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**Theodore Kattouf, Former ambassador, President of AMIDEAST, and Penn State alumnus**  
Executive Education Building  
11:15-12:30 pm

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**Literacy in Mobility: Negotiation of Literacies across Transnational Contexts. Madhav Kafle, Penn State**  
124 Sparks, 5-6:30 pm

**4/10 Cathleen Campbell, President and Chief Executive Officer of CRDF Global**  
Katz Building  
11:15-12:30 pm

**4/14 Re-writing Japonisme: Félix Régamey's *The Pink Notebook of Madame Chrysanthème***  
Christopher Reed  
102 Kern 12:15 pm

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**Karl Hofmann, Former Ambassador, President and Chief Executive Officer of Population Service International**  
Executive Education Building  
11:15-12:30 pm

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**Taking Your Medicine: Love Magic and Body in Colonial Yucatán**  
Rebekah Martin, Penn State  
124 Sparks 1:30-2:30 pm

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**Lashman Yapa, Penn State**  
Executive Education Building  
11:15-12:30 pm

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**Kevin Hagopian, Penn State**  
102 Kern  
12:15 pm

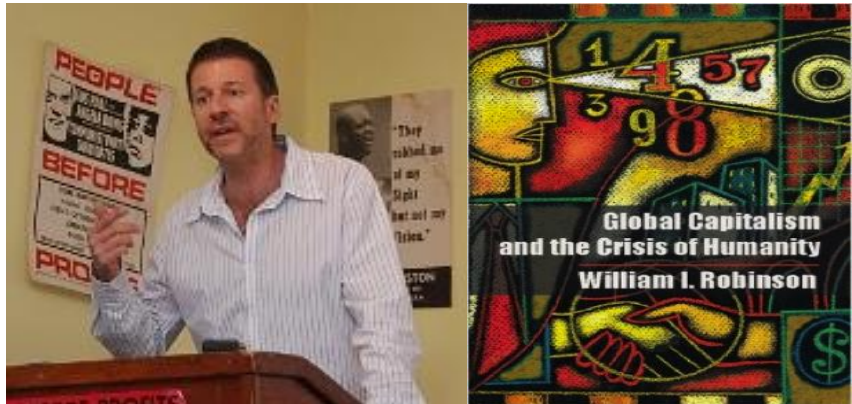
### Sociology Professor on Global Capitalism/Globalism

On April 9<sup>th</sup> the Center for Global Studies will host Professor William Robinson to lecture about *Global Capitalism and the Crisis of Humanity*. The lecture will take place in 124 Sparks from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The lecture is focused on the negatives stemming from global capitalism and how it is affecting our world. Robinson on the topic says, "the immense inequalities of the global political economy cannot easily be contained through consensual mechanisms of social control; we have been witnessing transitions from social welfare to social control states around the world." He argues that we are facing violent consequences of these economic disparities and will explain why on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

In this colloquium, William I. Robinson, professor of sociology, global and international studies, and Latin American studies at the University of California-Santa Barbara, will look at these and related topics as he discusses his forthcoming book, *Global Capitalism and the Crisis of Humanity*. Robinson has published numerous books on globalism, most recently *Latin America and Global Capitalism: A Critical Globalization Perspective*, and *A Theory of Global Capitalism: Production, Class, and State in a Transnational World*.

-Katie Black



### School of International Affairs Introduces 5-year Master's Program

In a presentation led by Center for Global Studies director Sophia McClennen, the Penn State School of International Affairs (SIA) announced that it will be introducing a five year master's program starting next semester (Cont. on page 2)



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## SIA Five Year Masters Program Cont.

Current Political Science and International Politics students are encouraged to enroll in the program that would allow them to earn a master's degree along with their bachelor's degree by adding just one year to their studies. As an added benefit, applicants would not be required to take the GRE, and could instead use their SAT scores submitted to Penn State as undergrads.

The school offers several tracks as courses of study, allowing for a flexible curriculum. The tracks include humanitarian response and human rights, international security, international education, development policy, environment and resources, and dispute resolution— along with a core of required classes. Accepted students will begin integrating graduate courses into their fourth year schedule, with overlapping requirements allowing for the course load to be lighter.

Admission to the program will be competitive; applicants must maintain exceptional GPA's in undergraduate coursework, as well as submit a letter of recommendation, along with the approval of the Political Science department. The Penn State School of International Affairs boasts an impressive faculty of scholars and professionals, as well as an accomplished pool of students, providing a diverse and global alumni network able to cultivate outstanding professional opportunities. The school also provides students with a career services network to help place students in internship positions, as well as seek employment after graduation.

The presentation included a Q&A session with current students, who offered an inside perspective on graduate school. These students elaborated on the unique experiential curriculum, as well as their experiences as students, interns, and researchers. Academic advisors were also present at the information session, explaining to students how selecting graduate courses as undergrad students would be worked into scheduling. The School of International Affairs also offers a joint degree with the Dickinson School of Law.

-Ali Gatlin

## Going to Tehran Talk

In partnership with the School of International Affairs (SIA), The Center for Global Studies sponsored a discussion led by Dr. Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett on Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>. The discussion focused on their controversial book titled *Going to Tehran*. Dr. Sam Richards facilitated the discussion and began by asking the speakers questions that would give audience members an insight into the book and then facilitated questions the audience had for the Leveretts. In the book, the Leveretts state that the Islamic Republic of Iran is a rising regional power in the Middle East. Contrary to Washington's agenda, *Going to Tehran* argues that the United States will be unable to establish hegemonic dominance in the Middle East by discrediting the legitimacy of the Iranian government. During the discussion, Hillary Leverett stated that the Iranian Republic "functions to serve the needs of the people" and that a majority of Iranians support the current regime. The authors supported this belief with evidence of Hassan Rouhani's presidential election in 2013, which demonstrated a fair election despite Western "experts" saying that Rouhani could never win in a "fixed" system.





## Going To Tehran Cont.

The United States media has portrayed Iran as a target but the Leveretts' book looks at Iran as a country with which America must co-exist. Flynt Leverett compared the current situation in Iran to China in the 1970s when Richard Nixon traveled to Beijing to open communication between the two countries and by doing so, Nixon re-aligned relations with China. Current Iranian policy in Washington is driven by pursuit of hegemonic dominance, oil in the Middle East, and control over how oil is distributed to countries in Asia and Europe. The United States cannot view Iran as a rogue nation in order to improve relations in the Middle East, but rather must work with Iran in areas of mutual interest. In matters the two countries will never agree on, such as terrorist groups and Israel, Iran and the United States must have open dialogue to avoid going to war. When asked what she would say to a room full of Iranians, Hillary Leverett stated, "As the United States needs to come to terms with Iran, Iranians must come to terms with America" further proving that a working relationship between the two countries is imperative to avoid a major conflict. Overall, the discussion suggested looking at Iran in a way that challenges how Washington has been dealing with the country for the past thirty years and by "going to Tehran," the United States will avoid a strategic catastrophe.

-Annie Goodrich



## SIA Talk by Paul Pillar

On Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>, the School of International Affairs and the Center for Global Studies hosted Paul Pillar, a former senior intelligence officer. He spoke of his experience working for the Central Intelligence Agency, integrity in the field, and shared anecdotes from his time in the department.

He started by talking about the ethical dilemmas employees of the CIA face. For example, he mentioned a time when, during the search for Bin Laden, the CIA enlisted a Pakistani doctor to go into the compound where Bin Laden was rumored to be living and get a blood sample. This raised questions of ethics because it caused endangerment to the doctor, healthcare workers, and to immunization programs in general.

When speaking of mistakes that his colleagues may have made in their time with the CIA, he concedes that he very possibly would have made similar decisions in their shoes. He joked that he probably would have taken the easy way out at the time but that "when I wrote a memoir I might have looked back and been like 'I shouldn't have done that.'" He encouraged the audience to see that while we may see the moral transgression in some CIA actions now, 20/20 hindsight is very different than when you are making a quick decision in the heat of something.

He also spoke to the idea of politics playing a role in Intelligence. He says that recently Conservatives accused liberals of putting personal policy into their decisions, but does not agree that this is the case. However, Pillar does agree that subtle politicization does occur in the agency.

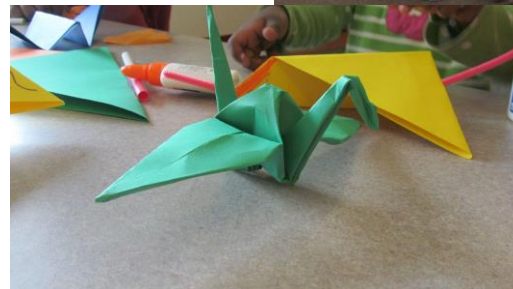
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Lastly, Pillar talked about the idea of “staying in one’s lane” as a general rule while working for the CIA. He shared that sometimes this is not always the right decision. He argues that “sometimes following orders is not enough,” but admits that he does not know what the right decision is. You can get into ethical, legal, and political trouble if you follow orders (if doing so poses a moral dilemma) and you can get into trouble if you do not follow government orders when that is what you have been hired to do. He says to keep in mind that your salary is being paid by taxpayers and that you should always try to think of what is in their best interest and do what they are paying you to do.

There was a long question and answer section following his speech. This was extremely helpful for the School of International Affairs students interested in similar careers. He provided very good advice for students looking to follow in his footsteps and pursue in government and security.

-Kelly Diaz

These photos were taken during our *World Stories Alive!* Turkish and Japanese sessions.



## Schedule for *World Stories Alive!* *Tales in Many Tongues*

April 5	French
April 12	Arabic
April 26	Hindi

### Our Mission

The Center for Global Studies (CGS) has been designated a Title VI National Resource Center by the Department of Education. Working in collaboration with Penn State’s many excellent international initiatives, faculty and students from multiple disciplines, and K-12 schools in the region, the CGS is dedicated to the growth and support of global studies.

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