

# ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

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#### **Introduction**

The mission of the Global Affairs Center of Shoreline Community College is to encourage critical thinking and engagement on political, economic and social issues that lead to sustained personal involvement that contributes to global equity, prosperity and peace. 2009-2010 was another successful year in advancing that mission as detailed in this report.

We have added programs and resources, most notably joining with the Worldly Philosophers and Dismal Scientists Society (WPDSS) student club to promote Coffee and Current, an established program at the college that encourages discussion of significant articles dealing with critical global issues. We also initiated a website (<a href="www.shoreline.edu/gac">www.shoreline.edu/gac</a>) continued building membership and contacts, produced material that will enable us to better market our existence and programs.

## 2009-2010 Accomplishments

Activities this year included:

- Symposium on healthcare systems in other developed countries
- Symposium on international humanitarian assistance
- Small-group discussions of foreign policy issues
- Campus discussion of the earthquake that struck Haiti in January and how individuals and group can assist the people of Haiti
- Hosting a presentation on clean energy technologies by an industry member
- Hosting, in coordination with student clubs, discussion of student financial literacy
- Supporting students wishing to establish a chapter of Amnesty International at Shoreline Community College
- Hosting, in coordination with the WPDSS student club, "Coffee and Currents" discussions of American healthcare reform, the rise and fall of nations referred to as "great powers," and relations between two such powers, the United States and China.

The inaugural event this year was a symposium on healthcare in other countries, fitting given the intense debate taking place at the same time over healthcare reform in the United States. We began with an evening discussion, led by Dr. David Fleming, Director of Public Health, Seattle & King County, of healthcare systems in the United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, Switzerland and Taiwan.

The next day and in each of the next two weeks we hosted speakers who talked about healthcare in Canada (Mr. Ian Parker, Free-Lance Journalist from Canada), Taiwan (Mr. Daniel Liao, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Culture Office in Seattle) and Norway (Mr. Kim Nesselquist, Honorary Consul General for Norway). The first event took place in the evening and drew approximately 50 audience members, mostly members of the off-campus community. The next three events occurred during the school day and drew between 30 and 60 persons, mostly students.

In January a campus meeting led by several students, was held immediately after the earthquake in Haiti (January 12, 2010), which measured 7.0 on the Richter scale, resulted in more than 200,000 deaths, and displaced more than a million people from their homes and places of work (including the Presidential palace and many other government buildings). The program included an update on the situation in Haiti, the response of public and private organizations, and a discussion of how individuals could help. The meeting was attended by approximately 25 students, faculty, staff, and Shoreline citizens.

In February, a week-long symposium was held on the theme of international humanitarian assistance, focusing in particular on the work of non-government organizations in the Seattle regions. The symposium featured three evening events which attracted audiences of between 20 and 80 Speakers included Arlene Mitchell, Senior Program Officer, *Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation*, and former *UN World Food Program* Executive; Heidi Peterson, National Director of Leadership Gifts, *CARE USA*; and, Ms. Kristina Engstrons, Rita Hackett, and Martie Haynes, former *U.S. Peace Corps* trainer and volunteers.

Six smaller events took place during the day, all but one of which focused on the work of a local organization engaged in humanitarian assistance overseas. Representatives from *Amigos of Seattle, Fabric of Life, Global Neighbors, the Rural Development Institute, PATH*, and the *U.S. Peace Corps* participated in these events. Audiences at these six events were mostly students and ranged between 20 and 40.

The final daytime event was a fair at which students and community members could talk informally with representatives from more than a dozen humanitarian assistance organizations and programs about their work and how they can become involved.

This year the GAC teamed up with the Worldly Philosophers and Dismal Scientists' Society (WPDSS) student club to organized several "Coffee and Current" events on campus. These events are informal gathering of WPDSS club members, faculty and other interested parties to discuss contemporary social issues by focusing on the ideas and arguments contained in a particular article(s). This year's topics included American healthcare reform (November 5, 2009), the rise and fall of powerful nations (April 15, 2010), and U.S.-China relations (May 14, 2010).

For the second year, the Global Affairs Center hosted a series of discussions on current foreign policy issues built around *Great Decisions*, a publication prepared annually by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) of New York. The events occurred on seven consecutive Thursday evenings beginning April 15, 2010. Discussion leaders this year included Joe Borich, *President, Washington State China Relations Council;* Bob Francis, *Economics Professor, Shoreline Community College;* Selby Smith, *Special Agent, Drug Enforcement Agency;* Chip Dodd, *Geography Professor, Shoreline Community College;* Lew Macfarlane, *U.S. Foreign Service, Retired;* Abdi Sami, *Former CEO of Dream Quest Images and Co-Producer of Rick Steves' Iran;* and Bruce Kochis, *Professor, University of Washington – Bothell.* Twenty-five people signed up for the series, included several veterans of last year's program, and each week there were 2-3 walk-in participants.

In April, the GAC brought to campus Y.P. Chan, the Chief Operating Officer at *Delaware Power Management Systems Corp*, an advanced electric vehicle (EV) power train system solutions provider to make a presentation about clean energy alternatives, including solar energy, wind energy, and electric cars. More than 100 students participated in this event as part of Earth Week activities at SCC.

In May, the GAC, again collaborated with WPDSS, sponsored a seminar led by representatives of *BECU* (a community credit union) on student finances, including personal budgeting tips, avoiding identify theft and building and managing personal credit. This particular event was so successful that planning began even before the school year ended for an expanded program next year, and one which would marshal the resources of several offices on campus.

Finally, the GAC hosted a chapter of *Amnesty International* on the Shoreline Community College Campus. The chapter, organized and run by students, met weekly and participated in numerous international and local human rights and community service campaigns. The group also arranged for monthly movie viewing on campus.

A detailed description of each activity is provided in the appendices of this report.

#### Global Affairs Center Advancement

The Global Affairs Center continues to be lead by a part-time faculty member and the Dean of the Social Science Division, plus has the support of many other faculty, staff and students as previously noted in this report. Along with developing the programs described in this report we made some progress in advancing the organization itself.

**Funding** – The GAC received financial support this year from several offices on campus, including the International Programs, the Social Sciences Division, the Health Occupations and Physical Education Division, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Public Information Office and the SCC Foundation. We are still pursuing funding from outside sources, including state and federal governments.

*Outreach* – A website was established this year (<a href="www.shoreline.edu/gac">www.shoreline.edu/gac</a>), program literature was designed, and other improvements were made in broadcasting our programs both on and off campus. We also continued to build partnerships with other organizations on campus including International Programs, the Public and Information Office, the SCC Foundation, the Women's and Multicultural Center, student clubs and student government.

#### Vision

To create programs which strengthen the international curriculum of the college, and to be a community center for learning and engagement on global issues.

#### Mission

The mission of the Global Affairs Center of Shoreline Community College is to encourage critical thinking and engagement on political, economic and social issues that lead to personal involvement and sustainable global equity, prosperity and peace.

# Strategic Goals

❖ Awareness❖ Engagement❖ Sustainability

#### **Activities**

- *Community programs* These are the anchor activities of the Global Affairs Center aimed at engaging the communities on global issues through lectures, panels and discussion. Programs will be organized that highlight local as well as international perspectives and that create opportunities for partnerships between the college and members the larger community.
  - o Symposium/Guest speaker program
  - o Campus Town Halls
  - o Great Discussions program
- *Internship program* When fully operational this program will help students find internship opportunities with public, business and non-profit organizations in the surrounding area that encourage further engagement.
- *Partner programs* Navigating the global economy and social environment can be daunting and possibly overwhelming. The Global Affairs Center will become a "first point of contact" for students, businesses and other organizations in need of assistance.
- Ongoing program Support The Global Affairs Center will support ongoing programs at Shoreline Community College, such as International Studies, Global Pathways, Study Abroad, and student/faculty exchange agreements with foreign colleges and schools.

#### Benefits

- Enhances SCC program excellence, global awareness and multicultural understand through advancement of learning opportunities outside the classroom.
- Advances awareness of SCC commitment to global education, engagement, and community service as outlined in the Strategic Plan.
- Furthers SCC's reputation as an international campus.
- Builds partnerships with citizens of Shoreline and surrounding communities, local, regional and state governments, the Chambers of Commerce, local businesses, non-profit organizations, and schools.
- Serves as a resource to students, citizens and businesses interested in global issues.

## Healthcare around the World

November 9-24, 2009

A symposium on healthcare systems in three countries in Europe, and in Japan, Taiwan and Canada. international development assistance, focusing in particular on the work of non-government organizations in the Seattle regions. The symposium featured four speakers, one at an evening event which included screening of a *Frontline* documentary on healthcare in other countries. Three other speakers were featured at daytime events.

#### November 9, 2010

Dr. David Fleming Director of Public Health, Seattle & King County

Dr. Fleming, who previously served as Deputy Director of the Center for Disease Control and directed the Gates Foundation's Global Health Strategies Program, led discussion of the *Frontline* documentary, "Sick Around the World," which looks at health care in five other capitalist democracies: the United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, Taiwan and Switzerland.

#### November 10, 2010

Mr. Ian Parker Canadian Free-Lance Journalist Worked for the Romanow Commission of the Future of Health Care in Canada, spoke on Canada's Health Care System.



#### November 17, 2010

Mr. Daniel Liao

Director General of the Taipei Economic and Culture Office, Seattle

Mr. Liao, who has held numerous positions with the Taipei government in Taipei, the U.S. and other countries, spoke about Taiwan's Health Care System.

#### November 24, 2010

Mr. Kim Nesselquist

Honorary Consul General for Norway

Mr. Nesselquist, former Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services in Oslo, spoke on Norway's Health Care System.

# Four Days to Change the World February 22-25, 2010

A symposium on international development assistance, focusing in particular on the work of non-government organizations in the Seattle regions. The symposium featured three evening events which attracted audiences of between 20 and 80, mostly from the off-campus community Six smaller events took place during the day, all but one of which focused on the work of a local organization engaged in humanitarian assistance overseas. Audiences at these six events were mostly students and ranged between 20 and 40. The final daytime event was a fair at which students and community members could talk informally with representatives from more than a dozen humanitarian assistance organizations and programs about their work and how they can become involved.

# Evening Events

# Monday, February 22, 2010 Ms. Arlene Mitchell

Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and former UN World Food Program Executive.

Ms. Mitchell offered an excellent review of her forty years of experience of national and international governance. She offered r critical observations about the nature and delivery of international development assistance.

#### Tuesday, February 23, 2010 Ms. Heidi Peterson

National Director of Leadership Gifts, CARE USA

Ms. Peterson discussed the source of financial resources to support the work of CARE overseas, and the implications of that funding, She also talked about the tension between what donors

want to support (when donations are made for a specific purpose) and what recipients of assistance say that they need.

## Wednesday, February 24, 2010 Ms. Kristina Engstrons, Rita Hackett, and Martie Haynes

Two Peace Corps veterans and a Peace Corps trainer, all featured in film "Once in Afghanistan," a documentary about small-pox eradication campaign in 1969 in Afghanistan, led a discussion of their experience and its relevance today.



# **Daytime Events**

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Ms. Jennifer O'Brien, Fundraising Co-Chair, Board of Directors, Amigos of Seattle

February 23, 2010

Ms. Carol Schillios, President, Fabric of Life

February 24, 2010

Ms. Pollie McCloskey and Mr. Stephen McCloskey, Founders, Global Neighbors

February 24, 2010

Lincoln Miller, Chief Operating Officer, Rural Development Institute

February 25, 2010

Ms. Lisa Watanabe, Senior Program Officer, Special Initiatives, PATH

February 25, 2010

Ms. Melissa Lawent, Regional Recruiter, U.S. Peace Corps

February 25, 2010

**Engagement Fair** 

Representatives from more than a dozen humanitarian assistance organizations and programs invited students and community members to learn more about the work of that particular organization and how they might become involved.

# Great Discussions 2010

# A Community Forum for Debating Global Issues

April 15 – May 27, 2010

For the second year, the Global Affairs Center at Shoreline Community College hosted a series of discussions on current foreign policy issues. The events occurred on seven consecutive Thursday evenings beginning April 15, 2010. Each week we began by watching a 30 minute video that provided additional background at 6:00 p.m., followed by a short presentation by the discussion leader and then a round table discussion involving all participants. This year 25 people signed up for the series and each week there were 2-3 walk-in participants.

The format was built around <u>Great Decisions</u>, a publication prepared annually by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) of New York; and containing several pages of thoughtful briefing material on each issue.



# Themes and facilitators this year:

#### **April 15, U.S.-China Security Relations**

Mr. Joe Borich, President, Washington State China Relations Council

#### **April 22, Global Financial Crisis**

Mr. Bob Francis, Economics Professor, Shoreline Community College

#### April 29, Global Crime

Mr. Selby Smith, Special Agent, Drug Enforcement Agency

#### May 6, Russia and its Neighbors

Mr. Chip Dodd, Geography Professor, Shoreline Community College

#### May 13, Special Envoys

Mr. Lew Macfarlane, U.S. Foreign Service, Retired

#### May 20, The Persian Gulf

Mr. Abdi Sami, Former CEO of Dream Quest Images and Co-Producer of Rick Steves' Iran

#### May 27, R2P (Responsibility to Protect)

**Dr. Bruce Kochis**, Professor, University of Washington – Bothell

# Campus Town Hall Meetings

Daytime events where students, faculty, and or staff discuss current international events and their significance, receive reports from visitors, and report on their own work or accomplishments regarding a particular issue. Three such events took place in 2009-2010.

# Haiti Earthquake Situation, January 15, 2010

A campus meeting immediately after the earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, which measured 7.0 on the Richter scale. The program included an update on the situation in Haiti, the response of public and private organizations, and a discussion of how individuals could help. The meeting was attended by students, faculty, staff, and Shoreline citizens.

#### Mr. Y.P. Chan: Clean Energy Technologies, April 22, 2010

Y.P. Chan is the Chief Operating Officer at Delaware Power Management Systems Corp, an advanced electric vehicle (EV) power train system solutions provider. Mr. Chan spoke on three clean energy alternatives: solar energy, wind energy, and electric cars, as part of Earth Week activities at SCC.

# Financial Literacy Seminar, May 25, 2010

# "Smart Money Skills for College"

The Global Affairs Center and the Worldly Philosophers and Dismal Scientists' Society of Shoreline Community College and BECU (a community credit union) hosted a seminar that addressed, among other things, personal budgeting tips, ways to protect yourself from identify theft and fraud, and how to increase your future spending power and learn to build and manage credit.

### Coffee and Currents

A joint project of the *Global Affairs Center* and the *Worldly Philosophers' and Dismal Scientists' Society (WPDSS)* student club.

Coffee and Currents are informal gathering of WPDSS club members and faculty (and other interested parties) to discuss contemporary social issues by focusing on the ideas and arguments contained in a particular article(s).

The time and location of Coffee and Currents gatherings varied, usually in the early afternoon, sometimes on campus and sometimes off campus in a nearby coffee shop.

#### November 5, 2009

#### American Healthcare Reform

Article by David Goldhill, "How American Health Care Killed My Father," Atlantic Monthly, September 2009

#### April 15, 2010

#### The Life Cycle of Great Powers

Article by Niall Ferguson, "Complexity and Collapse," Foreign Affairs, March-April 2010

#### May 14, 2010

#### U.S.-China Relations

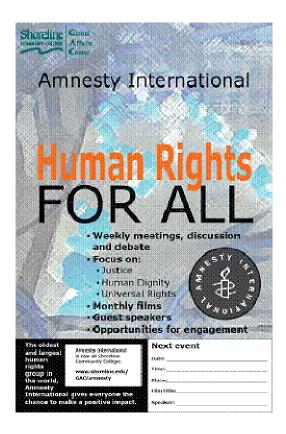
Articles by Elizabeth Economy and Adam Segal, "The G-2 Mirage: Why the U.S. & China aren't Ready to Upgrade Ties" Foreign Affairs, Mar-Apr 2010; and, "A Wary Respect" Economist, October 24, 2009

# Amnesty International

The Global Affairs Center was proud to host a chapter of Amnesty International on the Shoreline Community College Campus. The Chapter, organized and run by students met weekly and participated in numerous international and local human rights and community service campaigns. The group also arranged for monthly movie viewing on campus.

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