

# October 2015 Newsletter



Please Join Us....  
Mark Your Calendars...  
Upcoming ICCR  
Activities



## Welcome ICCR's Fall Intern

Angela Napoli from Latham is in her final semester at Hudson Valley Community College majoring in Administrative Information Management and Technology.

She considers herself well organized with a talent of organizing others. We look forward to her sharing her expertise. Welcome Angela!

## Recap of September's International Programs and Visitors

Parks and Protected Area Management in the U.S.

Multi-Regional (9 countries)  
September 6 – 9, 2015



Multi-Regional Delegation visiting the

Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM  
*The Energy Landscape: a Global Perspective with Guest Speaker the Hon. James Clad*  
Massry Business Center  
Standish Room  
School of Business  
University of Albany



Through our affiliation with the World Affairs Councils of America in Washington, D.C., the International Center in collaboration with School of Business at the University at Albany will be hosting a morning dialogue at the School of Business with the Hon. James Clad. James Clad is a senior adviser at the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA) in Arlington, and also advises IHS Jane's and Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA). During 2002-10, he was US deputy assistant secretary of defense for Asia, senior counselor & director for Middle Eastern affairs at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and a senior counselor for the US Agency for International Development. From 1995-2002 he was a faculty professor of Asian Studies at Georgetown University and concurrently Director/Asia-Pacific Energy at CERA. He trained originally as a New Zealand lawyer, his career shifted in the 1980s to commercial and security affairs in Asia, broadening after 2002 to include the Middle East. In the 1980-90s, he wrote for the Far Eastern Economic Review, and won fellowships from St. Antony's College, Oxford, and from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and Harvard's Center for International Affairs. He also served in the New Zealand diplomatic service. His first book, *Business, Money & Power in Southeast Asia* (1991) critiqued Asia's crony capitalism; his next volume, *After the Crusade* (1996), dealt with American foreign policy. He received the Secretary of Defense Exceptional Public Service Award in 2009 and a royal honour from HM the Queen in 2011. The event is free and open to the public. (Note: there may be a small fee for parking at the University at Albany)



Adirondack Park Agency in Lake Placid



The Eagle's Nest at the Wild Center

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**Agricultural and Economic  
 Development  
 Palestinian Territories  
 September 8 – 12, 2015**



Palestinian Territories Delegation visiting  
 Cobleskill College



Appreciating fall flowers at Gade's Farm

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**Public Health  
 China  
 September 11, 2015**



Visitors meet with Assemblyman John  
 McDonald in the NYS Assembly Chamber

**China Town Hall  
 Doing Business in China:  
 October 5, 2015**



**On Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
 from 6 to 8 PM,  
 please join**

the International Center of the Capital Region,  
 the Town of Colonie Planning and Economic Development Department,  
 the Colonie Area Chamber of Commerce and  
 the National Committee on U.S. - China Relations for an evening devoted to promoting

**"Doing Business in China:  
 Supporting American Entrepreneurs and their Chinese Counterparts"**

The event will take place at  
 the Meeting Room at The Courage of Colonus,  
 350 Albany-Shaker Road, Loudonville, NY 12111

From **6 to 7 PM** a round table discussion will take place providing practical advice on promoting international  
 trade with China. Faculty currently include:

**Kathryn Banberger, MBA**, Global NY, NYC Empire State Development Corp.,  
**Prof. Dejun Cao**, Chinese Director, US-China Gateway Institute for Global Culture and Economy,  
**Jay Deitchman, Ph.D.**, Coordinator for International Studies Services, HVCC,  
**Professor Tom Naras**, University of Albany,  
**Jerry Shaye**, President of Shaye Global and Executive in Residence, SAGE College, and  
**Yunqian Yin**, President Asia Area, Colchester.

Panel Moderator will be the Hon. **John T. McDonald**, NYS Assembly, 108<sup>th</sup> District  
 From **7 to 8 PM**, the program will feature a live webcast panel discussion from Washington, DC on Chinese  
 Foreign direct investment (FDI) in the United States with **Robert Rubin**, Secretary of the Treasury under  
 President Bill Clinton, **Sheldon Day**, Mayor, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, **Daniel Rowan**, Founding Partner,  
 Rhodium Group, and **Stephan Orsina**, President, National Committee on U.S. - China Relations  
 The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Plenty of parking will be available.  
 For more information, please call the International Center at (518) 708-7608.



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**Guided International Grocery Store  
 Bus Tour  
 Saturday, October 24, 2015**



**Guided International Grocery Store Bus Tour Being Held**

**On Saturday, October 24th, 2015  
 from 10:00 – 4:00 PM,**

the International Center of the Capital Region,  
 in collaboration with  
 the Central Business Improvement District &  
 "Foodie" and YELP Ambassador Daniel Berman,  
 will be sponsoring a fabulous guided bus tour of  
 area international markets including:

Rolf's Pork Store  
 Breakthrough West African Market  
 Tay Vietnamese Market  
 Chester's Smokehouse  
 Parivar Spices and Food

Get an in-depth insider's look at what's available in some of these very unique  
 grocery stores while sampling and meeting their owners along the way.  
 For more details or to make a reservation, call ICCR at (518) 708-7608.  
 COST is \$25 for ICCR Members and \$30 for Not-Yet Members.



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**Starting Later this Fall  
 Destination Dinners – Capital Region  
 International Dining Series**

Mark your calendars – Beginning soon,  
 the International Center will sponsor  
 destination dinner each month to a variety  
 of ethnic restaurants. Choosing from a set  
 menu, attendees will have an opportunity  
 to try a variety of ethnic cuisine and meet  
 the individuals/chefs behind it. Get the  
 inside scope on our area's ethnic  
 happenings.

Restaurants who have signed up to  
 participate thus far include:  
 Terra International Cuisine  
 Salsa Latina  
 Capital Thai

**October 17th, 2015, 10:00 – 4:00 PM  
 International Grocery Store Tour**

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 Business Improvement District and  
 "foodie" Daniel Berman, will be  
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 sampling along the way. Call ICCR at





Visitor presents Assemblyman McDonald with beautiful Chinese fan

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**The Digital Communication Network  
 Azerbaijan, Lithuania and Ukraine  
 September 10 – 23, 2015**



Sergejus Tichomirovas from Lithuania with NYS Assembly Sergeant of Arms Wayne Jackson



Upon their arrival at Albany International Airport

(518) 708-7608 for more details or to make a reservation.

**COST is \$25 for ICCR Members  
 and  
 \$30 for Non-Members**

**Thursday, November 12th, 6 – 8 PM  
ICCR's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Adult WorldQuest:  
 International Trivia Competition for  
 Adults**

venue: Zaloga Post, 4 Everett Road Ext., Albany

**Think Globally, Quiz Locally!  
 Start recruiting your brainiest and best-informed friends and co-workers now!**

**Why not join the fun? Come test your knowledge of worldiness and the world around you! The event will provide a great, exciting, high-voltage evening of competition for adult teams of up to eight participants competing for trophies and other prizes (including bragging rights) against other area teams. Categories will include: flags and capitals, geography, people in the news, politics, current events, international food and international music.**

**All proceeds from the competition will go towards the International Center's K-12 educational initiatives.**

**Cost: \$25 per person** (current college student, \$10)

**OR**

**\$250 per team of ten.**

**Call (518) 708-7608 to make reservation.**

**Thursday, December 3rd,  
 5:30 - 7:30 PM, ICCR End-of-the-Year  
Volunteer/Community Resource  
 Appreciation Reception**

venue: Staybridge Suites, Capital Room, 39 Wolf Road (behind Trader Joe's in Macy's parking lot), Albany

**Heartfelt Thanks from the International Center of the Capital Region**

The key to our success rests in people like you, who embody the spirit of citizen diplomacy through your willingness to share your time and talents. Your support and involvement in our professional programming creates opportunities for our entire region on a global scale. Over the past year, we have welcomed international visitors from over 90+ countries into upstate New York.

We could not have done this without you!  
**Please join us so that we can properly thank you...**

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>,  
 10:00 – 12:00 Noon**

**Holiday Pastries  
 with Chef Joan Dembinski**

Hands-on participatory cooking class with one of the areas' top pastry chefs.

Celtic Hall, 430 New Karner Rd, Albany  
 Cost: \$2 for members and \$25 for not-yet members



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Three visitors welcomed at their Staybridge Suite hotel

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**U.S. Political System: Background for Journalists**  
**Multi Regional (20 countries)**  
**September 20 – 23, 2015**



Van Zilla from South Africa with Matt Whalen (left) from HVCC



Mr. Aside from Nigeria with Dr. Jay Deitchman from HVCC



Celebrating an evening of home hospitality



Meeting with NYS Senator Neil Breslin

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Part II Faith and the Environment Series| Fall 2015

**Tom Porter**  
 on  
**Native Spirituality and Environmental Justice**

October 7, 2015  
 7:00 PM  
 Campus Center 375



Tom Porter (Sakokwenionkwaw) is a spiritual leader of the Mohawk Bear Clan and the director of the traditional Mohawk Community of Kanatsiokharek. He is the recipient of numerous awards for his dedication to educating Native and non-Native people about the true history, culture and spirituality of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois).

His book "And Grandma Said... Iroquois Teachings: as passed down through the oral tradition", will be on sale for \$24.00 after the talk; cash or check only. The event is free and open to the public.

Made possible in part by a grant from UAS

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 on  
**Native Spirituality and Environmental Justice**  
**October 7, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Campus Center 375**  
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**CENTENNIAL Memorial Concert**  
 Our Lady of Victory Church  
 55 N. Lake Avenue, Troy  
**Sunday, October 11, 3:00 pm**  
 Armenian Style Reception to Follow ~ Free will offering  
 PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT GENOCIDE/CULTURAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Hosted by:  
 Capital District Armenian Genocide Committee  
 and the New York Catholic Chorale

<b>PART I</b> Various Performances from Jewish • Italian • Greek & Armenian Communities	<b>PART II</b> The NYCC Singing Armenian songs to celebrate and honor their history and spirit
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*In Remembrance of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide*  
 We Remember and Demand Justice for All Victims of Genocide

CAPITAL DISTRICT ARMENIAN CHURCHES COOPERATIVE  
 1000 Ave. of the Americas, Troy, NY 12180  
 NEW YORK CATHOLIC CHORALE  
 1000 Ave. of the Americas, Troy, NY 12180

FOR ALL INFO CALL RAFI TOPALIAN - (EVENT ORGANIZER)  
 272-2000 OR rafitop@aol.com

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**American Italian Heritage Museum**  
 1227 Central Avenue  
 Albany, NY 12205

<http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org>  
**Upcoming activities:**

**Columbus Day Open House at our Museum**  
**on Monday, October 12th,**  
**beginning at 11:00am.**

The day will begin with a short program to honor Columbus, followed by coffee and dessert.

Please bring dessert for the social hour. From 12 noon to 2:00pm there will be a book signing by Michael A. Esposito of his book "Little Italy Revisited".

There is no admission. You will have an opportunity to see the Italian Heritage Month Exhibit in the Special Exhibit Room, visit the whole Museum and our unique gift shop. We hope you will make every effort to honor Christopher Columbus, the Discoverer of America, at our Museum.

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**Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell to Speak at Albany Law School on**  
**Wednesday,**  
**October 21, 2015 at 1:30 PM**

Former U.S. Senator and Senate Majority

**UPCOMING  
INTERNATIONAL  
PROGRAMS  
COMING TO  
THE CAPITAL REGION**

**Bosnia- Herzegovina  
Education Policy in the U.S.  
10/04-10/07/15**



**Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your assistance this past month. We most certainly could not have done it without you.**

Albany County Courthouse, Sherriff Craig D. Apple Sr., Prof. Rosemary Armao, Paul "Rocci" Aquirre, Richard Ball, Senator Neil Breslin, Katie Britton, Dr. Caitlin Brown, St. Rose, Alan Chartock, City of Albany Police Department, Jane LaCivita Clemente, Cobleskill College, Committee on Open Government, Communications Services, Chief Brendan Cox, APD, Jolene Dirolf, Ralph Douty, Assemblymember Pat Fahy, Robert Freeman, Jim Gade, Gade's Farm, Tom Gallagher, Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort, Paul and Mary Grondahl, Indian Ladder Farm, Daniel Keating, Brendan Kennedy, Heidi Krester, Jen Kretser, Joe LaCivita, Louis LaCivita, Paul Larrabee, Julia Lilkendey, Brendan Lyons Assemblymember John McDonald, III, Keith McKeever Brett McLeod, Steve McNaughton, Menands Market/Capital District Cooperative, Inc., Mike and Brenda Mugits, Libby Post, NYS Department Agriculture and Markets, NYS Senate Media Department, Sal Palmieri, Patroon Land Farm, Paul Smith's College, Ian Pickus, Tom Poltynski, Libby Post, Stephanie RatcliffeGregg Sagor, John Sheehan, Rex Smith, Zoe Smith, Mike Spain, Greg Stapleton, Peter Ten Eyck, Leslie Thiele, Times Union, The Wild Center, WAMC, Mark Weinheim, Wanda Willingham, Assemblymember Carrie Woerner.



Thank you, active ICCR volunteer, (on far right) Rafi for all you do !

**Diane Welcomed in Dallas, Texas to learn Protocol procedures**

Leader George Mitchell will visit Albany Law School on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 to discuss his new book, *The Negotiator: A Memoir*, and his experience in brokering the historic 1998 Good Friday Agreement to address the conflict in Northern Ireland.

In addition to his long and storied career in the U.S. Senate, he has also taken on the task of working to bring peace to the conflict in the Middle East and led the investigation into the use of performance enhancing drugs in baseball that culminated in the release of what has come to be known as the Mitchell Report. The program is presented by Albany Law School's Government Law Center and the Rockefeller Institute of Government at the State University of New York. Senator Mitchell will be introduced by James T. Towne Jr. '75, of Towne, Ryan & Partners, P.C.

Registration is free, but required. To register, email Amy Gunnells at [agunn@albanylaw.edu](mailto:agunn@albanylaw.edu).

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**Irish American Heritage Museum**

[370 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12207](http://370BroadwayAlbanyNY12207)  
(518) 427-1916  
<http://irish-us.org>

**Family Discovery Day:  
Celtic Traditions of Halloween**  
Oct. 24, 1-3 p.m.

Did you know trick-or-treating, "Jack-o-Lantern," carving pumpkins and other Halloween traditions can be traced to Ireland and the Celtic New Year? Kids' Halloween Discovery Day explores the Celtic origins of many of America's Halloween traditions. Kids' storytelling and craft activities reveal customs handed down to generations of Americans from Ireland.

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**Festival of Nations, Albany NY**  
**Sunday, October 25th, 2015**  
**Empire State Plaza**  
**Convention Center**  
**(From 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM, )**

The ticket price is, only for entry, \$5.00 for adult, \$2.00 for children from 3-12 years of age, and below 3 years is free. Food, drinks, etc. are not included.

<http://festivalofnations.net/#>

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**Check out the New Russian Cultural Center**

<http://www.newrussiacenter.org>

The New Russia Cultural Center, a non-profit organization, was formed in December 2005 exclusively for educational purpose under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The New Russia Cultural Center is striving to expand the public's understanding and appreciation of Russian folk arts, and Russian-American history and culture in the United States. The Center stands to stimulate public interest in Russian culture through educational activities and exposure to Russian folk arts.

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**Christmas Show Bustrip on Sunday**  
**11/15**





Author Nicholas Kristof providing his most recent publication to Diane at luncheon in Fort Worth



Incredible architecture of Dallas, Texas



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**Sunday  
November 15, 2015**

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**A Quote Worth Noting...**

*As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.*

~John Fitzgerald Kennedy  
goodmorningwishes.com



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Asia Matters for America  
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Sultanate of Oman  
Privacy in the Digital Age  
The Arctic  
Food Security  
Organization of American States

For more information or to sign your school up, please contact Frannie at [fran@iccralbany.org](mailto:fran@iccralbany.org) (518) 708-7608.

**"An Evening to Remember"**



**On September 30th, Diane and her husband Joe were included in a small group that traveled to the Waldorf Astoria in Manhattan to attend "the UN General Assembly High Level Reception." There were approximately 250 individuals in attendance at the event including 30+ UN representatives/members from all over the World.**



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