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WACCI Continues to Meet Via Zoom

Success! WACCI's first efforts at a Zoom program exceeded expectations for interest and attendance. The Board of Directors has announced other Zoom presentations for Monday, November 9 and Thursday, December 3 both at 7:00 p.m. See information below on the speakers for each date.

If you haven't used Zoom before, follow these simple steps: first, go to the Zoom website, <https://zoom.us> to download the Zoom app onto your computer, notepad, or phone; simply click on "sign up—it's free." Then, on the day of the program, log into Zoom about ten minutes before 7:00 p.m., click on "join a meeting," and enter the Meeting ID 984 7811 6894 and the Password 563951. You may be in a "waiting room" for a few minutes and then will be able to join the meeting. The Zoom meeting can also be accessed by mobile phone at 312-626-6799 and entering the Meeting ID and Password.

If you have issues during the WACCI live presentation, you may call UIS ITS at 217-206-6000 for assistance. Zoom Log-In Information is also available on the WACCI website and Facebook page. All presentations will be recorded and available 2-3 days later.

Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom **Rachel Havrelock, University of Illinois Chicago**

"Water Diplomacy in the Middle East"

*This presentation is in
collaboration with the UIS
ECCE Series.*

Dr. Rachel Havrelock will explore water diplomacy in the Middle East, highlighting the region's water history and the innovations making new forms of water use and distribution possible. After appraising new projects on the horizon, she will discuss their applicability to Illinois and North American waters. Dr. Havrelock will also examine the era of the Oslo Peace Accords and the many joint Israeli-Palestinian organizations that arose subsequently. Some twenty-five years later, only one group, the trilateral Jordanian-Palestinian-Israeli NGO Ecopeace Middle

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Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom **Speaker: Dr. Megan Styles, University of Illinois Springfield** **"Roses from Kenya: Labor, Environment, and the Global Trade in Cut Flowers "**

Kenya supplies more than 35% of the cut flowers, including roses, sold in the United Kingdom and the European Union. The industry provides a critical source of foreign exchange and employs more than 90,000 Kenyans, 65-70% of whom are women. While floriculture generates wealth, it also generates controversy. Critics point out poor working conditions and raise concerns about the environmental impacts of rose production.

Dr. Styles, a cultural anthropologist, has conducted research since 2004 near Lake Naivasha, where 70% of Kenyan flowers are grown. She will describe what life is like for workers on Kenyan rose farms, as well

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What Is ECCE?

The November program is being co-sponsored by ECCE—Engaged Citizenship Common Experience. A distinctive part of the UIS curriculum for undergraduate student credit, ECCE is designed to foster understanding of citizenship, issues of common concern, respect for diversity, and an active interest in making a difference in the world.

ECCE has a speaker series, serving as a venue for the UIS community to reach out to the larger community and for the public to engage with UIS—thus, its involvement with WACCI and other community partners. This series welcomes proposals for speakers from faculty, staff, community members, and organizations.

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“Water Diplomacy in the Middle East” *continued*

East, survives, employing a unique mode of environmental peacebuilding and collective planning.

Dr. Havrelock is the founder and director of the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) Freshwater Lab and co-creator of the Freshwater Stories digital platform. She is an Associate Professor of English at UIC and author of *River Jordan: The Mythology of a Dividing Line* (University of Chicago Press), as well as the forthcoming *The Joshua Generation: Israeli Occupation and the Bible* (Princeton University Press, 2020).

A childhood of freshwater swimming around Detroit and the Great Lakes fed Dr. Havrelock’s interest in water and environmental peacemaking. Havrelock’s current book project, *Pipeline: How Oil Created the Modern Middle East and How Water Can Transform It*, chronicles the role of oil extraction and infrastructure in the militarization of the Middle East and suggests how regional water issues are related. Her work was supported by a University of Cambridge fellowship and a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean’s Research



award. She received an alumni impact award from the U.S. Department of State Global Fellows Program in 2014. In addition to the Middle East, Dr. Havrelock’s work addresses the Great Lakes as a transborder water system both abundant and imperiled. She holds grants from the Mott Foundation and the Humanities Without Walls Initiative funded by the Mellon Foundation.

“Roses from Kenya: Labor, Environment, and the Global Trade in Cut Flowers” *continued*

as attempts to regulate this lucrative but controversial industry. Her talk will focus on how Kenyans understand this industry and what they hope to achieve by growing roses for European markets. Understanding Kenyan perspectives on floriculture provides insight into future trends in African political and economic development.

Megan Styles is an associate professor and chair of the Department of Environmental Studies at the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS). She holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Environmental Anthropology from the University of Washington Seattle, and a B.A. in Anthropology and Environmental Studies from Washington University in St. Louis. Her research focuses on sustainable agricultural development, rural livelihoods, and conservation issues in the United States and East Africa. She is the co-editor of *Culture Agriculture Food & Environment* (CAFF).



Dr. Styles is the author of *Roses from Kenya: Labor, Environment, and the Global Trade in Cut Flowers* (2019, University of Washington Press). She teaches courses focused on environmental sustainability, the human dimensions of environmental issues, and sustainable food systems.

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as of October 2020



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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: _____

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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

Be sure to include your email address. Mail the form to WACCI, Box 2233, Springfield, IL, 62705, with a check payable to WACCI.

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"Roses from Kenya: Labor, Environ-
ment, and the Global Trade in Cut
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A promotional banner for the radio show "HEAR, HERE." The background is a black and white photograph of a person wearing glasses and driving a car, with their hands on the steering wheel. The text "HEAR, HERE." is written in large, bold, white capital letters across the center. Below it, the text "Listen every morning" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner, the "morning edition" logo is displayed in white. In the bottom right corner, the "npr Illinois 91.9 UIS" logo is displayed in white.