DELTAWRE, OHIO—The 2011 Great Decisions series on important global issues of our era will take us from Germany to the Caucasus, and from Africa to Haiti. The financial crisis confronting governments everywhere, U.S. national security, the use of sanctions to achieve international purposes, and the effectiveness of multilateral systems of global governance—these topics and more will be examined as the series progresses.

“All politics are local” is an often-repeated saying that might be expanded to “All international politics are local.” The kick-off talk will begin by looking at the civil war in Somalia, ultimately linking it to a consideration of the community of émigré Somalians who now live here with us in the Columbus area. Richelle Schrock, Director of Women’s and Gender Studies at Ohio Wesleyan, a specialist in this area, will be the speaker.

She will be followed by Paul Craft, Superintendent of Delaware City Schools and a Colonel and Deputy Commander, 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Ohio Army National Guard. He will examine developments in U.S. National Security since the horrific events of September 11, 2001.

All Great Decisions discussions will be held at noon in the parlor of William Street United Methodist Church, 28 W. William St. Attendees are welcome to bring a brown-bag lunch. Complimentary coffee and tea will be provided.

Distinguished speakers during the eight-session series are as follows:

**February 25**

**Somali Refugees from the Horn of Africa**
**Richelle Schrock**, Director of Women’s and Gender Studies, Ohio Wesleyan

**March 4**

**American National Security Since 9/11**
**Col. Paul Craft**, Superintendent, Delaware City Schools/Deputy Commander, 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Ohio Army National Guard

**March 11**

**Banks, Governments and Debt Crises**
**Barbara MacLeod**, John J. Joseph Professor of Economics, Ohio Wesleyan

**March 18**

**Rebuilding Haiti**
**Douglas Dittrick**, President and CEO, Douglas Communications Corp., Life Trustee, Ohio Wesleyan

**March 25**

**Germany’s Ascendancy**
**James Franklin**, Chair, Politics and Government Department, Ohio Wesleyan
April 1  Sanctions and Proliferation: Pearl Harbor in Historical Review  
Michael Flamm, Professor of History, Ohio Wesleyan

April 8  Turkey, Armenia, Azerbaijan: Continuity and Change  
Alper Yalçinkaya, Professor of Sociology, Ohio Wesleyan

April 15  Making Sense of Multilateralism  
Corinne Lyman, Professor Emerita of Politics and Government, Ohio Wesleyan

The Great Decisions Discussion Program, a free community discussion series, is designed to encourage debate and discussion of the role of the United States in world affairs. The program provides materials that help people reach informed opinions on issues and encourages them to participate in the foreign-policy process.

Following each discussion, participants will have the option of completing a quick survey to add their opinions to thousands of others across the nation. The surveys will be sent to Washington, D.C., where our voice as a community can be heard by decision-makers, and made available to local media.

Developed by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) in 1954, the Great Decisions Discussion Program is the longest-standing and largest grassroots world affairs educational program of its kind. It is the core of FPA’s civic education outreach efforts, bringing millions of Americans together in communities across the country to discover, discuss, and decide their opinions on foreign policy issues.

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Richelle Schrock, professor and Director of Women’s and Gender Studies, Ohio Wesleyan University

Richelle D. Schrock, Ph.D., joined the faculty at Ohio Wesleyan in the fall of 2008 as assistant professor in and director of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program. She earned her Ph.D. in Women’s Studies from The Ohio State University in the spring of 2008. Schrock’s dissertation is titled, “Cultural Divides, Cultural Transitions: The Role of Gendered and Racialized Narratives of Alienation in the Lives of Somali Muslim Refugees in Columbus, Ohio.” Her work examines dominant representations of Somalis in the Western media and in the Columbus community and explores Columbus Somalis’ discursive and material practices of resistance to these narratives. She has presented her work at several professional conferences and remains active with the Somali community in Columbus. She received a Coca-Cola grant for women to pursue her dissertation research and is currently at work on revising chapters of her dissertation for publication.

Paul Craft, Superintendent, Delaware City Schools

Paul A. Craft became superintendent of Delaware City Schools in June 2010. He earned his B.A. and teaching certification from the University of Montana, his M.A. in Educational Leadership from The Ohio State University, and is currently completing a Ph.D. with Liberty University and an M.A. in Strategic Studies at the U.S. Army War College. He taught at the Flathead Indian Reservation, in Prince George’s County, Md., and most recently spent 17 years with the Upper Arlington City Schools, rising from physics teacher and coach to Executive Director of Business Services. Concurrently, after a short active duty stint with the U.S. Army, Mr. Craft has served in the military a total of 27 years, enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves in 1983 and being commissioned into the U.S. Army in 1986. Colonel Craft’s current assignment is Deputy Commander for the 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade. Activated twice since 9-11, serving in Afghanistan and Washington, D.C., he has been awarded the Bronze Star, numerous medals, and other state and federal awards.
Barbara MacLeod, C.F.A., John J. Joseph Professor of Management, Department of Economics, Ohio Wesleyan University

Barbara A. MacLeod holds a Masters degree in Finance from the J. L. Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and a graduate degree in banking from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at the University of Delaware. After a career in corporate finance, banking and investments, Ms. MacLeod now teaches courses in finance, international business and strategic planning. She also does freelance consulting, was highly involved with curriculum development for the Chartered Financial Analyst program and has been a grader of the CFA exam for several years. On the international level she has studied financial structure and management practices in Japan and China, lectured in Malaysia, and participated in an interdisciplinary study of the effects of free trade with Mexico. Last August, she traveled with eight students to study the business and economic environment in Nicaragua.

Douglas Dittrick, President and CEO, Douglas Communications Corp., life trustee, Ohio Wesleyan

Douglas H. Dittrick is President and CEO of Douglas Communications Corporation II (DCCII), which he founded in 1986 to acquire and operate cable television companies. It provides consulting services in the communications and chemicals fields. A 1955 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, he has served as a director of the Alumni Association. In 1991 he was elected to the Board of Trustees where he has served as Vice Chair and Chairman. In 1993 he received the OWU Alumni Award. Mr. Dittrick has volunteered in numerous public service organizations, including six years on the American Red Cross Board of Governors. He is currently a member of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Dittrick is Chairman of the Board of Theo’s Work, an orphanage in Haiti with over 550 boys and schools for more than 1400 youth in the area of Les Cayes, Haiti. With a decade of dedication to the project behind him, he partnered with a team of OWU students and staff to visit the orphanage in August 2010 to assess opportunities for the University to remain involved over the long term.

James Franklin, professor of politics and government, Ohio Wesleyan University

James C. Franklin, Ph.D., is an associate professor and Chair of Politics and Government at Ohio Wesleyan University. His primary field is comparative politics, with research and teaching interests in contentious politics, human rights, democratization, and Latin American and European Politics. His research has been published in a variety of political science journals. His current research examines the tactics of contentious challenges in Latin America and how governments respond to these challenges. This includes “Shame on You: The Impact of Human Rights Criticism on Political Repression in Latin America” published in the International Studies Quarterly in 2008. Another recent article from this project was named the best article in Political Research Quarterly for 2009.
Michael Flamm, professor of history, Ohio Wesleyan University
Michael W. Flamm, Ph.D., is a specialist in modern U.S. history. He teaches temporal surveys of American history since 1877 and specialized courses on America and Vietnam, Crime and Punishment, Women and Gender, America in the Sixties, and American Foreign Relations. On behalf of the Gilder Lehrman Institute, he also offers summer seminars for high school instructors at Columbia University and Georgetown University. And as a Fulbright Scholar and Fulbright Senior Specialist he has taught at San Andrés University in Buenos Aires. Flamm has received several teaching awards, including the Bishop Francis Emmer Kearns Award as Teacher of the Year, and was named a Sagan Fellow in 2010. He is the author or co-author of five books, including Law and Order: Street Crime, Civil Unrest, and the Crisis of Liberalism in the 1960s (2005), Debating the Reagan Presidency (2009), The Chicago Handbook for Teachers: A Practical Guide to the College Classroom 2nd Ed. (forthcoming), and Debating the 1960s: Liberal, Conservative, and Radical Perspectives (2007). He is currently writing a book titled In the Heat of the Summer: Racial Unrest in New York, 1964.

Alper Yalçinkaya, professor of sociology, Ohio Wesleyan University
M. Alper Yalçinkaya, Ph.D., is assistant professor of sociology at Ohio Wesleyan University. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at the Middle East Technical University in Turkey and his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, San Diego, where he received numerous grants and fellowships from the University. He teaches Introductory sociology, cultural and social change, and peoples and cultures of the Middle East. Yalçinkaya published “Science as an ally of religion: A Muslim appropriation of „The Conflict Thesis”“ in the British Journal for the History of Science. He is working on a book titled “Their Science, Our Morals”: Science, State, and Society in the 19th century Ottoman Empire. He also has presented papers at numerous conferences, meetings and symposia.

Corinne Lyman, professor emerita of politics and government, Ohio Wesleyan University
Corinne Lyman received a B.A. from Swarthmore College, M.A. from New York University and Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Before entering the doctoral program, she worked for Henry Kissinger and the Harvard International Seminar, the British Section of the International Commission of Jurists in London, the Office of the Messrs. Rockefeller, and a Congressman. And after entering it, she was a research assistant at the Washington Center for Foreign Policy Research and for former Secretary of State Dean Acheson on his book, Present at the Creation. At OWU after 1968, she lead the initiative to establish the International Studies Program in 1979 and was its Chair until she retired (except for part-time courses) in 1999. She taught abroad in London and Strasbourg. She received the Sherwood Dodge Shankland Teaching Award and the Daniel E. Anderson Campus and Community Conscience Award.