

CRITICAL ISSUES RESEARCH EXHIBIT

Monday, Nov. 23
Noon – 4 p.m.
EHS and Hoover Atriums

LACI students present the findings of their research on problems or challenges facing the nation today and offer solutions drawn from an integration of their liberal arts background, disciplinary training and Christian perspective.

In the Liberal Arts and Critical Issues (LACI) program, George Fox seniors integrate professional preparation, the liberal arts and Christian faith as they respond to a significant issue of current concern.

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Majority World and the West

**A Liberal Arts and
Critical Issues Series**

Fall 2015
Scheduled each Monday,
Sept. 7 through Nov. 9
Hoover 105
5-6 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m.



Balancing Western Values and Global Citizenship Sept. 7



Gina Miller
Assistant Professor of Politics and International Studies, George Fox University

The international system has been heavily shaped by Western ideas and innovations, especially since the end of the Second World War. However, the spread of Western influences has produced mixed outcomes, particularly regarding how many observers in the “majority world” perceive and react to Western involvement in national or regional issues and conflicts around the globe. How can Western leaders and citizens address issues of global concern in ways that respect other countries’ cultural and political differences?

The Middle East . . . Crisis and Transformation Sept. 14



Nawzad Othman
Founder, the Othman Group; Chair, World Affairs Council of Oregon

Not since the First World War has the Middle East seen such turmoil and change, from the failing states of Iraq, Syria, Libya and Yemen to the rise of ISIS (an existential threat to the region), the Arab Spring, struggles within Islam, the Sunni-Shia conflict, ongoing Israeli-Palestinian challenges and the demands for democracy. Where is this going? What can we do? Is there an opportunity for positive change?

Spiritual Nurture of Children and Transformational Development Sept. 21



Shelly Shupe Winterberg
World Vision International

As we seek to address issues of poverty and inequality across the globe, there is a tendency to create a one-directional service delivery ministry. How can we shift our focus to a more mutual relationship while also creating a holistic approach to development that addresses the spiritual needs of children and families?

Upgrading Health Care in Africa: Lessons from Ebola for the Future of Missions. Sept. 28



Doug Fountain
Medical Teams International

Ebola shocked the world and led to a scramble to make up for years of neglect in health services in three countries in West Africa. We’ll compare this with similar outbreaks in East Africa and identify new roles for Christian missions.

Restorative Earthkeeping and Global Development Oct. 5



Cherice Bock
Adjunct professor, George Fox University

What is the balance between using our brains to advance human ingenuity and well-being, and recognizing the limits of our planet? At what point do we have enough? And who is our neighbor?

Saharan MP3s to Vinyl Records: Sharing Music Across Cultures Oct. 12



Chris Kirkley
Music Producer, Sahel Sounds

In an increasingly digital world, cheap technologies are opening new means of production and distribution of global music. This talk will draw on Christopher Kirkley’s collaborations with musicians in West Africa and discuss the challenges inherent in cultural exchange. From ethnomusicology to “world music,” what’s next?

American Evangelicals Engaging Intelligently in African Development. Oct. 19



Joel Matthews
Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization

American evangelicals have enormous influence regarding the nature and direction of modernization in Africa, but this rarely leads to sustainable improvements for the poor, and may even hinder their advancement. What are evangeli-

cals doing wrong and how can it be made right? How can university graduates contribute to meaningful development in Africa, or indeed anywhere?

Human Trafficking: The Global Crisis and a Cry to Do Something Oct. 26



Don Sappington
Director for Strategic Initiatives, Remember Nhu

Human trafficking is at its core the dehumanizing of another human being. Marketing children and teenagers for sex is one of the most horrific forms of trafficking. It is happening across the globe and down the street. What is being done about this epidemic? What are you going to do about it?

It’s Complicated: Orphan Care, International Adoption and the West Nov. 2



Melanie Springer Mock
Professor of English, George Fox University

International adoption seems a logical solution to combat what some have termed a “global orphan crisis.” Yet adoption is a complex act, and cannot alone meet the needs of children in the majority world. How can we acknowledge the good parts of international adoption while also recognizing its problematic elements and its reliance on Western privilege?

Global Human Flourishing: Should Markets be Freer? Fairer? Forsaken? Nov. 9



Geri Mason
Assistant Professor of Economics, Seattle Pacific University

All agree that human flourishing is an urgent project all over the world, and especially in underdeveloped countries. But people disagree on the best general strategy for achieving the massive gains in quality of life people need so badly. How should we interact with profit-seeking corporations, advocates of fair trade, humanitarian NGOs, and governments that control institutions vital to development?