

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Forward Thinking



While the cold winter months in Minnesota signify a new calendar year, this July marked the start of a new program year at Global Minnesota. This means exciting new speaker presentations, ambassador visits, networking socials, cultural outings, and many more ways for Minnesotans to connect with others and expand their global viewpoint. For a quick snapshot of what's happening this fall,

take a look inside at our new calendar of events.

The start of a new program year also brings with it a new focus country. In the year ahead, we'll explore the many facets of China including its global connections with the U.S. and deep ties to Minnesota.

Finally, this year we welcome several new board leaders and members, who are critical in helping us achieve our mission, program goals, and commitment to members.

With so much "new" to look forward to, know that we always strive to develop programs and opportunities that help our audiences and organization grow and innovate together as a global community. So please, join us as we begin a new Global Minnesota year.

Carol Engebretson Byrne

WELCOME AND THANK YOU!

We are excited to welcome Ertugrul Tuzcu as the organization's new board chair for 2017-19. Ertugrul first met Global Minnesota as an international

student arriving from Turkey to attend the University of Minnesota. In the years since, he has had a successful career and joined the board in 2011. Based on his personal and professional experience, he is well poised to lead Global Minnesota.

With Ertugrul settling into his new role, we extend a very special thank you to Peter Hawthorne who served as Global Minnesota board chair from 2015-17. Peter saw the organization through the implementation and rollout of a new brand and customer-focused website, a record-breaking gala, and the start of a new strategic plan. We are

**L to R: Peter Hawthorne,
Carol Engebretson Byrne,
and Ertugrul Tuzcu**

deeply grateful for Peter's thoughtful direction and leadership during these significant times and look forward to his continued work with Global Minnesota.

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Horton Holding, Inc.
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10th Annual Great Decisions Conference The Future of Europe

The outcome of the United Kingdom referendum on EU membership sent shockwaves across the globe and even caught some British voters by surprise. The EU has helped secure peace in Europe for the past 60 years. Now it faces an uncertain future. Amid a refugee crisis, lingering financial recession, and the constant specter of terrorism, unity seems more imperative than ever. But the Brexit vote underscores the complexities of integrating an extremely diverse continent. What will post-Brexit Europe look like, and how can U.S. foreign policy adapt?

Join us for a wide-ranging discussion of the social and economic factors driving the dramatic changes taking place in Europe. Featured speakers and panelists include former U.S. Foreign Service Officer Tom Hanson, who will offer his assessment of how these changes will affect the future of U.S.-European relations. Other national and local experts will discuss the impact of these changes on business, diplomacy, and international security.

Don't miss this timely discussion of critical issues that will affect prosperity and security on both sides of the Atlantic.

Presented in partnership with



WHEN

Friday, November 3
Registration 8:00 am
Conference 8:30 am -
12:30 pm

WHERE

Hennepin County Library -
Minneapolis Central
2nd floor, 300 Nicollet
Mall, Minneapolis

COST

Student \$10; Members \$25;
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Includes continental
breakfast and boxed lunch;
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MEMBER SPECIALS!

New Members - Become a new Global Minnesota member at the Basic level (\$75) or above and receive one **FREE admission to the conference**

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events



Global Conversations is based on Great Decisions, a citizen education and discussion program sponsored nationally by the Foreign Policy Association, and is brought to you in partnership with the Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library and Landmark Center.

Success in St. Paul

From global trade and politics to the conflict in the South China Sea, the past year brought relevant foreign policy discussions to St. Paul through the successful expansion of our free Global Conversations series. Presented in partnership with Landmark Center, the program offers audiences an in-depth look at the critical international issues facing global policymakers and the opportunity to hear from experts in the field.

Growing in popularity, “The series fits beautifully with

Landmark Center’s public programming vision to offer cultural events that inform and enlighten our community. Audiences have told us that they have experienced ‘master classes’ in international topics that are accessible, engaging, and educational - and of course, free,” says Judy Brooks, Director of Community Programs for Landmark Center. About to begin its second year, the program’s success is a true reflection of Minnesota’s quest to know more about the world.

calendar

September 13	FREE	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Global Conversations ST. PAUL: Geopolitics of Energy
September 13	FREE	6:00 – 7:30 pm	Global Conversations MINNEAPOLIS: Geopolitics of Energy
September 19		8:00 – 10:00 am	Doing Business Globally: Addressing Tax and Legal Challenges
October 3		5:30 – 7:30 pm	Young Professionals: Mentoring in a Global Workforce
October 4	FREE	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Global Conversations ST. PAUL: Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan
October 11	FREE	6:00 – 7:30 pm	Global Conversations MINNEAPOLIS: Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan
October 24	FREE	6:00 – 8:00 pm	CHINA Town Hall
November 6		6:00 – 8:00 pm	Culture Through Cuisine: Nepal

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Mentoring Today's Young Global Thinkers

At Global Minnesota, our intern and research fellowship programs mentor and develop today's young global thinkers to become future leaders. Participants contribute to our mission while gaining practical skills and expanding their international perspective. Many are international students who bring their cultural perspectives to our daily work and programs, while becoming an important part of our team.

Last fall we welcomed **1) TAZO MNANGAGWA FROM ZAMBIA** as our inaugural Research Fellow. Over the past year, he successfully completed a foundation research project and built his own project management skills. Tazo also volunteered in our Classroom Connection program, sharing his culture with elementary students at Andersen United Community School, Burroughs Community School, and Elizabeth Hall

School. As Tazo noted, "Not many people I met knew about Zambia, so I took it as a blessing in disguise to always tell people as much as I could about where I am from."

2) SHUEN LOK FROM MALAYSIA joined the Development/K-12 teams as an intern this winter, gaining practical administrative skills and event planning experience. Beyond the office, Shuen offered her insights to elementary students at Burroughs Community School and Green Central Park School. She described the impact of these experiences, "As a speaker, it was rewarding to see the children experience the world opening up for them. They were extremely inquisitive and interested in hearing someone from a different country who didn't look like them."

If you participated in WorldQuest last year,

Another highlight was hearing Tom Hanson give his annual presentation about world affairs. His talk made me realize all of us must step up to create more empathy and kindness in the world."



you know the work of intern **3) SOFIA ABDUL HAMID FROM MALAYSIA**, who joined the Public Events team and developed WorldQuest questions for multiple competitions. Sofia's internship met her goals to pair skills in marketing and events planning with international relations. What did she gain from her internship? "My most impactful experience was

working on my first big event — Community WorldQuest, which involved a great deal of research. In the process, I learned a lot more about the world."

While Tazo, Shuen, and Sofia were learning from their experiences, they

were also bringing the mission of Global Minnesota to life, and their impact on students, staff, programs, and the organization will be felt long into the future.



CELEBRATION OF COLOMBIA

A record-breaking success, this year's gala engaged nearly 350 Minnesotans who helped cap off our yearlong focus on Colombia. Guest of honor Consul General of Colombia in Chicago Dixon Moya commented on the remarkable solidarity of spirit and cultural understanding he witnessed throughout the evening and described his participation as "an indescribable honor to be part of one of the most important initiatives that I have known." Thank you to all for the tremendous support!



Check out **more event photos** on Global Minnesota's Facebook page.



The Year of China

With a successful Year of Colombia wrapped, we've turned our attention toward China, Global Minnesota's focus country for 2017-18. A diverse and complex global player, China holds some of the world's oldest and richest cultural traditions. And with growing influence in the international sphere, China's relationship with the U.S. becomes increasingly important.

Join us this year as we explore the historical, cultural, economic, and political connections between China and the U.S., as well as Minnesota's deep commercial and educational ties to this East Asian country. In fact, mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 24, as Global Minnesota cosponsors the 11th annual CHINA Town Hall with the University of Minne-

sota China Center. This year's event, a national day of programming organized by the National Committee on U.S. - China Relations, will feature an interactive webcast with former National Security Advisor and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan E. Rice.

