

FEBRUARY 2010

# DIALOGUE



WORLD AFFAIRS  
COUNCIL  
JACKSONVILLE

Bringing the World Closer

GLOBAL ISSUES EVENINGS PRESENT

## “The Bottom Billion: Meeting the Challenge of Global Poverty”



**Paul Collier**

*Award-winning Oxford  
University Economist and  
Author*

Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:30 p.m.  
University of North Florida, University Center

Sponsored by: Water Street Capital

Co-Hosted with:



Call (904) 280-8162 by March 5 to reserve your complimentary ticket and special Council seating

Premier Members and Sponsors are also invited to a special pre-event reception hosted from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the UNF University Center

## You're Invited to Play WorldQuest 2010

9th Annual Night of International Trivia,  
Dinner and Fun with Live & Silent Auction!  
Tuesday, April 20 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
The University of North Florida University Center

Call (904) 280-8162 or visit  
[www.worldaffairsCounciljax.org](http://www.worldaffairsCounciljax.org) to learn more and register



WorldQuest 2010 proceeds support education outreach through offerings such as Academic WorldQuest

“Academic WorldQuest is a simple idea, beginning with the first questions discussed informally over dinner meetings at UNF, and culminating with the exciting national competition held in Washington, D.C. each spring during the beautiful cherry blossom season. There, students make new friends and experience the challenge and fun of competing against some of America’s best schools.”

– Frank Bunton, Stanton Teacher

## President's Message

Our programs in January gave us a great start to the New Year! It was gratifying to see so many of our members at the reception and packed house to hear the observations **Dr. Richard Haass** shared about the challenges facing the new administration. He cleverly dodged giving a grade for the first year of national security policy by assigning an “incomplete.” The following week **Dr. Diane Jacobsen** delivered a masterful presentation on Iran, drawing on her experiences during a recent visit. It will be broadcast on WJCT (7.1 & Comcast 8 & 440) on March 23 at 10:00 p.m. and March 28 at 11:30 a.m. She has agreed to make an encore presentation at the Lazarra Theater on February 8 as part of a Coggin College of International Business series at UNF.



Jonathan Howe

The Christmas attempt to blow up an American airliner as it approached Detroit was a sobering reminder of the serious threat we still face from terrorism. In early February, **Assistant Secretary Juliette Kayyem** of the **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)** gave us an inside look at how they are addressing this continuing challenge. I regret that **Deputy Secretary Jane Lute** had to cancel at the last minute, but current demands on the leadership of DHS in Washington are enormous. We hope she will be able to come at a future time. We also are still reserving UNF Center on February 18 for a major player on the front lines of national security. This event can't be confirmed until the last minute but please save the date. On February 16 at the River Club our own **Steve Halverson**, the President and CEO of the Haskell Company, will address the daunting challenges of “going global.” Also in early February, the **Young Professionals** will have an evening discussion with a visiting group of leaders from Chile. March brings a renowned expert on global poverty, **Dr. Paul Collier** of Oxford University who is author of the acclaimed book *The Bottom Billion*.

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ITALIAN FUSION

## March Friday Fusion with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra



Friday, March 12, 2010  
Private Reception at 6:30 p.m. and Concert at 7:30 p.m.  
Special Council Member/Sponsor Rate: \$42.50 per person  
Times-Union Center

Enjoy a night of Old World Italy with Paganini's Violin Concerto No. 1 featuring Stephanie Jeong, who captured the highest award at the 2008 Paganini Competition. Fabio Mechetti and the JSO highlight the Italian inspirations of Rossini and Puccini, as well as Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances.

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## EDUCATION

### Great Decisions for Adults

The Jacksonville Main Library began their 2010 *Great Decisions Adult Discussion Program* in January and will continue through May. The program encourages dialogue on the most pressing global issues of today using the Foreign Policy Association's (FPA) *Great Decisions* annual, non-partisan publication as a guide for discussion. Books can be purchased online from FPA ([www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org)) or from the Friends of the Library Booktique at the Main Library.

Discussion sessions are open to the public at no charge and are held at the Main Library in room G4 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Call the Jacksonville Public Library at (904) 630-2410 for more information or to register. Each program is facilitated by a faculty member from one of Jacksonville's four-year colleges/universities.

- January 20:** GLOBALIZED CRIME
- February 3:** PEACEBUILDING & CONFLICT RESOLUTION
- February 17:** U.S. & CHINA: SECURITY RELATIONS
- March 2:** SPECIAL ENVOYS
- March 23:** PREVENTING GENOCIDE
- April 6:** RUSSIA & ITS NEIGHBORS
- April 22:** THE PERSIAN GULF
- May 4:** GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS

Barbara A. B. Gubbin

#### COUNCIL 2010 CALENDAR

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| <b>Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.</b><br>Save The Date<br>UNF, University Center          | <b>April 9, 6:30 p.m.</b><br>JSO Latin Friday Fusion<br>Times-Union Center |
| <b>March 9, 7:30 p.m.</b><br>Paul Collier<br>UNF, University Center           | <b>April 13, 7:30 p.m.</b><br>Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson<br>UNF, Arena        |
| <b>March 12, 6:30 p.m.</b><br>JSO Italian Friday Fusion<br>Times-Union Center | <b>April 20, 6:00 p.m.</b><br>WorldQuest 2010<br>UNF, University Center    |
| <b>March 16, 7:30 p.m.</b><br>Admiral James G. Stavridis<br>Special Event     | <b>April 27, noon</b><br>Dr. William Rupp<br>The River Club                |
| <b>February 16, noon</b><br>Steven T. Halverson<br>The River Club             | <b>April 29, noon</b><br>Amb. Husain Haqqani<br>Special Event              |

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, FROM PAGE 1

**Dr. Haass's** visit to Jacksonville was his first. Like many other distinguished speakers before him, he was impressed with the turnout, the interest of our members and the good questions asked by the audience. Thanks to you, our visiting speakers want to come back. We recently learned that two from last year are planning to return this spring. **Admiral James Stavridis**, now Commander of US Forces in Europe and the Supreme Allied Commander of NATO, will be joining us on March 16 and Pakistani **Ambassador Husain Haqqani** will be coming on April 29. As many of you will recall, both are exceptional speakers who are currently dealing with critical issues facing the United States and the world. We are in the process of arranging the venues for these upcoming bonus events.

Please bring your friends to our activities and invite them to support these efforts by joining the World Affairs Council. Membership renewals extend for an entire year!

**Admiral Jonathan T. Howe, USN (Ret.), President**  
*World Affairs Council of Jacksonville*

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

### Building Cross-Cultural Awareness



*Daniel Gilham, Adam Cunningham and David Hunt at YP Global Exchange*

The YPs have a number of exciting events on the horizon. International trivia nights at the North Beach Bistro began again in January and will be held every other month throughout the spring. Also in January, YPs joined IVCJax as they welcomed six international filmmakers from abroad and enjoyed a screening of their short films and montages at the Five Points

Theatre. In February, YPs will partner with IVCJax again for their quarterly Global Exchange, this time interacting with visiting delegates from Chile, discussing the political process, political apathy and the recent Chilean presidential election. The YPs will also partner with The Crew, the YPs of HabiJax, as they co-host a meet-and-greet at Restaurant Orsay and plan an upcoming 'build' of a house for a family in need.

Daniel R. Gilham

## STAFF

### Recognition

With the start of a new year in a new office suite, the timing was perfect to better recognize Ellen and Vanessa with titles more accurately reflecting their work done on behalf of the Council. To that end, **Ellen Wawrzyniak** will now serve as the Council's "Director of Membership Services" and **Vanessa Harper** will now serve as the Council's "Director of Education and Community Outreach." The Council is fortunate to have such a dedicated team of Trina Medarev, Administrative Director, Ellen and Vanessa.

Sandy Cook

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