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Friday, November 8, 2019

Presenter: Dr. Darren Byler

**“Terror Capitalism: Uyghur
‘Reeducation’ and the Chinese
Security Industrial Complex”**

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

Location: Public Affairs Center,
Brookens Auditorium,
University of Illinois Springfield

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Dr. Darren Byler.*

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Presenter:

Ms. Kathy A. Johnson

“The Importance of Diplomacy”

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

Location: Hoogland Center for the Arts in
Springfield

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speaker Ms. Kathy A. Johnson.*

The public is invited to attend these free programs.

Prior to both programs, there is an opportunity to attend a Reception (cash bar) at 5:30 pm followed by Dinner (prepaid reservation) at 6:15 pm. Dinner menus appear below.

Dinner Reservation Forms for each program are on Pages 2 and 3. Reservations must be prepaid and received on or before October 29 and November 21 for each program. Seating is limited. For late reservations, call Registrar Lynn McMenamin (217-502-6956) about availability.

November Menu

Turkic Mountain Salad
Roast Lamb and Root Vegetables
with garlic and herbs
Buttered Noodles
Baked, Herbed Flatbreads
Assorted Pies and Tortes

December Menu

Around the World Buffet
Gado-Gado Salad
*Assorted Fresh Vegetables and Traditional Rice
Cakes in Authentic Peanut Sauce*
Argentinian Mixed Grill Carving Station
*Marinated and Grilled Beef, Chicken, and Pork
With Traditional Chimichurri and Salsa Criolla*
Tortilla Espanola
Ratatouille
Southern Corn Pudding
Vegetable Fried Rice
Panna Cotta with Macerated Berries
Oma’s Apfelkuchen (*Grandma’s Apple Cake*)

Location for 11.8.19

Reception, Dinner & Program Location

Public Affairs Center,
Brookens Auditorium,
University of Illinois
Springfield
PAC Parking:
Lots A, B, C - North, D, I

Dinner Reservations

Reservations are required for dinner and must be prepaid and received on or before **October 29, 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!!**

See below for dinner costs.

World Affairs Council of Central Illinois Friday, November 8, 2019

Terror Capitalism: Uyghur 'Reeducation' and the Chinese Security Industrial Complex

Speaker: **Dr. Darren Byler**

*This program is co-sponsored with the University of Illinois Springfield through
The Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE) Speaker Series.*

Terror Capitalism represents a new system of control by the Chinese government. It is made up of a multi-billion dollar industry of computer-vision technologies, militarized policing, and the mass mobilization of Chinese civil servants and Han industrialists. Its purpose is to transform Uyghur and other Turkic minority societies in Northwest China.



Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork in the Uyghur region, Dr. Byler's presentation will focus on the history which produced these forms of surveillance and their effects in Uyghur society. He argues that this system of "reeducation" is, in fact, a social engineering system that works in concert with a Chinese form of illiberal capitalism.

As this system is implemented, it has the effect of partitioning and radically disempowering those already marginalized within political systems. These new automated forms of surveillance, coercive Han-centric education systems, as well as new modes of state-enforced capitalist discipline amplify the power of those who engineer and implement these systems. It results in the disintegration of minority social systems.

Dr. Darren Byler received his PhD from the Department of Anthropology at the University of Washington in 2018. His research focuses on Uyghur dispossession, culture work and "terror capitalism" in the city of Ürümqi, the capital of Chinese Central Asia (Xinjiang). Professor Byler has published research articles in the Asia-Pacific Journal, Contemporary Islam, Central Asian Survey, and the Journal of Chinese Contemporary Art. He also has contributed essays to volumes on ethnography of Islam in China, transnational Chinese cinema and travel and representation. Professor Byler has provided expert testimony on Uyghur human rights issues before the Canadian House of Commons and writes a regular column on these issues for Sup China. In addition, he has published Uyghur-English literary translations (with Mutellip Enwer) in Guernica and Paper Republic. He also writes and curates the digital humanities art and politics repository, "The Art of Life in Chinese Central Asia", which is hosted at livingotherwise.com.

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November 8, 2019 Event

Dinner Reservation Form: Deadline - October 29

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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December 4, 2019

“The Importance of Diplomacy”

Speaker: Ms. Kathy A. Johnson

Ms. Kathy A. Johnson’s presentation will be on “The Importance of Diplomacy”. She will take us behind the scenes of diplomacy to look at how diplomacy really works, what diplomats do, and how diplomacy benefits Americans.

Ms. Johnson is a thirty-one-year former career member of the U.S. Foreign Service (ret). She was the Director of the United States Diplomacy Center (2014-2017), the first museum and education center in the United States dedicated to telling the story of American diplomacy. She led the Center team from ground-breaking to opening of this award-winning new museum, including the design and launch of an innovative nation-wide education program on diplomacy.

As Management Counselor, Ms. Johnson managed operations for U.S. Mission Australia (2011-2014), the U.S. Embassy and three Consulates General. As Diplomat in Residence in Chicago (2010-2011), she advised and spoke on a variety of diplomatic issues. As Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commanding General of USTRANSCOM (2007-2010), she advised the Commander and worked with U.S. embassies in Europe and Central Asia to successfully negotiate air, land and sea transit agreements. This enabled the U.S. Department of Defense to bring supplies to our troops in Afghanistan via inter-modal routes saving U.S. taxpayers billions of dollars in transportation fees.

Ms. Johnson was selected for a prestigious corporate fellowship to serve as the Foreign Policy Advisor to the Exxon Chad Pipeline Project in Houston, Texas. She led teambuilding and organizational development for team members from seven multi-national corporations and advised teams on interactions with host governments, tribes and villagers. Her other overseas assignments with the Department of State included Syria, Mexico, Austria, and Poland, as well as policy formulation and management in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Johnson is currently working as an independent consultant and the CEO of the Veterans Memorial Foundation. She is the recipient of numerous Department of State Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards, the Department of Defense Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Civilian Award and Defense Transportation Industry Award for the Northern Distribution Network, as well as Industry awards for the design and construction of the U.S. Diplomacy Center. Ms. Johnson is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Aurora College, with a B.A. degree in History, a M.A. degree in National Security Strategy from the Air War College and an M.B.A. from Texas A&M University.



Location for 12.4.19

Reception, Dinner & Program Location

Club Room – Hoogland
Center for the Arts, 420
South 6th Street, Springfield
Public Parking Garage
(North of Hoogland at 6th
and Capitol Ave.)

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**Winter WACCI Program
February 4**

Drs. Vidhya Prakash, Marcela Rodriguez, and Sana Waqer, Program on "Measles: An International Perspective."

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