Tuesday, September 20, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

Ms. Brook Meakins  
Climate Change and Low Lying Island Nations: Relocation, Foreign Aid and International Opportunity

Islands are iconic, and tend to bring about mental images of Corona advertisements, the smell of sunscreen, lapping turquoise waves and sugary beaches. But for those that call islands home - particularly individuals from low lying island nations who live just a few feet above sea level - island living is increasingly problematic, as climate change and rising seas threaten their very existence. This lecture explores the unique challenges that face low lying islanders, including big picture politics such as international negotiations and litigation, relocation and outside opportunity and the difficulty of accepting foreign aid while maintaining an advocacy role. Climate Change is a global issue, and the impact for low lying island nations and the individuals that call those islands home is severe, unique, and worthy of exploration.

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Mark Scott  
Who Controls Your Digital Identity? How Europe Wants to Become a Global Watchdog in the Internet Age

From Facebook to Twitter, people’s online interactions have become central to how they are viewed in the online -- and offline -- worlds. Yet amidst this push, battles are being fought over our online privacy and who controls our online identities that pit global policymakers against some of the world’s largest companies like Google and Amazon. In this fight, Europe has become a major player. It already has some of the toughest privacy standards worldwide, going further than the United States to offer people control over their online data. And a raft of recent legal decisions have extended Europe’s reach beyond its borders, potentially giving it control over how people in the United States and beyond interact online. Have these efforts gone too far? And should Europe be allowed to dictate how global privacy and data protection standards are created?

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

Ms. Summer Sanders  
How Sport Brings the World Together -- a Vital Tool for Global Development

Sport is a powerful tool to connect gender, race, ethnicity and countries. It involves passion and energy while providing very important life lessons and proper behaviors that can be used to positively build societies. We can see examples of the power in the Opening Ceremony in Rio, were 3 billion eyes were watching the beginning of the world’s sporting event and their message about inclusion, conflict resolution, sustainability and Eco-responsibility. This lecture will discuss the power of sport for positive change. How can global athletic attention, TV time, and money be used in a better way to enhance the power of sport?

Monday, January 9, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

Dr. Kevin Bales  
Modern Slavery, Ecode and the Secret to Saving the World

This lecture will coincide with Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Dr. Bales will present his newest book, Blood and Earth: Modern Slavery, Ecode and the Secret to Saving the World, and will share his gripping examination of two intertwined global crises: environmental destruction and human trafficking. In his talk, Bales will share hopeful and inspiring solutions we can all employ to fight slavery and ultimately protect our planet.

Lecture held at Grand America Hotel*

In partnership with: Utah Attorney General Office, Asian Association of Utah Immigration and Refugee Center and Engage Now Africa

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

General David G. Perkins  
The Strategic Future of the U.S. Army

General Perkins is responsible for selecting and recruiting U.S. Army soldiers, training and educating professionals, and designing the future U.S. Army to support national security. This lecture will explore the U.S. Army’s role in evolving U.S. foreign policy strategies and how the recruitment of U.S. soldiers shapes the army’s level of success in complex international stages.

In partnership with: Westminster College Center for Veterans and Military Services

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

Ms. Kathy Laurini  
International Cooperation and the Future of Human Space Exploration

For more than fifty years, humans have explored space. Today the International Space Station, an international partnership of 15 nations, is the centerpiece of human space exploration. It has enabled more than 2,400 researchers from 83 countries to conduct investigations, and is paving the way for a robust commercial future for human spaceflight in low Earth orbit. Space agencies operating the International Space Station and representatives from additional 50 nations and agencies are working together to collaboratively extend human presence further into space - to the vicinity of the Moon, the lunar surface, asteroids and Mars. Sustainable human exploration of the surface of Mars is a common long-term and driving goal. Investing in the technologies and capabilities to meet these challenges will continue the flow of benefits from space program investments to people on Earth. This lecture will describe international efforts to enable the future of human space exploration and its expected benefits to humanity.