

## The Passport Newsletter December 2023



Politics of the War in Gaza

Professor James Russell

Department of National Security Affairs Naval Postgraduate School Monday, December 18, 2023

Hilton Garden Inn 11:15 AM: Registration 11:45 AM: Lunch 12:30 PM: Speaker Presentation & Questions Hilton Garden Inn, 1000 Aguajito Road, Monterey Registrations are due by Thursday, December 14, 2023

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is here in the United States. The area is now a key arena for global power politics.

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The Israel-Hamas War has polarized political constituencies across the globe, not the least of which

James Russell, a specialist on the Middle East and popular guest at our forum, will discuss the war in Gaza in the context of local, regional, and global politics. He will also assess American strategy and policy to recast a peaceful and stable region across the Middle East.

James A. Russell serves as Associate Professor at the Naval Postgraduate School where he teaches

courses on U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, military innovation, and national security strategy. His articles and commentaries have appeared in a wide variety of media and scholarly outlets around the world. From 1988 – 2001, Dr. Russell held a variety of positions in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Near East and South Asia, Department of Defense.

Professor Russell holds a Master's in Public and International Affairs from the University of

Pittsburgh and a Ph.D. in War Studies from the University of London.

### Hilton Garden Inn

1000 Aguajito Road,

Location

Big Sur Room

Monterey, CA

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**Tickets** 

\$36 for World Affairs Council

\$41 for Guests

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Vaccination

### Bread and Butter

Menu

Spinach Salad with Mandarin Oranges, Blueberries, Feta Cheese & Balsamic Dressing

Honey Dijon Garlic Chicken Breast

Served with Green Beans

Vegetarian Alternative

Bell Peppers Filled with Almond Couscous,

Raisins, Sun Dried Tomatoes & Green Olives

Over Toasted Almond Couscous

Served with Green Beans Lemon Bars with Berries

Register online for this event

please email info@wacmb.org to reserve a spot by the registration deadline.

Until further notice documentation of COVID vaccination

no later than Friday, December 15th to www.wacmb.org. Auditors will be allowed entry at 12:20 pm.

**Welcome to Our New Members** 

Registrations are due by Thursday, December 14, 2023

Please Note: Our registration desk and name tag pick up has moved inside the Big Sur Room.

If you encounter difficulties with our online registration or wish to audit the presentation

Requirements will not be required to attend in-person events. WACMB will accept auditors to this event, requiring notification to the WACMB office

Peter Anastos

Marly Auerbach

Whitney Gravel

Norman and Suzanne Book



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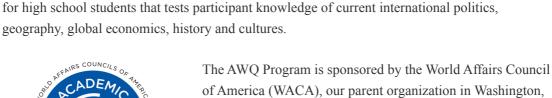
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Peggy Munoz-Meador

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Maria and Guillermo Owen

Joanne and Lowell Webster



D.C..Funds raised for our Monterey County high school

competition will provide both cash awards for the three highest

local High Schools with the Academic World Quest (AWQ) youth education program. The

WACMB is thrilled to be selected again for the annual MC - Gives campaign supporting local nonprofits in Monterey County. Our Big Idea brings the discussion and study of global issues to our

Academic world Quest (AWQ) Program, a National contest with a fun, fast-paced team competition

placed teams and an all-expense paid trip for the winning team of 4 students and their Coach to compete in the National competition in Washington D.C. next April. Last year's local winning team Monterey High School will be looking to repeat their success against other County high Schools. Help Us Meet Our Goal

Donations submitted at https://www.montereycountygives.com/nonprofit/world-affairs-council-of-monterey-bay-area-inc/ beginning November 9th through the end of December

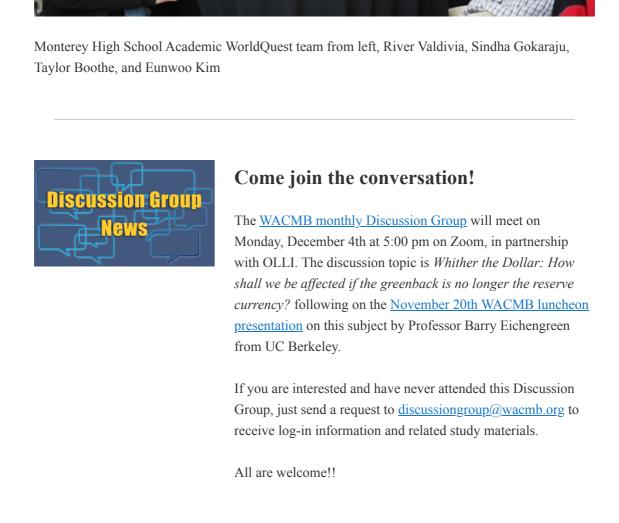
There are three easy ways to to donate to the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area

2). By check made payable to "Community Foundation of Monterey County (CFMC)", indicating "to the benefit of the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB)". mail checks to CFMC, attn. MC-Gives!, 2354 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

We appreciate your generous donation for this exciting and relevant Youth Education Program. WACMB Passport editions will follow the progress of this year's competition.

3). By an IRA Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD). Process information is available on the above

Congratulations to last year's team who advanced to the Carlos and Malú Alvarez 2023 Academic WorldQuest National Competition



Message from Our President

# **Monterey Bay Area**

World Affairs Council



In addition to our monthly lectures, our discussion groups meet regularly to explore these topics in greater depth. It's easy to join in. Just click on the link on our website: www.wacmb.org to sign up. Our next group meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2023. Please join us at an upcoming event or discussion group and consider becoming a

https://www.wacmb.org/membership/. Our Regards,

member of the Council or renewing your current membership at

President of the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area

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Peter Albano

Join Us!

perspectives about international issues.

This is the monthly newsletter of the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB). WACMB is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization established to promote the presentation, discussion, and study of international affairs. WACMB is a tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) organization, EIN-770301206. Contributions are tax deductible as permitted by law. WACMB sponsors monthly luncheons, discussion groups, and student scholarships. Corporate and institutional support for the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area is provided by \*California State University Monterey Bay \*Defense Language Institute \*Monterey Peninsula College \*Naval Postgraduate School \*Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey \*Castle Rock Wealth Management

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