



The Passport

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Cross Strait Relations:

How the China-Taiwan Conflict Could Intensify US-China Competition

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

**** Hilton Garden Inn, Aguajito Road, Monterey ****

Complex historic legacies undergird the triangular relationship between Taiwan, China, and the United States. This history now faces the realities of contemporary Asian affairs: a powerful China, a vibrant democracy in Taiwan, and shifting US policies. Professor Christopher Twomey examines the trilateral relationship and why some analysts believe the Taiwan Strait is becoming one of the most dangerous flashpoints in the world.



engagements across Asia. He has been the lead organizer of the US-China Strategic Dialogue, a diplomatic meeting on strategic nuclear issues, since its inception in 2005. He has previously taught or conducted research at Harvard University, Boston College, RAND, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, UC San Diego, and the University of California's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation.

Dr. Christopher Twomey joined the faculty of the Naval Postgraduate School in 2004, where he is an Associate Professor in the Department of National Security Affairs. Today, he supports the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Policy) and the State Department on a range of diplomatic

Dr. Twomey is the author of *The Military Lens: Doctrinal Differences and Deterrence Failure in Sino-American Relations* (Cornell University Press, 2010). He earned his PhD in Political Science from MIT.

For more information on WACMB's vaccination and attendance policies, please see page 4.

WACMB in Profile: Mike Wilson

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

When it's time to renew your WACMB membership, the person who contacts you is Michael Wilson, the chair of the Membership Committee. Mike also emails you your *Passport* every month. You'd expect someone who takes on these responsibilities to be focused and detail-oriented, able to maneuver around obstacles like a slalom skier, and you'd be right. As a retired cardiologist and former military officer, Mike has both skills in abundance (plus the ability to get down a ski slope quickly).

Mike was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. Tragically, his father died when Mike was nine years old and his mother when he was 15. At that point, Mike moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and finished high school. He attended Washington and Jefferson College in a suburb of Pittsburgh, graduating with a Pre-Med degree, and then went to the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, where he earned his MD. He stayed at Pitt for an internship and residency in internal medicine, then moved on to Ohio State School of Medicine for a residency in cardiovascular disease. Midway through his residency, Uncle Sam came calling, and Mike spent two years in the Army. Those would be momentous years, for two reasons. The first year, Mike was stationed in Da Nang, Vietnam. While on leave in Tokyo, he met Maryellen, who was working as a flight attendant. The two were married the next year. Mike was stationed at the Fort Ord Hospital then, and their wedding was held at the Naval Postgraduate School. They fell in love with the Monterey area; 15 years later, they bought a house in Carmel that they rented out and would later use as a second home.

After Mike was discharged from the Army and finished up his cardiology training at Ohio State, he and Maryellen settled in Modesto, where they raised their daughter and identical twin sons, and where Mike worked as a clinical cardiologist for almost 24 years. Then, given how young both of his parents had been when they passed away, Mike retired at 55 and the family moved to Truckee, from which they pursued their two passions of skiing and traveling. When they weren't able to be on the slopes, they hiked, golfed, and played tennis. They began to spend five months of each year in Carmel.

After 20 years in Truckee, Mike and Maryellen were still alive and quite well, and so they decided to move to Carmel full time. They continue to travel, especially to Edinburgh, Scotland, where their daughter and son-in-law are raising their two little Scottish grandkids. When they're at home, their days are filled with walks around town and along the water, and with involvement in the many community and cultural offerings in the area, including WACMB. Mike's friend Peter Powles, a former WACMB President, invited him to a luncheon, and Mike became a member right away. He also joined a discussion group, and was recruited to the board by Larry Johnson, who was then President. Is chairing the Membership Committee as challenging as navigating down a double black diamond ski run? Both require focus and attention to detail, and we're all glad that Mike is here to do the job!

Great Decisions Continues!

Great Decisions, produced by the Foreign Policy Association of America, is the country's largest discussion program. Your World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area offers two *Great Decisions* groups this year: one solely through WACMB, and one in collaboration with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at CSUMB. Both groups meet online every Monday from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Each session begins with a thirty-minute Master Class lecture, followed by a moderated group discussion. Moderators are Boyd Haight, Linda Dilger, and John Hetz.

Great Decisions 2022 Schedule

Week 5, March 7: Myanmar and ASEAN

Week 6, March 14: The Quad Alliance

Week 7, March 21: Industrial Policy

Week 8, March 28: Drug Policy in Latin America

Week 9, April 4: Biden's Agenda

(The OLLI group concludes after Week 8; only the WACMB group will meet for Week 9)

RESERVATION FORM

Reservations due March 22. Luncheon is at the Hilton Garden Inn in Monterey.

Registration: 11:30 am

Luncheon: 11:50 am

Program: 12:50 pm

Mail form and check or credit information to:

WACMB, PO Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942

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Webinar with Richard Haass

Your World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area, in partnership with other California World Affairs Councils, is delighted to sponsor a free online lecture by Dr. Richard Haass. This will be the second in an exciting new initiative by the WACs that is designed to increase content for all of our members.

Dr. Haass has been the President of the Council on Foreign Relations for nearly two decades, following a distinguished career in diplomacy and government service. He was a Rhodes Scholar, earned a PhD from Oxford University, and is the author or editor of fifteen books.

Dr. Haass's lecture will be presented live online on Tuesday, March 29. You won't want to miss this! Watch your email or our website for further information, including a link to register for this program.

LUNCHEON MENU

- Spinach Salad Topped with Berries and Balsamic Vinagrette
- Honey Dijon Garlic Chicken Breast on Almond Couscous
 - Green Beans
 - Fresh Bread and Butter
 - Carrot Cake
 - Coffee

VEGETARIAN OPTION

Bell Peppers Stuffed with Almond Couscous, Raisins, Sun-Dried Tomatoes, and Olives

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Vaccination Requirements

- All those attending luncheons (or any other WACMB in-person events) must show proof of full Covid-19 vaccination, including a booster.
- To prove your vaccination status, you can present either your vaccination card or your State of California QR code.
- You only need to present such proof once. Your documentation will be noted, and that box will be automatically checked for future meetings.
- For the time being, no auditors will be permitted to attend any WACMB in-person meetings. This is to ensure that every person in the room has been vaccinated and boosted.
- Thank you for your cooperation with our efforts to keep our members healthy!

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