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Thursday
April 12, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

Morris University Center
Meridian Ballroom

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Information Booths

Resources provided by SIUE departments and programs, the Office of International Affairs, student organizations, and several international education and service organizations

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.: Panel on International Issues Impacting Our Region

Expert speakers from the Greater St. Louis area will outline the most pressing international issues impacting our region, engage in a dialogue about these issues, and answer audience questions

- **Philip DeFord**, Board Member, World Affairs Council of St. Louis; Partner, Jobplex/DHR International
- **Thomas Shannon Stiles**, Director-at-Large, Council on Foreign Relations, St. Louis Committee
- **James F. Loomis, III**, International Business Development Specialist, World Trade Trade Center, St. Louis
- **Joe Zucchini**, Field-Based Recruiter, U. S. Peace Corps

11:15 a.m. -12:45 p.m.: Careers at the United Nations and International Advocacy for Sustainable Development

Expert speakers from the United Nations will discuss an array of resources available from the U.N., focusing on how to apply for internship and career opportunities with the U.N. and what is the importance of advocacy for sustainable development, as well as answer audience questions

- **Nanayaa Kumi**, Associate Talent Outreach Officer, Office of Human Resources Management, United Nations Secretariat, New York City
- **Zephani Smith**, Member, the National Council of the United Nations Association of the United States

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.: Keynote Speaker Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury *The United Nations - Essential or Irrelevant in Today's World?*

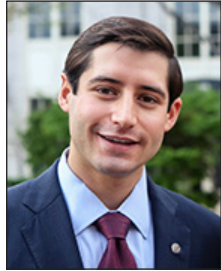
Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury has devoted many years as an inspirational champion for sustainable peace and development and ardently advancing the cause of the global movement for the culture of peace that has energized civil society all over the world. Ambassador Chowdhury has a wealth of experience in the critical issues of our time, including peace, sustainable development, and human rights. Ambassador Chowdhury, Former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the United Nations, Former Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, Former President of the UN Security Council, Former President of the UNICEF Board, and Founder of the Global Movement for the Culture of Peace, will discuss the relevance of the United Nations for the complex world today. The keynote speaker's address will be followed by a questions and answers session with the audience as well as a press conference.

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.: Film Screening *I Am From Chile*

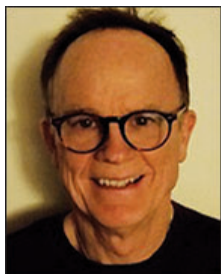
This coming of age immigration story, drawing from the director's personal experiences, has received several awards at international film festivals.

Event participants will be entered a prize draw, and the prize winners will be selected at the end of the film screening.

Speaker Biographies



As the International Business Development Specialist of World Trade Center St. Louis, **James “Jimmy” Loomis** is responsible for identifying and developing trade opportunities, connections, and available resources to more effectively guide regional businesses to prepare for global commerce, respond to global customers, and pursue strategic opportunities. His focus is on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) to the St. Louis region, with the goal of creating jobs and promoting economic prosperity. His work centers on better understanding the needs of existing foreign-owned enterprises (FOEs) in the region through outreach and relationship-building. Jimmy is also undertaking research that examines the relationship between regional collaboration and levels of FDI in metropolitan areas. He previously worked with the Midwest U.S. – China Association to promote commercial, academic, and cultural exchange between the Midwestern U.S. and China. He graduated with Honors from Washington University in St. Louis in 2017, double majoring in Political Science and Chinese Language and Culture.



Joe Zucchini is a Field-Based Recruiter for the U.S. Peace Corps. He served two tours as a Peace Corps volunteer, in Micronesia between 1990 and 1992 and in Zambia between 1997 and 1999. In 2002 he joined the Chicago Regional Office, and in 2007 he finished a five year tour recruiting out of the Denver Office. After being away from the agency for five years, he once again joined the Chicago Regional Office in 2012. He is currently based in St. Louis and his recruitment area includes Southern Illinois and the state of Missouri.



Philip DeFord is a partner in the St. Louis office at Jobplex/DHR International. He has expertise in the sectors of financial services, food/beverage, life sciences, manufacturing, and not for profit. Within these industries he successfully completes functional assignments for persons in CEO, CFO, President, and top Senior Leadership and Emerging Leadership roles in sales, operations, human resources, and finance. He has significant experience with private equity as well as family-owned and publicly traded companies, and understands the unique nuances of recruiting into each of them. Philip is involved in a number of civic and professional organizations. He is currently on the board of the World Affairs Council and the Advisory Board of the Boeing Institute of International Business at the Cook School at St. Louis University. Philip is also an active member of the Association for Corporate Growth and an adjunct instructor of international business at St. Louis University. He has an MBA from Stern School at New York University.



Thomas Shannon Stiles is a risk mitigation consultant and an adjunct professor of international relations at Webster University – Scott Air Force Base. He serves as Director-at-Large for the Council on Foreign Relations, St. Louis Committee and is involved with several organizations that focus on the study of international relations and international security. He has been a guest lecturer in various venues, including the Foro Cívico Académico in Panama, the Copenhagen Business School, the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies Subregional Conference in San Salvador, and the Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo León.

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Nanayaa Kumi is passionately committed to promoting international service, intercultural exchange, equal opportunity, and justice for all with a firm belief that, “everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” - MLK, Jr. She is an Associate Talent Outreach Officer at the United Nations, promoting career pathways into the UN for young professionals. She also had various HR roles with mission and service focused organizations such as WorldTeach and the U.S. Peace Corps. Nanayaa holds a Bachelor of Arts in Justice and Peace Studies from Georgetown University, an International Business Diploma in Management from University of Cambridge, and a Master of Education degree in Education Policy and Management from Harvard University.



An advocate for social innovation across sectors, **Zephani Smith** has served in leadership at every level of government working to address unresolved issues in civil and human rights. A public servant, she’s been elected twice to national boards and appointed to local, state, federal, and international positions. She is a member of the National Council of the United Nations Association of the United States where she works to facilitate the engagement of young people in diplomatic processes around the world. A California native with a Bachelor’s degree in government and a Master’s degree in educational administration and leadership, Zephani is a Coca-Cola scholar, Gates Millennium scholar, and opportunity leader, with experience in advocacy, partnerships, and youth engagement. Having lived in Jordan, the United Kingdom, and South Korea, Zephani is a dedicated servant leader with a lifelong, demonstrated commitment to service. A former adjunct professor in the Department of Communications at St. John’s University in New York, Zephani has returned home to serve as Director of Communications and Community Relations in the office of the San Joaquin County District Attorney Tori Verber Salazar.



Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury has had a distinguished record as a career diplomat, and is the recipient of many awards including the the UNESCO Gandhi Gold Medal for Culture of Peace, Spirit of the UN Award, and the Global Women’s Peace Award.

He served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York from 1996 to 2001 and as the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the United Nations, responsible for the most vulnerable countries of the world from 2002 to 2007.

Ambassador Chowdhury’s legacy in advancing the best interest of the global community is imprinted in his leadership in the adoption of the groundbreaking UN Security Council Resolution 1325 recognizing for the first time the role and contribution of women in the area of peace and security and the equality of their participation at all decision-making levels.

Equally pioneering are his initiatives at the United Nations General Assembly in 1999 for adoption of the landmark Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace and in 1998 for the proclamation of the “International Decade for Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World (2001-2010)”.

He is a member of the UN High Level Advisory Group for the Global Study on the 15-year implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 and also one of the 12-member Asia-Pacific Regional Advisory Group on Women, Peace, and Security hosted in Bangkok. He has also been the Chair of the International Drafting Committee on the Human Right to Peace, an initiative coordinated from Geneva, and was a founding member of the Board of Trustees of the New York City Peace Museum.

Ambassador Chowdhury is the Founder of the New York-based Global Movement for The Culture of Peace. He is also a founding Co-Chair of the International Ecological Safety Collaborative Organization (IESCO) with headquarters in China and is a member of the Advisory Council of the National Peace Academy in US. He is the Honorary Chair of the International Day of Peace NGO Committee at the UN, New York and Chairman of the Global Forum on Human Settlements, both since 2008. He has been a part of the 12-member Wisdom Council of the Summer of Peace for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014, a world-wide participatory initiative to advance the Culture of Peace.