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WACCI Continues to Meet Via Zoom

The attendance at WACCI's fall programs on Zoom was very strong. Zoom will continue to make WACCI programs available to members and friends until we can again meet in person.

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 new Meeting ID 891 9912 9655. There is no password. 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.

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.**

**Thursday, February 18,
2021 at 7 pm via Zoom**
**Speaker: Rajesh Govindaiah,
MD, Memorial Health System**
**"Viruses, Vaccines, and
Vaccination - Bringing an End
to a Global Pandemic"**

Rajesh Govindaiah, MD, is the Memorial Health System senior vice-president and chief medical officer, responsible for administrative and clinical leadership and coordination. He collaborates with physicians, advanced practice providers, trainees, and the administrative/clinical staffs of all health system affiliates to advance the clinical environment. He oversees activities to improve patient outcomes in keeping with the Memorial Health System mission to improve the health of the people and communities served.

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**Wednesday, March 3
at 7 pm via Zoom**
**Speaker: Dr. Ben Buchanan,
Georgetown University**
"The Hacker and the State"

Tracing the conflict of wills and interests among modern nations, Ben Buchanan reveals details of how China, Russia, North Korea, Britain, and the United States hack one another in a relentless struggle for dominance. His analysis moves from underseas cable taps to underground nuclear sabotage, from blackouts and data breaches to billion-dollar heists and election interference. Using insider information based on interviews, declassified files, and forensic analysis of company reports, his book *The Hacker and the State* sets aside fantasies of cyber-annihilation to explore the real geopolitical competition of the digital age.

Buchanan illuminates this continuous cycle of espionage and deception, attack

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“Viruses and Vaccines” *continued*

A 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, Dr. Govindaiah completed his internal medicine residency at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor in 2005. He joined Springfield Clinic in 2006 and served there as chairman of the department of Hospital Medicine until 2010. He continues to practice clinically as a hospitalist.

Dr. Govindaiah has been actively involved in quality initiatives at Memorial Medical Center and served as co-chair of the Illinois Hospital Association’s Medical Executive Forum. Dr. Govindaiah is an associate professor of internal medicine at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.



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“The Hacker and the State” *continued*

and counterattack, destabilization and retaliation. He explains why cyber attacks are far less destructive than we anticipated, far more pervasive, and much harder to prevent. The contest for geopolitical advantage has moved into cyberspace. The United States and its allies can no longer dominate the way they once did. The nation that hacks best will triumph.

Ben Buchanan is a faculty member at Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service, where he conducts research on the intersection of cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and statecraft. He is the author of two books, *The Hacker and the State* (Harvard University Press, 2020) and *The Cybersecurity Dilemma* (Oxford University Press, 2017). He is also the Senior Faculty Fellow and Director of the CyberAI Project at Georgetown’s Center for Security and Emerging Technology, a five-year \$57 million effort to study AI and international affairs. Buchanan’s other publications include journal articles and peer-reviewed



papers on attributing cyber attacks, deterrence in cyber operations, cryptography, election cybersecurity, and the spread of malicious code between nations and non-state actors, as well as articles in the *Washington Post*, *War on the Rocks*, and *Lawfare*. Ben received his PhD in War Studies from King’s College London, where he was a Marshall Scholar. He earned master’s and undergraduate degrees from Georgetown University.

Get to Know the World Affairs Council of America

WACCI is one of three Illinois affiliates of the World Affairs Council of America (WACA), an independent, nonpartisan, national network comprised of more than 90 local Councils located in 40 states and the District of Columbia.

WACA's mission is "to expand civil discourse inclusively – including with individuals with whom we disagree, for this is the practice of democracy – to wrestle with ideas, perspectives, and policy decisions so that an informed public will engage responsibly in national and international affairs."

A Distinguished History

The World Affairs Councils of America traces its earliest roots to 1918, when the League of Free Nations Association was formed by 141 distinguished Americans, including the social reformer Paul Kellogg, to support President Woodrow Wilson's efforts to achieve a just peace. At the end of World War I, the Association's founders were concerned that Americans would choose isolationism over a foreign policy based on international engagement. They worked to promote and nurture public awareness of critical international issues affecting the U.S., and in 1923 reconstituted the organization as the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). John Foster Dulles and Eleanor Roosevelt were

among the FPA's incorporators.

Citizen discussion groups and FPA branches began to form and spread in the 1920s, 1930s, and after World War II – forerunners of the independent World Affairs Councils of subsequent decades. In 1954, the Great Decisions program was launched in Oregon. Based on the annual briefing book prepared by FPA's editors, Great Decisions has become the largest nonpartisan public education program on international affairs in the world.

WACA Today

The network of independent councils continued to flourish. In 1986, the National Council of World Affairs Organizations office was established in Washington, DC, and the organization was renamed the World Affairs Councils of America. Today, WACA makes good use of internet opportunities to encourage discourse. It offers frequent webinars on timely topics; a recent one focused on Egypt's possible role in stabilizing the Middle East. Other topics offered during January include "Politics in the Time of Coronavirus," "How Technology Transforms our Ethics," "The Future of US Policy in Afghanistan," and "Restoring U.S. Global Leadership."

Bill Gates Webinar

Worth noting is a webinar offered on Friday, February 19, by the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, featuring Bill Gates speaking on "How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need." This program, 1:00 to 2:00p.m. CST, requires purchase of a ticket and hardcover book for \$45, but most webinars are free, requiring only online registration. WACA also produces original podcasts every month and a newsletter.

Consider a visit to the WACA web site: <https://worldaffairsCouncils.org>

You will find a variety of information resources there.

WACA has stated, "In an age of globalization and a rapidly shifting international order, we believe that our mission – engaging the public and leaders to better understand global affairs and America's role in the world – is more vital than ever."

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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

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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Coming Events

LATE MARCH

Dr. Don Wuebble, University of Illinois
"Global Climate Change"
This presentation is in collaboration
with the UIS ECCE Series.

APRIL

Dr. Anne-Marie Hanson, UIS
"Rising to the Challenge"

MAY

Monday, May 3rd at 7pm
Dr. Susan Stokes
University of Chicago
"Why Protest"

A promotional banner for NPR Illinois Morning Edition. The background is a black and white photograph of a person wearing glasses and a plaid shirt, looking out of a car window. 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.