



The Passport

World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (www.wacmb.org)

March 2019

Rebuilding Iraq After ISIS

Professor Heather Gregg

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Naval Postgraduate School

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

11:30 am: Registration ~11:50 am: Luncheon ~12:45 pm: Program

** Palo Corona Park HQ, Carmel Valley Road (formerly Rancho Canada) **

Iraq has been ravaged in recent years by cycles of warfare, a growing refugee crisis, crippling sectarianism, and the violent spread of the self-styled Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). Although the U.S.-led war in Iraq officially ended in 2011, there is widespread concern that Iraq poses a long-term challenge to stability in the region. What are the threats facing Iraq today? What can the United States and other countries do to help stabilize Iraq and get it on the right path to self-sufficiency and stability?



Professor Heather Gregg will draw on her new book, *Building the Nation: Missed Opportunities in Iraq and Afghanistan* (University of Nebraska Press, 2018), to briefly review what the United States initially aimed to do

with the 2003 invasion of Iraq, what went wrong, and what can be done moving forward.

Heather Gregg is an Associate Professor in the Department of Defense Analysis, Graduate School of Operational and Information Sciences, at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). Before joining the faculty of NPS, she was an Associate Political Scientist at the RAND Corporation. Professor Gregg earned a

Ph.D. in Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and an M.A. in Theological Studies with a focus on Islam at Harvard Divinity School.

(See page 3 for reservation information.)

Calendar of Events

Mondays, March 4 - March 25

4:00 - 5:30 pm

Great Decisions: MPC and CSUMB/OLLI

(See page 2 for more information.)

Thursday, March 7

4:30 pm

Board Meeting: McCone Building Conference Room, MIIS. Open to members.

Wednesday, March 27

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Luncheon and Presentation: *Rebuilding Iraq After ISIS*, by Heather S. Gregg

GREAT DECISIONS

The *Great Decisions* program, America's largest discussion program about world affairs, continues in March, concluding on March 25. Your World Affairs Council offers the program at two sites: MPC and OLLI /CSUMB. Topics this month will include the following:

- Decoding US-China Trade
- Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics
- The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested
- The State of the State Department and Diplomacy.

MPC: Meetings are on Mondays from 4:00 - 5:30 pm in Room 101, Social Sciences Building. Parking is available for \$3 in Lot D.

OLLI/CSUMB: Meetings are on Mondays from 4:00-5:30 pm at the CSUMB Ryan Ranch location. Parking is free. Note: Preregistration is required for OLLI programs. Register at olli.csumb.edu (do not include a "www" at the beginning of the URL).

Luncheon Price Increase

Please note that the prices for our luncheons have gone up, beginning this month. The price for members is now \$31 and the price for guests is \$40. If you're not a member, join now and save \$9 on every luncheon!

Your WACMB board made the decision to raise the prices for our luncheons because our luncheon venues have raised the prices that they charge us. If we hadn't raised the rates, we'd lose money on every luncheon. We think you'll agree that the quality programs offered by WACMB are easily worth the price.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The World Affairs Council of Monterey Bay is pleased to welcome our new members:

Ray Hiebert and Sheila Gibbons Hiebert

Bonnie Lockwood

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Deborah and Peter Stern



WACA Newsletters

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To sign up for these free email newsletters, go to www.worldaffairsCouncils.org, click on the Menu box (the gray box with three white stripes in the upper right corner), and then click on "Newsroom." You can read previous newsletters and sign up to receive new ones (and you can unsubscribe at any time).

Check out this free service for WAC members!

RESERVATION FORM

Reservations due March 22 for March 27 presentation

Registration 11:30 am

Mail form and check or credit information to:

Members @ \$31 _____

Luncheon 11:50 am

WACMB, PO Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942

Guests @ \$40 _____

Program 12:45 pm

or fax reservation form to (831) 643-1846

Total \$ _____

or register online. See the reminder, below, for instructions

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Name/s _____ Card Holder Name _____

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Email _____ Phone _____ Exp Date _____ Visa _____ MC _____

Vegetarian? (Requires 72 hours notice) _____ Signature _____

Questions? Call the office at (831) 643-1855

REMINDER

You can now register for luncheons online on the WACMB website.

Why waste an envelope and a stamp, and then hope that your form makes it to the office before the deadline, when you can log on and register in just a few minutes?

Go to www.wacmb.org, click the Luncheon link on the News and Events menu (on the upper right side of the home page), and scroll down to the Registration section. Click the link to register and pay online, and follow the instructions there. It's easy for you *and* for our office staff!

LUNCHEON MENU

- Hearts of Romaine Salad, tossed with Walnuts and Raspberry Vinaigrette
- Chicken Fettucini Alfredo
- Steamed Garden Vegetables
- Fresh Rolls and Butter
- Coffee

VEGETARIAN OPTION

- Pasta topped with Zesty Marinara Sauce

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