



## Upcoming Events

[LIFE Global Issues Series - Michael Malice](#)  
[2.20.18](#)  
[Public Forum](#)

[Leadership Institute - The Art and Science of Diversity](#)  
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## What's on TV?

Watch the Global Perspectives show on WUCF TV, Sundays at 9:30 a.m., or click [here](#) to watch more videos online.

[Abel Bartley - Pan-Africanism](#)



[Ido Sivan-Sevilla - International Cyber Security](#)



[Carol Moseley Braun - How to Transform The World](#)



## Announcing New Center

Late last week, UCF Today ran a story announcing the establishment of a new Center for the Study of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. The center seeks to proactively address the growing human-trafficking problem that communities face in Central Florida, the United States and around the world. Since 2003, the Global Perspectives Office (GP) has included human trafficking and modern slavery in its programming efforts. The new center will take advantage of the synergies that derive from other programs at UCF with overlapping or complementary interests. For example, it is housed in the College of Sciences and co-directed by GP Director John C. Bersia and Legal Studies Department Chair Alisa Smith. A robust advisory board, comprised of campus, community and international representatives, will help direct the centers activities. Click [here](#) to read the full story.



## LIFE Global Issues Series

The Global Perspectives Office (GP) is once again partnering with the Learning Institute for Elders (LIFE) at UCF to offer the LIFE Global Issues Series. For four weeks, GP provides a different voice on a global issue for the second half of the group's weekly meetings. The LIFE members kindly share their meeting space in the UCF Student Union with students, faculty, staff and members of the community so that all may come learn from the

[Eyton Gilboa - An Interdisciplinary Perspective on the Middle East](#)



lectures. Each presentation begins at 10:30 a.m., finishes before noon and allows some time for questions from the audience.

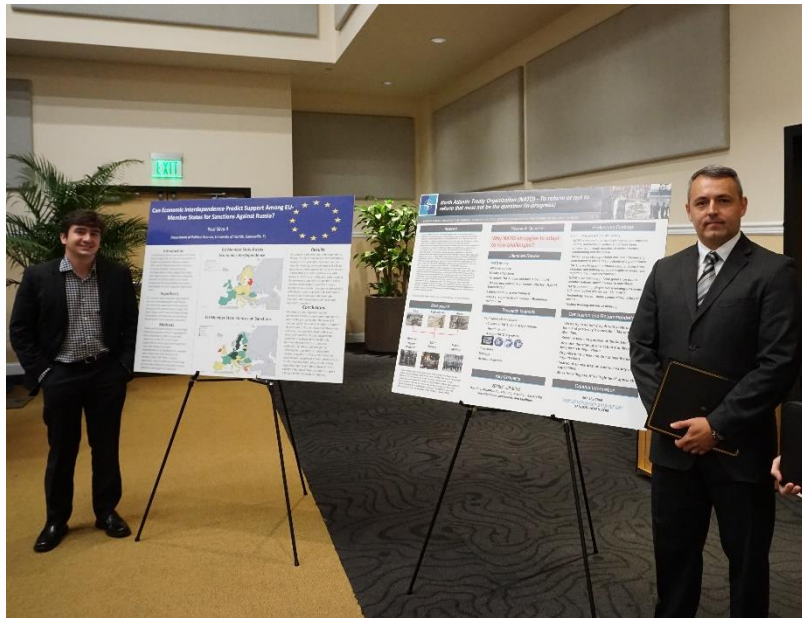


The 2018 LIFE Global Issues Series features the following guest speakers:

- 1.30.18 - Jeffrey Baxter, former guitarist for Steely Dan and the Doobie Brothers and national security expert, spoke on “Tipping the Scales: Using Asymmetrical Thinking to Change the Rules in Your Favor.”
- 2.6.18 - Lucien Charland, co-founder of Standard Hydro and current MA student at the Harvard Kennedy School, delivered a presentation titled, “From St. Kitts to the UAE: Small Countries and Their Approaches to Water Conservation.”
- 2.13.18 – Ambassador Harriet Elam-Thomas, former U.S. Ambassador to Senegal and Diplomacy Program Director at UCF spoke about, “Diversifying Diplomacy.”
- 2.20.18 – Michael Malice, author of *Dear Reader: The Unauthorized Autobiography of Kim Jong Il*, will deliver a presentation titled “North Korea in One Lesson.”

## Keeping Up With Events

In addition to the LIFE Global Issues Series, we have been busy with some exciting, big events. In late January, GP hosted the 2018 Florida International Summit, which provided over half a day of content on different approaches to understanding U.S.-European relations. Through the Florida Network for Global Studies, two students received awards for their research poster submissions. Allison Wolfarth-Solano, GP's Lester N. Mandell Diplomacy Fellow, covered the event and wrote about it [here](#).



*(Left to right) Paul Silva and Sandor Fabian with their winning posters.*

Late last week, we also hosted Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. With support from the UCF Presidential Distinguished Visitor Series, Robinson gave a free, public presentation titled, “Climate Justice: The Nexus of International Leadership, Climate Change, Food, Water and Poverty.” Beyond informing audiences of present and dangerous effects of climate change, Robinson called for students of all majors in the audience to find a way, in their fields, to make a positive impact. Stacy Erikson, GP's Alexandra Cousteau Environment and Global Climate Change Fellow, covered the event and wrote about it [here](#).



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