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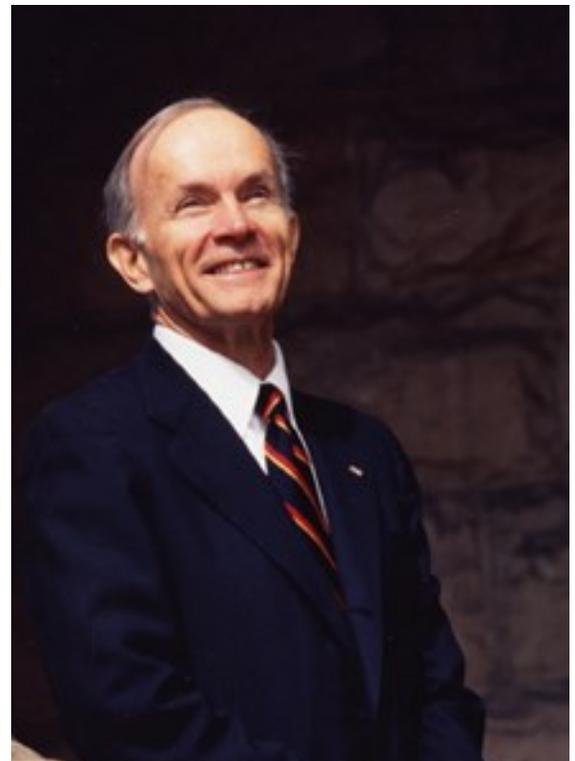
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Leadership in Global Engagement Celebration 2016 Award Recipient: Daniel Ritchie

On May 12th, DCFR will conclude its exciting year by hosting the 2016 Leadership in Global Engagement Award celebration. This annual event is the organization's third gala in which it awards an outstanding patron of the Rocky Mountain Region for their historic contributions to the international community. In keeping with its tradition for selecting only those recipients who set an example for our community, and who pave the way towards a better future, DCFR is proud to announce Daniel Ritchie as the 2016 award recipient.

Daniel Ritchie's contributions to our community are extraordinary. He currently serves as the Chairman and CEO of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts while also serving as President for both the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation and the Independent Higher Education of Colorado Fund. In addition to his numerous positions in leadership, Mr. Ritchie has dedicated nearly 20 years of service and support to the University of Denver, the oldest private university in the Rocky Mountain region, and the school has steadily gained stature and strengthened academic programs. To help us honor this incredible legacy of service, and conclude DCFR's wonderful year of talented speakers, join us on May 12th during the award ceremony.



When: Thursday, May 12th, 2016

Where: Denver Country Club
(1st & Gilpin)

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. (cocktails
from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m., followed by
dinner and our guest speaker)

RSVP: Send reservations to
Polly Cox by May 9th
via pwcox@qwestoffice.net or call
(303) 321-3231.

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Leadership Letter: Member Recognition



Without the active participation of our members, DCFR cannot possibly achieve its goals. One of our most important challenges is how to insure our growth in both numbers and influence in the community.

No one is more qualified to recruit new members in the effort to enhance our ranks than our current members. Accordingly, we wish to recognize Dr. Richard Sanders for having helped us in this way. He not only recruited three new members but also persuaded a previously active member to rejoin.

Dick Sanders has been an active member of DCFR for over 15 years. He and wife Jo have been interested in foreign affairs and politics since their college days at the University of Michigan in the 1950's. They both took Political Science courses in college before going

on to a degree in social work for Jo and medical school for Dick. They have been interested in foreign relations over all those years. In 1978, their last child went off to college and they started traveling every fall to a different part of the globe. They have continued this for over 35 years and are still looking forward to more travels.

So, thank you Dr. Sanders for having set an example in recruitment that we hope others will match.

Joseph Szyliowicz
President



March 2016
Members of the
Quarter

“Join us. The dinner presentations and ensuing conversations are more than worth the cost.”

Members of the Quarter: Carol and John Balkcom

By uniting their passion for keeping up on international affairs with broad community participation within the Rocky Mountain Region, DCFR members Carol and John Balkcom embody the very concept of thinking globally but acting locally. As such, DCFR is excited to announce their selection as our organization's Members of the Quarter!

Carol is currently a member of the popular Colorado Public Radio Community Advisory Board and when she is not enjoying DCFR events, she regularly volunteers her time at Warren Village. This amazing and important community exists to help low income, single parent families achieve and sustain personal and economic self-sufficiency.

Demonstrating that same passion for volunteerism, John is currently the Co-chair of the Nominating Committee within the Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP). KIPP Colorado Schools is a network of free, open enrollment, college preparatory public charter schools dedicated to preparing students in underserved communities for success in both college and life. And on top of all of his supportive efforts, John is also a proud member of the Visiting Committee to the Physical Sciences Division of the University of Chicago.

The DCFR Board thanks Carol and John Balkcom for their continuous work within the Denver community and their patronage within our own. Congratulations on being our Members of the Quarter!

Next DCFR Dinner Meeting!



On April 14th, DCFR will host the wonderful **Dr. Naazneen Barma**.

Dr. Barma is an Assistant Professor at the Naval Post-Graduate School in Monterey, California. She will be presenting on *The Challenges of Post-Conflict Peacebuilding* with time allotted afterwards for members and guests to engage in conversation and ask questions. Dr. Barma's research and teaching focus on the political economy of development, international interventions in post-conflict states, and natural resource governance, with a regional specialization in East Asia and the Pacific. Prior to joining the faculty at NPS, Dr. Barma was a Young Professional and Public Sector Specialist at the World Bank, where she conducted political economy analysis and worked on operational dimensions of governance and institutional reform in the East Asia Pacific Region. She has over fifteen years of full-time and consulting experience with the World Bank and other aid agencies. In addition to her academic endeavors, Dr. Barma is currently completing a book manuscript on political order in post-conflict developing countries, with a focus on Afghanistan, Cambodia, and East Timor. She is also one of three principal investigators who recently won a Minerva Award to conduct a new study examining the relationship between state-building and peace-building through the lens of public service delivery in Cambodia, Laos, and Uganda.

Speaker

Dr. Naazneen Barma

Topic

The Challenges of
Post-Conflict
Peacebuilding

Date

April 14th 2016

Location

Denver Country
Club (1st and Gilpin)

Time

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

(Cocktails from 6:00-
6:45pm, followed by
dinner and speaker).

World Affairs Challenge Announcement

On March 5, two teams from Basalt High School participated in the annual World Affairs Challenge (WAC) competition held at Denver's Regis University. DCFR is proud to have awarded a grant to the school for its participation in this event based on the criteria of merit, financial need, and its being a rural school.

The WAC is a competitive event where students from Colorado and neighboring states present on a specific global theme, this year's theme being "Smart Villages." Students examined how remote, off-grid communities integrate the basic necessities of life – water, agriculture, energy, sanitation, health, and education. Each team presented to judges its work on a real-world need, bringing in inventive, collaborative, and holistic solutions. Through media technology, teams were able to collaborate with students of other countries. The day included speakers, introductions to international organizations and on-the-spot "challenge questions" that constructively mixed students from various schools.

WAC's mission is to develop tomorrow's global leaders. With mentoring, education, and competition, WAC facilitates middle- and high-school learning about world affairs, and engages youth to examine some of the world's most pressing problems. WAC students learn to think critically, collaborate, communicate, and analyze world affairs through an integrated understanding.

<http://www.worldaffairschallenge.org/>



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Founded in 1938 as a committee of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, the Denver Council on Foreign Relations (DCFR) is incorporated as an independent, non-partisan, non-profit [(501(c)3] organization. Our mission is to conduct informed, non-partisan discussions on foreign policy among citizens, community leaders and policy makers; to heighten public awareness and expand understanding of contemporary and emerging international issues, locally and regionally; and to stimulate inputs to policy makers, based on research and related activities, that reflect perspectives developed in Denver and the Rocky Mountain region. We welcome participation via membership or, for those contemplating application, as a guest at any of our speaker events or collateral programs.

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Stay Connected - Upcoming Events and Speakers

World Affairs Challenge

April 7th, 2016

Speaker: [Peter Yarrow](#)

Benefit Reception for the 25th Anniversary of the WAC

The WACs goal for the next 25 years is to grow exponentially the number of participating schools from Colorado, across the US, and worldwide.

@ Posner Center for International Development (1031 33rd St. Denver, CO. 80205). Registration via the online [Flyer](#).

World Affairs Challenge 2016

April 9th, 2016

Middle School Division

Topic: Smart Villages

Smart Villages - how remote, often off-grid, communities are integrating the basic necessities of life – water, agriculture, energy, sanitation, health, and education – to enhance the lives of some two billion inhabitants of the Earth.

@ Claver Hall, NW corner of Regis University; 3333 Regis Boulevard, Denver, CO. 80221 .

ACFR Annual Conference

April 21st/22nd, 2016

Topic: How Are Extremism and Authoritarianism Impacting U.S. Foreign Policy?

Keynote speakers include: Hamdullah Mohib, Afghan Ambassador; Kathleen H. Hicks, Senior Vice President; Henry A. Kissinger, Chair; and Director of the International Security Program at CSIS.

@ Washington, D.C.; The Afghan Embassy and the Center for Strategic and International Studies. RSVP via the online [Flyer](#).