



# DAYTON COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS

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## MISSION

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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.



## 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### **Matt McDowell – President**

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.



### **Michelle Jackson- Treasurer**

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).



### **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.



### **Jacob Dorn**

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



### **Phil Chick**

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 currently serves on the Board of Goodwill Easter Seals of the Miami Valley, and is a past board member of the University of Dayton National Alumni Association.



### **Linda Harrison**

Retired educator from Kettering City Schools. Linda has been a Spanish teacher and librarian with the district. She currently works on the JCOWA Youth Committee.



**Alex Heckman**

Director of Education & Museum Operations at Dayton History, Montgomery County’s official historical organization. A native Daytonian and local history enthusiast, Alex has appeared on nationwide broadcasts on both The History Channel and The Travel Channel.



**Madeline J. Iseli**

Chief of Staff for Sinclair Community College; former District Director for Congressman Tony P. Hall; former Executive Director for non-profit that worked to pass legislation creating Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park.



**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.



**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-Af-Pak relations. His research and publications are focused on India, Nepal and Pakistan.



**Kevin Kelly**

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*.



**Ponnice Kendell**

Community volunteer whose commitments include Sinclair Community College Board of Trustees, Clothes That Work Board, Dayton A Peace Process, and YWCA; recipient of the Woman of Influence Award.



**Mary Mathews**

Retired after serving 18 years as Executive Director of Carillon Historical Park. Mary served as a Commission member of the Bicentennial Commission of the State of Ohio and a member of the federal advisory board for the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission. She currently is an active board member of the National Aviation Heritage Alliance and Wright-Dunbar, Inc.



**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.



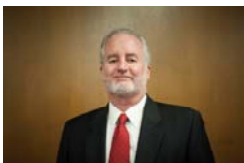
**Jason Pierce**

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.



**Donna M. Schlagheck**

Professor and Chair of Political Science at Wright State University; expert on American foreign policy and international terrorism; consults regularly at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and is a frequent guest/expert featured on area television and radio programs



**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.



**Yufeng Wang**

Professor of History at Sinclair Community College; Past President of Dayton Association of Chinese Americans & currently serves on the Board of the Dayton International Peace Museum.

## SPECIAL DIRECTORS FOR 2012

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**David L. Neer**

Community Leader & Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch. Currently serves on the Dayton Public Radio Board of Trustees, Dayton Racquet Club Board Member, and involvement in numerous other community organizations; former President of Dayton Rotary.



**Carolyn Rice**

Montgomery County Treasurer; former Director of Executive Education at Wright State University's Raj Soin College of Business. 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.

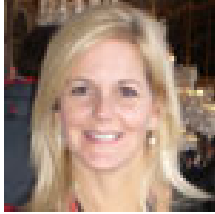


**Ex-Officio: Stephen P. Foster**

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

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### **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 Humanities Institute.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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2012 was a great year for DCOWA. Here are a few examples of the many accomplishments:

- Wright State University's UCIE continues to administer the International Visitor Program. In July, UCIE welcomed the National Council for International Visitors, as part of the application to become full members in the network. After the visit, Wright State was notified that we secured full membership.
- DCOWA continues to have a strong relationship with the University of Dayton. UD sponsored several events in 2012 for DCOWA and JCOWA.
- Junior Council on World Affairs (JCOWA) provided great programs to its members. Once again, JCOWA successfully hosted the Academic Quick Bowl, the Geography Quiz Bowl, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Career Day. For the first time, several adult teams participated in the Geography Bowl as a way to get more engaged and to donate. JCOWA also hosted the Turkey Workshop for Elementary Teachers.
- The Adult Program secured a grant funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York to host the Understanding Muslim Societies speaker series this year. The event was a great success with speaker Dr. Nathan Brown. We continued to offer the Great Decisions discussions and Insights programs through the Osher Life Long Learning Institute at UD.
- The Nominating Committee did an outstanding job this year. The committee recruited several new members to the board, and pave the way for future board leadership.

We accomplished a lot this year. While the organization incurred an unexpected expense due to the cancellation of the Egypt trip, we were able to end the year with a positive Net Income. We are still hopeful we will be able to put together a future excursion for DCOWA members.

It has been an honor to serve as President of DCOWA for 2012. I sincerely thank the DCOWA Board, Wright State University and UCIE staff, and my fellow DCOWA members for the chance to work with all of you to fulfill the mission of DCOWA. I am very confident that 2013 and 2014 will be even more successful years for DCOWA.

Matt McDowell



## ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

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DCOWA's Adult Programming Committee organized three events during 2012.

First, on the evening of March 22, 2012, DCOWA co-sponsored a panel discussion with UD's Political Science Department and the Dayton Mercy Society titled, "The Arab Spring One Year On: Islamists and Democratic Governance." A year after the cascade of demonstrations reshaped the political landscape in a series of MENA countries, this program examined the changes that have taken place and the major challenges that lie ahead. The panel focused particularly on the role of Islamic movements such as the Muslim Brotherhood and of Islamists, issues of human rights, the treatment of minorities and women, and the return of citizens as actors in the Middle East. A keynote address was delivered by Dr. Maher Hathout, Muslim Public Affairs Council Senior Adviser, followed by a panel discussion with Dr. Eli al-Hindi, Notre Dame University in Beirut, Lebanon, Dr. Randa Slim, New America Foundation and Middle East Institute, and Dr. Margaret Karns, past president of DCOWA and UD professor emerita as moderator. About 250 people attended this event.

Second, with a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York's Understanding Muslim Societies Program, DCOWA hosted Dr. Nathan Brown (George Washington University) Oct. 11-12, 2012. Dr. Brown's visit included a public lecture at the University of Dayton (100 people) titled, "The Struggle Over the Future of the Egyptian Revolution," a presentation to 80 students at Stivers School for the Performing Arts on the geopolitical significance of the Middle East, and a lecture at UD's Law School (30 people) titled, "Americans, Put Down Your Quills," where he considered the role American legal academics have and will play in the political and constitutional reforms in the Middle East.

Finally, DCOWA's Donna Schlagheck and Jason Pierce co-moderated the Great Decisions course in the fall. Approximately 70 participants gathered weekly (Sept. 18 - Oct. 23) to hear lectures delivered by WSU and UD faculty on topics outlined in the Foreign Policy Association's 2012 Great Decisions publication. Those included Middle East realignment, promoting democracy, exit from Afghanistan and Iraq, Indonesia, state of the oceans, and energy geopolitics.

The Adult Programming Committee will convene in February 2013 to plan the 2013 events.

## INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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Wright State University's inclusion in the National Council for International Visitors—International Visitor Leadership Program has allowed us to host visitors from Iraq (Governmental Transparency) and Russia (University-Industry Partnerships for Innovation) during the past year. Wright State also applied for permanent membership into the network and hosted a site visit in August 2012 with full membership granted shortly thereafter. Also, in December 2012, Wright State applied for a US AID Community Connections Grant to receive visitors for more extended stays in Dayton. Wright State looks forward to on-going collaboration with the Dayton Council on World Affairs in support of the International Visitor Leadership Program.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

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The members of the Youth Committee are:

Amy Anderson  
Traudel Eslaire  
Bridget Federspiel  
Linda Harrison  
Alex Heckman  
Donna King  
Tom Pearson  
Carolyn Rice  
Monica Schultz  
Yufeng Wang

The schools which have chapters of Junior Council on World Affairs are:

\***Belmont**  
Chaminade-Julianne  
Dunbar  
Kettering Fairmont  
Lebanon,  
\***Meadowdale**  
Northmont  
Ponitz  
Russia  
STEM  
Stivers  
Thurgood Marshall  
Vandalia-Butler  
Wilmington

### **The 2012 JCOWA Events**

February 9, 2012 ---**Academic Quiz Bowl**  
University of Dayton---Kennedy Union—Ballroom  
Sponsored by the University of Dayton

April 27, 2012---**Geography Quiz Bowl (Adult and Student Teams)**  
University of Dayton---Kennedy Union---Ballroom  
Sponsored by Sinclair and the University of Dayton

October 23, 2012---**International Career Day**  
University of Dayton---College Park Center  
Sponsored by the University of Dayton

## YOUTH PROGRAMS COMMITTEE (CONT.)

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November 1, 2012---**Turkey Workshop for Elementary Teachers**  
Kiser PreK-8 Elementary School  
Sponsored by the Turkish Cultural Foundation

December 12, 2012---**Turkish Film---*The House That Ahmet Built***  
Dayton Turkish Cultural Center  
Sponsored by the Turkish Cultural Foundation

### **The Pfeife Smith Scholarship**

The members of the Scholarship Committee are:

Marlea Gaskins (Dayton Public Schools Administration)  
Linda Harrison (DCOWA Board)  
Dianne Timmons (Dayton Foundation)

There were no applicants in 2012. The Board decided to award the scholarship to previous recipients. They are:

James Carney	Sinclair
Gerald Levi Johnson	Sinclair
Taylor Kingston	University of Dayton

Levi Johnson will be participating in the 10-month AmeriCorps Project starting in February 2013 and completing his service in December. He will return to Sinclair for the Spring Semester 2014. He has requested that we hold his scholarship until he returns.

**\*Belmont and Meadowdale do not have advisors this year.**

Submitted by Linda Harrison  
Chair, Youth Committee

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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The Nominating Committee members for 2012 were Ponnice Kendell and Carolyn Rice, with Mary Mathews and Tom St. Denis serving as co-chairs. The Committee met as a whole several times. Believing that personal contact is the most important avenue for getting good board members, the committee scheduled individual meetings to invite people to serve on the board. Materials (by-laws, board roster, and membership information) were distributed to prospective board members.

Carolyn and Mary also met with Kevin Kelly and Jason Pierce to discuss long-term leadership goals. Meeting confirmations and follow up were done by email.

Several resignations occurred during the year. Mike Wiehe, Stephanie Precht and Yufeng Wang resigned for work or health reasons respectively.

Leadership Dayton representative:

Phillip Chick joined the board as a recruit from Leadership Dayton and agreed to serve a three-year term ending in 2014.

At the November board meeting, the Committee presented the names of the following new board members to begin serving in 2013:

Steve Axtell, attorney, Thompson Hine  
Alex Herczeg, VP, Chase Bank, downtown Dayton  
Carolyn Rice, Treasurer, Montgomery County  
Maxine Thomas, VP and General Counsel, The Kettering  
Foundation

Officers nominated and confirmed by the committee, to be elected in January, 2013:

President, Carolyn Rice  
Vice President, then President-Elect, Kevin Kelly  
Secretary, Steve Axtell  
Treasurer, Phillip Chick

In order to balance the new class of board members with the large class of the previous year, another board member was recruited, to be elected at the January, 2013 meeting: Hunting (Hunt) Brown, Senior Lecturer, Department of Earth and

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CONT.)

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Environmental Sciences and Director of Sustainability, Office of the President,  
Wright State University.

Although committee appointments are not the responsibility of the Nominating Committee, it should be noted that Jason Pierce committed to serving as chair of the Adult Program Committee and Tom St. Denis as chair of the Nominating Committee.

At the November 12 board meeting, the Nominating Committee distributed a one-page self-evaluation to board members. The purpose of the evaluation was to remind board members of the organization's mission and the board members' responsibilities so that each person could privately review his/her performance. Self-evaluations will be mailed to board members who were absent.

A list of prospective board members was compiled during the course of the year to be handed to the next Nominating Committee.

The committee was a dependable, enthusiastic, congenial group, a pleasure to work with during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Mathews and Tom St. Denis, Co-Chairs  
Steve Axtell  
Ponnie Kendell  
Carolyn Rice

## 2012 DIPLOMAT CLUB MEMBERS

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Stephen Axtell  
Irvin & Tracy Bieser  
Harry Bossey  
Jacob & Carole Dorn  
Linda Harrison  
Tamara Hawes  
Hunt & Anne Brown  
Madeline Iseli  
Michelle Jackson  
Dan Johnson  
Margaret Karns & Ralph Johnston  
Kevin Kelly  
Ponnie Kendell  
Joan & Charlie Knoll  
Thomas J. Lasley  
Thomas Martin  
Mary & David Mathews  
Matt McDowell  
David & Nancy Neer  
Thomas Pearson  
Jason Pierce  
Carolyn Rice  
Donna Schlagheck  
Tom St. Denis  
Michelle Streeter-Ferrair  
Tim Van Simaey  
Hans & Sherry Tschudin  
Yufeng Wang