

## ***Great Decisions***

*A Community Forum on International Affairs,  
National Security, and U.S. Foreign Policy*

The Great Decisions Program is the oldest and largest grassroots world affairs educational program of its kind in the country. Begun in 1954, it is the flagship program of the Foreign Policy Association, a non-partisan, non-governmental organization. The Great Decisions Program's goal is to discuss, debate, and learn about International Affairs, National Security, and U.S. Foreign Policy.

The Great Decisions Program is for anyone who desires to gain a deeper understanding of the current challenges the United States faces in the world today, from the threat of global terrorism to environmental issues, globalization, and development. Teachers, educators, students, military personnel (active and retired), business people, service organizations and clubs, political organizations, and international community groups will all benefit by gaining a greater appreciation for the complex international issues we face as a nation today. Your feedback will be sent directly to federal policy makers in the U.S. State Department.

This year the World Affairs Council of Eastern North Carolina (WAC-ENC) is again sponsoring the Great Decisions program with the assistance of East Carolina University. WAC-ENC also sponsors other speakers and events related to international issues. Please consider becoming a member. For more information, see our webpage:

<http://www.worldaffairsCouncilinc.org/>

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## ***Great Decisions 2009***

The Great Decisions Program will take place from January 17 to March 7, 2009. Each Saturday morning, a recognized expert will discuss a topic of importance related to the United States and its role in the world. The topics are determined by the Foreign Policy Association. This year's topics are listed below along with the names of the presenters.

### **U.S. and rising powers**

**January 17**

Speaker: Dr. Alethia Cook, Department of Political Science, ECU

### **Energy & the global economy**

**January 24**

Speaker: Dr. Amy Blizzard, Department of Political Science, ECU

### **Global food supply**

**January 31**

Speaker: Dr. Holly Hapke, Department of Geography, ECU

### **The Arctic**

**February 7**

Speakers: Dr. Lisa Clough, Department of Biology, and Dr. Jeff Johnson, Department of Sociology, ECU

### **Egypt in the 21st Century**

**February 14**

Speaker: Mr. Eihab Abousena, Department of Modern Languages, University of Akron

### **Cuba after Castro**

**February 21**

Speakers: Dr. Denis Rey, Department of Political Science, and Dr. Luci Fernandes, Department of Anthropology, ECU

### **Afghanistan/Pakistan**

**February 28**

Speaker: Dr. David C. Champagne, DCO for Research, Analysis, and Civilian Affairs, 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne); Research Associate, Center for Afghanistan Studies, University of Nebraska

### **Universal human rights**

**March 7**

Speaker: Dr. Rodney Roberts, Department of Philosophy, ECU

The cost of attending the eight sessions of the Great Decisions Program is \$32 for WAC members (book included) and \$42 for the general public (without book). Full-time students and teachers can attend for free. The program book can be purchased separately for \$18. The cost for individual sessions is \$6.

Parking for this series is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the lot next to the Rivers Building off 6th Street and Maple Street. Parking is also available in front of the Messick Theater Arts Center and McGinnis Auditorium.

Please do not park in handicapped (unless you have a valid handicapped placard), no parking, or service/maintenance spaces.

**If you would like to pre-register for Great Decisions 2009, complete the form below and mail it with the appropriate registration fee to:**

**World Affairs Council of Eastern NC  
PO Box 7182  
Greenville, NC 27835-7182**

**Make checks payable to:**

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**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Full-time teacher or student?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes, where?** \_\_\_\_\_

(No cost for full-time teachers and students)

**Full registration**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$32 WAC member  
(includes book)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$42 non-member  
(without book)**

**Optional:**

**Textbook only** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$18**

**Individual sessions:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$6 per session**  
(Can be paid at the door)

**What sessions:**

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