UN 2013–Grand Rapids: A Symposium to Commemorate the Founding of the United Nations

This inaugural conference seeks to serve as an annual forum devoted to fostering an understanding of the UN mission, American foreign policy, and political geography.

Monday October 21

Events are open to the public and held in 108 Sneden Hall, GRCC Devos Campus unless otherwise noted.

10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Academic advising for those interested in international careers
103 Sneden Hall, GRCC DeVos Campus

2:00-3:00 p.m.
Plenary Lecture: The Role of Journalism in Post-Soviet Central Asian Countries
Dr. Leon Yacher, Professor of Geography, Southern Connecticut State University

3:15-4:15 p.m.
Roundtable Discussion: The United Nations: Retrospect and Prospect
Prof. Gordan Vurusic, Associate Professor of Political Science, Grand Rapids Community College
Prof. Keith St. Clair, Professor of Political Science, Grand Rapids Community College
Dr. Joel Westra, Associate Professor of Political Science, Calvin College

6:30-7:30 p.m.
Keynote Address: In Pursuit of Peace: Israel and the Palestinian Authority
Dr. Yael Aronoff, Serling Chair in Israel Studies and Associate Professor in International Relations at James Madison College, Michigan State University

7:30-7:45 p.m.
Closing Remarks: Global Citizenship and Higher Education
Dr. Michael DeVivo, Professor of Geography, Grand Rapids Community College

Sponsors:
Department of Social Sciences, Grand Rapids Community College
Grand Rapids Chapter, United Nations Association of the United States of America
Grand Rapids Community College “Honors” Chapter of The International Geographical Honor Society

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All participants are welcome. Those in need of special accommodations please contact DSS at (616) 234-4140.