

CRITICAL ISSUES RESEARCH EXHIBIT

Monday, Nov. 25
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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State of the World

**A Liberal Arts
and Critical Issues Series**

Fall 2013

Scheduled each Monday,
Sept. 9 through Nov. 11
Hoover 105
4:40-5:40 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.



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Are We Making Progress in Global Development? Sept. 9



Michael MacLeod
Associate Professor of Politics and International Studies, George Fox University

In 2000, the world community created the “Millennium Development Goals” (MDGs), a plan to reach specific targets by 2015 in global poverty, education, gender inequality, child mortality, maternal health, diseases, and environmental sustainability. How are we doing? Where has there been success? What explains the failures? Are these goals realistic in the first place? Should we be thinking about “development” differently in the 21st century?

Challenges of Intercultural Communication: Americans and Japanese in Dialogue Sept. 16



Kazuko Ikeda
Associate Professor of Japanese, Pacific University

How do Americans understand people from other cultures? How do they understand us? This lecture focuses on communication style differences between the United States and Japan and touches also on the worldviews of Buddhism and Confucianism, highlighting the challenges Americans face whenever they work with people of different languages and cultures.

Film Night: Toxic Tears Sept. 23



Toxic Tears looks at the little-known darker side of the “Green Revolution” in India that transformed agriculture, but has negatively impacted thousands of farmers in the country. The film will be followed by a discussion with a panel of George Fox University professors.

K E Y N O T E L E C T U R E

The Role of the Foreigner in International Development Sept. 30



Roland Hoksbergen
Professor of Economics and International Development, Calvin College

The state of the developing world is getting better. Poverty is down. Education, health, and life expectancy are all up. Does that mean we can pack our bags and come home? Not so fast. Professor Hoksbergen will explain why.

Perspectives on the Christian Piece(s) of the Global Puzzle Oct. 7



Nancy Irving
Former General Secretary of Friends World Committee for Consultation

What is the role of Christianity and the place of Christians in the world? This talk draws on Nancy Irving’s experience in ecumenical work and explores the dynamics of religion, particularly Christianity, and how it is playing out in our supposedly secular world.

Cookstoves as an Appropriate Technology Oct. 14



Samuel Bentson
Laboratory Manager, Aprovecho Research Center

This lecture introduces the concept of technology appropriately made for specific cultural and environmental contexts and then shows the process of designing such technology-appropriate stoves.

Islam Today in the International Context Oct. 21



Harris Zafar
Spokesperson, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

Frequent commentator on radio and television, Harris Zafar explains the basics of Islamic belief and practice, where it is practiced today, and the role Islam plays in international affairs.

Missionary Work: The Old Model is Always New Oct. 28



Liber Aguiar
Pastor, Montavilla Baptist Ministerio Hispano

What should Christian missions look like in this postmodern age of innovation? Liber Aguiar argues that we must be creative and adaptable while remaining faithful to the apostolic foundation.

Microfinance in China: Challenges and Innovations Nov. 4



Geri Mason
Assistant Professor of Economics, Seattle Pacific University

Despite unique challenges, micro lending in China has birthed innovative solutions that have increased access to credit and other financial services for the poorest Chinese – and in turn have brightened the future of women in the country.

International Women’s Issues Nov. 11



Lucinda Tate and Natasha Beck
Representatives, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom

WILPF is the oldest women’s international peace organization. Tate and Beck will represent this multi-issue umbrella organization and each give a mini lecture on human trafficking and on women’s rights in Cuba.