



Global Minnesota



Peacebuilding Approaches to Countering Extremism

Diplomacy Begins Here: Global Ties U.S. Regional Summit

As societies around the world face the growing challenge of extremism, Minnesota has found itself at the center of this critical issue. What lessons can be drawn from our community's struggles to preserve both public safety and civil rights, address root causes of extremism without stigmatizing entire communities, and propose positive, community-based alternatives to the extremist message? And how can these lessons be applied to the global community? Join us as we answer these questions and more, and examine the role education, communication, and action play in battling extremism.

In partnership with the U.S. Department of State and Global Ties U.S., this summit seeks to validate and encourage community partnerships, energize efforts to effectively and positively engage young people, and help educate the broader community and dispel common fears and misconceptions. And drawing on global case studies, we'll look at different approaches to challenging this borderless issue.

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GLOBAL TIES U.S. REGIONAL SUMMIT



WHEN

Thursday, August 18
Summit 8:30 am–5:00 pm
Networking reception
5:30–7:00 pm

WHERE

Humphrey School of
Public Affairs, University
of Minnesota – Twin Cities
301 19th Ave. S,
Minneapolis

COST

Students \$35; Members \$50;
Nonmembers \$95; Includes
continental breakfast, buffet
lunch, and hors d'oeuvres
reception; Advance
registration required

Featured Speakers

- Congressman Keith Ellison
- Congressman Tom Emmer
- Abdirizak Farah, Senior Policy Advisor with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- Dr. Hedieh Mirahmadi, President of the World Organization for Resource Development and Education
- George Selim, Director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for Community Partnerships

Breakout Sessions

- Engaging Youth and Creating Economic Opportunity
- Women and Families as Agents of Peace
- Fostering Strategic Partnerships
- Cross-Cultural Community Building
- Social Media: Freedom of Expression and Positive Alternatives

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Local Global Connections



For many people, summer marks the perfect time of year to unwind and pare down. But not at Global Minnesota. Having wrapped up several successful programs including our annual gala, we look forward to producing a new slate of events, growing Global Minnesota, and preparing for what's looking to be a busy next couple of months.

This summer, we'll examine how Minnesotans are developing the state's global reputation through local initiatives, including creating innovative peacebuilding approaches to countering extremism, furthering diplomatic efforts through food and one Minnesota chef's culinary creations, and connecting young professionals to global issues. You'll also see us around town as a sponsor of Somali week and in partnership with the African Development Center, Isuroon, Ka Joog, and The Somali Museum of Minnesota as we take an in-depth look at Somali history, culture, and life in Minnesota.

We couldn't be more proud to be part of the important international work being done right here in our state. It's work that fights against the dangers of isolation, ignorance, and disregard for others. It's also work that broadens perspectives, deepens appreciation for that which is different from us, and helps us see our own culture more clearly. The breadth and depth of our July and August programs not only reflect Minnesota's global makeup but also build on our mission to make communities across the state culturally richer.

So, you don't have to hold a passport or travel the globe to experience the world. You've got Global Minnesota and our commitment to helping expand borders.

Carol

Carol Engebretson Byrne

Corporate member
Medtronic raises a glass
at our Celebration
of Korea Gala.



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events



Wednesday,

JULY

13

5:30-7:30 pm



Global Conversations: The Rise of ISIS

Born out of an umbrella organization of al-Qaeda in Iraq, the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) burst onto the international stage after it conquered Fallujah in 2013. Since then, the group has seized control of a number of critical strongholds in both countries and declared itself a caliphate. **FEATURING:** Molly Hayes, Program Director at the International Institute of Minnesota and former U.S. Department of State advisor on security issues in the Middle East and North Africa, will lead a discussion on what is ISIS and what danger does it present to today's global community?

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Free and open to the public; Advance registration requested

Tuesday,

JULY

26

5:30-8:00 pm



Culture Through Cuisine: Gastrodiplomacy

Chef Lenny Russo of Heartland Restaurant in St. Paul has earned the title Culinary Ambassador — a new kind of diplomat who utilizes food as a tool to foster cultural understanding and promote better relations between nations. At a special Culture Through Cuisine, we'll explore this concept of "gastrodiplomacy" and the one language everyone can speak: food. **FEATURING:** Over an expertly curated meal that highlights Heartland Restaurant's sustainable farm-to-table cuisine, award-winning chef, James Beard Award semifinalist, and member of the U.S. Department of State American Chef Corps, Lenny Russo will discuss the role culinary engagement plays in aiding America's formal and public diplomacy efforts.

Heartland Restaurant • 289 5th St. E, St. Paul • \$60; includes dinner, nonalcoholic beverages, tax, and gratuity
Priority registration for members and their guests only through July 12 by calling 612.625.1662;
Advance registration required

GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS is a monthly program series on issues significant to the United States' role in the global community. Global Conversations is based on Great Decisions, a citizen education and discussion program sponsored nationally by the Foreign Policy Association, and brought to you in partnership with the Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library.

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for Global Minnesota's e-newsletter at

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Thursday,
JULY
28
6:00-8:00 pm



Somalis in Minnesota: Enriching Our Culture, Economy, and Communities

It's estimated that more than 60,000 Somalis live in Minnesota — the most of any state in the U.S. Since their arrival in 1993, Somali immigrants have become an integral thread in the tapestry of Minnesota life. In partnership with the African Development Center, Isuroon, Ka Joog, and The Somali Museum of Minnesota, we'll take a look at the history and culture of Somalis in Minnesota, as well as the economic, political, and cultural contributions they make to our state. **FEATURING:** Ahmed Ismail Yusuf, author of "Somalis in Minnesota," will guide us through

the story of one of the state's largest immigrant groups. Following his presentation, a panel discussion will explore Somali success in education, health care, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement, as well as ongoing challenges faced by these new Minnesotans.

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AUGUST
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Global Conversations: Climate Geopolitics

In the past few years, the American public has become more aware of the damage wrought by climate change. From droughts in the west to extreme weather in the east, a rapidly changing climate has already made its footprint in the U.S. And its worldwide consequences pose global concerns. **FEATURING:** Joseph Robertson, Global Strategy Director at Citizens' Climate Education and leader of Pathways to Paris, will lead a discussion on what can be done to stymie this global environmental crisis and whether it's too late for these efforts to be effective?

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SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendar for our fall Great Decisions Conference on **international migration**, Friday, October 7.

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Celebration of KOREA

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More than **350** global Minnesotans helped make this year's gala a success. Thank you for the tremendous support, generosity, and...fun!



Check out more event photos on Global Minnesota's Facebook page.



A Focus on Colombia

A successful Year of Korea has officially wrapped and we've shifted our attention to Colombia, Global Minnesota's focus country for 2016-17. Rich in culture with a diverse history, Colombia has undergone a remarkable transformation in recent years that has placed the nation on a path to peace and prosperity.

A strategic member of the international community, Colombia shares a close and strong relationship with the U.S. that links the governments of both nations around several key issues and emphasizes a commitment to democracy and cultural exchange. Join us in the year ahead as we examine U.S.-Colombia relations and connect Minnesotans to our South American partner.



Global Minnesota President Carol Engebretson Byrne met with Ambassador of Colombia Juan Carlos Pinzón during a recent trip to Washington, D.C.



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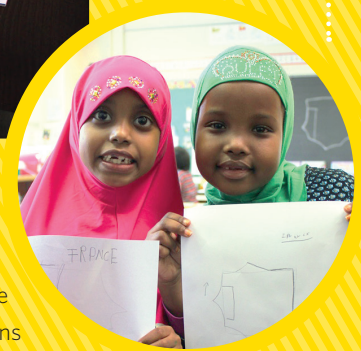
This year we've seen a lot of change. A new name. A new look. But one thing hasn't changed. **Members are, and will always be, at the heart of our mission.**

As our fiscal year ends, hundreds of members and donors responded to the call and raised much-needed funds to keep our programs going, including a recent donation by the Merriam family in support of our Global Socials, which connect international visitors with members and local Minnesotans.



From attending events to referring your friends, YOU are Global Minnesota. Thank you for your engagement, partnership, and support as we explore the world and make Minnesota global.

Minneapolis students proudly display their maps of France during a Classroom Connection visit.



Members of the Merriam family — Laura Merriam and Peter Armstrong, Howie Merriam, and Carolyn Jenkins and Matt Ginther — connect with visitors from Costa Rica, Honduras, Iraq, Peru, and Saudi Arabia. The Merriam family's support, in honor of longtime volunteer and Global Minnesota member Katherine W. Merriam, has helped make Minnesota an important exchange destination.