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***"Great Britain's Decision to Leave the European Union"***

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**Location:** UIS, Public Affairs Center, Brookens Auditorium

### Great Britain's Decision to Leave the European Union

In this presentation and discussion, Dr. Chris McDonald will examine several aspects of the chaotic "Brexit" situation. He will start with a review of the origins of Britain's decision to break away from the European Union (EU) and a consideration of the referendum campaign and results, and then identify some of the key moments since the vote as the various actors have struggled to come to terms with the outcome. Finally, he will consider the current situation and sketch out some alternative paths that EU- GB relations may follow, and what the consequences may be.

Chris McDonald joined the Political Science faculty at Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) in 1998 after completing his doctorate in Political Science at the University of Georgia. McDonald has conducted research into the nature of European institutions including the European Union in cooperation with a colleague in the Netherlands, publishing several articles examining the attitude of European labor unions toward EU immigration policy and also the status of Turkey regarding the EU. For many years McDonald spoke in the World Affairs Council's "Great Decisions"



series and continues to be active in examining international issues with his Model UN students.

More recently McDonald's focus has shifted towards a more historical consideration of broader patterns of conflict within Europe and globally. Much of McDonald's teaching at LLCC is in entry level political science classes; however, he has had a number of opportunities to teach about the EU and has, on four occasions, led student groups to visit European countries. McDonald lives in Rochester with his wife, pianist Maria Horvath, and their son.

# Location

for 10.16.18

### Reception & Dinner

UIS PUBlic Affairs Center  
Restaurant

### Program

Brookens Auditorium

### Visitor Parking

Lot C North and Lot D

# Dinner

## Reservations

Reservations are required for dinner and must be prepaid and received on or before **October 10, 2018**.

There is no guarantee of seating beyond that date. In the event of possible of late reservations, contact Lynn McMEnamin, 217-502-6956, [lcm1300@aol.com](mailto:lcm1300@aol.com), to determine whether seating is available. Seating is limited to maximum room occupancy allowed by the Springfield Building Code. **Please make your reservations early!!**

See below for dinner costs.

## President's Request

By David Anderson, President

According to the WACCI By-Laws, the Board of Directors needs to appoint a three person Audit Committee this Fall to conduct a review the WACCI financial bank statements of income and expenses for Fiscal Year – July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Following the Audit Committee's report to the Board, the Treasurer will submit the annual Fiscal Year Financial Report to the Auditing firm of Kerber, Eck and Brackel.

I would welcome the assistance of WACCI members with financial experience who would be willing to serve on the Audit Committee. I think only one or two meetings would be sufficient to review the WACCI financial bank statements. If you would consider assisting the Board with this task, contact me either by email [daanderson46@hotmail.com](mailto:daanderson46@hotmail.com), or phone (217-220-9337). Thank you for your consideration.

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**The public is invited to attend this free program.**

## Menu for 10.16.18

**SALAD** Potted shrimp cobb salad with Earl Gray dressing

**ENTREE** Steak and ale pie, mushy peas

**DESSERT** Fresh berries with sticky toffee pudding sauce and stilton

Cranberry walnut bread

**BEVERAGES** Water, Coffee, Tea

**BAR** Wine, beer, soda, and available hard liquors  
(cash bar cost not included in meal price)

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### October 16, 2018 Event

Dinner Reservation Form: - Deadline - October 10

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Per meal cost: \_\_\_Members \$30 \_\_\_Non-Members \$35

\_\_\_Number of vegetarian meals requested \_\_\_Number of gluten-free meals requests

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form with check payable to: WACCI, Box 2233, Springfield, IL 62705

# The Many Benefits of WACCI: A Personal Statement

By Rochelle Arjmand, Former VP Publicity WACCI

My interest in world affairs and current events began many years ago while I was in high school. In fact I like to share the story of how I was the one classmate who carried TIME and Newsweek around with her at school wanting to learn about the events in the Middle East especially. That part of the world also interested me as well after having had the opportunity to visit Iran in 1977 before the revolution. I was fortunate to travel to my father's home country and see its history and culture.

It was during my years as a graduate student at UIS that I was first introduced to WACCI by my parents. They had been members for many years, and one of the first events I attended was the program featuring Aaron David Miller, the renowned American Middle East analyst/negotiator/author. It left

quite an impression and I attended more programs with them after.

Fast forward to a few years ago. I became quite involved with WACCI and joined the Board in 2015. It has been during our dinners that I have met and chatted with folks asking them what brings them to our events and what interests them. This also led me to believe that there is an interest as well as a need for organizations like WACCI in our community. Having attended these events in the past, a fire was lit within where I had felt drawn to learning even more, and to play a part in bringing this organization to even newer heights.

Just last year, working closely with Maurine Magliocco, the VP of Membership and David Anderson, the President, we were successful in creating a partnership

with NPR Illinois and the WUIS engagement team. It has been a mutually beneficial relationship and Randy Eccles has been an enthusiastic advocate of WACCI's mission.

I cannot stress enough the importance of WACCI in offering such a platform for us to engage in, to learn and better understand the various global communities. We are all connected. I still believe in the necessity in learning about the world around us, in having that dialog about international affairs. Our speaker series is in tune with timely news. WACCI has brought and continues to bring a diverse range of topics and speakers.

Here's to an exciting year ahead!

Rochelle Arjmand, Board of Directors

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## Membership Form

WACCI membership is open to individuals or household members. Annual membership renewals are requested to be paid at the beginning of each program year in September. New members are welcome to join throughout the year. New or renewal memberships paid last Spring (April – June) expire August 2019.

WACCI membership is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

WACCI members will be mailed the newsletter, *Communiqué*. If you also desire the email version of the newsletter, please check here:

Please e-mail the WACCI *Communiqué* to me.

Please indicate your membership level:

Benefactors\* - \$500  Sustainers\* - \$250  Supporters\* - \$100

Friends\* - \$50  Students\* - \$10

\*At these membership levels, your name will be listed periodically in the *Communiqué*.

I would like to become a board member in the future

I would like to serve on a committee

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## Upcoming WACCI Meetings

### **November 26, 2018**

"How World War I Changed the  
World"

*Presented by: Dr. Christine  
Anderson, instructor in Global  
Studies; and Mr. Karl Rubis, Army  
historian, both from Virginia  
–UIS Student Union Ballroom*

### **December 12, 2018**

"Colombia after the Drug War"

*Panel discussion by:  
Andrew Koch, Peace Corps  
volunteer; Dr. Adriana Crocker,  
professor, University of Illinois  
Springfield; and Dr. Stanley  
Ruecker, professor, University of  
Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
–Hoogland Center for the Arts*

An advertisement for NPR Illinois 91.9 UIS. The background is red with a white waveform graphic. The text "npr Illinois 91.9 UIS" is at the top. Below it, the phrase "STAND WITH THE FACTS" is written in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom, the website "NPRILLINOIS.ORG" is displayed. On the right side, there is a black and white image of a building dome.