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Drake University's Newsletter for Faculty and Staff

Two former ambassadors to join foreign policy discussion

The People Speak: A Discussion of America's Role in the World — a series of nationwide town hall meetings — will be holding a foreign policy discussion on the Drake campus at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, in Parents Hall at Olmsted Center. This event, which is free and open to the public, is one of 24 signature events being held across the country designed to heighten international policy awareness and discussion among communities.

ABC News Correspondent Judy Muller will moderate the discussion, which will focus on "American Power and Global Security."

Participants include former U.S. ambassadors John Menzies and Kenneth Quinn as well as James McCormick, professor of political science at Iowa State University.

Menzies had a 21-year career as a foreign service officer before becoming president of Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa, in 2002. The ambassador was chief of mission at the U.S. Office in Kosovo just prior

to his arrival at Graceland. He was ambassador to Bosnia-Herzegovina from 1994-1996.

Quinn, former ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, became president of the World Food Prize Foundation in 2000 after a diplomatic career that spanned almost 32 years. He is widely acknowledged as the first person to discover and report the genocidal policies and practices of the Khmer Rouge in 1974.

Professor McCormick is the author of numerous books, including "American Foreign Policy and Process." His research interests include the role of Congress in American foreign policy and explanations of global human rights violations.

The United Nations Foundation, the American Enterprise Institute, the Aspen Institute's Global Interdependence Initiative and *The Weekly Standard* are among the core sponsors of The People Speak. Local sponsors include Drake University's Center for Global Citizenship, the Iowa Division of the United Nations Association and WOI-TV.

Drake University presents Medals of Service, Levitt Awards

At the Fall Faculty Staff Convocation, Drake presented its distinguished Medal of Service to professors R. Dean Wright and Herb Strentz in recognition of their sustained service to the Drake community, and for their personal commitment to the University's heritage and aspirations.

Wright, the Ellis and Nelle Levitt professor of sociology, retired in May after more than 30 years at Drake. He came to Drake in 1971 as assistant professor of sociology and later served as chair of the sociology department and director of the criminal justice program.

Wright has earned a number of honors through his years of service, including the Stalnaker Lecture and the Paul Morrison Lecture. He has received the Madelyn M. Levitt Award for Outstanding Community Service and numerous faculty member of the year awards. Wright has been equally active in public service, working extensively in issues of homelessness, racial disparity and juvenile justice. He has served on a number of local and statewide committees, councils and boards of directors, and is an active participant in local initiatives dealing with key social issues. He has been inducted



From left: R. Dean Wright, Madelyn M. Levitt, Herb Strentz and President David Maxwell pose for a photo.

into the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame and received many awards, including the Midwest Sociological Society Award for Distinguished Service and the Iowa Corrections Association Public Service Award.

Before retiring in May, Strentz, professor of journalism and mass communication, served Drake in a variety of roles at the highest levels. He came to

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Author of *Fear's Empire* to speak here Thursday

On Thursday, Sept. 23, author Benjamin R. Barber, will speak at Drake University on the topic "Can America Be a Democracy and an Empire Too?" Barber is the author of *Fear's Empire: War, Terrorism and Democracy*, a book that examines how American foreign policy has gone wrong and how it could go right. His speech, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Sheslow Auditorium.

Barber is the Gershon and Carol Kekst professor of civil society and distinguished professor at the University of Maryland, and a well-respected author who has contributed to numerous books, newspapers, magazines and radio and television programs.

He is the author, co-author or editor of 19 books, including *Strong Democracy: Participatory Politics for a New Age*, a classic text in democratic theory, and *Jihad vs. McWorld*, which helped to redefine the debate over globalization.

"Dr. Barber is one of America's most inspiring voices on behalf of democratic citizenship. In his most recent book he marshals political and diplomatic his-

tory to attack the policy of fighting fear with fear," said David Skidmore, professor of politics and international relations and director of the Drake Center for Global Citizenship. "He points out the destructive nature of foreign and domestic policies, which assert fear as their deciding principal."

Barber's speech is co-sponsored by the Drake Center for Global Citizenship and the Iowa Division of United Nations Association.

Con law expert to visit Sept. 29

Drake Law School's Constitutional Law Center welcomes distinguished speaker David Strauss at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 in Room 213, Cartwright Hall.

The Distinguished Lecture Series is free and open to the public.

Strauss, the Harry N. Wyatt Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School, will present "The Modernizing Mission of the U.S. Supreme Court."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- Writers and Critics Series: Author Dana Johnson will read and discuss *Break Any Woman Down*, Reading Room, Cowles Library, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Excellence in Learning and Development kick-off, Parents Hall North, Olmsted Center, 1:30 p.m. Reception will follow at 2:45 p.m.
- Documentary on the Patriot Act, Bulldog Theater, 7 p.m.
- Faculty Recital: James Romain, saxophone, Jordan Stage, Sheslow Auditorium, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Drake Neighborhood Farmers' Market, parking lot of First Christian Church, 4 to 7 p.m.
- The People Speak: "American Power and Global Security," panel discussion, Parents Hall, Olmsted Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Drake men's soccer vs. Grand View, Cownie Soccer Complex, 7 p.m.
- "The Art and Practice of Hispano Storytelling," presented by Ricardo Garcia, Pomerantz Stage, Olmsted Center, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- Writers and Critics Series: Author Benjamin Barber presents "Can America Be a Democracy and an Empire Too?" in Sheslow Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- DTC Technology Showcase: Power-Point, Portable LCD Projectors and Digital Cameras, Meredith Room 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Office of Information and Technology Workshop on Microsoft Excel for faculty and staff, Kinne Learning Center, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Drake women's soccer vs. Loyola-Chicago, Cownie Soccer Complex, 5 p.m.
- Public presentation: "The Search for Martians," Drake University Municipal Observatory, Waveland Park, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- Drake football vs. Morehead State, Drake Stadium, 1 p.m.
- Drake men's soccer vs. DePaul, Cownie Soccer Complex, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- NCCJ Walk as One, community service opportunity, Gray's Lake, activities begin at noon, the walk starts at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- Drake volleyball vs. South Dakota State, Drake Knapp Center, 7 p.m.
- Mary Watts-Foss recital canceled.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- "The Modernizing Mission of the U.S. Supreme Court," presented by David Strauss, Room 213, Cartwright Hall, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- Office of Information and Technology Workshop on Microsoft Word for faculty and staff, Carnegie Learning Center, noon to 1 p.m.
- "Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights," presented as part of Hispanic Heritage Month, Bulldog Theater, Olmsted Center, 7 p.m.
- Play: "Proof," Studio 55, Harmon Fine Arts Center, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

- Drake women's soccer vs. Drury, Cownie Soccer Complex, 5 p.m.
- Drake men's soccer vs. Tulsa, Cownie Soccer Complex, 7 p.m.
- Drake volleyball vs. Southern Illinois, Drake Knapp Center, 7 p.m.
- Play: "Proof," Studio 55, 8 p.m.

Adams, Anderson and Goodell receive Levitt Awards

Three members of the Drake University community were honored with Madelyn M. Levitt Awards during the recent Fall Faculty and Staff Convocation. Don Adams, special counsel for institutional advancement, received the Madelyn M. Levitt Award for Distinguished Community Service while Joan Anderson and James "Jay" Goodell received Madelyn M. Levitt Awards for Employee Excellence. All of the awards were established by Madelyn M. Levitt, a longtime member of the Drake Board of Trustees and special assistant to the president for development.

Adams has been a driving force in developing strong relationships among the University, the Drake Neighborhood and the city of Des Moines.

"There is seldom a community meeting I attend at which Don Adams is not there," says Connie Cook, vice president of the Carpenter Neighbors Association. "Don is an eloquent proponent about how important it is to have Drake University support the people who live around the campus."

Adams has contributed to the success of the Neighborhood Based Service Delivery program, served on Drake Neighborhood Association's board of directors, chaired the Drake Neighborhood Improvement Task Force and received a Neighborhood Leadership Award from the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute.

Anderson, a program assistant in the psychology department, joined Drake in 1986. Over the years, she has provided assistance in budget matters, helped proof documents and performed many duties critical to running the psychology department efficiently.

"She is excellent at anticipating problems before they arise, and either solving them herself or alerting the appropriate person of the possibility," according to Steve Faux, chair of the department of psychology, and Brian Sanders, former chair of the department. In a joint letter, they praise Anderson for her kind and caring approach to interacting with faculty, students and the public and say her level of dedication is exemplary and sometimes beyond the call of duty. "Even though she has a 10-month contract, during the summer months that she is off, she will come in on her



James "Jay" Goodell, Madelyn M. Levitt and Joan Anderson gather after the ceremony. Not pictured: Don Adams, who was traveling.

own time to update budgets, to make sure plants are watered and to do various administrative tasks."

Goodell joined Drake in 1991 as a special skilled maintenance person responsible for design and installation of the flowerbeds decorating the 150-acre campus. "Drake's buildings are gorgeous, but if there were no landscaping, the campus would be dull," said Grounds Manager Jeff Bosworth. "Long before you see the beautiful colors in the spring and summer, Jay has been designing these beds first in his head, then on paper and, finally, in the ground. Jay has a unique skill that is priceless to Drake — landscape design."

Goodell is developing a plan that will help Drake create its own tree farm and greenhouse. In addition, he has served on the Keep Des Moines Beautiful Club and attends seminars to learn about new diseases, cultivars and horticulture methods.

In addition to the awards, the recipients received a cash gift. When Levitt told Goodell after the awards presentation that she wanted him to have fun with the money, he responded that he already had committed it to the purchase of a Catsura tree that has been planted near the southwest corner of Carnegie Hall and dedicated to the Drake University Facilities Services employees.

Strentz lauded for his service to journalism

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Drake in 1975 as dean of the School of Journalism and associate professor of journalism. Throughout his career, Strentz taught undergraduate courses in news reporting, communication law and ethics, and graduate seminars in social responsibility, information policy and research and writing.

Strentz's commitment to the First Amendment transcends the classroom, and he is highly respected in local, state and national freedom of information circles for his legal knowledge and vigilance. Strentz was executive secretary of the Iowa Freedom of Information for 24 years.

He contributes essays and opinion pieces to newspapers and magazines and writes a column on First Amendment issues for the Iowa Newspaper Association. He is author of *News Reporters and News Sources* and served on the committee that wrote Iowa's Expanded Media Coverage ("Camera in the Court") guidelines.

Strentz is the only person to receive the Distinguished Service Award from the Iowa Newspaper Association and Hall of Fame recognition from the Iowa Broadcasters Association.

Drake prepares for NCCJ Walk

The National Conference for Community and Justice works to fight bias, bigotry, and racism in Central Iowa. Join the NCCJ Walk as One on Sunday, Sept. 26, at Gray's Lake. Call x2027 for more information and registration materials to join the Drake team.

Drake to kick-off new program

Jim Verlengia of Heartland Area Education Agency will be the keynote speaker at the kick-off of Drake's new learning and development program at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, in Parents Hall North, Olmsted Center. A reception, sponsored by the All Staff Council, will follow at 2:45 p.m.

Drake, IPTV sponsor screening

Drake's School of Journalism and Mass Communication and Iowa Public Television have joined with the Iowa Freedom of Information Council, Cowles Library, the American Judicature Society and the Drake Constitutional Law Resource Center to sponsor a preview screening of "The Cost of Freedom: Civil Liberties, Security, and the USA Patriot Act." Alison Rostankowski, producer of the program, will speak at the screening, which will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, in Bulldog Theater in Olmsted Center.

Drake Theatre to present 'Proof'

Drake University Theatre will present "Proof," David Auburn's Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning play at 8 p.m. Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and Oct. 2 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, in Studio 55 of the Harmon Fine Arts Center. "Proof" tells the story of a young woman's struggle with the death of her father, and with the talent and mental instability that is her inheritance. Tickets are \$5 for the general public, \$3 for non-Drake students and senior citizens and \$1 with a Drake ID. Reservations are recommended due to limited seating. For reservations, call x3841.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Ronald Torry, associate professor of pharmacology, chaired a platform session titled, "Angiogenesis/Vasculogenesis" at the Experimental Biology Meetings in Washington, D.C. His laboratory also presented a poster titled, "Placenta Growth Factor (PlGF) Expression in Human Myocardium and Hypoxic Neonatal Rat Cardiomyocytes" at the meeting. Drake students Lisa Stalheim, Carrie Mittelstedter, Bob Berendt, Derek Zhorne and Sarah Ronnebaum were co-authors on the poster.

Ed Bell, associate professor of pharmacy practice, published an article titled "Topical Mupirocin Formulations for the Treatment of Impetigo" in a supplement of the June issue of *Drug Topics*. The article is intended for continuing education credits for licensure of pharmacists throughout the United States.

"Waiting for Alexander Graham Bell," the newest play written by **William S.E. Coleman**, professor emeritus of theatre arts, opened on a bill of 10 new plays titled "Last Call" in a production mounted by the Brown Couch Theatre Company at the Viaduct Theatre in Chicago on Sept. 10. Coleman's play was selected in blind judging from a national call that resulted in nearly 200 plays. The critically acclaimed Brown Couch Theatre is a theatre company founded by six members of the Theatre Arts class of 2000. All were involved in Coleman's Playwrights Acting Co. while they attended Drake.

Aimee Beckmann-Collier, professor of conducting and director of choral studies, served as rehearsal and concert coordinator for the World Festival of Singing, held in July in Prague and Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic. The festival brought singers and conductors from Sweden, Finland, Latvia, England, Canada and the Czech Republic together for two weeks of rehearsing and performing, culminating in a concert in Dvorak Hall, Prague, which was broadcast on Czech National Television and will be distributed throughout Europe and North America. Beckmann-Collier is a member of the board of directors of the Alliance for Arts and Understanding, an international organization that sponsors festivals, choral commissions and master conductor/teacher workshops.

Robin Lindbeck, assistant professor of education, will present "Executive Coaching: A Behind the Scenes Look" at the annual conference of the National Association for Multiculturalism in Communications in New York City in September.

Raymond Hubbard, the Thomas F. Sheehan distinguished professor of marketing, authored a paper titled "Alphabet Soup: Blurring the Distinctions between P's and Q's in Psychological Research." It was published in *Theory & Psychology*.

Heidi Sleister, assistant professor of biology, presented a poster titled "Isolation and Characterization of Yeast Mutants Defective in Mitotic Chromosome Segregation" at the National Yeast Genetics and Molecular Biology meeting held at Washington University-Seattle this summer.

Look for the first electronic issue on Oct. 4

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