



Dayton Council on World Affairs

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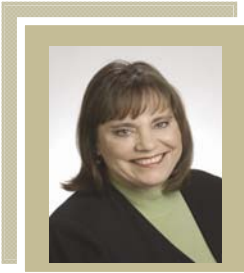
The Dayton Council on World Affairs (DCOWA) is a non-profit organization that has served the Dayton region for over 60 years.

Our mission is to “promote informed opinion and decision-making concerning international issues. We engage people on diverse world issues, points of view, and culture to link individuals and organizations with common interests.”

After many years at the University of Dayton, DCOWA is now at Wright State University. DCOWA is one of 97 councils in the United States which belong to the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) headquartered in Washington, D.C. Each of these councils has the same interest in international affairs and often share speakers and programming.

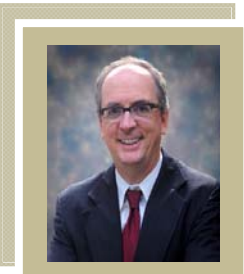


2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



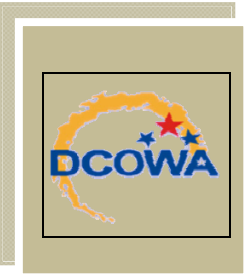
Carolyn Rice - President

Montgomery County Treasurer; Chair of the Montgomery County Land Reutilization Corporation, and Board of Directors of the Community Blood Center/Community Tissue Services and Rotary Club of Dayton. Former Director of Executive Education at Wright State University's Raj Sooin College of Business.



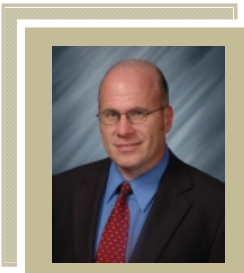
Kevin Kelly - Vice President

Dean of the University of Dayton School of Education and Allied Professions. Prior to this appointment he served as interim dean of the College of Education (2007-09) and head of the Department of Educational Studies (2002-2007) at Purdue University. Published extensively on the topics of career choice, development, and decision-making; he is the past Editor of the *Journal of Mental Health Counseling*.



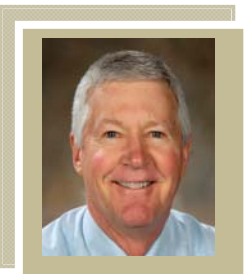
Phil Chick - Treasurer

Assistant Vice President & Treasurer of the University of Dayton. Phil has over 25 years of corporate finance and consulting experience, including 15 years in various financial positions at The Iams Company and Procter & Gamble, and as Chief Financial Officer at Dolly, Inc. and RG Properties, Inc. He is a past board member of Goodwill Easter Seals of the Miami Valley and the University of Dayton National Alumni Association.



Steve Axtell- Secretary

Attorney and Partner in Thompson Hine, LLC's Environmental practice group; defends governmental enforcement actions and private actions, environmental permitting, regulatory compliance counseling, environmental audits, and business sales and acquisitions.



Hunt Brown

Hunt is currently a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and Director of Sustainability in the Office of the President at Wright State University. Hunt has taught environmental courses in China, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Brazil. He has received grant funding to explore environmental issues in Haiti and China.



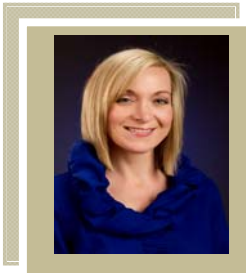
Jacob Dorn

Professor of History Emeritus at Wright State University with publications on religion and social reform in modern America.



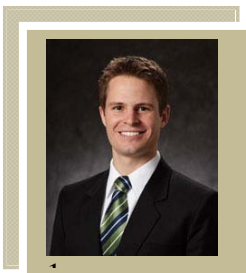
Alex Herczeg

Alex Herczeg is a Relationship Manager in the Business Banking Group of JPMorgan Chase Bank. Alex studied international business in Romania and he is a graduate of Wright State University.



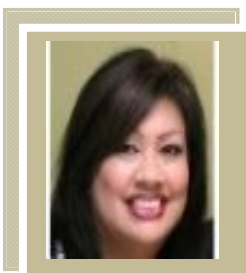
Michelle Jackson

Founder and CEO of Tilak Learning Group - consultant, intercultural educator, speaker, and trainer. Michelle is a member of ASTD (American Society of Training and Development), the eLearning Guild, and SIETAR (The Society for Intercultural Education Training and Research).



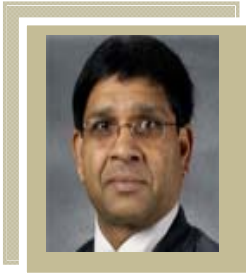
Dan Johnson

Financial advisor at Merrill Lynch. In the community, Dan is involved with Generation Dayton – a young professional program through the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the membership committee and SouthBrook Christian Church Men’s Group.



Iris Juergens

Iris is the Director of Development for the St. Leonard Franciscan Living Community Foundation where she is responsible for the overall operation of the St. Leonard Foundation. Iris serves on the Board of Directors for the Dayton Hispanic Chamber and the Dayton Chapter of The Executive Women’s Golf Association. Iris is a member of the Women in Business Networking where she was selected as one of the “25 Women to Watch” in 2011 and is a member of the 2013 class of Leadership Dayton.



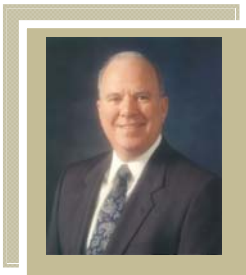
Pramod Kantha

Associate Professor of Political Science at Wright State University; Pramod teaches courses on Democratic Transitions, Politics of Nationalism, Politics of South Asia, US-India-Afghanistan-Pakistan relations. His research and publications are focused on India, Nepal and Pakistan.



Matt McDowell

Director of Partnership and Fund Development at Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Miami Valley, formerly the Director of Development of CHOICES, Inc. Foster Care.



Thomas Pearson

Retired in 2001 after a 33-year career with NCR Corporation, Tom currently spends the majority of his time working with non-profit organizations, volunteering and international travel.



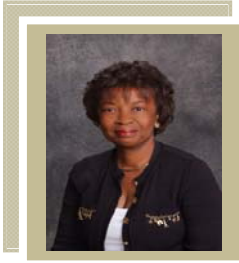
Jason Pierce

Associate professor and chair in the Department of Political Science at the University of Dayton. Dr. Pierce teaches courses on judicial process, constitutional law, civil rights and liberties, comparative constitutionalism, and constitutional theory.



Tom St. Denis

Founder & President, The Harbour Group, a leading provider of student and travel medical insurance plans, including coverage for domestic and international students in the USA, visiting scholars, Americans studying abroad, and multi-lateral exchange participants.



Maxine Thomas

Maxine Thomas is vice president, secretary, and general counsel for the Kettering Foundation. Maxine directs Kettering projects in higher education, community leadership, and the relationship between citizens and officeholders. She also serves on the group that oversees the operations of the foundation and has been a member of the Kettering Foundation task force on China since 1993.

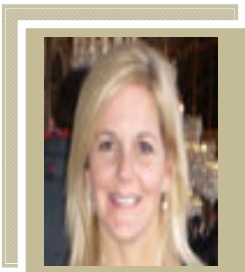
SPECIAL DIRECTORS FOR 2013



Ex-Officio: Stephen P. Foster

Head Librarian and Associate Vice President for International Affairs, Wright State University. Stephen's international experience includes service in the Peace Corps (Honduras, 1969-70) and extensive involvement with international academic librarianship as one of sixty six elected governance-council representatives of the non-for-profit Online Computing Library Consortium (OCLC) Members Council (1997-2002; 2005-2008).

KEY PERSONNEL



Bridget Federspiel- Youth Program Director

Bridget teaches World History, AP US History, and AP European History at Stivers School for the Arts and she is a lecturer at Sinclair Community College. Her awards and honors include Fulbright-Hayes, Time Warner National Teacher Award, James Madison Fellowship, and OCSS High School Teacher of the Year Award.



Michelle Streeter-Ferrari- International Visitor Leadership Program

Michelle currently serves as the Director of the University Center for International Education (UCIE) at Wright State University. She serves as the Wright State Fulbright Campus Representative and Chairs the UCIE Advisory Committee on Internationalizing the Curriculum



Joy Wanderi- International Visitor Leadership Program Advisor

Joy has experience in international programming, fundraising and community relations. She holds both a Masters degree in Public Administration (PA) and a Masters in International and Comparative Politics from Wright State University. She has earned nonprofit certification from the American Humanics Institute.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What an exciting year it has been for Dayton Council on World Affairs (DCOWA)! Sixty-six years after our founding, DCOWA is still going strong. One of the foundations of our success this year has been the energetic, dedicated board who contributed their time, talent and expertise to our endeavors. Each committee's report will summarize their activities for the past year, but here are just a few of the activities I am especially proud to highlight:

- The youth programs offered through Junior Council on World Affairs (JCOWA) continue to sponsor regional events that bring students together to focus on the key international topics of our time. It has been fun to have adult teams compete against the JCOWA teams for the last two years. DCOWA is proud to offer the \$4,000 Pfeife Smith Scholarship to a graduating senior who plans to pursue international studies at a local university. We know these JCOWA experiences could be just the "spark" these future leaders may need to encourage them toward careers in international fields or to become lifelong learners regarding global issues.
- This past August we collaborated with the Dayton International Peace Museum and the Miami Valley Episcopal Russian Network to host "A Taste of Russia" featuring Dr. Igor Tolochin speaking on Russia 2013 to a *sellout* crowd. In September, DCOWA Adult Programs showed the documentary "Not My Life" and hosted a panel of experts on human trafficking. This crowd attracted individuals from throughout the community and other international-focused organizations. It is very rewarding to see these cross-community collaborations and partnerships develop for the good of all.
- Our partnership with Wright State University's University Center of International Education has proven to be of great benefit to both organizations. We renewed our Memorandum of Understanding this past fall. In 2012, this partnership culminated in our official, permanent designation in the US State Department's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). We have already hosted groups from Russia, Turkmenistan, France, Southeast Asia and Iraq to Dayton.
- After attending the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) Spring Leadership Meeting in Chicago last spring, we borrowed ideas from successful Young Professional initiatives Portland and Jacksonville have achieved. Dan Johnson, one of our board members, took the lead and we held our first Young Professionals event in October at a local restaurant that attracted 50+ attendees and resulted in 4 new Young Professional memberships that night. We must keep the momentum going in 2014.
- The WACA Annual Conference held in Washington, DC is always a highlight of the year for me personally. This year was equally informative and inspiring. Chief Justice Stephen Breyer discussing "Making Our Democracy Work", Former First Lady Laura Bush speaking about "Empowering Women in Afghanistan", and listening to Honorable Michael Chertoff brief us on "Cybersecurity: Assessing the Threat, Meeting the Challenge" gives you a hint of the powerful itinerary of international leaders offered.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONT.)

- Special mention must be made of the very generous bequest made by one of DCOWA's founders, Louise Mead Walker Resor, upon her passing in 2012. She remained loyal to DCOWA and our important mission over all these years and her generosity will ensure that our programs continue for years to come.

All in all, 2013 was an outstanding year. We kicked it off last January with one of our most highly attended Annual Meetings in years (100+) and kept the momentum going from there. It truly was my great honor to serve as President over this past year.

**DAYTON COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
As of December 31, 2013**

All amounts are unaudited

CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Huntington Bank	\$ 24,003.92
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney - Cash	\$ 8,563.31
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney - Investments	\$ 5,673.80
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 38,241.03

**ENDOWMENT & OTHER FUNDS HELD BY DAYTON FOUNDATION
(As of September 30, 2013)**

George Houk Mead Education Fund	\$ 17,770.60
Pfeife Smith World Affairs Scholarship Endowment	\$ 74,388.87
Andrew Gillan Fund	\$ 63,070.20
Total Funds Held by Dayton Foundation	\$ 155,229.67

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Profit & Loss)

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$ 9,785.00
Grants from Dayton Foundation Endowments	\$ 4,970.00
Events and Adult Programs	\$ 9,294.20
Gifts and Grants	\$ 27,384.41
Total Income	\$ 51,433.61

Gifts and Grants include a generous \$20,000 gift from the Estate of Louis Mead Walker, grants from WACA for various programs, and other gifts from members and other benefactors. The Board intends to set aside the Mead Walker gift in a board-designated endowment to be used only upon board approval for special programs and other opportunities.

EXPENSES

Youth Programs	\$ 4,904.82
Scholarships	\$ 5,333.00
Adult and Other Programs	\$ 11,648.72
Administration (including JCOWA Administration)	\$ 7,504.20
Total Expenses	\$ 29,390.74

OPERATING SURPLUS

\$ 22,042.87

OPERATING SURPLUS Excluding Mead Walker Bequest

\$ 2,042.87

Excluding the Mead Walker bequest, DCOWA was able to finish 2013 with a small surplus while continuing to offer a variety of youth and adult programs consistent with its Mission.

YOUTH PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

The Junior Council on World Affairs program continues to have a strong membership in the Dayton area schools. Despite budget concerns and restrictions on field trips, JCOWA's total membership remains at 250 students.

JCOWA continues to host four events each year: Kick-off event (Sept. 2013 Film "Not My Life"); Youth Forum at Sinclair (Dec. 2013); International Quiz Bowl at the University of Dayton (Feb. 2014); and Geography Bowl at the University of Dayton (April 2014)

The winner of the 2013 International Quiz Bowl was Kettering. Advisor Tiffany Lobertini and her four students traveled to Washington DC in April to compete in the WACA held Academic World Quest in April. DCOWA covered the cost of the hotel for the team.

The 2014 JCOWA International Quiz Bowl is on February 7 in the University of Dayton's Kennedy Union Ballroom from 9:00 to 1:00. Ten area schools will compete for a chance to attend the WACA competition in April.

JCOWA is hosting a teacher workshop on February 22. The workshop is supported by a generous grant from the Turkish Cultural Foundation. The workshop is the first phase of a three-part program to educate the Dayton community on the country of Turkey. The second phase of the program is a two-week travel study to the country of Turkey. Up to five teachers from the Dayton area will be selected to participate in the trip.

Below is a list of the schools which host a JCOWA club:

Chaminade Julianne
Dunbar
Kettering
Lebanon
Ponitz
Springboro
STEM
Stivers
Thurgood Marshall
Vandalia Butler
Wilmington

YOUTH PROGRAMS COMMITTEE (CONT.)

Due to budget restrictions, Russia High School has suspended their JCOWA program. Belmont High School and Meadowdale High School are in need of an advisor, and DECA has dropped the program entirely.

Several students have indicated a desire to create a JCOWA club at their school but unfortunately there is a lack of faculty/adult supervision. If any member would like to help promote JCOWA in a particular school and/or district, please contact Bridget Federspiel at bfedersp@dps.k12.oh.us.

ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

DCOWA's Adult Programming Committee organized three events during 2013.

First, on March 26, DCOWA and WSU co-sponsored a panel discussion on Political Corruption in Comparative Perspective that featured several faculty members from WSU's Political Science Department.

Second, with a grant from WACA's Engage America Series, DCOWA held a community-wide program on September 24 at Stivers School for the Arts about human trafficking. The program started with a screening of a documentary, *Not My Life*, followed by two keynote speakers: Theresa Flores and Tony Talbott. Flores is a victim and survivor of human trafficking and author of *The Slave Across the Street*. Talbott is co-founder of Abolition Ohio (a coalition of organizations and agencies that combat human trafficking in the Miami Valley) and a member of the Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission. Approximately 80 people attended this event.

Finally, DCOWA facilitated the Great Decisions course at UD's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in the fall. Approximately 70 participants gathered weekly in September and October to hear lectures delivered by WSU, UD, and Sinclair faculty on topics outlined in the Foreign Policy Association's 2013 Great Decisions publication.

The Adult Programming committee will convene in February 2014 to plan the 2014 events.

MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING COMMITTEE

Membership is absolutely vital to DCOWA's health and vibrancy as an organization. DCOWA, like so many of the World Affairs Councils throughout the WACA network, faces an aging membership so we must constantly strive to find new members and retain existing members. Each month reminders were sent out to members whose membership was about to expire. Our membership has remained stable at approximately 80. For the past three years, we have participated in Leadership Dayton's Board Match Expo each March and every year we have received a new board member through these efforts.

In addition, we launched a new initiative to attract young professionals to our organization. Borrowing successful ideas from the Portland and Jacksonville World Affairs Councils, one of our young professional board members, Dan Johnson, working in concert with Michele Miller, employed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and a leader of Junior Force (similar to Dayton Chambers' Generation Dayton) held an event featuring Jennifer Reitz who had traveled to Nigeria through Dayton Rotary to share highlights of her experience. The Young Professional (YP) event was a smashing success with more than 50+ attendees coming to the local restaurant for an after-work networking event. Four young professionals signed up for a DCOWA members as a result. More YP events are planned for 2014.

In addition to a focus on membership, DCOWA recognizes the importance of marketing if we are to effectively promote our events and attain visibility in the community. Extensive efforts were made to update our website working with Wright State's UCIE webmaster. We take advantage of linking events from the Columbus Council on World Affairs as well as other local international organizations (for example, Dayton International Peace Museum) on our website. We also link in Pittsburgh's Top Ten Articles on World Affairs that is published weekly and Dallas's Global IQ webinar each month. We are ready to take advantage of social media like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. We now post our upcoming events on Dayton's Most Metro, Dayton Daily News' Things to Do, and Charlie Campbell's blog "It's Great in Dayton" as a means to reach new audiences of people who might be interested in DCOWA events.

I wish to extend a huge thank you to Alex Herczeg, Hunt Brown, Matt McDowell, and Matt Burks for their many contributions to the Membership and Marketing committee in 2013.

Carolyn Rice, Chair

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

I. Board of Directors

DCOWA bylaws require us to have a Board of Directors consisting of “not less than 15 nor more than 24 persons”. As we approached the end of 2013, there were 15 Board members. In view of this, the Nominating Committee (Stephen Axtell, Daniel Johnson, Carolyn Rice and Tom St. Denis) worked throughout the second half of 2013 to identify several prospective new Board Members. We met with each of the candidates, and submitted the slate of candidates for Board Membership to the full Board for a vote during the January 13, 2014 Board Meeting. The following candidates were unanimously elected to the DCOWA Board on January 13, 2014, to begin new three-year terms starting in 2014.

Ms. Shahrzad Allen – Shahrzad is an attorney, with the firm Pickrel, Schaeffer & Ebeling. She is active on other boards in the Dayton community, including the Dayton Hispanic Association.

Mr. Mohsen Khani – Mo is a professor of Geography at Sinclair Community College. He has a B.A. and M.A. in Geography from Western Michigan University, and has taught at Sinclair since 1997. Mo is a member of the International Studies Committee at Sinclair, and a member of DCOWA. He has traveled extensively to countries throughout Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

Mr. Mark Latta – Mark is a Process Engineer at Tate & Lyle (a global provider of high quality ingredients for the food and beverage industry). Mark graduated from the University of Dayton with a Bachelor’s in Chemical Engineering. He currently serves as the Community Service Chair of Generation Dayton, a young professional organization through the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Thomas Martin – Tom is a retired professor of History, he has taught at Wright State University, Antioch College and Sinclair Community College. He has served previously as a DCOWA Board Member.

Ms. Michelle Miller – Michele is a Financial Management Specialist at WPAFB. She worked with Dan Johnson to organize the Young Professionals event that was held in October. Michele serves as the PR and Marketing chair for the Junior Force Council, a young professional organization through Wright-Patt. She graduated from Wright State University with both her BS in Management and an MBA.

Ms. Jennifer Reitz – Jennifer is with the Blaine Block Institute for Voice Analysis & Rehabilitation. She spoke at the Young Professionals event in October, relating her story about her travels in Nigeria with the Rotary International Group Study Exchange Program.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CONT.)

II. DCOWA Leadership

The Nominating Committee also worked with the current Board Membership to confirm the Council's officers for 2014. The DCOWA Leadership Team for 2014 includes:

President	Kevin Kelly
Vice President	Jason Pierce
Treasurer	Phillip Chick
Secretary	Stephen Axtell

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas St. Denis II
Chair, Nominating Committee

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

In collaboration with the Dayton Council on World Affairs (DCOWA), Wright State University is honored to promote citizen diplomacy in the Greater Dayton area through the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. In 2013, Wright State hosted over seventy individuals from fifty countries through this prestigious professional exchange program and connected these emerging global leaders with Dayton's top professionals in healthcare, law enforcement, community development, public services, education, and disability advocacy. Providing this platform for international exchange reflects the shared vision of DCOWA and Wright State as we create and cultivate relationships that change the world.

2013 DIPLOMAT CLUB MEMBERS

Stephen Axtell
Irvin & Tracy Bieser
Harry Bossey
Jacob & Carole Dorn
Tamara Hawes
Hunt & Anne Brown
Michelle Jackson
Kevin Kelly
Ponnie Kendell
Joan & Charlie Knoll
Thomas S. Martin
Mary & David Mathews
Matt McDowell
David & Nancy Neer
Tom Pearson
Carolyn Rice
Donna Schlagheck
Monica Schultz
Tom St. Denis
Maxine Thomas
Tim Van Simaey