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## 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GREAT DECISIONS CONFERENCE: Media and Foreign Policy

Today, state and non-state actors must maneuver a complex and rapidly evolving media landscape. Conventional journalism now competes with user-generated content. Official channels of communication can be circumvented through social media. Foreign policy is tweeted from the White House and “fake news” has entered the zeitgeist. Cyberwarfare, hacking, and misinformation pose complex security threats. How are actors using media to pursue and defend their interests in the international arena? What are the implications for U.S. policy?

Join us as we examine these questions and more with **keynote speaker Susan D. Moeller, Professor of Media and International Affairs at the University of Maryland, College Park, and author of the Great Decisions article on**

**media and foreign policy.** We’ll also hear from former U.S. Foreign Service Officer Tom Hanson, who will discuss how foreign policy is shaped and shared in the era of “Twitter Diplomacy.” Finally, two dozen international journalists with the U.S. Department of State’s Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists will attend the conference and provide unique perspectives from countries as varied as Albania, Brazil, Ethiopia, New Zealand, Thailand, and South Africa.

Don’t miss our post-election analysis of an issue that affects the quality of information that shapes the foreign-policy decisions of leaders and citizens, around the world and right here in Minnesota.

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#### WHEN

Friday, November 9  
Registration 8:30 am  
Conference  
9:00 am-12:30 pm

#### WHERE

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

#### COST

Student \$10;  
Members \$25;  
Nonmembers \$40;  
Includes continental  
breakfast; Advance  
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



# Moving Forward

After 21 incredible years with Global Minnesota, I look forward to a new chapter for the organization and myself. As I announced this past July, I will step down in January 2019 and entrust our mission to Global Minnesota's dedicated staff and board members.

I have loved serving as president of this extraordinary organization that is making a positive difference in the world. It has been a privilege to work alongside you, my globally-minded colleagues, members, partners, supporters, and volunteers for the past two decades. I feel fortunate and grateful to have known the founders of Global Minnesota and to have stood on the shoulders of these giants and many mentors from all walks of life, ages, and continents.

During my tenure with Global Minnesota, we have experienced tremendous growth, thanks to your support, and continued to evolve to serve today's needs for greater global understanding and engagement. We can be proud that Global Minnesota is one of the top World Affairs Councils of America, has the largest Great Decisions program in the country, and hosts more than 400 U.S. Department of State international visitors annually. Our membership and reach have grown dramatically, and Minnesota's strong collaborative spirit has made it possible to foster invaluable community, national, and international partnerships.

I feel the time is right for me, and the organization, to pass the torch to the next leader. I have confidence in the Board of Directors as they collaborate with Ballinger|Leafblad to conduct a national search.

I extend my sincerest appreciation to our remarkable staff, board, and all of you, who embrace Global Minnesota's important mission. Thank you for your partnership, leadership, friendship, and support throughout these years. Together, we have accomplished much in connecting Minnesota with the world.

Sincerely,

Carol Engebretson Byrne

## LOOKING BACK THROUGH THE YEARS



**1996** With Ambassador of South Africa Franklin Sonn



**2002** With former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher during a visit to Minnesota



**2010** With Malaysia Gala Chair Sharon Lim and representative from the Embassy of Malaysia at the Malaysia gala

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# events

## The Year of South Africa

Referred to as the “Rainbow Nation,” South Africa’s natural and cultural treasures, dynamic business opportunities, and environmental, political, and social challenges offer a myriad of avenues to explore and understand. This year marks the centennial anniversary of Nelson Mandela’s birth and Global Minnesota’s yearlong focus on South

Africa. In the months ahead, we’ll explore Mandela’s contribution to the advancement of civil rights and Minnesota’s ties to this powerful African country. From water scarcity to HIV/AIDS to solidifying democracy in a multiracial society, there is much to



learn. Check out the calendar below for upcoming South Africa programs and join us!

## calendar

Sept 12	FREE	12:00 - 1:00 pm	<b>Global Conversations ST. PAUL: North Korea - Fire and Fury or Dialogue and Diplomacy?</b>
Sept 12	FREE	6:00 - 7:15 pm	<b>Global Conversations MINNEAPOLIS: North Korea - Fire and Fury or Dialogue and Diplomacy?</b>
Sept 17	FREE	4:00 - 6:30 pm	<b>Sweden, the EU, and the U.S. with the Ambassador of Sweden</b>
Sept 25		6:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>Culture Through Cuisine: Germany</b>
Sept 27	FREE	5:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>Global Social with International Visitors: Civic Activism in Africa - MEMBERS ONLY</b>
Oct 1	FREE	1:00 - 2:30 pm	<b>Ukraine, Russia, and the U.S.: Conflict and Peacebuilding</b>
Oct 2		5:30 - 8:00 pm	<b>Young Professionals Networking and Trivia</b>
Oct 9	FREE	6:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>China Town Hall</b>
Oct 10	FREE	12:00 - 1:00 pm	<b>Global Conversations ST. PAUL: South Africa's Fragile Democracy</b>
Oct 10	FREE	6:00 - 7:15 pm	<b>Global Conversations MINNEAPOLIS: South Africa's Fragile Democracy</b>

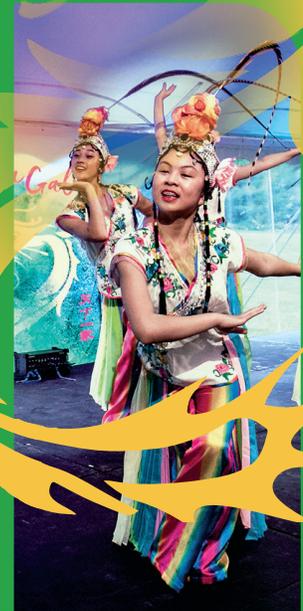
**Global Conversations** is based on Great Decisions, a citizen education and discussion program sponsored nationally by the Foreign Policy Association and brought to you in partnership with the Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library and Landmark Center.

REGISTER AT [globalminnesota.org](http://globalminnesota.org) or call 612.625.1662

# China Gala

The summer heat was no match for the more than 425 globally-engaged Minnesotans who attended our Year of China Gala this past June. Marking the end of our yearlong focus on this East Asian country, the gala raised \$350,000 — a tremendous success only made possible by the generous support of so many.

These critical funds support Global Minnesota's mission and programs to increase international understanding for all. Thank you!



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# Dining with the World:

## A culinary connection for members

Since the founding of Global Minnesota in 1953, hosting dinner for students and visitors from around the world has been a cornerstone in advancing international understanding and engagement. Fast forward 65 years and we're continuing to innovate this one-of-a-kind program.

Through new partnerships with local organizations and educational institutions, we're excited

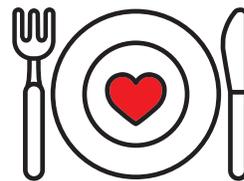
“ It was probably the most touching of all our hostings. They (Syrian visitors) shared a lot of gut-wrenching stories but felt our concern and empathy. It was a very moving and special evening.”

— Linda and Henry Berman, longtime dinner hosts



to offer members more chances to exchange cultures and stories with others over a meal. From mid-career professionals and scholars in the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship program to international undergraduate students with GO Minnesota, dinner host opportunities are expanding!

Don't miss the chance to be part of this truly unique – **member-only** – experience that forges lasting connections and transcends borders.



### Interested in becoming a dinner host or simply want to learn more?

Join us at the Global Minnesota office on Monday, October 8, for an informational Dinner Host training. We'll hear stories from experienced hosts, get answers to frequently asked questions, and enjoy light refreshments. Visit [globalminnesota.org/events](https://globalminnesota.org/events) or contact Emily Opara, Hosting Coordinator, at [eopara@globalminnesota.org](mailto:eopara@globalminnesota.org) to sign up!



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## WorldQuest International Trivia Competition

Mark your calendar and pull together a team for our popular battle of international wits, WorldQuest, on **Friday, November 30**. More than 30 teams will descend upon the University of Minnesota McNamara Alumni Center for a lively evening of international trivia covering flags, capitals, geography, people in the news, current events, 2018 Great Decisions topics, and Global Minnesota's focus country - South Africa. Door prizes, member specials, and honors for Best Team Costume and Best Team Spirit will be awarded!

Stay ahead of the competition with a sneak peek at one of this year's questions: Why is the Hagia Sophia, located in Istanbul, a world-famous mosque?

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