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Thursday, October 10, 2019

Presenter: Ambassador (ret.) John F. Maisto

"The United States and Latin America: Challenges and Opportunities"

Reception 5:30 pm | **Dinner** 6:15 pm | **Program** 7:30 pm

Public Affairs Center, Brookens Auditorium, University of Illinois Springfield

The public is invited to attend this free program. For dinner, see menu and reservation form on page 2.

The United States and Latin America: Challenges and Opportunities

Ambassador John F. Maisto's presentation on "The United States and Latin America: Challenges and Opportunities" will explore current U.S. foreign policy in Latin America. He will place special emphasis on U.S.-Venezuelan relations and U.S. diplomatic relations with several Central American nations.

Ambassador Maisto will also serve as the keynote speaker for the Midwest Association for Latin American Studies (MALAS) conference, which will be held at the University of Illinois Springfield the following days, October 11-12.

John F. Maisto, Ambassador (ret.) is a thirty-seven year former career member of the U.S. Foreign Service. He was Ambassador to Nicaragua (1993-1996), Venezuela (1997-2000), and the Organization of American States (2003-2006). He was Senior Director for the Western Hemisphere at the National Security Council and, concurrently, Special Assistant to the President, 2001 to 2003. He was Foreign Policy Adviser at the U.S. Southern Command, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Central America, and he served in



Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Panama, and the Philippines.

Maisto writes and speaks on Western Hemisphere issues; U.S. foreign policy; Southeast Asia and the Philippines; trade, investment and growth; democratic transitions; international organization issues; security and defense matters; and international education.

A graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, he has a Master's Degree in Latin American History from San Carlos University, Guatemala. He is married to Maria Consuelo Gaston of Victorias, Negros Occidental in the central Philippines.

Location for 10.10.19

Public Affairs Center,
Brookens Auditorium,
University of Illinois
Springfield

Dinner Reservations

Reservations are required for dinner and must be prepaid and received on or before October 1, 2019. There is no guarantee of seating beyond that date. In the event of possible late reservations, contact Lynn McMenamin, 217-502-6956, 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!!

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Served Buffet Style

Caracas Salad with Tomatoes, Avacados,
Corn, Cilantro Dressing

Pabellon Criollo—spicy pulled beef, beans, rice

Venezuelan Apple Rice Pudding with Ice Cream

Stuffed Cornbread

Water, Coffee, Tea

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

Please detach and mail

**October 10, 2019 Event
Dinner Reservation Form: Deadline - October 1, 2019**

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 _____

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

Enclosed —New WACCI Brochure

The World Affairs Council of Central Illinois (WACCI) is pleased to send you its all-new brochure, enclosed in this newsletter. Through text and color photos, it is designed to introduce the organization—its varied programs, notable speakers, educational value, and social benefits—and to encourage membership and financial support.

If you are a current WACCI member, you are receiving this brochure in the hope that you will pass it along to others who might be unfamiliar with WACCI but interested in what WACCI offers. Please share the brochure, along with your own positive WACCI experiences, with friends, relatives, classmates, co-workers, and others. Additional brochures are available upon request to VP David Scott, dwscott17@att.net.

If you are not a member, or have let your membership lapse, please consider using

the membership form below and enjoy a great new season of WACCI programs.

The WACCI Board of Directors welcomes inquiries about opportunities to sponsor programs and become an organizational contributor. Please contact President David Anderson, daanderson46@hotmail.com, about your interest.

Below is the WACCI Mission Statement, taken from the brochure.

Mission Statement

We educate the public about United State foreign policy, global economics, environmental issues and international politics through in-depth presentations and discussions.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR WACCI MEMBERSHIP

September marks the start of the WACCI programs offered for the 2019-2020 year. Member financial support is the backbone of the budget expenses that make possible the eight programs offered from September to May and for the Great Decisions six-week seminar program offered in the spring.

For new members who signed up during April to June of 2019, your membership covers the 2019-2010 program year. For continuing members, please renew your membership by October 1. Thank you for your participation and support.

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WACCI Membership Form

WACCI membership is open to individuals and household members. The recommended time for the payment of annual membership renewals is September, the beginning of the program year (September through May). New members joining in the spring (April through June) will have their membership extended to the June following the current one.

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 email the WACCI *Communiqué* to me.

Please indicate your membership level:

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

Friends - \$50 Students - \$10

At all 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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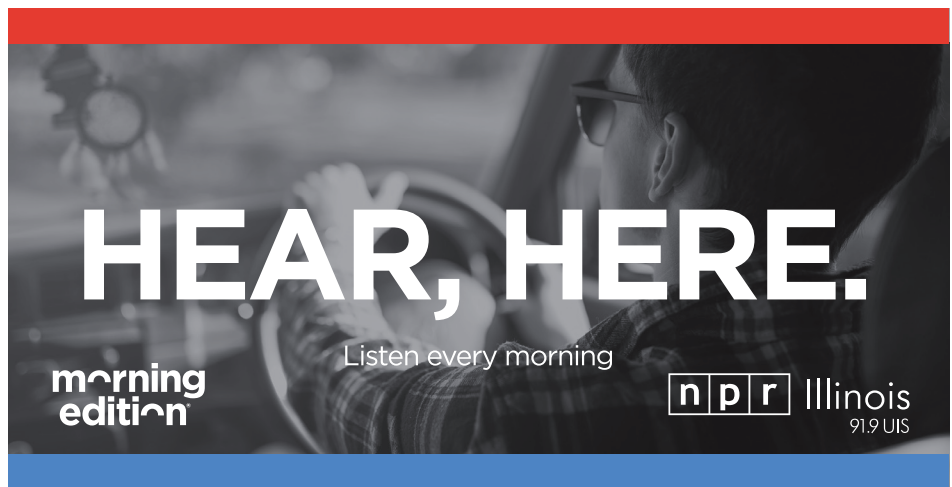
Professor Darin Byler,
University of Washington,
Program on "Terror Capitalism:
Uyghur 'Reeducation' and the
Chinese Security Industrial
Complex."

December 4, 2019

Kathy Johnson, U.S.
Department of State (ret.),
Program on "The Importance
of Diplomacy."

Early February

Drs. Prakash, Rodriguez, and
Waqar,
Program on "Measles: An
International Perspective."



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