



The Passport

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

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Quick Takes: World Issues in the Age of Covid-19

Quick Takes is a series of short video presentations by leading experts in international affairs. Beginning this month, one new *Quick Take* will be produced each month instead of the usual two. New *Quick Takes* are posted to our website each month. Once posted, **they are permanently available for you to view at your convenience.** To access the latest video, go to www.wacmb.org, where you will immediately see it on the home page. For a list of archived *Quick Takes* that are still available, please see page 3 of this *Passport*.

August 15, 2021: William Taylor, US Institute of Peace

Russia - The United States - Ukraine: Where Do We Go From Here?



Ambassador William Taylor served as US Ambassador to Ukraine from 2006 to 2009, and returned to Kyiv as chargé d'affaires from June 2019 to January 2020. In his *Quick Take* remarks, Ambassador Taylor discusses how Russia's aggression against its neighbor Ukraine has prevented it from rejoining the community of law-abiding nations. He explores problems that require US-Russian interaction, but asserts that Russia cannot re-establish normal relations with the United States until it restores Ukrainian sovereignty over all Ukrainian territory.

William Taylor is Vice President, Strategic Stability and Security, at the US Institute of Peace in Washington, DC. He previously oversaw US assistance and support to Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, and Syria during the Arab Spring. He was the US government's representative to the Mideast Quartet, which facilitated Israel's disengagement from Gaza and part of the West Bank. He served in Baghdad as the first director of the Iraq Reconstruction Management Office, and in Kabul as the coordinator of US and international assistance to Afghanistan. Ambassador Taylor is a graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point and of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He served in the US Army as an infantry platoon leader and combat company commander in Vietnam and Germany.



WACMB in Profile: Doug Rogers

“WACMB in Profile” is a series of occasional articles that profile the people who make our organization tick.

If you’ve ever heard a WACMB program announcement on KAZU, or seen a WACMB ad in the *Monterey County Weekly*, it’s Doug Rogers you have to thank. As the WACMB Publicity Chair, Doug has utilized many different media to get the word out about our programs. Given his skill in his position, you may be surprised to learn that Doug does not have a background in public relations. An “Army brat,” Doug was born on Cape Cod and grew up in New York state, Texas, Georgia, Alaska, and Japan. Both of his brothers graduated from West Point, so when it came time to choose a college and a career, he went into the family business, enrolling at West Point himself, where he was awarded a BS in engineering in 1969. Around this time, he married Ginny, the love of his life; they had two sons and were married for fifty years, until Ginny passed away in 2019.

Doug became an artillery officer and served in the Army for ten years, including a stint in Vietnam during the war. His last three years in the Army were spent at Fort Ord. He and Ginny decided then that Monterey was a special place, and they began investing in real estate here, although they did not settle down here for many years. Instead, after earning a master’s in human resources management from Pepperdine, Doug went to work for Kurt Salmon Associates (KSA), a management consulting firm based in Atlanta. This job took him all over the US and Puerto Rico. In 1985, he was sent to Asia, where he remained until he retired, living in Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, and Hong Kong, while

working for KSA, Polo Ralph Lauren, and as an independent consultant in just about every country in Southeast Asia and the subcontinent. His work involved creating and implementing production efficiency projects and personnel training, and assisting with strategic planning.

Doug and his family greatly appreciated the opportunity to live abroad and travel the world, making life-long friendships and seeing many interesting places. But he’s also enjoying his retirement, which began in 2017. He fills his days with managing family assets, continued travel, three grandchildren, catching up on being an American in America after so many years abroad, and, of course, with his volunteer service to WACMB. At the moment, he is supervising reconstruction of his house after a 120-foot pine tree fell on it in a rainstorm in the middle of the night on January 27. Doug says that he has not had a boring moment yet in his retirement. It’s easy to see why!

Discussion Group

On Monday, August 2, the WACMB Discussion Group will consider a comparative analysis of healthcare systems abroad. The topic ties into Victor Rodwin’s July 30 *Quick Take* on the same subject, and will be further supported by Dr. Mike Wilson, who will explain the elements of universal healthcare. A short paper by Peter Levin on challenges to the US healthcare system will provide further context. The meeting will take place on Zoom from 4:00-5:30 pm.

The WACMB Discussion Group is facilitated by Judith Glickman and Boyd Haight. If you are interested in participating in the group, please send an email to info@wacmb.org and let them know.

Come join the conversation!

Quick Takes: The Archive

All of the *Quick Takes* videos produced since the program began in June 2020 can be viewed at any time. Go to www.wacmb.org. At the top of the homepage, you'll see an image from the latest video. Look just below that image and you'll find a link that says "To see the full list of Quick Takes and other videos, click here." Here's a complete list of what's available in the archive, listed by speakers and their topics (not titles).

6-15-20: Glenn E. Robinson, *Global jihad*

6-30-20: Craig Whiteside, *ISIS*

7-15-20: Mike Clancy, *Covid and climate change*

7-30-20: Philipp Bleek, *How prepared were governments to deal with Covid?*

8-15-20: Emily Meierding, *Oil and gas disputes*

8-30-20: Robert Tomlinson, *National security affairs during Covid*

9-15-20: Anshu Chatterjee, *Modi's agenda*

9-30-20: Jonathan Czarnecki, *Globalization and governance*

10-15-20: Bradley Strawser, *The ethics of warfare*

10-30-20: Anna Grzymala-Busse, *Populism in Hungary and Poland*

11-15-20: Michael Auslin, *Geopolitics in Asia*

11-30-20: Jonathan Lipman, *The Uyghurs in China*

12-15-20: J. Morris Hicks, *A sustainable future*

1-15-21: Kent Glenzer, *International organizations in a pandemic*

1-30-21: Gregory Gause, *Persian Gulf security*

2-15-21: Bruce Jones, *The long crisis of order*

2-30-21: Charles Kupchan, *Isolationism and internationalism in US statecraft*

3-15-21: Thomas Fingar, *China's grand strategy*

3-30-21: Frank Hawke, *Is China's development model sustainable?*

4-15-21: Isebill Gruhn, *Brexit*

4-30-21: Mikhail Tsympkin, *Russia's failing democracy*

(*Quick Takes: The Archive*, cont'd.)

5-15-21: Sean Everton, *Dark networks*

5-30-21: Alex Newhouse, *Accelerationism*

6-15-21: James Russell, *US-Israeli relations*

6-30-21: Clinton Watts, *Issues caused by social media*

7-15-21: Andrew Bacevich, *America's new role*

7-30-21: Victor Rodwin, *Health systems abroad*

... and coming soon:

8-15-21: William Taylor, *Russia, the US, and Ukraine*

Many thanks to the members of the WACMB Program Committee, led by Judy Sloan, for creating the *Quick Takes* format and bringing us such a stellar array of experts on world affairs. Your hard work is very much appreciated!

Survey Results

Last month, WACMB members were asked to complete a brief survey regarding your thoughts about resuming our usual monthly luncheons. The results are now in. 105 members returned the survey, and 100 answered both questions.

- When should in-person luncheons resume?
October 2021: 75
November 2021: 7
December 2021: 4
January 2022: 7
May 2022: 1
... and 11 voted for September 2021, which was not on the list of options. (Your enthusiasm is appreciated!)
- Vaccines will be required. Must proof of vaccination be provided in order to attend?
Yes: 55
Use the honor system: 45

Thank you for your input! The rapid spread of the Delta variant will be taken into consideration as we decide when to resume our luncheons. The health of our members remains our top priority.

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