



GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

"Sharpening UCF's International Focus"

Upcoming Events

[Doug McMarlin and Jason Recher](#)

Topic: In the Face of Crisis: Lessons for Political Leaders
September 4

[Anupama Rao](#)

Topic: India and the Caste Question
September 19

[Lou Frey Institute Symposium](#)

Featuring: Jeffrey Rosen
Topic: The U.S. Constitution: Confronting the 21st Century
September 17

[Koko Kondo](#)

Topic: Nuclear Security from a Survivor's Perspective
September 20

Opportunities

[Internships](#) and Fellowships for Spring 2013 are available

[The Lawrence J. Chastang Global Fellowship](#)

[The India Fellowship](#)

[The Sibille H. Pritchard Global Peace Fellowship](#)

[The Francis Bok Human Trafficking Awareness Fellowship](#)

[The Isle of Man Small Countries Fellowship](#)

New Events Calendar Available

Every year, the Global Perspectives Office, as part of its effort to broaden global understanding, brings distinguished speakers and international events to UCF and Central Florida. After ten years of advancing global initiatives at the university, we are pleased to enter our second decade with one of our most robust programming schedules ever.

Each event, in some way, connects to the office's annual theme, "The Changing Face of Freedom in Today's Turbulent Times." In many ways, the theme is a natural development from last year's: "People Power, Politics and Global Change."

The full schedule, which is available at [our website](#), includes speakers such as Nobel laureate and peace activist Jody Williams, and former president of India, Abdul Kalam.

Kicking off this year's season are two speakers some call the "Funny Republicans." UCF will hear from Doug McMarlin and Jason Recher, who bring their wealth of experience as conservative political strategists and former White House aides. Drawing from their insider's look at how the White House handles crises, the duo will discuss lessons for political leaders.

[The Diplomacy Program Fellowship](#)

Deadlines:

Spring 2013: November 30

Visit our [website](#) for details.



The event takes place at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, in the Cape Florida Ballroom of the UCF Student Union. The event is free and open to the public.

New Program about U.S. & Saudi Arabia

UCF is launching a new program in partnership with Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University (PMU), a private university in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia. Both universities share a commitment to scholarship, partnership, leadership and outreach, as well as a focus on the future.

The Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd Program for Strategic Research and Studies at UCF will address four broad areas that are vital to both countries' futures: governmental ties, security and regional stability, culture and the economy.

The initiative will include public presentations by distinguished scholars and practitioners, an annual forum on American-Saudi topics, student fellowships and research activities – all at UCF. Additionally, the collaboration with PMU may include the exchange of scholars and students.

“The people of the United States and Saudi Arabia have a vital stake in each other’s security and well-being,” said UCF President John C. Hitt, who recently led a UCF delegation to PMU. “Our university family and members of the Central

Florida community will benefit from new opportunities to learn about one of this nation's most important partners and to better understand the common challenges that face both countries."

The Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd Program for Strategic Research and Studies will be supported by a \$1 million pledge from the Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University Annual Fund that will be paid over four years.



John C. Bersia, special assistant to the president for Global Perspectives, has headed the effort to secure the program for more than two years. He is pictured here with UCF President John C. Hitt, PMU Rector Issa Al-Ansari and Vice Rectors Nassar Shaikh and Adel Al-Saleh.

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