

## Calendar of Events

March 4, 2020

### **FELG March Luncheon**

**DACOR Bacon House**

**1801 F Street, NW**

**Washington, DC 20006**

11:45 AM - 02:00 PM EST

*Luncheon Date: Wednesday, March 4*

*Drinks: 11:45 a.m., Lunch: 12:15 p.m., Program: 1:00 p.m.*

*Speaker: Michael Mochizuki, professor holding the Japan-U.S. Relations Chair at The George Washington University*

*Topic: Shinz? Abe's Diplomatic Legacy in East Asia: China, the Koreas, and Russia*

*Bio: Mike M. Mochizuki holds the Japan-U.S. Relations Chair in Memory of Gaston Sigur in the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University. He directs the Elliott School's undergraduate degree programs and co-directs the "Memory and Reconciliation in the Asia-Pacific" project of the Sigur Center. Professor Mochizuki was associate dean for academic programs at the Elliott School from 2010 to 2014 and director of the Sigur Center for Asian Studies from 2001 to 2005. Previously he was a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. He received his Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University. His recent books include Memory, Identity, and Commemorations of World War II: Anniversary Politics in Asia Pacific (co-editor and co-author, 2018); Energy Security in Asia and Eurasia (co-editor and co-author, 2017); Nuclear Debates in Asia: The Role of Geopolitics and Domestic Processes (co-editor and author, 2016); and The Okinawa Question: Futenma, the US-Japan Alliance, and Regional Security (editor and author, 2013).*

*Please Note:*

*As of January 1, 2020, the "no-show" fee that FELG charges to members who reserve a luncheon place but then fail to make a timely cancellation will increase from \$15 to \$20. This change is made to keep pace with the increase in the DACOR lunch fee from \$25 to \$30.*

*If your attendance plans change after you have made a reservation, please always contact us to cancel. If you email/call before 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, the day before the luncheon, you will not be charged for the cancellation. If you contact us after that time, you will be charged \$20. Please contact us in any event as under the arrangement with DACOR, the cancellation, until noon on Wednesday, will open a slot for a potential last-minute attendee.*

*FELG welcomes your guests at lunch, but reminds members that our contractual arrangements with DACOR obligate us to pay, out of your dues, additional payments, e.g. for the open bar and for service, for each meal served. In the case of guests, FELG asks that members pay those additional charges, in the form of a \$10 guest fee assessed after the lunch (and not collected at the door). The result is that the cost of a guest's lunch is effectively \$40 rather than \$30.*

*We look forward to seeing you at the FELG luncheon and meeting. Please RSVP by clicking the registration button or emailing DACOR's Program Assistant, Amanda, at [programs@dacorbacon.org](mailto:programs@dacorbacon.org) or by calling 202.682.0500 ext. 20.*

February 17, 2020

**DACOR Closed**

*The DACOR Bacon House will be closed for President's Day.*

February 18, 2020

**Members' Buffet Lunch**

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February 18, 2020

**Africa Discussion Group**

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February 20, 2020

**The Enslaved Members of the Ringgold-Carroll House in the 19th Century: New Research from**

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*Dr. Terry Walz is an independent scholar working in Washington DC. For many years he was executive director of the American Research Center in Egypt, a non-profit organization helping American scholars work in Egypt. He received his doctorate in African history from Boston University, and is the author of two books: Trade between Egypt and Bilad as-Sudan, 1700-1820, on the pre-modern trade between Egypt and its African neighbours to the south, and Race and Slavery in the Middle East, co-edited with Kenneth M. Cuno of the University of Illinois, dealing with new research on enslaved peoples in the Middle East in the 19th century.*

*More recently he was asked to work on the history of DACOR Bacon House leading up to the 200th anniversary in 2025. (This challenge was initiated by Smithsonian NMAAHC Associate Director Rex Ellis during an earlier Black History Month dinner program.) He has focused in the initial stages on the history of all the inhabitants of the house in the period from its construction in 1825 to 1895, when Mrs. Carroll, the second owner of the house, died.*

*Walz's talk will focus on the enslaved men and women in the house then known as the Ringgold-Carroll House during that period whose existence was scarcely known, much less appreciated, until recently.*

*This event, in honor of Black History Month, is co-hosted by ABAA, ACI, BPIA, DACOR and TLG.*

February 20, 2020

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February 27, 2020

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*Immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt wanted the Axis diplomats in Washington, D.C. out of their embassies, and tasked the State Department with making suitable arrangements. Eventually more than a thousand diplomats and dependents from the U.S. as well as Central and South American countries were interned at remote luxury hotels until their repatriation in exchange for U.S. diplomats trapped abroad. Such Splendid Prisons (Potomac Books, 2020) tells this forgotten story: a vivid wartime tale of deluxe detention, public outrage, hidden agendas, political calculations and diplomatic machinations.*

*Harvey Solomon is a freelance writer based in Takoma Park. He has written speeches, video scripts, and online and print materials for trade associations, corporate and nonprofit clients. His journalistic credits include hundreds of articles for publications including Adweek, The Los Angeles Times and Variety. He has also written for Law & Order. Harvey holds a B.A. from Clark University and an M.B.A. from Boston University.*

*His recent book talk at Politics & Prose is available online on C-SPAN, and upcoming events include the Library of Congress, the Historical Society of Washington, D.C., and Smithsonian Associates. Such Splendid Prisons is his first, and hopefully not his last book about World War II — especially since his shelves at home are groaning under the weight of an ever-expanding collection of war-related books and clippings.*

*The event will be followed by Members' Lunch (\$30/person) - attendees are invited to stay for lunch and to speak further with the author.*

*Copies of the book will be available for purchase.*

March 3, 2020

**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.*

March 3, 2020

**Members' Buffet Lunch**

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**U.S. Policy Toward Africa: Eight Decades of Realpolitik**

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*Hank Cohen draws on the documentary record and his years of on-the-ground experience as the State Department's "Mr. Africa" to provide a uniquely comprehensive survey and interpretation of the evolution of U.S. Africa policy since 1942. "A concise and invaluable diplomatic history of U.S. relations with Africa. . . . Few individuals have Cohen's experience and perspective." So says Witney Schneidman, former DAS for African Affairs. And former ambassador to Botswana David Passage says, "No one interested in U.S. relations with Africa should fail to read this lively account." Just published by Lynne Rienner in hardcover @ \$95 and paperback @ \$35 (\$31 for DACOR members). Preorder paperbacks from admin@adst.org.*

*While there is no charge for this event, it will feature a cash bar.*

March 8, 2020

**Music of the Feminine Spheres II - Heard But Not Seen: Piano & Oboe Duo**

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*Hanchien Lee, piano, and Katherine Needleman, oboe, present the second in our new series on Women Composers. Seven artists are featured: we will hear three Romances by Clara Schumann (1819-1896), and, by the young Alyssa Morris (b. 1984), "Four Personalities... Yellow, White, Blue and Red." The five other composers are Vivian Fine (1913-2000), Marina Dranishnikova (1929-94), Thea Musgrave (b. 1928), Jean Coulthard (1908-2000) and Hsu Chiayu (b. 1976). Ms. Needleman is principal oboist with the Baltimore Symphony, and Ms. Lee, a graduate of the Curtis Institute, earned her doctorate in Musical Arts from Peabody Conservatory, and teaches at Carnegie Mellon University.*

*Please join us to welcome the Spring season with works composed for this unusual combination of instruments. Tea & sherry are served at intermission.*

March 10, 2020

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## **The New Rules of War**

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*The U.S. continues to develop defense policies based on the last “good war,” World War II, a conventional mind-set that has numbed America’s ability to compete against much less powerful adversaries. This Salon’s expert, Sean McFate, contends that the U.S. must redirect its emphasis on hard power away from conventional weapons systems and develop a nuanced comprehension of the implications of the multidimensional nature of war in a contemporary context. This Salon will look at hard power or the role of the military and whether we need to rethink our approach to the use of the military in defending our country, its values, and interests in the world.*

### **Key Questions:**

*Why might we need to develop “new rules of war?” Has our strategy since the end of WWII and the Cold War served us well? Is there a need for change? Does the current threat environment necessitate an overhaul of strategy and restructuring of our forces? Do we need to fight our wars better or go to war less? Do we need rules for whether as well as how to go to war? What role is there for the military in relation to other elements of national power – traditional diplomacy, public diplomacy, US trade and investment? Is there, as some historians suggest, an “American way of war?” How has going to war related to key American values? How should America’s commitment to democracy, equal rights, and the rule of law influence our decisions as to war and peace?*

*Sean McFate is a foreign policy expert, author and novelist. He is a Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council, and a professor of strategy at the National Defense University and Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service. Additionally, he serves as an Advisor to Oxford University’s Centre for Technology and Global Affairs.*

*McFate’s career began as a paratrooper and officer in the U.S. Army’s 82nd Airborne Division. He served under Stan McChrystal and David Petraeus, and graduated from elite training programs. McFate then became a private military contractor, dealing with African warlords, raising armies for US interests, rode with armed groups in the Sahara, conducted strategic reconnaissance for the extractive industry, transacted arms deals in Eastern Europe, and helped prevent an impending genocide in the Rwanda region.*

*In international business, McFate was a Vice President at TD International, a boutique political risk consulting firm. Additionally, he was a program manager at DynCorp International, a consultant at BearingPoint (now Deloitte Consulting), and an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton.*

*McFate writes fiction based on his own para-military experiences. His books have received high praise from James Patterson and Mark Greaney, among others. He also writes serious non-fiction. *The New Rules of War: Victory in the Age of Durable Disorder* (Morrow), or the British edition *Goliath: Why the West Doesn’t Win Wars. And What We Need to Do About It* (Penguin) has been called “*The Freakonomics of modern warfare.*” It was named a “Book of the Year” by *The Economist*, *The Times* [UK], and *The Evening Standard*, and is included on West Point’s “Commandant’s Reading List.” Max Hastings wrote in *The Sunday Times*: “[This] iconoclastic book is being hailed by radicals as a wake-up call to governments and armed forces everywhere.” Admiral Jim Stavridis, the former NATO Supreme Allied Commander, said: “Stunning. Sean McFate is a new Sun Tzu.” McFate also authored *The Modern Mercenary: Private Armies and What They Mean for World Order* (Oxford University Press), which *The Economist* called a “fascinating and disturbing book.”*

McFate holds a BA from Brown University, MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and a Ph.D. in international relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He was also a Fellow at Oxford. McFate lives in Washington, DC. For more information, see [www.seanmcfate.com](http://www.seanmcfate.com).

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**From Hope to Horror: Diplomacy and the Making of the Rwanda Genocide**

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*Chester Crocker, former Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, says Joyce Leader's book "is destined to become a definitive history of what what wrong, why, and when ... [and] belongs at the center of literature on this important episode in Africa's modern history." As deputy to the U.S. ambassador in Rwanda, Joyce Leader witnessed the tumultuous prelude to genocide—a period of political wrangling, human rights abuses, and many levels of ominous, ever-escalating violence. From Hope to Horror offers her insider's account of the nation's efforts to move toward democracy and peace and analyzes the challenges of conducting diplomacy in settings prone to—or engaged in—armed conflict. To be published by Potomac Books/University of Nebraska Press in March, in hardcover at \$50 (\$42.50 for DACOR members), with 440 pages, map, chronology and index.*

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**Russian Imperial Art at Hillwood**

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*Founded by Marjorie Merriweather Post (1887-1973), heiress to the Postum Cereal Company, which later became General Foods, Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens houses over 17,000 works of art. The collection includes one of the largest and most important collections of Russian art outside Russia, comprising pieces from the pre-Petrine to the early Soviet periods. This talk will explore the history of Hillwood's Russian collection acquired in part in Soviet Russia by Post and her husband Ambassador Davies.*

*Dr. Wilfried Zeisler is Hillwood's chief curator. He is a graduate of Sorbonne University and the Ecole du Louvre, Paris. Wilfried has written extensively on French and Russian decorative arts, including a 2010 book on French ceramics commemorating the Franco-Russian Alliance, several articles, and contributions to books such as Artistic Luxury Fabergé Tiffany Laliue (2008). Wilfried's dissertation, 'L'Objet d'art et de luxe français en Russie'(1881-1917)'[French Objets d'art and Luxury Goods in Russia], was published in Paris in 2014. Between 2009 and 2011, he has participated in and curated exhibitions in Paris and Monaco. At Hillwood, he has curated 'Splendor and Surprise: Elegant Containers, Antique to Modern (2015)', 'Konstantin Makovsky: The Tsar's Painter (2016)', 'Fabergé Rediscovered (2018)', 'Bouke de Vries: War and Pieces (2019)', and 'Natural Beauties: Exquisite Works of Minerals and Gems (2020)'. Wilfried co-authored 'Konstantin Makovsky: The Tsar's Painter in America and Paris'(2015), and is the author of 'Fabergé Rediscovered' and 'Vivre la Belle Epoque à Paris -- Paul de Russie et Olga Paley, both published in 2018.*

March 26, 2020

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April 22, 2020

**DCM/PO Reception**

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*DACOR members are welcome to meet with the new DCMs and Principal Officers before they depart for their new assignments. This is a wonderful opportunity to talk to experienced FSOs about their careers.*

*Post locations of the April DCM/PO class participants will be available soon.*