

Calendar of Events

- September 19, 2019 **Cocktails on the Patio**
DACOR Bacon House
1801 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
05:30 PM - 07:30 PM EST
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Enjoy drinks, music and camaraderie at DACOR. Held rain or shine, Cocktails on the Patio is a happy hour held at DACOR in the warmer months and is open to members and non-members. This event is great for meeting up with colleagues and friends, introducing prospective members to DACOR and just relaxing after a busy Washington, DC day.
- These evenings feature a cash bar. No reservations are required. However, if you plan to bring a large group, it helps us to be forewarned - contact us at events@dacorbacon.org to alert us.*
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September 27, 2019

Annual Conference: U.S. Foreign Policy: Rethinking Our National Interests

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This day-long conference focused on "U.S. Foreign Policy: Rethinking Our National Interests" features three expert panels and a keynote speaker.

Keynote Address: (tentative title) The Future of Rules-Based International Order featuring Dr. Thomas Wright

Panel #1: The European Union and NATO: U.S. Interests in the Evolving Partnerships featuring Ms. Rachel Ellehuus, Ambassador Robert Hunter and Dr. Amanda Sloat

Panel #2: China and East Asia: U.S. Interests in Competitive Engagement featuring Mr. Bruce Klingner, Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy and Dr. David Shambaugh

Panel #3: Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan: What are America's Interests in these Countries and the Region? featuring Dr. Nathan Brown, Ambassador Chas Freeman and Mr. Brian Katulis

For a detailed agenda, please contact programs@dacorbacon.org. The event is open to DACOR members only on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to register early as this event is expected to sell out! If you try to register but there are no spaces left, please contact us at programs@dacorbacon.org to be put on the waitlist.

September 29, 2019

Lincoln's Summer Cottage Tour

President Lincoln's Cottage

140 Rock Creek Church Road, NW

Washington, DC 20011

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

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DACOR's Travel Committee invites you to tour a relatively unknown gem of history in our midst:

President Lincoln's Summer Cottage on the beautiful and peaceful grounds of the Soldiers' Home is located near DC's Petworth neighborhood. The entrance is at 140 Rock Creek Church Rd., NW. This is often called Lincoln's summer house--a place where he'd escape the heat of DC—and the place where he wrote the Emancipation Proclamation. The docents leading the one-hour Signature guided tour will make the Cottage and especially Lincoln's ideas come to life. After the tour, there will be time to study the exhibits and visit the gift shop (the Cottage closes at 4:30 pm). Children and grandchildren age 6 and older are welcome.

Limited tickets available.

DEADLINE for registering: Friday, September 20

October 1, 2019

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French Conversation Group

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Interested in keeping up with your French? Join the French Conversation Group!

Formed to help French-speaking members maintain their proficiency, the group meets monthly for lunchtime conversation involving foreign relations, diplomatic history, cultural activities, travel, and - of course! - French food and wine.

The DACOR cash bar opens at 12 noon and the group moves to a reserved table at Members' Buffet Lunch at 12:30 pm. Only French is spoken during lunch.

October 2, 2019

A-100 Reception

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Join us in congratulating the final A-100 Class of 2019. DACOR members are welcome to meet and chat with the newly-appointed FSOs and share experiences with them before they depart for their first assignments. This class marks a special milestone as the 200th Class since the Foreign Service Act of 1980. Members of the concurrent FS Specialist class will also be in attendance.

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October 3, 2019

Discussion Session - U.S. Foreign Policy: Rethinking Our National Interests

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Since there is never enough time for every question at the Annual Conference, DACOR will host a discussion session to give members a chance to further examine the issues raised at the Conference in more depth. The event will be moderated by Dr. John Harbeson, co-chair of the Program Committee. The organizers hope to hear in particular from members who have personal experience in these areas and agree or disagree with points made by the conference speakers, who have indicated they would welcome the addition of such practical perspectives to their academic analyses.

October 6, 2019

Chansons MadÃ©casses -- Songs of Madagascar

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The stirring melodies of Maurice Ravel's "Chansons MadÃ©casses - Songs of Madagascar" composed in 1925-26 open the fall season with the lyric mastery of Rosa Lamoreaux, soprano, in concert with the string complement of Arco Voce: Steve Honigberg, cello; Steven Silverman, piano; and guest flutist Robin Kani. This seldom-performed work by Ravel employs the freedom texts of the 18th century poet Ãvariste de Parry. Also on the program will be Andre Previn's "Four Songs" for soprano, piano and cello; "Deux PoÃ©mes de Ronsard" by Roussell for soprano, flute and piano; "Three Spanish Songs" by Salas for soprano and flute; and several mÃ©lodies of Gabriel FaurÃ©.

October 7, 2019

U.S. Politics Now and International Development

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Longtime President of the influential American NGO Bread for the World Rev. David Beckmann will open a conversation about Trump administration policies, bipartisan congressional support for development assistance, the elections and advocacy strategies, all designed to find the best ways to help sustain a generation of progress against poverty.

Rev. Beckmann has been president of Bread for the World and Bread for the World Institute since 1991, leading large-scale and successful campaigns to strengthen U.S. political commitment to overcome hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. Beckmann also founded and serves as president of the Alliance to End Hunger. A World Food Prize laureate, he appears regularly in the media and most recently authored Exodus from Hunger: We are Called to Change the Politics of Hunger.

Currently Beckmann serves on USAID's Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid, the U.S. Trade Representative's Advisory Committee on Africa, and the Executive Committee of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

October 8, 2019

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October 10, 2019

Fall Reception

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DACOR's annual reception is a delightful way to welcome autumn as well as new members to our community.

Join us to make new friends and connect with old ones.

This fun event will feature delicious food and drink and live music.

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October 14, 2019

DACOR Closed

The DACOR Bacon House will be closed for Columbus Day.

October 15, 2019

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October 15, 2019

Africa Discussion Group

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Amb. Christopher Goldthwait,

goldthwaitce@yahoo.com

If you have an interest in Africa or want to learn more, join DACOR members at the monthly Africa Discussion Group. Discussions are organized around theme, country, region or on a selected speaker's interests.

October 17, 2019

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Exploring Balkan Wines

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Join us for an in-depth discussion about New-Old World wines from the Balkan region. All wines featured will be made from indigenous grape varietals from Serbia, Slovenia, Macedonia, Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina. While the Balkans may not be the first area that comes to mind when thinking of wine regions, it has an important viticultural tradition that dates back centuries, and in some parts for thousands of years. More recently, the two World Wars, the fall of communism, the civil war and the disintegration of Yugoslavia certainly affected winemakers and vineyards. However, the tenacious wines of the Balkans are back on the rise and are featured more and more in restaurants, shops and wine-related articles.

Aleks Krsmanovic is Managing Partner at the Balkan Wine Project, a company that brings wines from the Balkans to the U.S. The Balkan Wine Project's goal is to emphasize education and distribution in order to highlight the diversity of Balkan history, regions, people, foods and wines. It is an effort to look at the complex and finely woven diversity of the Balkans through a wine glass. Mr. Krsmanovic has been involved in the wine business for over 10 years and is passionate about Balkan wines.

A fantastic way to learn about new grapes, wine regions and wines, the Newberry Wine Tasting evening is great fun for everyone! In addition to the wines, the event will feature paired food.

October 22, 2019

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October 23, 2019

Turmoil and Hope in Afghanistan: The Tortuous Denouement of an 18-Year War

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Pamela Constable is the Kabul and Islamabad bureau chief for The Washington Post. As a foreign correspondent and former South Asia Bureau Chief with the Post, she has also reported from India, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Ukraine, Mali, and Nigeria.

Before joining the Post in 1994, she was a foreign correspondent for the Boston Globe, covering Central and South America and focusing on Haiti and Chile. She also reported from the former Soviet Union, Korea, and the Philippines, and served as deputy Washington bureau chief. She was previously a staff reporter for The Baltimore Sun.

*Ms. Constable is co-author of a non-fiction book on military rule in Chile and the author of two non-fiction books on contemporary South Asia. Her most recent book is *Playing with Fire: Pakistan at War with Itself*, published in 2011. She is a 2018 winner of the Arthur Ross media award from the American Academy of Diplomacy, and a 2003 winner of the Maria Moors Cabot prize from Columbia University.*

October 24, 2019

Human Rights and Global Diversity

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The promotion of human rights has been a part of U.S. foreign policy at least since the time that Eleanor Roosevelt championed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the earliest days of the UN. Human rights policy has also been the subject of recurring controversy, often related to its very basis in philosophy and law.

*Robert Paul Churchill, who grew up overseas as the son of a diplomat and an artist, took his PhD in philosophy from Johns Hopkins University, and was the Elton Professor of Philosophy when he completed 42 years of teaching, research, and educational innovation at George Washington University in 2017. While serving as department chair several times, Dr. Churchill published seven books and numerous monographs, edited volumes and articles in his major areas of interest: ethics and global justice, ethnic and gender violence, human rights, just war theory, peace studies and nonviolent activism, national defense, terrorism, tolerance, reconciliation and moral psychology. His books include *Human Rights and Global Diversity* and *Women in the Crossfire: Understanding and Ending Honor Killing* forthcoming from Oxford University Press.*

Discussion Questions:

How universal are universal human rights? How can one justify the notion of universal human rights when the world is so divided by cultural, religious, and ideological norms? Is there a philosophical basis for reaching agreement on issues of equality, religious liberty, and freedom of expression?

How can one reconcile personal autonomy, the foundation of individual rights, and the idea of state sovereignty, the premise of diplomacy? Can the community of states hold a sovereign nation to account for violating the human rights of its citizens?

Does the theory of human rights need to be extended to include the collective rights of peoples, like the indigenous, whose identity and way of life differ so much from the basic notions of Western jurisprudence -- property, contract, individual rights?

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