of Minnesota*

*Erika Lee, History, University of Minnesota*

*Jeffrey Pilcher, History Department, University of Minnesota*

*Joel Wurl, Immigration History Resource Center*

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SECOND AVE. SOUTH, NEAR THE MINNEAPOLIS CLUB.  
PARK AT THE MINNEAPOLIS CLUB (612-332-2292) AND  
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US TRUST IS HEIDI HUMPHREY (612-336-1331). LUCY  
MITCHELL WILL VALIDATE PARKING FOR ANY NON-  
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THE NOVEMBER 16 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT IHRC  
(IMMIGRATION HISTORY RESOURCE CENTER), 311 ELMER  
L. ANDERSEN LIBRARY UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA,  
222-21ST AVE. SO., MPLS

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September 14

Resource Room, 13th floor, US Trust Building  
*Global Perspectives on Migration,  
Past and Present*  
— Donna Gabaccia —

September 21

Resource Room, 13th floor, US Trust Building  
*Who are Today's Immigrants?*  
— Erika Lee —

September 28

Resource Room, 13th floor, US Trust Building  
*Comparative Perspectives on U.S. Immigration*  
— Donna Gabaccia —

October 5

TBD  
*Immigration as a Political and Legal Issue*  
— Elizabeth Boyle —

October 12

Resource Room, 13th floor, US Trust Building  
*Refugees in Minnesota and Beyond*  
— Joel Wurl —

October 19

Resource Room, 13th floor, US Trust Building  
*Labor Migrants: Latinos in North America*  
— Louis Mendoza —

October 26

Resource Room, 13th floor, US Trust Building

*Gender and Migration*

— Donna Gabaccia —

November 2

TBD *Woodhill*

*Race and Migration*

— Erika Lee —

November 9

Resource Room, 13th floor, US Trust Building

*Religion and Migration*

— Donna Gabaccia —

November 16

*UUMN* IHRC (lunch will be provided  
for those who RSVP)

*Food, Markets, and Migration*

— Jeffrey Pilcher —

November 30

Woodhill Country Club

*Business Meeting*

### Suggested Readings:

Roger Daniels, *Guarding the Golden Door: American Immigration Policy and Immigrants since 1882.*

Donna Gabaccia, *Immigration and American Diversity.*

Tamar Jacoby, (Ed.) *Reinventing the Melting Pot: The New Immigrants and What it Means to Be American.*

Alejandro Portes and Rubén G. Rumbaut, *Immigrant America : A Portrait*

Stephen Castles and Mark Miller, *The Age of Migration*

Video Resource: "Destination: America" PBS

Online Resources: "Migration Information Source"  
<http://www.migrationinformation.org/>

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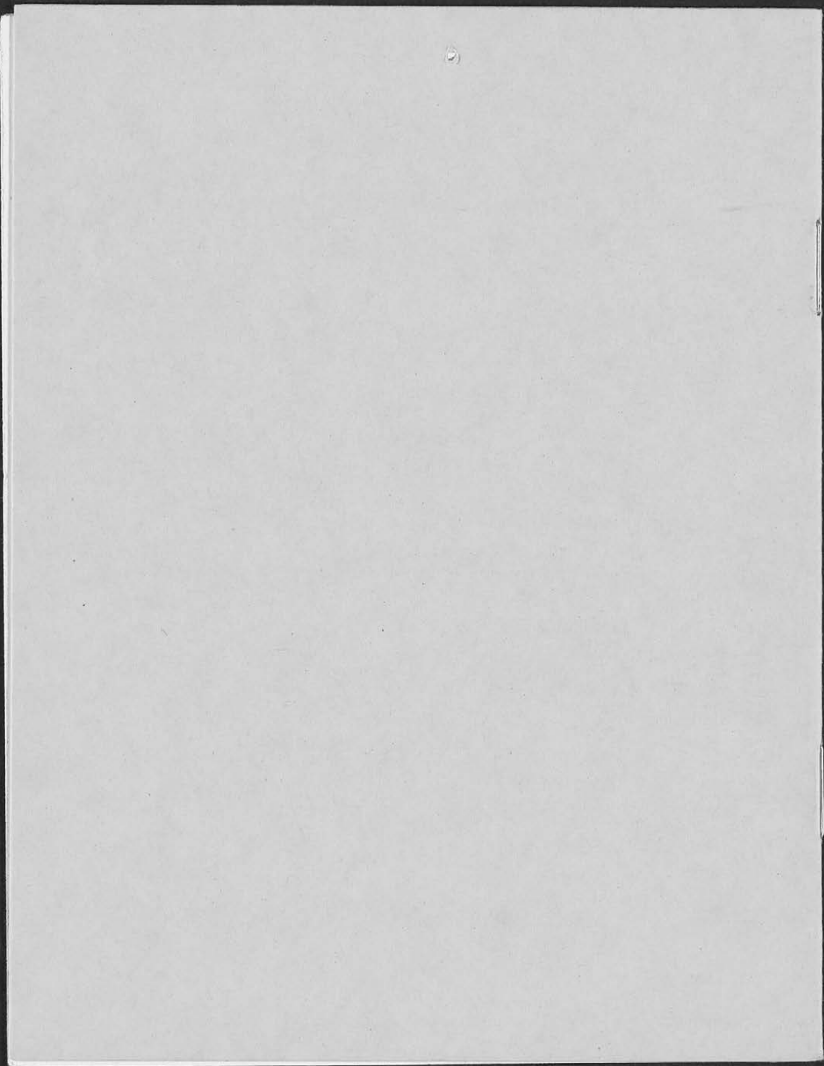
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# *Study Club*

2007

**Subject**

THE BRAIN

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2007

## Subject

THE BRAIN

## LECTURERS

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*Jan Dubinsky, Neuroscience, University of Minnesota*

*Carrie McNabb, Neuroscience, University of Minnesota*

*Walter Low, Neuroscience, University of Minnesota*

*Sarah Cheviellier, Memory Center, University of Minnesota*

*Chuck Schulz, Psychiatry, University of Minnesota*

*Jon Grant, Psychiatry, University of Minnesota*

*Apostolos Georgopoulos, Brain Sciences Center, University of MN*

*Vallabh Janardhan, Neurology, University of Minnesota*

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All but three of the meetings will be held in the resource room, on the 13<sup>th</sup> floor of the US Trust Building, at 730 Second Ave. South.

Parking is available at the Minneapolis Club, across the street from US Trust. For those who are not members of the Minneapolis Club, please see Elizabeth Winton who will sign for your parking as her guest. Each visit will cost approximately \$5.00 and you can reimburse Elizabeth directly.

On October 4<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>, Study Club sessions will be held in the Dale Shephard Room of the Campus Club on the fourth floor of the Coffman Memorial Union at the University of Minnesota.

Parking is available in the East River Parking Garage (391 East River Parkway). Coffman Union is connected to the garage.

On the afternoon of Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be an elective session at the Woodhill Barn (which will include a light lunch) in which

Study Club members will have the opportunity to dissect a sheep's brain under the direction of Carrie MacNabb of the Department of Neuroscience. Those wishing to attend must contact Liz Hawn to sign up for the session. There may be room for guests on a space available basis. Non-Woodhill members may pay Betsy Hannaford in cash for their lunches.



September 13, 2007

Resource Room, 13th Floor, Us Trust Building

*Anatomy and Histology of the Brain*

*Dr. Tim Ebner*

September 20, 2007 (Morning)

Resource Room, 13th Floor, Us Trust Building

*Neuro-Communication:*

*How the Brain and Body Talk*

*Dr. Jan Dubinsky*

September 20, 2007 (Afternoon)

Woodhill Country Club Barn

*Sheep Brain Dissection*

*Carrie MacNabb*

*(Please contact Liz Hawn if you wish to participate*

*952-476-2091)*

September 27, 2007

Resource Room, 13th Floor, US Trust Building

*Stem Cells for Neurological Therapies*

*Dr. Walter Low*

October 4, 2007

Dale Shephard Room at the Campus Club  
on the Fourth Floor of Coffman Memorial Union,

University of Minnesota

*Dementia/Alzheimers*

*Dr. Sarah Cheviellier*

October 11, 2007

Resource Room, 13th Floor, US Trust Building

*Psychiatry As A Clinical Neuroscience:*

*Neurosis/Psychosis*

*Dr. Chuck Schulz*

October 18, 2007

Resource Room, 13th Floor, US Trust Building

*Impulse Control/Behavioral Addiction*

*Dr. Jon Grant*

October 25, 2007

Resource Room, 13th Floor, US Trust Building

*Brain Function*

*Dr. Apostolos Georgopoulos*

November 1, 2007

Dale Shephard Room at the Campus Club on the

Fourth Floor of the Coffman Memorial Union,

University of Minnesota

*Psychiatry As A Clinical Neuroscience:*

*Drug Therapy Vs. Talk Therapy; It's Not Either/Or*

*Dr. Chuck Schulz*

November 8, 2007

Resource Room, 13th Floor, US Trust Building

*Stroke*

*Dr. Vallabh Janardhan*

November 15, 2007

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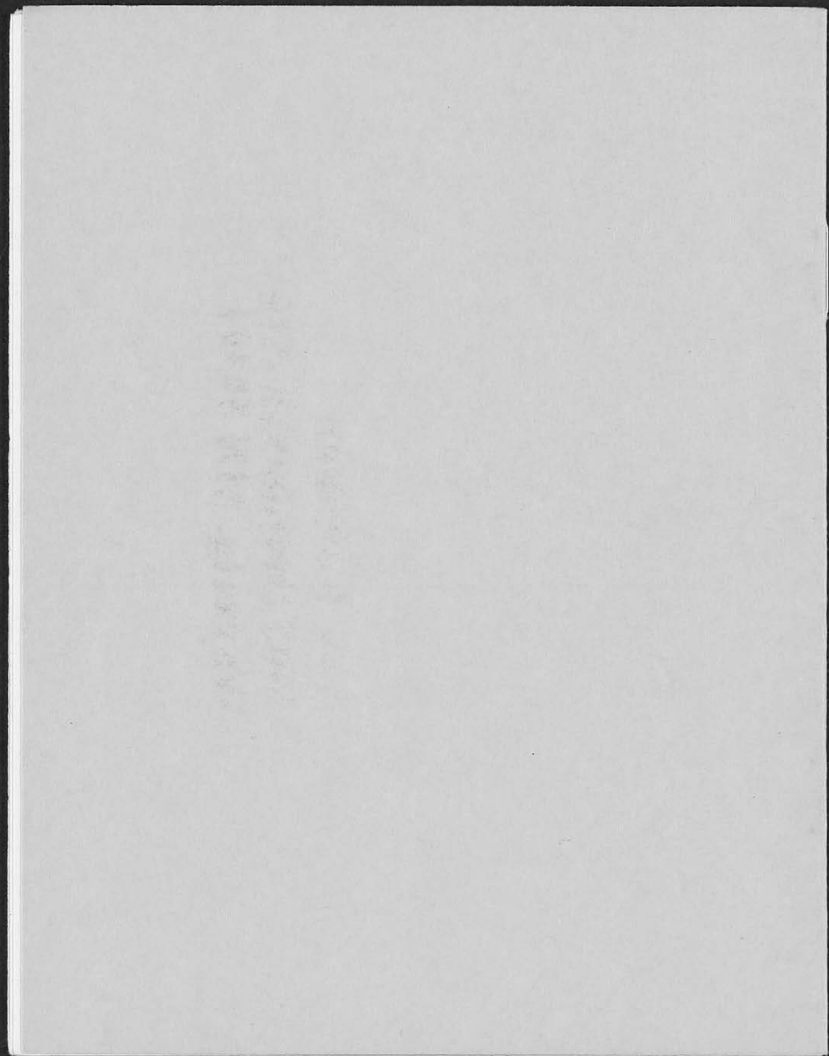
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Ibsen's "The Doll House" is required reading.  
Suggested reading is listed with each meeting

Optional field trip on October 2, 7:30 PM, to the Park  
Square Theater to see The Sisters Rosensweig  
by Wendy Wasserstein



**September 11, 2008**

*IBSEN'S "A DOLL'S HOUSE"*

*The door-slam heard 'round the world (1879)*

Michael Meyer: Ibsen

Bernard Shaw: The Quintessence of Ibsenism

Eva Le Gallienne, tr: Six Plays by Ibsen

**September 18, 2008**

*THE GREEKS AND THEIR HEROINES:*

*"Antigone," "The Trojan Women," "Medea"*  
(circa 450 B.C.)

Aeschylus: The House of Atreus

Sophocles: Antigone

Euripides: Medea

Aristophanes: Lysistrata

Riane Eisler: The Chalice and the Blade

**September 25, 2008**

*THE FIRST WOMAN PLAYWRIGHT: Roswitha and  
the medieval theater (circa 1000 AD.)*

Rosamond Gilder: Enter the Actress

Roswitha: Collected Plays

**October 2, 2008**

*DISGUISED AS A BOY:*

*Shakespeare's women, from Rosalind to Lady Macbeth  
(circa 1600)*

W.H. Rowse: Shakespeare the Man

Francois LeRoque: The Age of Shakespeare

Shakespeare: The Merry Wives of Windsor,

Macbeth, The Taming of the Shrew, etc.

(New Folger Library or Dell Editions)



**October 9, 2008**

*ENTER THE ACTRESS:  
How women found their place  
on the London stage (1660)*

Rosamond Gilder: Enter the Actress  
Aphra Behn: The Rover  
Jeff Hatcher: Perfect Stage Beauty

**October 16, 2008**

*AN ANGEL IN THE HOUSE:  
The image of the perfect woman in Victorian drama and  
later. (1860-to date)*

G.B. Shaw: Candida  
J.M. Synge: Riders to the Sea  
Lorraine Hansberry: A Raisin in the Sun

**October 23, 2008**

*ATTACK OF THE VAMPIRE LADIES:  
as seen by Strindberg, O'Neill, Albee  
(1890-1965)*

Strindberg: Miss Julie, Dance of Death  
Eugene O'Neill: Mourning Becomes Electra  
Edward Albee: Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf

**October 30, 2008**

*WHO'S TELLING THIS STORY?:  
Female playwrights from Susan Glaspell  
to Wendy Wasserstein (1915 to date)*

Alexis Greene: Interviews with Women  
Playwrights  
Wendy Wasserstein: The Heidi Chronicles, etc  
Caryl Churchill: Top Girls  
Eve Ensler: The Vagina Monologues  
Marsha Norman: 'night, Mother'  
Suzan-Lori Parks: In the Blood

**November 6, 2008**

*O PIONEERS—Three women who changed the course  
of the American theater:  
Eva LeGallienne, Margo Jones, Zelda Fichandler  
(1926 to date)*

Helen Sheehy: Margo: The Life and Theatre  
of Margo Jones  
Joseph Wesley Zielger: Regional Theater:  
The Revolutionary Stage  
Julius Novick: Beyond Broadway

**November 13, 2008**

*WOMEN & THEATER—Summary, Questions,  
Leftovers and Last Thoughts*

Harriet Kriegel, ed.: Women in Drama

Victoria Sullivan / James Hatch:

Plays By and About Women

**November 20, 2008**

*Business Meeting*

Plus:

Simone de Beauvoir: The Second Sex

Carolyn G. Heilbrun: Writing a Woman's Life

Renate Bridenthal, ed.: Becoming Visible: Women  
in European History

Barbara Ehrenreich, etc.: For Her Own Good: 150  
Years of the Experts' Advice to Women

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### Optional Field Trips:

**Thursday, September 3, 10 a.m.**

The Museum of Russian Art: a tour of the Postage  
Stamp Exhibit, one hundred years of illustrative  
history and a tour of select favorites and newly  
revealed 20th century art.

Car pools will leave Woodhill at 9:15 a.m.

**Thursday, September 10, 10 a.m.**

Tour of the Russian Bear Exhibit at the Minnesota Zoo  
Field trip to be announced: Russian cooking class

### Please Note:

Required Reading: *From Nyet to Da*

Encouraged reading:

*Darkness at Noon*

*The Nineteenth Century Russian Reader:*

Pushkin	"The Bronze Horseman"
Dostoyevsky	"The Grand Inquisitor"
Tolstoy	"The Death of Ivan Ilyich"
Gogol	"The Overcoat"

Books available at The Bookcase

Что значит быть русским?

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**Thurs. Sept. 17**

Да здравствует, Русь ! (Long Live Russia !)

Topics and pertinent readings:

*Themes of Russian History—From Nyet to Da*

*The Russian Character/Soul—Notebook pp. 78 -95:*

102-124

*Early History of Russia—Notebook Ch.1-3(pp.11-40)*

**Thurs. Sept. 24**

Антихрист или Спаситель? (Antichrist or Saviour?)

Topics and pertinent readings:

*Peter the Great—Notebook Ch. 4 (pp. 40-49)*

*18th Century Developments—19th Century Reader*

"Медный Всадник" (The Bronze Horseman )

by Pushkin

**Thurs. Oct. 1**

Русь, куда же несешься ты...? (Whither Russia ...?)

Topics and pertinent readings:

*19th Century—Notebook Ch. 5 (pp 49-60)*

*19th Century Reader—"Шинель" (The Overcoat)*

by Gogol

*Slavophiles and Westernizers*

Thurs, Oct 8

Великий Инквизитор

19th Century Reader—The Grand Inquisitor by  
Dostoyevsky  
Notebook pp. 198-204

Thurs. Oct 15

От Передвижников до Соцреализма

(From the Itinerants to Socialist Realism)

Guest Presenter—Carol Rudie,  
Coordinator of Docent Education, TMORA

Thurs. Oct. 22

Пролетариат всех стран, соединяйтесь!

(Workers of the World, Unite !)

Topics and pertinent readings:

Revolution of 1917—Notebook pp.205-221  
Marxism-Leninism Ideology—Notebook pp. 225-241

Thurs. Oct. 29

Дрова рубят - щепки летят!

(One cannot make an omelet without breaking eggs.)  
(Lit. When one chops wood, chips will fly)

p17 - Russian History

Oct 29

Topics and pertinent readings:

Stalin

Темнота в Полдень \*Darkness at Noon by Koestler  
Notebook Ch.6 (pp.60-72)

\*The Big Kolyma Streetcar—pp. 253-57  
The New Moral Code—pp. 257-68

Thurs. Nov. 5

Веселые ребята ! (The Happy Guys)

A Personal Musical Journey

Guest presenters/performers

Vasili Kasatkin, Ph.D Moscow Academy of Music

Aleksandre Sambelashvili - Baianist

Thurs. Nov.12

Курица не птица, баба не человек.

Russian Proverb

(A hen is not a bird, a wench is not a human.)

Topics and pertinent readings:

Women and the Social Safety Net—Notebook pp 274-306

Guest Presenter:

Susan Hartman, Psychologist

Former Executive Director, CONNECT US-RUSSIA

Thurs. Nov. 19

Круглый стол (Panel Discussion)

Guest Presenters:

Brad & Tonya Shogren

Chad and Zhenya Gehrman

Thurs., Dec. 3

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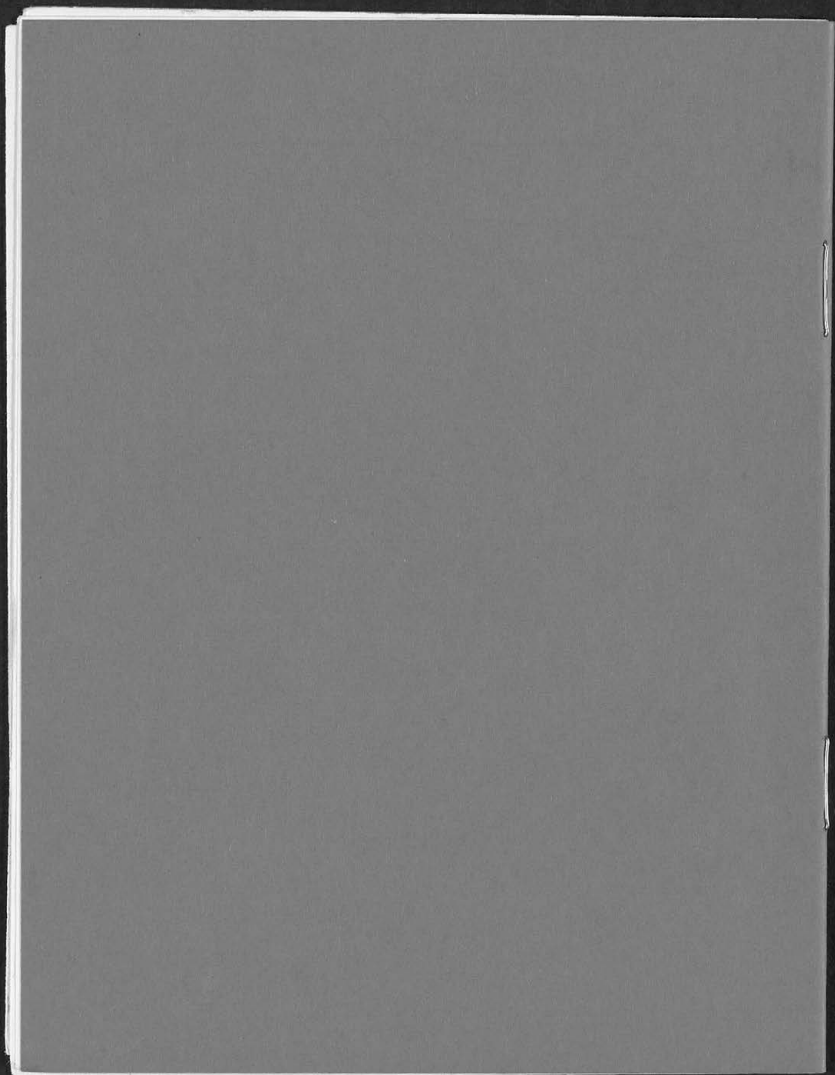
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Viktor Frankl

People Are What For

Wendell Berry

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*The Meaning of the Ethical Life*

**Thurs. Sept. 23**

*Trust / Loyalty / Honesty*

**Thurs. Sept. 30**

*Justice / Forgiveness*

**Thurs, Oct 7**

*Courage*

**Thurs. Oct 14**

*Empathy - acknowledge others  
person's humanity*

**Thurs. Oct. 21**

*Integrity / Character / Wisdom*

**Thurs. Oct. 28**

Beauty

*bring something in  
of beauty to talk  
about*

**Thurs. Nov. 4**

*Community and the Land*

**Thurs. Nov.11**

*Community / Social Responsibility / Autonomy*

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*Hope / Gratitude*

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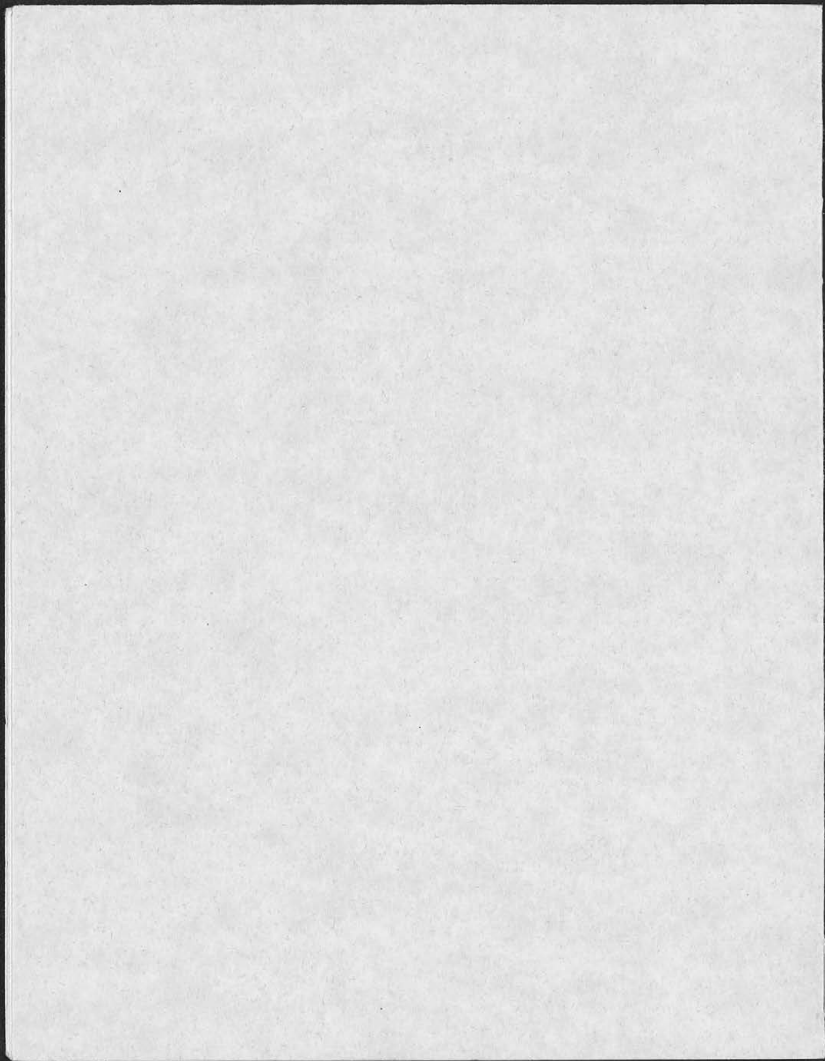
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#### Required Reading:

*Great Plains*

Ian Frazier

*A River Runs Through It*

Norman Maclean

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"...The shape and character of these relationships in a person's thinking, I believe, are as deeply influenced by where on this earth one goes, what one touches, the patterns one observes in nature – the intricate history of one's life in the land, even a life in the city, where wind, the chirp of birds, the line of a falling leaf, are known. These thoughts are arranged, further, according to the thread of one's moral, intellectual,

and spiritual development. The interior landscape responds to the character and subtlety of an exterior landscape; the shape of the individual mind is affected by land as it is by genes." (Barry Lopez)

"It 's not fly fishing if you aren't looking for answers to questions." (Norman Maclean)

**Thurs. Sept. 15**

*The Great Plains and Place*

**Thurs. Sept. 22**

*The Language of Landscape*

**Thurs. Sept. 29**

*Stories and Memories*

**Thurs. Oct. 6**

*Landscape Defiled – Nature Deficit*

**Thurs. Oct. 13**

*Fun, Joy, and Landscape*

**Thurs. Oct. 20**

*Confluence*

**Thurs. Oct. 27**

*Preservation vs Conservation*

**Thurs. Nov. 3**

*Am I My Brothers Keeper?*

**Thurs. Nov. 10**

*The Inner Landscape of Beauty*

**Thurs. Nov. 17**

*Competing Forces for Resources*

**Business meeting will be over lunch following the last meeting on Nov 17.**

The two books to be read outside of the weekly schedule are *Great Plains* by Ian Frazier, and *A River Runs Through It*, by Norman Maclean. We will refer to these throughout our time together, and then there will be short additional readings where appropriate, handed out prior to a given session. There will also be times when we may ask you to prepare something to share with the group.

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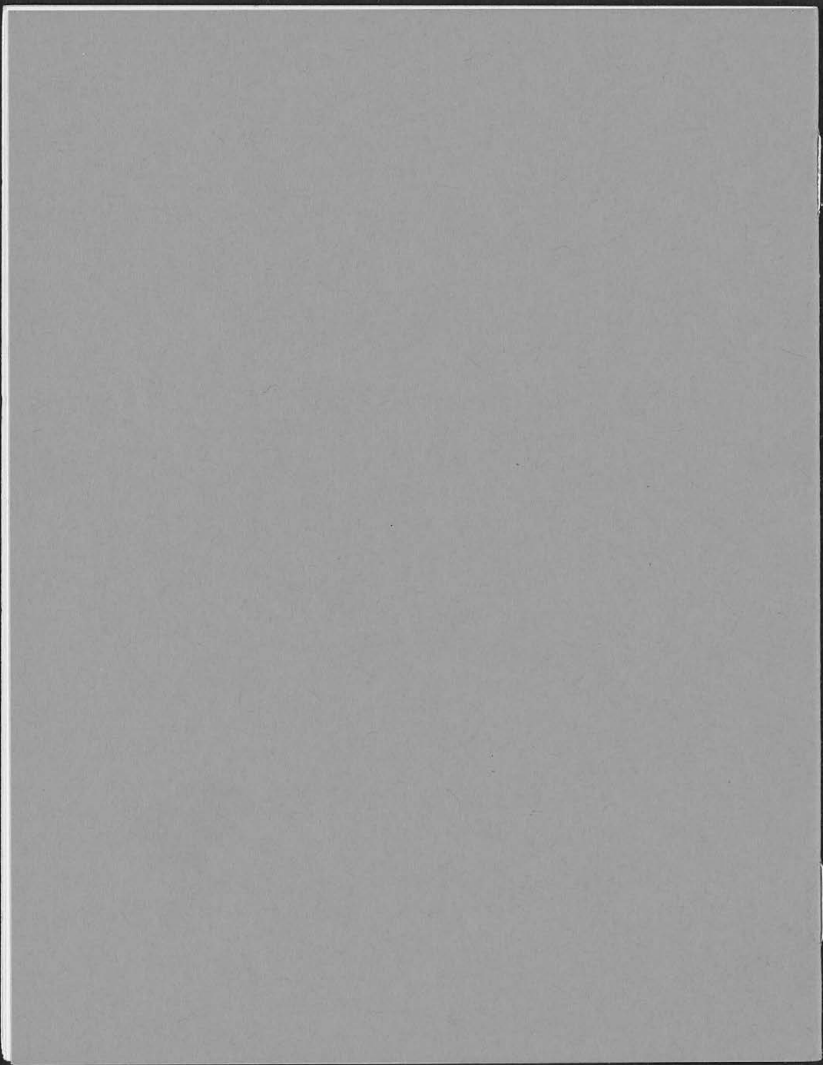
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## **Subject**

AMERICA AND THE NEW EURASIA

## *Lecturers::*

BILL DAVNIE  
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## SYNOPSIS:

The great landmass of Eurasia, stretching from the Atlantic coast of Europe to the Pacific rim of Asia, has been at the center of world economics and geopolitics for most of human history. Over the centuries, large empires rose and fell within the Eurasian expanse, and far-flung trade routes such as the storied Silk Road flourished. With the rise of the West in the modern era and the discovery of the Americas, the center of gravity began to shift away from Eurasia. During the past two hundred years, a period the Chinese define as one of "eating bitterness," much of Eurasia declined into colonial status and eventually withdrew from the world trading system under stagnant communist regimes. Today, however,

after three decades of globalization that have witnessed the opening of China, the collapse of communism in Russia, and the reform of India's economy, Eurasia may be returning to its traditional role. New trade routes and energy pipelines increasingly link the continent, and countries such as Turkey and Russia, and even Germany and Japan, have begun to reconsider their policy options. Eurasia today accounts for over seventy percent of the world population; its reemergence will pose major challenges to U.S. foreign and economic policy. This lecture series will describe the rise of Eurasia and the evolving U.S. policy response. It will attempt to provide a cultural and historical context for understanding the current position of key countries in the Eurasian region.



## Presenter Bios

**William Davnie** served in the Foreign Service from 1981-2007, including service in Southeast Asia, Russia, Tajikistan, Lithuania, Finland, and in Iraq during the surge of 2007. Prior to the Foreign Service, he taught English and researched political Islam in Indonesia for a year, and was a Presbyterian pastor in North Dakota for five years. In the Foreign Service, he was a political officer for most of his career, and Deputy Chief of Mission at the embassies in Tajikistan and Lithuania. On retirement he moved to Minneapolis, where he had lived as a child, along with his wife Charlotte, a Wisconsin native. They have two grown daughters, one a nurse in Florida, the other a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development, currently serving in Cambodia after an assignment in Kabul.

**Thomas Hanson** is a former career Foreign Service Officer. While with the U.S. Department of State his foreign postings included East Germany, France, Norway, the Soviet Union, Sweden, and Georgia. He also assisted in opening new embassies in Mongolia and Estonia. Mr. Hanson has also worked on the Foreign Relations Committees of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Most recently, he was Director for NATO and European Affairs at the Atlantic Council of the United States in Washington, D.C. Currently he serves as a lecturer / consultant for the Great Decisions program at the Minnesota International Center and works with the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights (U.S. Foundation). He is also Diplomat in Residence at the Alworth Institute for International Studies at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

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### September 6:

*Introduction and overview*

Bill Davnie and Tom Hanson

### September 13:

*Forays into the heart of Eurasia: the U.S. in Afghanistan  
and Iraq* AIP

Bill Davnie

### September 20:

*The role of religion in the politics of Eurasian nations*

Pivot

Bill Davnie

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### September 27:

*The world's fourth largest country — Indonesia*

Religion

Bill Davnie

### October 4:

*A crucial fulcrum between rivals and religions — Turkey*

Tom Hanson

### October 11:

*America's greatest geopolitical threat? Today's Russia*

Indonesia

Tom Hanson

### October 18:

*The new republics of Central Asia*

Russia — Caucasus

Bill Davnie

### October 25:

*(Emerging giants — China and India)*

Central Asia

Bill Davnie

### November 1:

*A new and contested American strategy — the "pivot" to  
Asia-Pacific*

India China

Tom Hanson

### November 8:

*Looking ahead: the U.S. and Eurasia in a year of elections*

Bill Davnie and Tom Hanson

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last meeting on Nov 17.**

### **Suggested reading:**

Robert D. Kaplan, *Monsoon: The Indian Ocean and the Future of American Power* (note: this book represents a recent attempt to analyze the new geopolitics of Eurasia, focusing on the interaction between India and China)

Robert Kagan, *The World America Made* (note: this book argues for continued U.S. leadership in the face of changing world geopolitics; a contrary view is provided in the writings of Andrew J. Bacevich, in such works as *The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism*)

### **Other optional suggestions that provide historical background:**

David Fromkin, *A Peace to End All Peace: The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and the Creation of the Modern Middle East*

Peter Hopkirk, *The Great Game* (a vivid account of British-Russian 19th century rivalry in Central Asia)

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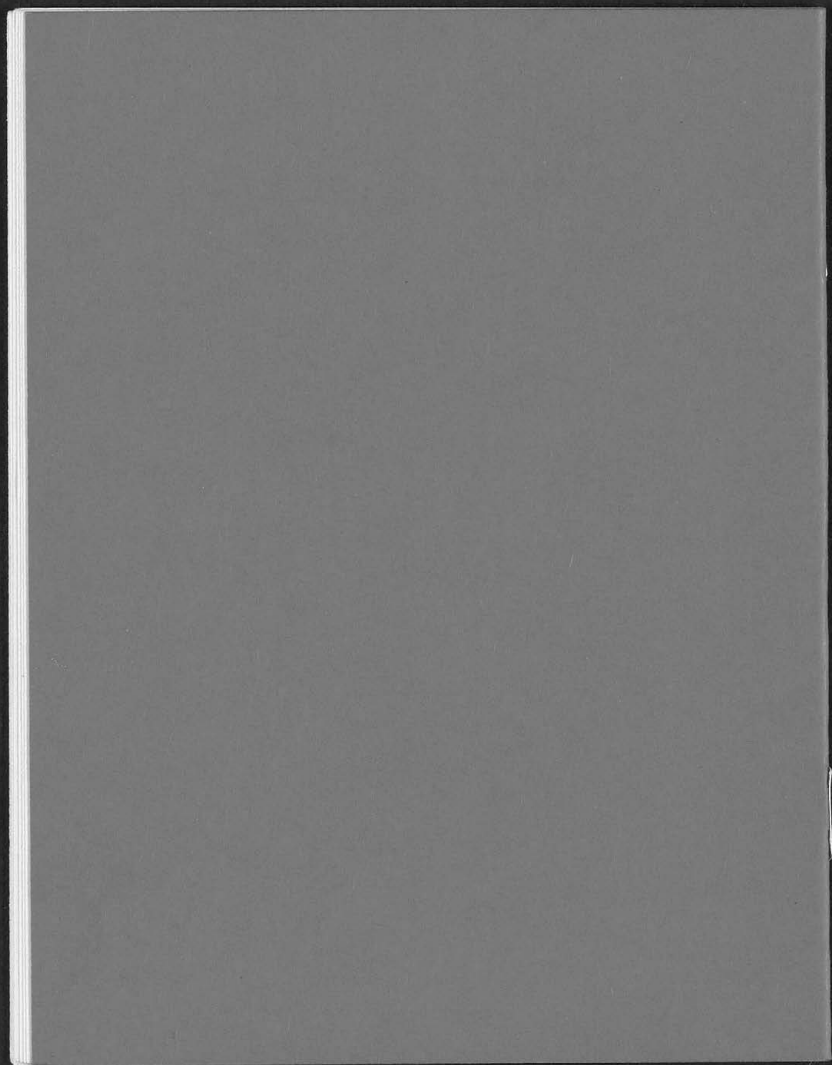
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NATIONS RISING:  
THE U.S., BRICS,  
AND A CHANGING WORLD

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NATIONS RISING:  
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*William Davnie* served in the Foreign Service from 1981-2007, including service in Southeast Asia, Russia, Tajikistan, Lithuania, Finland, and in Iraq during the surge of 2007. Prior to the Foreign Service, he taught English and researched political Islam in Indonesia for a year, and was a Presbyterian pastor in North Dakota for five years. In the Foreign Service, he was a political officer for most of his career, and Deputy Chief of Mission at the embassies in Tajikistan and Lithuania. On retirement he moved to Minneapolis, where he had lived as a child, along with his wife Charlotte, a Wisconsin native. They have two grown daughters, one a nurse in Florida, the other a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development, currently serving in Cambodia after an assignment in Kabul.

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**September 5:**

*Who are the BRICS and why do they matter?*

**September 12:**

*China and Russia -- Disparate development,  
common interests?*

**September 19:**

*China and ASEAN -- The region of the future?*

**September 26:**

*South Africa -- Africa's great hope?*

**October 3:**

*Russia, Europe and the Transatlantic Alliance*

**October 10:**

*China -- Going Global, in Africa and beyond*

**October 17:**

*Brazil and Mexico -- Hitting a BRICS Wall?*

**October 24:**

*United Nations Day --  
the BRICS and the U.S. at the UN*

**October 31:**

*India and China -- Contrasting Giants*

**November 7:**

*The BRICS and the U.S. -- Toward cooperation or  
competition?*

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last meeting on Nov 7.**

**Suggested reading:**

Richard Haas, *Foreign Policy Begins at Home:  
The Case for Putting America's House in Order*

National Intelligence Estimate Global Trends 2030:  
Alternative Worlds  
[www.publicintelligence.net/global-trends-2030/](http://www.publicintelligence.net/global-trends-2030/)  
This site has the U.S. Government-published  
National Intelligence Estimate 2030, which  
can be read online or printed in various  
parts. The site has additional information on  
various countries and other interesting public  
documents as well. The Executive Summary of  
the Global Trends 2030 report would be the most  
immediately interesting part of this lengthy  
document.

**Additional suggestions:**

Edward Luce, *In Spite of the Gods: The Rise of Modern  
India* (also: *The Strange Rise of Modern India*)  
Luce put out an updated version of this book in  
2011, but it is not available in the U.S.; it could  
be obtained from Amazon.co.uk if one is really  
interested!

*Emerging Economies: The Geopolitics of the BRICS  
Nations*

Stratfor. This is published by Stratfor, and may  
be available only from Amazon.

Also, articles will be provided most weeks to  
accompany specific topics.

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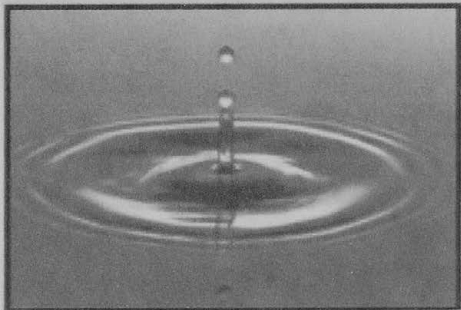
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Water is our most critical resource - without water there is no life. While nearly 70 percent of the world is covered by water, only 2.5 percent of it is fresh water. The rest is saline and ocean-based. Even then, just 1 percent of our fresh water is easily accessible, with much of it trapped in glaciers and snowfields.

In essence, only 0.007 percent of the planet's water is available to fuel and feed its 6.8 billion people. Surprisingly, the water you drink today has been around in one form or another for hundreds of millions of years. While the amount of freshwater on the planet has remained fairly constant over time—continually recycled through the atmosphere and back onto our land and into our cups—the population has exploded. This means that every year competition intensifies for a clean, abundant supply of water for drinking, agriculture and

manufacturing in order to sustain life. Water plays an important economic and political role in Minnesota, the U.S. and throughout the world. Safe drinking water is essential and although access to safe drinking water has improved over the last decades in almost every part of the world, approximately one billion people still lack access to safe water and over 2.5 billion lack access to adequate sanitation.

Projections suggest that by 2030, in some regions of the world, water demand will exceed supply by 50%. The challenge we face now is how effectively to conserve, manage, and distribute the water we have and to encourage us to explore the local stories and the global trends defining the world's water crisis. We will learn where freshwater resources exist - how they are used, and how climate, technology, policy, and people play a role both in creating obstacles and finding solutions.

## Lecturers

*Rich Biske* – The Nature Conservancy,  
Bluff-lands Conservation Coordinator

*Dr. Jay Famiglietti* – University of California  
Irvine, Professor and Senior Water  
Scientist at NASA Jet Propulsion  
Laboratory

*Dr. Deborah Swackhamer* – University of  
Minnesota, Professor, Hubert H.  
Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

*Dr. Raj Rajan* – Ecolab RD&E Vice President,  
Sustainability

*Dr. Kate Brauman* – University of Minnesota,  
Institute on the Environment, Lead  
Scientist Global Water Assessment

*Todd Gleason* – Pentair, Senior Vice President of  
Growth

*Dr. Philip M. Rolchigo* - Pentair, Vice President,  
Water Technology

*Steve Woods* – Freshwater Society,  
Executive Director

*Shannon Lotthammer* – Director,  
Environmental Analysis and Outcomes  
Division, Minnesota Pollution Control  
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*Tom Johnson* – University of Minnesota  
Duluth Regents Professor, Large Lakes  
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*Perry Jones* - USGS Minnesota Water Science  
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*Tom Hanson* – University of Minnesota Duluth,  
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**Wednesday, September 10:**

*Rich Biske: Protecting Healthy Water, for People and  
Nature*

**Thursday, September 18:**

\* Location: Freshwater Institute,  
2500 Shadywood Road, Navarre, MN  
*Dr. Jay Famiglietti: Ground Water Reserves  
as Viewed from Space*

**Thursday, September 25:**

*Dr. Deborah Swackhamer: Water Sustainability:  
Planning for Future Generations*

**Thursday, October 2:**

*Dr. Raj Rajan: Water in Commerce: Costs, Price and  
Value*

**Thursday, October 9:**

*Dr. Kate Brauman: Water and Food: The Inseparables*

12-1 UofMN lecture  
TNC

**Thursday, October 16:**

\* Location: Target Field (carpools will leave Woodhill  
at 9:00am)

Box lunch offered \$ 20.00

*Todd Gleason and Dr. Philip M. Rolchigo: Pentair's  
Water Recycle System*

**Thursday, October 23:**

*Steve Woods and Shannon Lotthammer: The Federal  
Clean Water Act and Minnesota's Approach to  
Water*

**Thursday, October 30:**

*Tom Johnson: Great lakes of the World: Big,  
Invaluable and Vulnerable*

**Thursday, November 6:**

*Perry Jones: Characterizing Ground Water and  
Surface Water Interactions in White Bear Lake  
and Other Local Minnesota Lakes*

**Thursday, November 13:**

*Tom Hanson: Global Geopolitics of Water*

**Business Meeting will be over lunch following  
the last meeting on Nov. 13.**



## Suggested reading:

### SUGGESTED READING:

Charles Fishman, *The Big Thirst*

Mark Reisner, *Cadillac Desert*

Sandra Postel, *Last Oasis: Facing Water Scarcity*

Darby Nelson, *For Love of Lakes*

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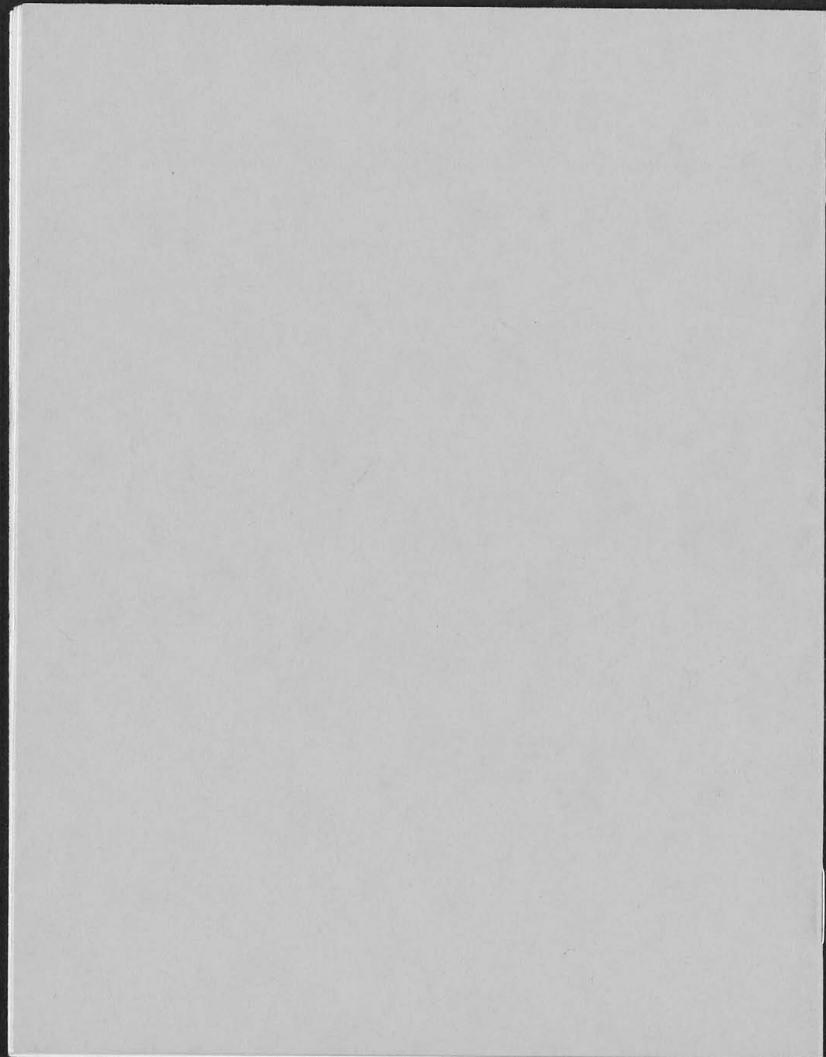
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W. Wayt Gibbs, Issue Editor, Scientific American, Vol 24, No. 2, The Science of FOOD

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*David Dayhoff: Setting the Stage: Introduction and  
Trends*

### **Thursday, September 17:**

*David Dayhoff: The Farm Bill, US Agricultural  
Policy*

### **Thursday, September 24:**

*Will Hueston: Food Safety*

### **Thursday, October 1:**

*Tom Hanson: The Geopolitics of Food*

### **Thursday, October 8:**

*Lucie Amundson: Food for Mid-Ag, The  
Sustainability of Small Business / Growing  
Locally*

### **Thursday, October 15:**

*Kristin Igo: Alleviating Food Insecurity — Systems,  
Access and Empowerment*

### **Thursday, October 22:**

*Sue Zelickson Moderates A Panel Discussion:  
"Cooking , Nurturing and Saving Lives in Our  
Communities"*

### **Thursday, October 29:**

*Robbin Johnson: The Big Business of Food*

### **Thursday, November 5:**

*Ellen Kennedy: Food as a Weapon Around the World.*

### **Thursday, November 12:**

*Tom Hanson: Wrap Up*

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## SUGGESTED READING AND OTHER RESOURCES:

2014 Farm Bill Highlights, U.S. Department of Agriculture. <http://www.usda.gov/documents/usda-2014-farm-bill-highlights.pdf>

Scientific American, Special Collector's Edition:  
*The Science of FOOD*. Volume 24, Number 2  
(Barnes and Noble news stands)

[www.globalissues.org/article/200/population-and-feeding-the-world](http://www.globalissues.org/article/200/population-and-feeding-the-world)

The Evolving Sphere of Food Security, by Rosamond Naylor. 2014  
[http://www.amazon.com/Evolving-Sphere-Food-Security/dp/0199354065/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_tw\\_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1421037922&sr=1-1&keywords=the+evolving+sphere+of+food+security](http://www.amazon.com/Evolving-Sphere-Food-Security/dp/0199354065/ref=sr_1_1_tw_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1421037922&sr=1-1&keywords=the+evolving+sphere+of+food+security)

Full Planet, Empty Plates: The New Geopolitics of Food Scarcity, by Lester Brown. 2012.  
[http://www.amazon.com/Full-Planet-Empty-Plates-Geopolitics/dp/0393344150/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_tw\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1421037943&sr=1-1&keywords=full+planet+empty+plates](http://www.amazon.com/Full-Planet-Empty-Plates-Geopolitics/dp/0393344150/ref=sr_1_1_tw_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1421037943&sr=1-1&keywords=full+planet+empty+plates)

Food Fight: The Citizen's Guide to the Next Food and Farm Bill, by Daniel Imhoff. 2007.  
[http://www.amazon.com/Food-Fight-Citizens-Guide-Next/dp/0970950071/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_tw\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1421037966&sr=1-1&keywords=food+fight+the+citizen%27s+guide+to+the+next+food+and+farm+bill](http://www.amazon.com/Food-Fight-Citizens-Guide-Next/dp/0970950071/ref=sr_1_1_tw_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1421037966&sr=1-1&keywords=food+fight+the+citizen%27s+guide+to+the+next+food+and+farm+bill)

Trust your Gut, by Greg Plotnikoff and Mark Weisberg  
[http://www.amazon.com/Trust-Your-Gut-Digestive-Problems/dp/1573245887/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_tw\\_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1421037874&sr=1-1&keywords=trust+your+gut](http://www.amazon.com/Trust-Your-Gut-Digestive-Problems/dp/1573245887/ref=sr_1_1_tw_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1421037874&sr=1-1&keywords=trust+your+gut)

The Man Who Fed the World: Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Norman Borlaug and His Battle to End World Hunger, by Leon Hesser, 2006.  
<http://www.amazon.com/The-Man-Who-Fed-World/dp/1930754906>



Other:

Tour the Commercial Kitchen in the Food Building  
(former Grain Belt Brewery)

Tour General Mills

*Food Inc.*, a DVD (with point of view against  
big business)

*Minneapolis Institute of Arts Exhibition:*  
*Master Chef Ferran Adrià: Notes on Creativity*  
(Sept. 17, 2015)

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**Thursday, September 8:**

Robin Brown: *Modest Proposal: we have always been our  
technologies*

**Thursday, September 15:**

Karen-Sue Taussig: *Genomics ad Its Publics*

**Thursday, September 22:**

Karen-Sue Taussig: *DNA and Me*

~~Thursday~~ **Wednesday, September 28:**

David Valentine: *Space from Earth: Humanness from  
Outer Space*

**Wednesday, October 5:**

David Valentine: *Earth from Space: Nature as Technology*

**Thursday, October 13:**

Robin Brown: *Drug(s)/Money: how did we get  
'Depressed'? or 'hypo-sexual'? And isn't  
there pill for that?'*

**Thursday, October 20:**

Robin Brown: *The problems with educational technology  
(Hint: it's not the technologies)*

**Thursday, October 27:**

Laurie Ouellette: *Selfies: Media and the Culture of Me*

**Thursday, November 3:**

Laurie Ouellette: *Everyday Surveillance*

**Thursday November 10:**

Robin Brown: *Live Questions (In closing)*

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Sherry Turkle: TED talk, Connected, but alone  
[https://www.ted.com/speakers/sherry\\_turkle](https://www.ted.com/speakers/sherry_turkle)

Ex Machina, movie  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ex\\_Machina\\_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ex_Machina_(film))  
<http://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/ex-machina-2015>

Robin Brown, Ben Fink; The Problem with Educational Technology (Hint: It's not the Technology)  
<https://www.amazon.com/Problem-Education-Technology-Hint-Composition/dp/1607324466>

Wall Street Journal, The Future of Everything  
<http://www.wsj.com/specialcoverage/the-future-of-everything>

Margaret Talbot, Brain Gain, The New Yorker, April 27, 2009  
<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2009/04/27/brain-gain>

Patrick McCray, The Visioneers: How a Group of Elite Scientists Pursued Space Colonies, Nanotechnologies, and a Limitless Future  
<http://www.amazon.com/>

George Orwell, 1984  
<https://www.amazon.com/1984-Signet-Classics-George-Orwell/dp/0451524934>

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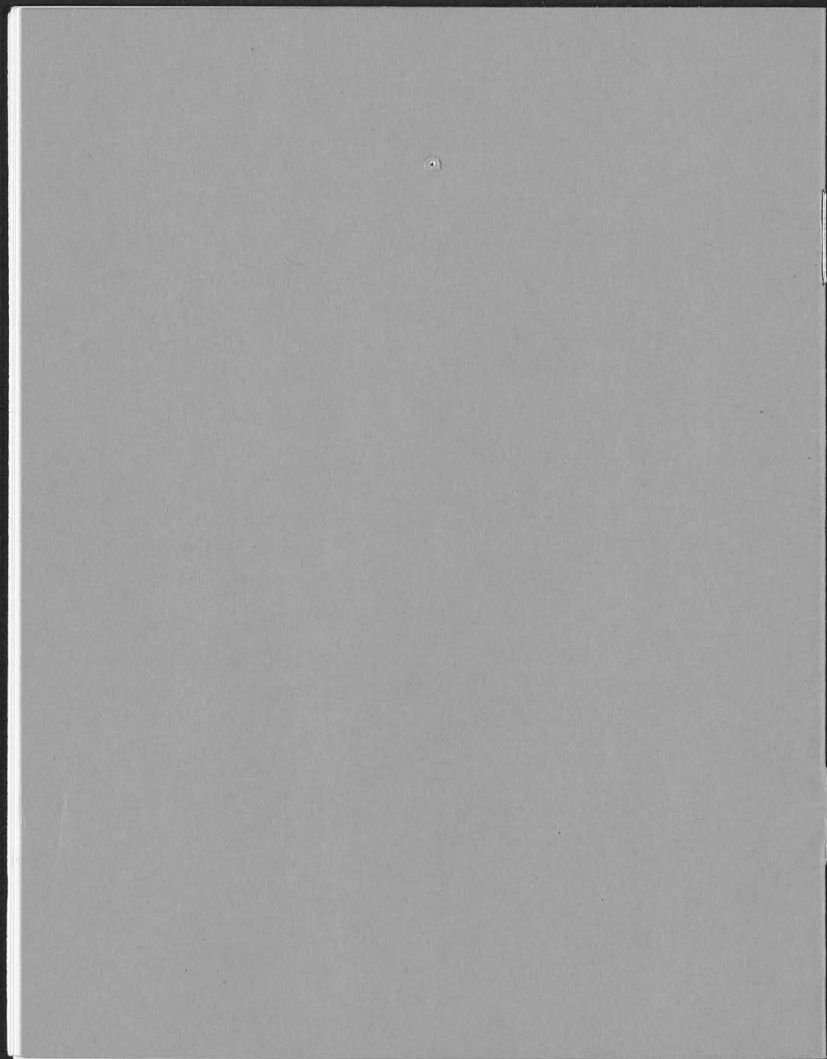
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**Bill Davnie** — Lecturer on Foreign Affairs. Served in the Foreign Service from 1981-2007 including Tajikistan and Iraq with significant Muslim populations. Prior to the Foreign Service, Bill taught English in an Islamic Teacher's College and researched Islamic political thought in Indonesia for a year.

**Rashad Ferdous** — Vice President and a certified speaker for the Islamic Resource Center and a director of the Rochester Mosque. Rashad has been active in interfaith activities in Rochester, the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota. He has a graduate degree in computer science and works as a software architect.

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Bill Davnie, Tom Hanson, Hannadi Chehabeddine: Broad  
Overview of Islam in the World Today

**Thursday, September 14**

Bill Davnie: Fundamentalism and Extremism  
(Acknowledging that parallels exist in  
Christian and Jewish faiths)

**Thursday, September 21**

Hanadi Chehabeddine: The Qur'an and the meaning of  
the word, Islam

✓ **Thursday, September 28**

Tom Hanson: State-building and the spread of Islam

**Thursday, October 5**

Tom Hanson: The break-up of the Ottoman Empire post  
World War I and Colonial Interference in  
the post WWII Middle East

✓ **Thursday, October 12**

Hanadi Chehabeddine: Law and Government in Islam

✓ **Thursday, October 19**

Hanadi Chehabeddine: Women in Islam: From Khadija to  
Ilhan Omar

✓ **Thursday, October 26**

Rashad Ferdous: The Learning and Culture of Islam

**Thursday, November 2**

✓ Hanadi Chehabeddine: Life as a Muslim in America  
Today

Our business meeting to choose next year's topic  
will be during lunch following the Nov.2 meeting.

✓ **Friday, November 10**

Field Trip: Visit to the Plymouth Mosque at 12:45pm  
3300 Plymouth Boulevard, Plymouth, MN 55447



## SUGGESTED READING:

No God but God: The Origins, Evolution and Future of Islam by Reza Aslan

Destiny Disrupted: A History of the World Through Islamic Eyes by Tamin Ansary

Understanding Islam by Thomas Lippman

The Middle East and Islamic World Reader edited by Marvin Gentlemen and Stuart Schaar

Islam: A Short History by Karen Armstrong

Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women by Geraldine Brooks

Thursday, September 28

Tom Hanson: State-building and the spread of Islam

Thursday, October 5

Tom Hanson: The break-up of the Ottoman Empire and World War I and Colonialism in the post-WWI Middle East

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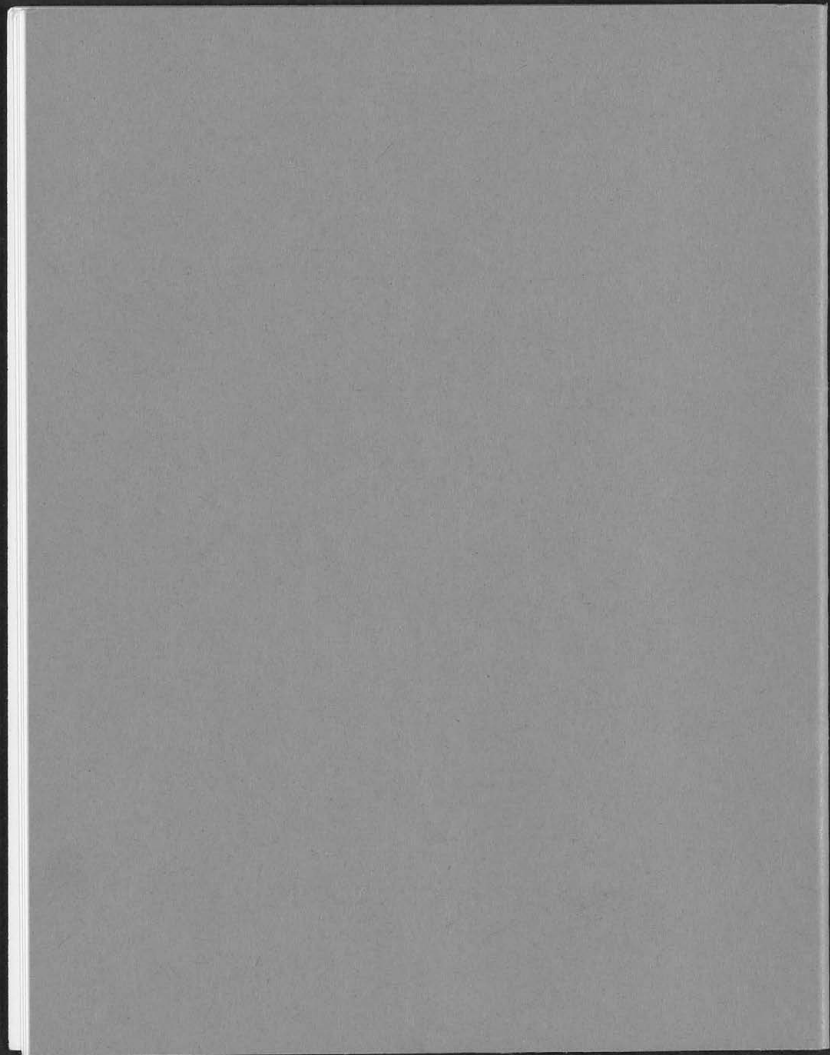
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# Study Club

2018

## DEVELOPING A CRITICAL EYE



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*In 2018, we will be studying documentaries. In addition to looking at the history of documentary filmmaking, we will be viewing a variety of non-fiction films, taking note, among other things, of photographic technique, script writing, choice of topic, and social impact. Darlene Forrest, a former NYU professor of English and film, will be providing a framework for our examination of the genre in a series of four lectures. We will also hear from 3 independent documentary filmmakers and two individuals from the Minneapolis/St Paul Film Society who will speak to us about the role that such organizations play in the fostering and publicizing of documentary films. Our final session, which will be followed by our annual business meeting, will be a showing of the film, "RBG" and a discussion among the membership of our impressions of the film. There will not be a reading list, but, for some of the lectures, we will be asked to view a film before the presentation. Information will be provided as to how to access these films.*

## MEETINGS

10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

All the meetings will be held  
at Woodhill Country Club unless noted

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THEY ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND A MEETING

September 6, 2018

Darlene Forrest

(former NYU professor and lecturer  
on documentary film)

*The Documentary Form: Attending to the Filmmakers'  
Choices.*

Documentary filmmakers have a range of techniques available to them, many of which fiction films also employ. We will look at several clips from a variety of documentary films to see how the filmmaker's choices affect us as viewers. By attending to these choices, we can be better readers of the film.

September 13, 2018

Darlene Forrest

*Changing Forms:*

*The Documentary form 1960 to 2017*

Starting in 1960 with hand-held cameras, filmmakers had more choices about how to make films. Since that time, documentaries have worked in a variety

of ways to make visible that which has not been visible to us, whether it is because we did not have access or because something had been kept from us. We will look at a number of films which let us see the changing nature of documentaries

September 20, 2018

Susan Smoluchowski

(executive director of the Film Society of Minneapolis St. Paul since 2010, Susan was raised and educated in Mexico, Switzerland, England and Italy. As ED of the Film Society she develops programs and strategies to bring the world to our doorstep through film.)

Susan will touch on the history, scope, power and growing importance of cinema particularly of the documentary story-telling form, focusing on the key role that film societies and film festivals play today in developing audiences for films, including a discussion of marketing and distribution strategies.

September 27, 2018

Bob Trench

(creative director of Fahrenheit Documentaries)

Thoughts on the documentary form and the making of "Dodging Bullets," Stories from Survivors of Historical Trauma.

October 4, 2018

Larkin McPhee

(Study Club member and documentary film maker)

The making of the documentary, "Depression, Out of the Darkness." Larkin will also speak about the challenges of documentary film making.

Before her presentation, Larkin is hoping that members will arrange to look at the documentary which is available on PBS (if you are a member and have downloaded the PBS app) or can be purchased on Amazon. Liz Hawn will purchase two copies and will seek to circulate them to any who need them for viewing.

October 11, 2018

Darlene Forrest

*The Ethics of Representation*

Whenever documentary filmmakers choose to tell someone else's story, they are faced with a minefield of political and ethical questions. One of the main questions has to do with the right to represent another who may inhabit a different culture or world. We will watch "Stranger With a Camera" which exposes the complexities of representation.

October 18, 2018

Adam Loomis

(film programmer and animator from Minneapolis, MN. In addition to joining the staff of the Film Society of Minneapolis St. Paul in August 2017, he has worked with organizations such as the Walker Art Center, Trylon Cinema, Northern Exposure and, most recently, Hellavision Television Animation Show.)

Adam will share two short documentaries that were screened at the Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival in 2018. He will talk about why these films attracted his attention, what other factors he looks for when programming short docs for the festival, and more generally his background in Film Studies and as an artist, and how these interests have influenced his work as a programmer.

October 25, 2018

Dawn Mikkelsen

(documentary filmmaker, creator of "Risking Light," winner of the Minneapolis/Saint Paul Film Festival's "Best of Fest" award.)

The making of "Risking Light," and the challenges along the way in crafting a film dealing with forgiveness.

Members will be expected to watch the documentary prior to the session. The film will be made available on Vimeo on a password protected feed for the two weeks proceeding the October 25th session. It can also be watched on October 4th at the Marine on St. Croix film festival where it will be featured as the opening film. The password for the Vimeo feed will be given to Study Club members shortly before the documentary becomes available to watch.

November 1, 2018

Darlene Forrest

*What Difference Does it Make?*

This question works in two ways: What difference does it make that we have looked at the art, ethics, and politics of the genre? And what has happened as a result of a variety of documentaries, both for us as individuals and for public policy?

November 8, 2018

RBG

Watch and discuss the film using new critical skills. Lunch and the annual business meeting will follow.

## The Minneapolis/Saint Paul Film Festival

### About the Film Society:

The Film Society, established in 1963, is one of the longest-running independent film exhibitors in the US and the producer and presenter of the annual Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival. Today we bring our audiences hundreds of films from 80+ countries each year, curating and presenting an array of award-winning, critically acclaimed international independent cinema not otherwise available in the region.

The mission of the Film Society is to foster a knowledgeable and vibrant appreciation of the art of film and its power to inform and transform individuals and communities.

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# *Study Club*

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**UNDERSTANDING  
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## UNDERSTANDING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

## CONSULTANTS & LECTURERS

**Tom Hanson** - Consultant and lecturer to groups on Foreign Affairs. Diplomat in Residence at the Royal Alworth Institute for International Studies at the University of MN/Duluth. Foreign service officer for 25 years. Significant time spent in Syria (before the conflict), Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Chair of the Minnesota Committee on Foreign Relations and Co-chair of the Minnesota China Business Council. Tom has generously contributed to and presided over several topic for the Study Club over the past few years.

**Brian Isle** - former Director of R&D at Honeywell, co-founder and former CEO of Adventium Labs, and a Senior Fellow at Technological Leadership Institute teaching courses at UofM on Cybersecurity. He has done numerous projects with expert systems and Artificial Intelligence; while at Honeywell he was involved in implementing the first FAA approved AI-based configuration tool for control systems in a commercial airliner (Boeing 777). Brian's technical team at Adventium have applied AI to a broad range of industrial-hard problems ranging from cyber security to critical system design. Brian's activities in cyber security include: DHS-funded program to improve cyber security in food manufacturing; DOE-funded program to improve the security readiness of the next generation power grid; key roles on a DoD program focused on vulnerability assessment for force protection and DHS program for advanced cyber protection for critical infrastructure. He has been honored with the 2016 Visionary Leader Award by the Cyber Security Summit. Brian holds a BBcEE from the UofM.

**Mac Lewis** - founder of Sherpa Partners, an early-stage technology investor. His background includes over 50 years in the computer industry. He was at IBM for 14 years - with Large Mainframe computers, then as entrepreneur and leader at 3 start-up companies. In mid-1980s through the mid-1990s he was CEO of Computer Network Technology (CNT), which he led from a pre-revenue start-up to a public company. Prior to CNT he founded and was CEO at a software product company. And, more recently he founded and was CEO of Field Solutions, an on-line software company that had database of over 30,000 field technical service contractors; Field Solutions merged with Minneapolis based Field Nation in 2015. He has been an investor in and Board member of many early stage technology companies. Twin Cities Business named him an Outstanding Director in 2009. He is also on Boards or an advisor of several non-profit organizations, including Minnesota High Technology Association (MHTA), University of St. Thomas Engineering School and Center for Economic Inclusion (CEI). At MHTA and CEI, he champions workforce development activities to facilitate onboarding of higher percentages of minorities, persons of color, and women in technology jobs in Minnesota. He is a graduate of Princeton University, where he received his BSCEE.

## MEETINGS

All meetings will be held at Woodhill Country Club,  
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9:45-10am Welcome

10:00-11am Lecture

11-11:30am Q & A

11:30-12:30pm Lunch & Discussion

Please call or email the secretary in advance if you will not be in attendance and remember that blue jeans and exercise clothing are not allowed in the Clubhouse.

This roster and any materials (audio, PDF or other correspondence) is solely intended for the private use of the Members of the Study Club.

This year's lectures are being posted online in a "Dropbox" in the Study Club's name. If you are doing this on an iPad or your phone, you may be required to download the Dropbox app. Here is the link to the Dropbox folder to get you started:  
<http://www.dropbox.com/>

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Thursday, September 5

### "The Automation Wave"

**Mac Lewis** - Founder of Sherpa Partners, an early-stage technology investor, and a facilitator of technology jobs to women and minorities in MN.

**Brian Isle** - Professor of Technology and Cyber Security at the UofM, and co-founder and former CEO of Adventium Labs, and a senior fellow at Technological Leadership. Mr. Lewis and Prof Isle will discuss the development of technology and AI globally, nationally and locally...including "Gopher."

Thursday, September 12th

### "Is This Time Different?"

**Tom Hanson** - Consultant, Lecturer and Diplomat in Resident at the Royal Alworth Institute for International Studies, U of M/Duluth.

Mr. Hanson will discuss the advances in technology, cyber security and AI in a geopolitical context: China versus The Western World.

Thursday, September 19th

### "Do No Harm? AI & Human Society in Science Fiction"

**Briana Clark** - Managing Director at Holbrook & Associates, a boutique marketing communications agency serving science and technology clients.

She holds an MBA in Integrated Marketing Communications, St Catherine University, and a BA in English and Communications from Gustavas Adolphus College. Ms. Clark is currently working on her debut novel, a science fiction thriller, inspired in part by her research on portrayals of AI in the Western Science Fiction canon. It explores human/AI relations both personal and political.

Thursday, September 26th

### "Blue and White Collar Jobs at Risk"

**Bonnie Holub** - Managing Partner at Teradata, an AI and data science leader who collaborates with diverse constituents and grows businesses by correlating disparate sets of big data for actionable results. She is a former professor at St. Thomas and earned a PhD in AI from the U of M and a BA in Computer Science from St. Thomas University. Dr. Holub will discuss the influences of AI on future employment of blue and white collar jobs and the impact on society.

Thursday, October 3rd



### "Information Technology: An Unprecedented Force of Disruption"

**Wendy Foslein** - Lead Data Scientist, at Thermo

King is an expert in data analytics, visualization and mathematical modeling. Former Senior Fellow, Data Science Leader at Honeywell. She has a MSc and BS in Mechanical Engineering from the U of M. Ms. Foslein will discuss the technology's impact on the industries of the future including control automation, Big Data, and the Industrial Internet of Things (IIOT). She holds 25 patents related to analytics, control and human factor.

Thursday, October 10th

### "The Health Care Challenge: the Application of AI"

**Matt Versaggi** - Senior Director of AI and Cognitive Technology at UnitedHealth Group. He earned an MBA and MSc in Computer Science (AI) from DePaul University and a BA in Finance & MIS and a BA in Computer Science from Alfred University. He blends the business with the technical at both the academic and corporate levels. He is an AI programmer, engineer, executive, teacher, coach, author, speaker, and entrepreneur. Mr. Versaggi will discuss the application of AI in the health care industry with HIPPA.



Thursday, October 17th

### "AI and the Law"

**Eran Kahana** - of Counsel at Maslon, Cybersecurity, AI and IP. He is a Fellow at Stanford Law School, graduate with honors from Hamline University School of Law, summa cum laude, BA, U of M and graduate of the FBI's Citizen Academy. He is an experienced attorney, a prolific author, speaker and lecturer. He has private clients and consults with the FBI, the DOJ and Secret Service. Mr. Kahana will discuss his recent articles on AI, cybersecurity, privacy, trade secrets, intellectual property, trademarks, patents and copyright law as well as AI's impact on the law.

Thursday, October 24th

### "Business, Consumers, Regulatory Compliance and AI"

**Dan Mallin** - Managing Partner and Founder at Equals 3, LLC, he and his partners have created "Lucy", an AI-powered enterprise knowledge management software platform that is transforming how the Fortune 1000 leverage their unstructured data (Powerpoint, FDF, Word, and other file types.) Mr. Mallin will cover the impact of the Big Data of AI on business processing and marketing, the capabilities of IBM's "Watson" and their "Lucy".

Thursday, October 31st

### "Technology and the Impact of AI on Military Leadership"

**Stephanie Horvath** - Brigadier General, US National Guard, Minnesota promoted in July 2019 with her wife, Christy, mother, and twin 9-year old daughters by her side. She has been deployed twice, once to Kosovo and the other to Iraq. She's a graduate of the US War College and the Officer Candidate School. She was formerly the Chief Business Technology Officer (CBTO) for Minnesota IT Services ensuring our technology meets business requirements across state government. Prior to joining MNIT, she was the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the Department of Military Affairs. General Horvath will discuss running a consortium of industry, government and academic leaders working to improve cybersecurity domestically and internationally, as well as Leadership & AI.

Thursday, November 7th

**"Transforming Healthcare and Education"**

**Martin Michalowski** - Assistant Professor U of M, Population Health and Systems Cooperative, his domain of expertise in AI includes medical informatics (clinical decision support at the point of care), information integration, record linkage, problem modeling and machine learning. He holds a Phd in Computer Science from USC, a MSc in Computer Science from USC, and a BSc in Computer Engineering. Dr. Michalowski will speak on the advancement of AI in healthcare, educational systems and the use of mobile technologies for K-12 education.

He is also an Adjunct Professor in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Ottawa, Director of Machine Learning Research at Treatment.com and the Technology Lead at Andamio Games.

**Suggested Reading**

**POSSIBLE MINDS:**

**Twenty-Five Ways of Looking at AI**

edited by John Brockman 2019

**THE MASTER ALGORITHM:**

**How the Quest for the Ultimate Learning Machine  
Will Remake Our World**

Pedro Domingos 2015

**RISE OF THE ROBOTS: Technology and the Threat  
of a Jobless Future**

Martin Ford 2015

**AI SUPER-POWERS: China, Silicon Valley, and  
the New World Order**

Kai-Fu Lee 2018

**MACHINES LIKE ME, A Novel**

Ian McEwan 2019

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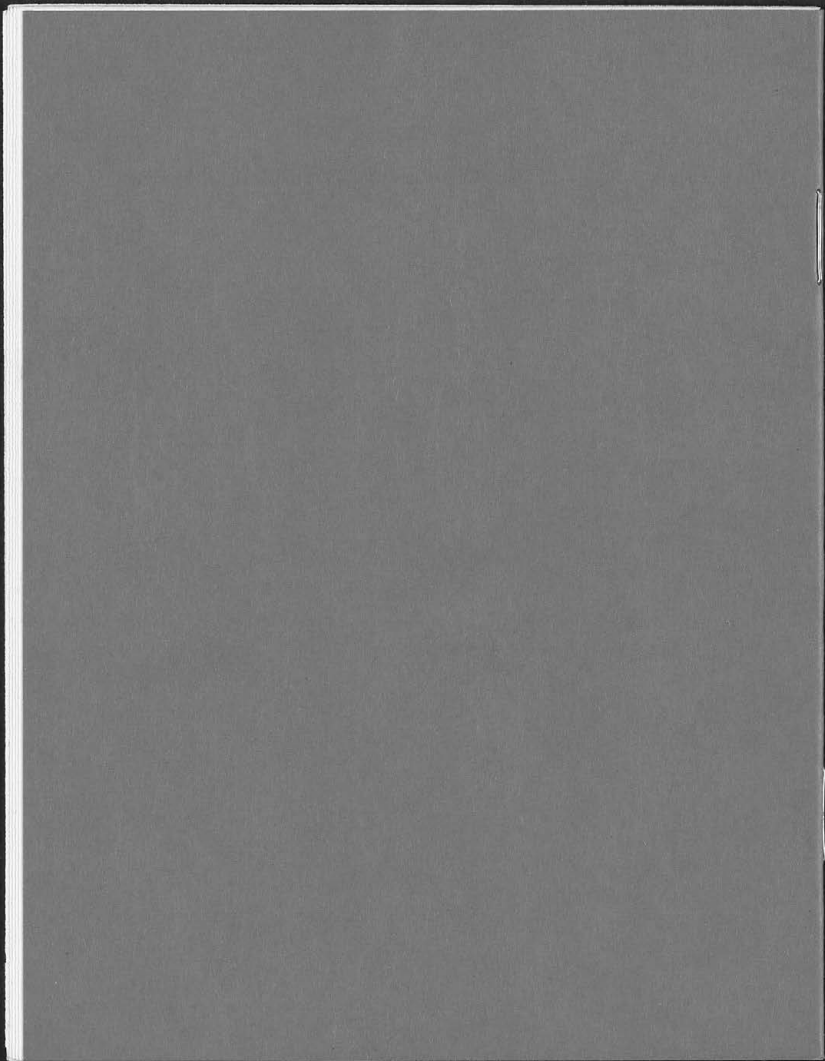
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# Study Club

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UNDERSTANDING  
CLIMATE CHANGE

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## UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change has been called the "existential issue" of our time. Certainly, we can observe the impact of warmer temperatures around the world from rising oceans due to melting Arctic ice, to droughts in central America and south central Africa, to floods in Bangladesh due to torrential rains and melting glaciers. The issues at stake are what can we do about it, how urgent are remedial actions, what are the implications of doing nothing, and how can we adapt to changes that are underway that can't be reversed. This year's lecturers have been selected to answer these questions and provide relevant food for thought. They are leaders in their subject areas and we are very fortunate to have them join us. Our sincere thanks to the Institute on the Environment at the University of Minnesota and to Jan Gerstenberger, Director, Partnerships and Development, for helping us select the topics and procure the lecturers this year.

## CONSULTANTS & LECTURERS

**Jan Gerstenberger** is director of partnerships and development for the Institute on the Environment. As such, she is responsible for developing partnerships with the private sector, non-governmental organizations, foundations and individuals, and for connecting various stakeholders in meaningful ways to Ione's programs and initiatives. Jan joined the Institute on the Environment in May 2013.

**Kealani Burgos** is the founder and lead software consultant for Tech Tutor. She worked for Apple for several years before starting her own business. She works primarily with individuals on a one-on-one basis in helping them to fully utilize the capability of their computers, iPads and iPhones. Kealani is also the lead technical consultant for Mill City Commons, a virtual village for people over 55, where she works with members and teaches classes.

## MEETINGS

All the meetings this year will be by Zoom  
due to COVID-19.

10:00-11:30am Lectures and Q & A  
(exception: October 1 from 2:00p.m. to 3:30p.m.)

A link to the meeting will be sent a day ahead of  
time by our technical consultant, Kealani Burgos.  
If you are new to Zoom, a Zoom training session  
in advance of the first lecture will be held and  
communicated well in advance.

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This year's lectures are being posted online in a  
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Thursday, September 10

"Climate Change, Overview and Context" ✓  
p.d.

**Jessica Hellman** — Professor of Ecology and  
Director, the Institute on the Environment,  
University of Minnesota. Dr. Hellman is recognized  
as "one of the nation's leading researchers on global  
change ecology and climate adaptation" identifying  
that living with climate change is "just as crucial  
to the future of humanity as slowing and stopping  
greenhouse gas emissions".

Thursday, September 17

"Climate Change in Minnesota:  
Impact and Action"

**Dr. Kelly Morrison** — Minnesota State  
Representative, House District 33B, Vice Chair,  
Health and Human Services Policy; Environment  
and Natural Resources Finance Division, Water  
Division; Physician, Obstetrician/Gynecology

**Patty Acomb** — Minnesota State Representative,  
House District 44B, Chair, House Climate  
Action Coalition. Previously with the Minnesota  
Department of Natural Resources and Hennepin  
County Environmental Services.

Thursday, September 24

## "Energy and the Environment"

**Michael Noble** — Executive Director, Fresh Energy. Michael is a 30-year energy leader, well known for driving the major public policy innovations that are speeding the Midwest's transition from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy. As Executive Director, he builds partnerships to harness market forces for visionary change. Michael is a founding board member of Wind on the Wires, Climate Generation: a Will Steger Legacy.

Thursday, October 1

(Note: this lecture starts at 2:00p.m.)

## "Climate Justice and Our Most Vulnerable Communities"

**Gabe Chan** — Assistant Professor and Chair, the Humphrey School of Public Affairs Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy area. Social justice and equity issues underlie the research he does to stimulate innovation in energy technologies to mitigate climate change. Dr. Chan is recognized as one of the University of Minnesota's most exceptional junior faculty members as a recipient of a 2019 McKnight Land-Grant Professorship.

Thursday, October 8

## "Planetary Health, Human Health and Climate Change"

**Teddie Potter** — Clinical Professor, Population Health and Systems Cooperative, University of Minnesota; Director of Planetary Health and Coordinator of Nursing Practice in Human Health Innovation and Leadership, School of Nursing. Dr. Potter is deeply committed to climate change education including co-founding Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate and memberships in the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments and American Academy of Nursing Environment and Public Health Expert Panel.

Thursday, October 15

## "Global Impact of Climate Change"

**Tom Hanson** — Tom has been a presenter to Study Club for many years and has addressed a variety of topics, always bringing a global perspective. He served as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer for 25 years. He currently is Chair of the Committee on Foreign Relations, MN; a Director of the Institute of Eastern Europe and Central Asia; Diplomat in Residence at the University of Minnesota, Duluth; and Board Member of the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights.

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Thursday, October 22

“Intersection of Agriculture, Land,  
Biodiversity, and Water” BBS

**Eric Lonsdorf** — Lead Scientist, Natural Capital Project. The Project is a collaborative partnership among the University of Minnesota, Stanford University, the Nature Conservancy, and the World Wildlife Fund. Eric develops ecological models for leaders faced with making decisions in conservation biology and natural resources management under considerable uncertainty and with limited resources.

1:00 PM  
Thursday, October 29

“Business and Climate Change”

**Amy Fredregill** — Managing Director, Minnesota Sustainable Growth Coalition at the Environmental Initiative. The Coalition is a group of over thirty businesses and public institutions headquartered in Minnesota whose mission is to advance the next frontier of corporate sustainability and system change in the way we view energy, water, and waste.

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Thursday, November 5

“Climate Change and Transportation”

**Brendan Jordan** — Vice President, Transportation and Fuel, the Great Plains Institute. Brendan leads initiatives to promote deployment of clean energy transportation, energy infrastructure, and sustainable communities. He provides staff support to an industry led partnership working to commercialize biobased chemical and advanced biofuel technology and works with the Midwestern Governors Association on alternative fuel refueling infrastructure.

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Thursday, November 12

“What Each of Us Can Do to Reverse  
Global Warming”

**Jonathan Foley** — Executive Director, Project Drawdown, a non-profit dedicated to discovering science-based solutions to global warming. Dr. Foley's work focuses on understanding our changing planet and finding new solutions to sustain the climate, ecosystems and natural resources on which we all depend. He previously led the Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment at the University of Wisconsin, the Institute on the Environment at the University of Minnesota, and the California Academy of Sciences.



Book Suggestion: *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach for Conservation that Starts in your Yard* by Douglas W Tallamy  
(Available at Amazon.com)

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16.6 USA 3 TIMES <sup>THE</sup> GLOBAL EMISSIONS  
TONS PER PERSON FRACKING IS MAIN REASON

PARIS AGREEMENT IS NOT ENOUGH TO  
CHANGE CLIMATE

SOLUTIONS: POLLUTER PAYS. FINES  
- CORRECTIVE JUSTICE  
- BENEFICIARY PAYS -

THOSE BENEFITING PAY THOSE  
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U.S. EPA - 3 times global emissions  
the Pacific is now frozen  
plan

Paris Agreement is not enough to  
change climate

Solutions: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle  
- Collective Justice  
- Beneficial use of resources

These solutions are not enough  
needed - 300 million people  
needed





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## MEETING INFORMATION

All meetings will be held at Woodhill Country Club,  
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9:45-10am Welcome

10:00-11am Lecture

11-11:30am Q & A

11:30-12:30pm Lunch & Discussion

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Thursday, September 9

Cornerstones of the Biden Foreign Policy:  
"Winning" the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Thursday, September 16

The Global Search for Racial and Social  
Justice.

Thursday, September 23

China and America: Is Conflict Inevitable?

September 30

The Race for New Technologies:  
Is China Pulling Ahead?

October 7

Entropy in the Global Economy:  
Financial Capitalism, Industrial Socialism,  
Crypto-Kleptopia.

October 14

From Globalization to Regionalization –  
in Africa, in Our Own Region, and Beyond.

October 21

Europe Agonistes: the EU and NATO  
Facing Brexit and Russia.

October 28

A New Landscape in the Greater Middle  
East Region.

November 4

Immigration, Asylum, Refugees: Global  
Trends and Populist Backlash.

November 11

The Primacy of Shared Global Threats:  
Cop 26, Sustainability, Pandemics.

## BACKGROUND READINGS FOR STUDY CLUB 2021

Here are a few suggested readings as background for Study Club 2021, which gets underway on Thursday, September. The theme for this year is Global Issues 2021: The World After COVID, and the suggested background readings pertain to the session topics as outlined in the Study Club 2021 schedule. All books should be available through Barnes and Noble.

Tom Burgis, *Kleptopia: How Dirty Money is Conquering the World* (New York: Harper Collins, 2020)

The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), *Global Trends: Forced Displacement in 2020*, pp.1-72 (<https://www.unhcr.org/60b638e37/unhcr-global-trends-2020>)

Ibram X. Kendi, *How to Be an Antiracist* (New York: One World Publishers, 2019)

Tim Marshall, *Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps that Explain Everything about the World* (New York: Scribner Book Company, 2016)

John Pomfret, *The Beautiful Country and the Middle Kingdom: America and China, 1776 to the Present* (New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2016)

David E. Sanger, *The Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age* (New York: Crown Publishers, 2018)

Joseph Turow, *The Voice Catchers: How Marketers Listen in to Exploit Your Feelings, Your Privacy, and Your Wallet* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2021)

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This year we will discuss a number of issues that are now front and center in our personal and civic lives, including topics in the fields of medicine, science, gender, community welfare, justice and the judicial system, and global developments. We have chosen speakers and an approach that will emphasize progress and problem solving, and point the way toward creative solutions to our world's challenges. We have a number of excellent speakers lined up, including our venerable Tom Hanson.

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Thursday, September 8

Speaker: Tom Hanson

Tom has been well known to the Study Club for years. He served as a US Foreign Service Officer for 25 years. He is currently Chair of the Minnesota Committee on Foreign Relations; Co-Chair of the Minnesota China Business Council; Diplomat in Residence at the University of Minnesota, Duluth; and lecturer in political science and diplomacy at Carlton College. He is former board member of the Oslo Center and former director Institute of Eastern Europe and Central Asia (IEECA)

### ***Topic: Foreign Policy Update.***

The opening lecture will focus on global politics and the world economy in 2022, with emphasis on the short-term and long-term implications of the Covid pandemic and the war in Ukraine. It will also discuss the foreign policy record of the Biden administration in the runup to the November midterm elections.

Thursday, September 15

Speaker: Hon. John R. Tunheim, Chief Judge of U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

### ***Topic: Democracy and the Judicial Branch.***

Judge Tunheim will discuss the current state of the courts, voting rights, and new initiatives to promote civic education on the democratic process. He will also reflect on his experience working in over forty fledgling democracies to develop the rule of law.

Thursday, September 22

Speaker: Sondra Samuels, President and CEO of the Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ)

### ***Topic: Ending Multigenerational Poverty through Education and Family Stability.***

Sondra Samuels will describe the efforts and measurable successes of the Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ), a collaborative of over thirty nonprofits and schools. She will reflect on how progress can best be assessed and on what has changed, both locally and nationally, in the wake of George Floyd.

Thursday, September 29

Speaker: Tom Hanson

***Topic: The Impact of Demographics: Local, National, and Global.***

The 20th Century witnessed extraordinary demographic changes, at every level, that promise to be just as dramatic in the 21st. Demographics will influence US domestic politics, global economic development, climate change, and relations among nation states. This program will assess possible futures of the human population.

Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Speaker: Nancy Lyons

Nancy Lyons is a national speaker/author and CEO of the award-winning Agency Clockwork, building people-centered work cultures. She was named one of Minneapolis's most admired CEO's and has been featured on Minneapolis Public Radio and NBC Nightly News. She is a member of the MN Women's Economic Round Table and has also been very involved with the Family Equality Council here in the Twin Cities, which is a national organization whose mission is to advance legal and lived equality for the

LGBTQ+ families. Nancy is known for her positive energy and accessible humor, and pens a newsletter, "From the Nan-Cave", where she writes about work culture, leadership, and a few random topics!

***Topic: Love Makes A Family: Reflections on Politics, Patience, Perseverance and one family's story of Adoption.***

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Speaker: Laura Niedernhofer.

Dr Laura Niedernhofer is Director of the Institute on the Biology of Aging and Metabolism at the University of Minnesota, where she is also a professor of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biophysics. Prior to that she was at the Scripps Research Institute, where she helped develop a new class of drugs called senolytics. These are drugs which selectively kill senescent cells, which are a key driver of aging.

***Topic: The Biology of Aging:***

We're born, we grow old, we die. It's a rhythm long considered inevitable. But is it? Or is aging merely a disease awaiting a cure? Will science one day stave off aging or even reverse it? Laura will explore the biology of aging and recent breakthroughs.

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Speaker: Larkin McPhee is a Peabody and Emmy award-winning producer, director and writer of documentary films.

***Topic: Can Psychedelics Cure?***

Larkin McPhee will talk about her upcoming hour long special on psychedelic medicine for the NOVA Science Series, scheduled to air on national PBS, October 19th. The film features several current FDA-approved clinical trials treating a range of conditions from addiction to depression to PTSD, as well as a brief look at historical context and indigenous traditions. Traditional psychiatric treatments are of limited benefit and scientists are cautiously optimistic that psychedelics could be a game changer for treating or even curing a range of conditions.

Thursday, October 27

Speaker: Tom Hanson

***Topic: Diplomacy, International Cooperation, and Peaceful Resolution of Disputes.***

The last of our eight programs will look at diplomacy and past examples of successful statecraft. It will stress the need to maintain an enlightened balance within DIME – diplomacy, intelligence, military, economics (sanctions) – in US foreign policy, and describe the positive contribution of specific international organizations and NGOs.

## READINGS

--Michael Pollan, *How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence* (Penguin Press, 2018). This bestselling book will premier as a four-part series on Netflix on July 11, 2022.

-- United Nations, *World Population Prospects 2022: Summary of Results*. This latest UN study is embargoed until July 11, 2022, its official release date. On pages 9 through 12 there is a concise summary of "key messages" in the report.

[https://www.un.org/development/desa/pd/sites/www.un.org.development.desa.pd/files/wpp2022\\_summary\\_of\\_results.pdf](https://www.un.org/development/desa/pd/sites/www.un.org.development.desa.pd/files/wpp2022_summary_of_results.pdf)

-- Michael J. Mazarr, "What Makes a Great Power Great: The Real Drivers of Rise and Fall," *Foreign Affairs*, July / August 2022. This article discusses the results of a major study by the RAND Corporation, commissioned by the U.S. Defense Department's Office of Net Assessments and supported by analysis from outside historians. It concludes that domestic strengths are the true building blocks of international power, while overreliance on the military can lead to national overreach.

-- Sondra Samuels and Nicole Frethem, "Greater Investment Needed in Early Childhood Education," *Minnpost*, April 13, 2022. The authors advocate establishing an Office of Early Learning, transforming the Child Care Assistance Program, and modernizing programs through new technology.

<https://www.minnpost.com/community-voices/2022/04/greater-investment-needed-in-early-childhood-education/>



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**Thursday, September 14**

*Topic: Jingle Dress Dancers in the Modern World:  
Ojibwa People & Pandemic*

Speaker: Dr. Brenda Child, PhD, Northrop Professor of American Studies & American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota and the author of **Holding Our World Together: Ojibwe Women and the Survival of Community**.

**Thursday, September 21**

*Topic: How Past and Present Population Trends  
Affect Minnesota Today*

Speaker: Dr. Susan Brower, PhD, Minnesota State Demographer, 2012 to present

**Thursday, September 28**

*Topic: Update on Lake Street Since George Floyd's Death*

Speakers: Allison Sharkey, Executive Director, Lake Street Council  
Jo-Anne Stately, Senior Director of Impact Strategies,  
Minneapolis Foundation

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Topic: Positive Strategies for Addressing Health Care Inequities*

Speaker: Dr. Julia DiCaprio, MD, MPH, Pediatrician, Founder & President of Leap Pediatric & Adolescent Care, St. Paul, MN

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Topic: Climate Change in Minnesota-Successes/Future Challenges*

Speaker: Michael Noble, Recently retired 30+ year Executive Director of Fresh Energy, Principal of newly created NobesIdeas LLC

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Topic: Architectural and Urban History of Minneapolis*

Speaker: Dr. Kristin M. Anderson, PhD, Professor of Art History and Archivist, Augsburg University. Recipient of Distinguished Contributions to Teaching and Learning Award at Augsburg.

**Thursday, October 26**

*Topic: Challenges in Agriculture, Diversity in Farming/Farm to Table*

Speaker: Jasmine Brett Stringer, Founder and CEO, Carpe Diem with Jasmine LLC and #SharetheMicMN, Life style contributor to WCCO, Award- Winning Author of the book **Seize Your Life: How to Carpe Diem Every Day**

**Our Business Meeting to choose next year's topic will be held during lunch following the last meeting on October 26.**

## Suggested Reading

Mary Lethert Wingerd, **North Country: The Making of Minnesota** (University of Minnesota Press, 2010). Described as "an unflinching account".

Norman K. Risjord, **A Popular History of Minnesota** (Minnesota Historical Society, 2005). Lighter fare, but informative and well illustrated.

Additional readings, if any, will be sent by email the week before the individual speaker's lecture.

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## HOW DID STUDY CLUB START??

### Remembrances Of Mrs. John S. Pillsbury

"In the summer of 1912 a few of us ex-debutantes were discussing the fact that our lives seemed quite useless and only occupied with pink teas and formal luncheons, ususally given by one of grande-dames of Minneapolis in our honor. For these occasions we were dressed in long satin or broadcloth dresses with huge black hats that seemed to be flowing with ostrich plumes. In the dining rooms the curtains were drawn, and we sat formally at a much decorated table with bonbons to match the pink paper baskets filled with nuts. The room with lighted only by candles. These luncheons gave us no outlet for our intellectual aspirations and when we attempted social work we were not accepted by the professionals. We decided, therefore, to change our life style, so a small group of us organized a club to study art, literature and politics."

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### Reminiscences of Mrs. John S. Fishery

"In the summer of 1971 a group of six fishermen were discussing the fact that our lives are not as good as they are and only comfort with pain and not from him. I was, usually given to one of those 'dumb' of. Many of us in our house. For these fishermen we were drawn in by an old Irish fisherman with huge black hair that he had as he flowing with wind played. In the dining room the curtains were drawn, and we sat down at a small decorated table with cushions to watch the pink paper boats filled with rain. The rain, with light only in rain. These fishermen gave us an insight for our interests of experience and what we experienced as if we were not a regular of the professionals. It is decided, the fishermen change to a life of a small group of men joined in life to study art, literature and history."

Mrs. John S. Fishery



# **Study Club**

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The lectures in this series will explore a number of areas in which the rapid change taking place is likely to have important global consequences.

*The High Seas: Who is in charge?*

## MEETING INFORMATION

All meetings will be held at Woodhill Country Club,  
200 Woodhill Road, Wayzata, MN 55391

9:45-10am Welcome

10:00-11am Lecture

11-11:30am Q & A

11:30-12:30pm Lunch & Discussion

### Attendance Policy:

We request that you make Study Club attendance a priority.

Call or email the Secretary/Treasurer-- or mark the attendance roster in advance -- if you will not be at a particular meeting. Please let us know if you are having difficulty attending meetings.

### Guest Policy:

While we deeply value the interest of our local friends, Study Club meetings are exclusively for our members. Study Club permits out-of-town guests, who are staying with a member, to attend Study Club meetings for a maximum of two sessions. Guest requests require advance approval from the Secretary/Treasurer.

This roster and any materials (audio, PDF or other correspondence) is solely intended for the private use of the Members of the Study Club.

Audios of this year's lectures are posted online in a Dropbox in Study Club's name. You will be sent a weekly email with a link to each recorded lecture. You will not be asked to log into Study Club's Dropbox app -- you need only to click on the link to bring up the recording.

If you would like to download the Dropbox app here is the link:

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## MEETINGS

### Thursday, September 5 Speaker: Brian Klaas

Dr. Brian Klaas is an Associate Professor of Global Politics at University College, London. He is a contributing writer to the Atlantic and is the host of the "Power Corrupts Podcast."

#### Topic

*Corruptible World Leaders, the risks of autocracy and the value of democracy. Why we get the wrong leaders-- and how to fix it.*

### Thursday, September 12 Speaker: Woody Taylor

Woody Taylor is a management consultant and technology futurist based in Minneapolis. His career spans leadership roles in various industries where he has demonstrated a pronounced ability to design and implement innovative solutions, manage large-scale transformations, and lead global teams. Woody is deeply interested in generative AI and machine learning. His aim is to make these tools accessible to all, helping people understand their potential impacts and how to use them for personal and professional growth.

#### Topic

*The Future of AI: Benefits and Risks in the Era of Super-Persuasion*

### Thursday, September 19 Speaker: Andrew Latham

Professor Latham is a professor of International Relations in the Department of Political Science at Macalester College specializing in the politics of international conflict and security. He was formerly the Nonproliferation, Arms Control, and Disarmament fellow at the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and a lecturer at the Canadian Armed Forces School of Aerospace Studies. He is a senior fellow at the Institute for Peace and Diplomacy in Ottawa, and a non-resident fellow with Defense Priorities in Washington DC.

#### Topic

*The High Seas: Who is in charge?*



**Thursday: September 26 Speaker: Thomas Hanson**

Tom is well known to the Study Club where he has lectured for many years. He served as a US Foreign Service Officer for more than 25 years. He is currently Chair of the Minnesota Committee on Foreign Relations, Co Chair of the Minnesota China Business Council, Diplomat in Residence at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and lecturer in political science and diplomacy at Carlton College. He is a former board member of the Oslo Center and a former director of the Institute of Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA).

*Topic*

*Immediate Crises and Long-term Challenges Facing the United States*

**Thursday, October 3 Speaker: Holly Barcus**

Professor Barcus is the DeWitt Wallace Professor of Geography at Macalester College where she is also the Director of Asian Studies. She studies population, GIS, rural geography, ethnicity, identity, and mobility. She chairs the International Geographical Union's Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems and is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Rural Studies.

*Topic*

*Migration, Identity, and Place: Contextualizing the Global Importance of Individual Migration Decisions in Mongolia*

**Thursday, October 10 Speaker: Ben Toff**

Ben Toff is an Associate Professor at the Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication and a faculty affiliate of the Center for the Study of Political Psychology and the Department of Political Science at the University of Minnesota. He studies media audiences and political engagement, public opinion and changing journalistic practices, and is the author of "Avoiding the News: Reluctant Audiences for Journalism" (2023 Columbia University Press) with Ruth Palmer and Rasmussen Kleis Nielsen. For three years he led a project studying trust in news as a Senior Research Fellow at the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at the University of Oxford. In 2017, he also received the American Political Science Association's E.E. Schattschneider award for best doctoral dissertation in the field of American government.

*Topic*

*Information: Whom do we believe? The future of Information Delivery*  
Professor Toff will discuss his recent work on the Trust in News Project which looks at trust in journalism in Brazil, India, the United Kingdom, and the United States, markets which account for more than one billion internet users and a wide range of media systems and contexts. The project's goal was to understand what drives trust for audiences in different contexts, and to identify evidence-based recommendations for publishers and platforms.

**Thursday, October 17 Speaker: Martha Torstenson**

Martha Torstenson is a PHD candidate in Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior at the Institute of the Environment of the University of Minnesota. She develops mathematical models to understand animal migration, climate change, and pathogen evolution.

*Topic*

*Animal migration on a changing planet: Conservation challenges and causes for hope.*

**October 24 Speaker: Tom Hanson**

*Topic*

*Fateful Decisions: American Foreign Policy and the 2024 Election*

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## HOW DID STUDY CLUB START??

### Remembrances Of Mrs. John S. Pillsbury

"In the summer of 1912 a few of us ex-debutantes were discussing the fact that our lives seemed quite useless and only occupied with pink teas and formal luncheons, usually given by one of grande-dames of Minneapolis in our honor. For these occasions we were dressed in long satin or broadcloth dresses with huge black hats that seemed to be flowing with ostrich plumes. In the dining rooms the curtains were drawn, and we sat formally at a much decorated table with bonbons to match the pink paper baskets filled with nuts. The room with lighted only by candles. These luncheons gave us no outlet for our intellectual aspirations and when we attempted social work we were not accepted by the professionals. We decided, therefore, to change our life style, so a small group of us organized a club to study art, literature and politics."

-- Mrs. John S. Pillsbury

