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Thursday, March 5, 2020

Public Health Issues in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Focus on Ghana

Speaker: Dr. (Mrs.) Victoria Bam

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

Location: Public Affairs Center (PAC), University of Illinois, Springfield

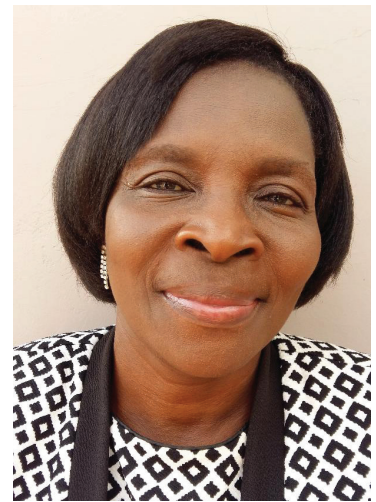
Reception and Dinner: PAC Dining Room **Program:** Brookens Auditorium

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

Public Health Issues in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Focus on Ghana

Africa has the world's highest rate of death from preventable diseases, despite progress made over the last two decades. What are the causes of the premature deaths and disabilities that rob African nations of their human resources and affect their productivity and economic growth? Why do many children die before the age of five? Why do some pregnant women not deliver in health facilities? Why does Ghana have so many injuries, and who are the most affected by this and with what consequences? Dr. Bam's talk will explore the links between public health and development; major reasons for ill health, disabilities, and deaths in Africa; public health issues in Ghana and that country's health system; as well as strategies and challenges in attaining universal health coverage.

Ghana has had ten years of developing its emergency health care system with the support of United States institutions. Dr. Bam's talk will highlight the success story of this US-Ghana partnership.



Dr. (Mrs.) Victoria Bam is a senior lecturer at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana, and a Fulbright Scholar in Residence at Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois. She holds a BSc. (Hons) degree in Nursing from the University of Ghana, Accra, and a Ph.D. in Community Health.

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Location for 3.5.20

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Program: Brookens Auditorium

Parking: Lots A, B, C - North, D or I. All other lots are subject to ticketing.

Dinner Reservations

Reservations are required for dinner and must be prepaid and received on or before **February 24, 2020**. 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.

continued from page 1, Dr. (Mrs.) Victoria Bam

She is a registered nurse and a foundation fellow of the Ghana College of Nurses and Midwives. Dr. Bam's teaching areas include Public Health Nursing, and Leadership and Management in Nursing. She has held the position of Head of the Department of Nursing at KNUST and

served as Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, KNUST. She has authored a number of peer-reviewed publications from her research and collaborative work. Her main research interest is in public health interventions in maternal and child health and emergency care.

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Menu for 3.5.20

Served Buffet Style

Ghana Salad
Romaine Salad Mix with Tomatoes, Onions, Cucumbers,
Eggs, Heinz Salad Cream and Heinz Baked Beans

Ghanaian Style Grilled Beef Suya Kebabs

Jollof Rice

African Vegetables

Mealie Muffins

Accra Banana Peanut Cake

Beverages

Cash Bar

Please detach and mail

March 5, 2020 Event

Dinner Reservation Form: Deadline - February 24

Name(s) _____ Phone# _____

Per meal cost: \$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 2020 Great Decisions Program

Focuses on International Issues in March/April

Sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois, Great Decisions is a six-week program held at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday evenings starting on March 19 and concluding on April 23.

Great Decisions serves as a catalyst for developing awareness, understanding, and informed opinions on critical United States foreign policy and global issues. The six week program involves reading the *Great Decisions 2020 Briefing Book*, watching a DVD, and meeting in discussion groups. Founded in 1954, The Great Decisions Program has now become the largest nonpartisan public education program on international affairs in the world.

This program is developed by the nonpartisan Foreign Policy Association (FPA). Through its programs and publications, the FPA encourages citizens to participate in the foreign policy process.

Interested individuals who are unable to attend the full six-week program may attend (walk-in) any of the weekly programs free of cost. For further information, contact Dr. Baker Siddiquee, program coordinator, at 217-793-0040 or bsidd1@uis.edu.

This year's topics	Discussion Leaders	Date
Climate Change and the Global Order	Dr. Roy Wehrle	March 19
India and Pakistan	Dr. Baker Siddiquee	March 26
Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking	Dr. Ali Nizamuddin	April 2
Red Sea Security	Dr. Stephen Schwark	April 9
Big Data and Artificial Intelligence	Dr. Hasan Kartal	April 16
China's Road into Latin America	Dr. Adriana Crocker	April 23

All leaders are affiliated with the University of Illinois, Springfield.

Great Decisions Program 2020

World Affairs Council of Central Illinois (WACCI) www.mywacci.org

Thursdays, March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, and 23; 7:00 – 9:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church, Cook Lounge, 321 S. Seventh Street, Springfield, IL 62701

(Limited parking is available in the church parking lot; in addition, there are on-street parking spaces surrounding the church.)

GREAT DECISIONS REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name: _____
2. Address: _____
3. Phone: _____

Program Registration: Registration is required for all who want to participate in the six-week program with a guaranteed seat and to receive a copy of the *Great Decisions 2020 Briefing Book*. The cost is **\$25** per person by check only and payable to the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois.

Please mail the form along with your payment to this address: WACCI, PO Box 2233, Springfield, IL 62705. The book will be mailed to the address provided on the registration form.

Interested individuals who do not attend the full six-week program may attend (walk-in) any (or all) of programs free of cost but the Briefing Book will not be provided.



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Upcoming Program

April 28, 2020

“Water Diplomacy in the
Middle East”

by Dr. Rachell Havrelock,
Associate Professor at the
University of Chicago.

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