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Bing West is an award-winning author, a former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs under Ronald Reagan, and a combat Marine infantryman in Vietnam. He is an analyst for the Rand Corporation and has made many trips to Iraq and Afghanistan, often going on patrol with the troops. He has been called the Thucydides of counter-insurgency.

March 6, 2012

Dr. Susan Kaufman Purcell is the Director of the Center for Hemispheric Policy at the University of Miami. She is a recognized expert on Latin America and has served as Vice President of the Council of the Americas, a non-profit organization of Fortune 500 companies with investments in Latin America, as well as Vice President of the Americas Society. She was also a Senior Fellow and Director of the Latin America Program at the Council on Foreign Relations and was a member of the U.S. Department of State's Policy Planning Staff under presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

May 8, 2012

Four senior Air War College instructors will report to the Council on their recent trips to various countries of topical interest around the globe as part of the AWC Regional and Cultural Studies Program.

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How many and what kinds of programs does the Council conduct? Normally, six times a year between September and May, the Council sponsors a lecture/discussion presentation by nationally-known speakers on issues of current international interest. The Council actively supports educating students in international affairs.

Where and when are the programs conducted? Normally on Tuesdays at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, with a catered reception at 5:30PM before the presentation at 6:15, concluding not later than 7:30. Some presentations in connection with the Air University have been held at Maxwell AFB and some at Auburn Montgomery.

How is the council funded? By private donations, annual membership dues, sponsorships from civic-minded Montgomery corporations, and, when available, a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation. Membership dues are among the very lowest of the 95 World Affairs Councils in the nation.

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*Why, then the world's my oyster.
—William Shakespeare*

Who are the scheduled speakers for this year (2011-2012)?

September 13, 2011

Charles J. Dunlap, Jr. (Maj Gen USAF Retired) is Visiting Professor of Law at Duke University and Executive Director, Center on Law, Ethics and National Security. He is a former Deputy Judge Advocate General of the United States Air Force. He joined the Duke Law faculty in July 2010. His teaching and scholarly writing focus on national security, international law, civil-military relations, cyberwar, and military justice. He has served on the faculty of the Staff Judge Advocate School at Maxwell AFB.

October 4, 2011

Adam Segal is the Ira A. Lipman Senior Fellow for Counterterrorism and National Security Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. He is an expert in technology and development in China and India; East Asian security; Chinese domestic and foreign policy; and cyberconflict and cybersecurity. He has served as an arms control analyst and a visiting professor at MIT. His latest book is *Advantage: How American Innovation Can Overcome the Asian Challenge*.

November 8, 2011

Peter C. Evans is Director of Global Strategy and Planning, GE Energy Infrastructure, which is responsible for tracking and analyzing policy trends around the world and the related implications for GE Energy's long-term strategy. He oversees the Carbon, Fuels and Policy Centers of Excellence as well as scenario planning projects for the business. Dr. Evans has extensive international energy experience, including Director of Global Oil and two years as a Visiting Scholar at the Central Research Institute for the Electric Power Industry in Tokyo, Japan.

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