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October 11

Juan Carlos Donoso

U.S. /Latin American Relations

November 10

Derek Reveron on China/U.S. cyber-
security relations problems

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Monday, August 29

Obama's Foreign Policy

We are honored to have an address by our senior United States Senator, **Dick Durbin**, the 47th U.S. Senator of the State of Illinois. After serving from 1983 to 1997 in the House of Representatives for the district that includes Springfield, Senator Durbin was elected to the United States Senate in 1996, assuming the seat of then-retiring Senator Paul Simon, for whom he was legal counsel from 1969 to 1972 when Simon was Lieutenant Governor of Illinois.

Durbin has been re-elected three times to the Senate and in 2005 assumed the position of Party Whip, making him the second highest ranking Democrat in the Senate. But he is no partisan ideologue. He is well known for bi-partisan leadership and cooperation. He heads the Illinois Congressional Delegation, which includes Republicans as well as Democrats, and is a fixture in efforts of bi-partisanship, such as in attempts at immigration reform.

The Senate divides its tasks among 20 committees, dozens of subcommittees, and 4 joint committees, and Senator Durbin has some of the most important and influential committee assignments. He is the first Illinois Senator in more than a quarter century to serve on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, a position that has helped him to secure funding for everything from veterans care and schools to highways and healthcare clinics.

Serving on the Rules Committee since 2007, Durbin has helped push for improvements in the election process, access to voting, Congressional transparency and ethics standards, and Senate floor procedural reform.

Of particular relevance to his talk on foreign policy, Senator Durbin served in 2013 and 2014 as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Defense, and today is the Subcommittee's Ranking Democrat. He also became the founding Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, the first standing body of the Senate focused on human rights, in 2007.

His education includes a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center (1969) and, again of relevance to his talk, a B.S. in Foreign Services from the same university's School of Foreign Service (1966). He lives here in Springfield with his wife Loretta Durbin.



August 29th

Obama's Foreign Policy
Senator Richard Durbin

Dinner in U of I Springfield PAC Restaurant; Program in Brookens Auditorium

Reception 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 6:00 p.m.; Program 7:15 p.m.

The program is open to the public and is free. See below for dinner costs.

MENU: President Obama's Favorites

- SALAD: TOPOLOBAMPO SALAD -- Greens, Lime-Walnut Oil Vinaigrette, Vegetables & Tortilla Julis
ENTREE: BOURBON SALMON with Roasted Pine Nuts, Sauteed Cauliflower with mint, Red Pepper and Spinach Roasted Yukon Potatoes
DESSERT: APPLEMAC CRISP -- Granny Smith Apples, Macadamia Nuts, Cream, Caramel & Grand Marnier
Breads/Beverages

Reservations are required for dinner and must be prepaid and received by August 22nd. There is no guarantee of seating beyond that date. For the possibility of late reservations, contact Michael Plog, 793-2509 or mbplog@comcast.net, to determine whether seating is available.

Please detach and mail

Name _____ Phone # _____

Per meal cost: ___Members \$30 ___Non-Members \$35

___ Number of vegetarian meals requested ___Number of gluten-free meals requested

Total enclosed \$_____ No. Attending_____

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