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### February 22, 2023

#### “Bridging the Global Health Disparities, the Central Illinois Experience”

**Speaker:** Dr. Edem Agamah, Department of Internal Medicine Associate Professor of Hematology and Oncology, SIU School of Medicine

**Reception:** 5:30 pm

**Dinner** 6:15 pm

**Program** 7:15 pm

**Location:** Illini Country Club

<https://mywacci.org>

Advanced dinner reservations required \$40.

The World Affairs Council of Central Illinois is honored to host Dr. Edem Agamah, Associate Professor of Hematology and Oncology in the Department of Internal Medicine, SIU School of Medicine. He will discuss his 25 years of work to improve health care in Ghana including the construction of a hospital that serves over 30,000 patients annually and the recruitment of over 140 doctors and medical students who volunteer their services.

Just last year in 2022, Dr. Agamah was among a group of speakers that included Dr. Careyana M. Brenham, and Dr. Wendi Wills El-Amin from SIU School of Medicine who spoke on global health.

In 2020-21 Dr. Agamah was past recipient of the award for American College Physicians for



Volunteerism and Community Service, and was featured in the Illinois Times with a story about his mission “Changing Lives in Ghana and Springfield” by Karen Ackerman-Witter in Nov 18, 2021

For more on the story see <https://www.illinoistimes.com/springfield/changing-lives-in-ghana-and->

## Dinner Reservations

Reservations are required for dinner and must be prepaid and received on or before **February 16, 2023**.

Pay online at [www.mywacci.org/future-programs/](http://www.mywacci.org/future-programs/) or mail the form below. 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](mailto: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.*

## “Bridging the Global Health Disparities, the Central Illinois Experience”

### Menu for 2.22.23

#### SALADS

##### GREEN SALAD

Chopped Romaine Lettuce, Tomatoes, Red Onions, Cucumbers, Avocado, Tossed In Coriander and Lime Dressing

##### PLANTAIN SALAD

Fried Plantains, Black-eyed Peas, Spring Onions, Hard Boiled Eggs, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Green Leaf Lettuce, Tossed in Garlic Citrus Palm Oil

#### ENTREES

##### Chicken and Peanut Stew

Braised Chicken Thighs with Peanuts, Chiles and herbs

##### Red Snapper

Pan Fried Red Snapper Fillets with Smoked Fish Gravy

#### SIDES

##### Jollof Rice

Grain Rice Stewed with Tomatoes, Onions, Pulled Chicken, Herbs and Spices

##### Oto

Smashed Yams with Caramelized Onions, Palm Oil, and Spices

#### DESSERT

##### Strawberry Fool

Strawberries folded into Cream with Port Wine

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### February 22, 2023 Event Dinner Reservation Form: - Deadline - February 16

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Per meal cost: \_\_\_Members \$40 \_\_\_Non-Members \$40

\_\_\_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  
*Dinner reservations can also be made online at [www.mywacci.org](http://www.mywacci.org)*

## Greetings

by Rochelle Arjmand, VP Publicity

Welcome back to our 2023 season! For those of you who may not have been able to join us, I share some highlights.

In the fall we had quite a roster of speakers when we hosted Nepal's Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Sridhar Khatri, and retired American Ambassador Scott Delisi (former Ambassador to Nepal); Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, Judge at the International Criminal Court in The Hague; Dr. Robert Goeckel, and Dr. Amanda Poole

WACCI also presented Dr. Roy Wehrle with a visionary award in recognition of his integral role in founding WACCI. Southeast High, Springfield High, Rochester High and SHG participated in our Young Diplomats program and their students had quite the experience, meeting with our speakers for in depth discussions before the presentation. Adding to their experience, they even had their picture taken with the ambassadors and professors. The students shared their thoughts with us and their enthusiasm participating in the Young Diplomats program..

This Spring we invite you to join us for yet another interesting season. WACCI will be joining the UIS ECCE speaker series in presenting April's event on Earth Day. "The Future of Energy: Climate Change, National Security, and How to Move Beyond Fossil Fuels"

Please stay tuned for more events. We Thank you for your continued support of WACCI and look forward to seeing you soon.

## Great Decisions Program

After a long hiatus WACCI is happy to announce that our Great Decisions program is back this Spring! Details coming soon. See [mywaaci.org](http://mywaaci.org) for more information about the Great Decisions program.

## Upcoming Programs

**MARCH TBD**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 26,  
6:00 P.M.**

*As part of the UIS ECCE speaker series on Earth Day "The Future of Energy: Climate Change, National Security, and How to Move Beyond Fossil Fuels,..."*

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## WACCI Membership Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your membership level:

\_\_\_\_\_ Benefactors - \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ Sustainers - \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ Supporters - \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Friends - \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Students - \$10

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