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# DIALOGUE



WORLD AFFAIRS  
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JACKSONVILLE

Bringing the World Closer

## GLOBAL BUSINESS LUNCHEONS PRESENT

**“Obamanomics:  
How the Administration is  
Dealing with the Recession”**



**Zanny Minton Beddoes**  
*Economics Editor, The Economist*

Thursday, Nov. 17  
Noon-1:30 p.m.  
The River Club

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Cost: \$45 (Council Members) \$65 (Non-Members)  
\$1,000 (Table Sponsor)

## GLOBAL ISSUES EVENINGS PRESENT

**“Charting Uncertain Waters:  
The Outlook for the World Economy”**

**Zanny Minton Beddoes**  
*Economics Editor, The Economist*

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.  
UNF, University Center

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Call (904) 280-8162 by November 13 to reserve your  
complimentary ticket and special Council seating

Premier Members and Sponsors are also invited to  
a special pre-event reception hosted from  
6:30-7:15 p.m. at the UNF University Center.  
RSVP to (904) 280-8162 by November 13

## President's Message

The World Affairs Council year is off to a great start. Those who heard Atlanta 'Fed' President **Dennis Lockhart** and Latin America guru **Jeffrey Davidow** know why, and we are just beginning this series of stimulating lunches and evenings. We also are looking for ways to make these times together even more valuable and interesting for you by considering how we can extend the conversations with these illustrious speakers.

The **Young Professionals** have shown us one way by establishing a Facebook network. The rest of us can join that conversation by clicking on the Facebook link on the front of our web page ([www.worldaffairscounciljax.org](http://www.worldaffairscounciljax.org).) Wouldn't it be stimulating if before the arrival of speakers like **John Pomfret** on China, **Zanny Beddoes** on the global economy, and **Richard Haass** on President Obama's foreign policy challenges, we started communicating about what questions we'd like to ask them? We could even give the speakers a list. After their talks we could provide our own critiques of what was meaningful to us in the sessions and issues on which we have different points of view. Including our pictures on Facebook would have the added benefit of helping members become better acquainted.



Jonathan Howe

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## EVENT RECAP

### Global Business Luncheon: The Economic Situation and Financial Markets

Praising the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville for keeping city business and government leaders abreast of world developments, Dennis Lockhart, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta spoke to a capacity audience at the River Club on September 10. He noted that “Jacksonville—with its important and growing port—makes a meaningful portion of its living from global exchange. The state of the world economy matters to Jacksonville.”

During his discussion, Lockhart touched on the U.S. economic situation along with developments in the global economy affecting this country's economic interests. He assessed the nation's policy challenges and connected his analysis to the issue of central bank independence, an issue that is drawing serious attention as a result of the financial crisis and actions taken in response. Lockhart noted that stabilization and recovery appear to be taking hold, with the U.S. economy improving but still fragile.

A transcript of Mr. Lockhart's entire presentation can be accessed through the Council's website [www.worldaffairscounciljax.org](http://www.worldaffairscounciljax.org). Simply click on “Speaker Series” and then “Speakers” and scroll down to the presentation link.

Admiral Jonathan T. Howe, USN (Ret.)

## SAVE THE DATE: WORLDQUEST FOR ALL AGES

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 5:30 pm Tuesday, April 20, 6:00 pm  
Academic WorldQuest for high-school students  
WorldQuest 2010 for adults

MEMBERSHIP  
THAT  
FITS

REMEMBER IT'S MEMBERSHIP TIME!  
Join or Renew Your Membership Today!

\*SWEDISH. NOT TOO MUCH, NOT TOO LITTLE; JUST RIGHT...



## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

## Strengthening Local Ties

The Council Young Professionals (YPs) value our partnerships with other area organizations, including a new partnership with the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. On September 30, our YPs joined other key community leaders at *Afterhours with the Fed*, a Young Leaders' Roundtable reception and presentation hosted by the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank. YPs enjoyed food and cocktails as well as a presentation by Michael J. Chriszt, Assistant VP with the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's research department. Attendees learned about how we, both individually and collectively, play a vital role in the Federal Reserve Bank system and were updated on the Fed's current and projected outlook of our regional economy. Thanks to Sarah Arteaga and Chris Oakley for facilitating such a great evening. Council YPs are encouraged to keep a lookout for more events like this in the near future...you don't want to miss the next one!

Daniel R. Gilham

## MEDIA / PR

## We're Making News!

The start of the 2009/2010 season finds the World Affairs Council front and center in the news. Atlanta Federal Reserve President Dennis Lockhart was covered locally and nationally by The Florida Times-Union, The Jacksonville Business Journal, Dow Jones Online, Bloomberg News, Thomson-Reuters and C-Span.

Media partnerships continue. The Jacksonville Business Journal promotes Global Business Luncheons. WJCT is Media Sponsor for WorldQuest 2010 with 89.9 FM News Director, Scott Kim, serving as event emcee. Global Issues Evenings promotions run on 89.9 and speakers are interviewed when available.

Gail Sterman

## COUNCIL 2009 FALL CALENDAR

**Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m.**

JSO German Friday Fusion  
*Times-Union Center*

**Oct. 13, Noon**

John Pomfret  
*The River Club*

**Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.**

John Pomfret  
*UNF, University Center*

**Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m.**

Save the Date  
*UNF, University Center*

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Zanny Minton Beddoes  
*The River Club*

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## PRESIDENT, FROM PAGE 1

Recently, Board member **William Harrell** suggested that small groups get together after the Global Issues Evenings for a supper and dialogue about what had transpired. Members with special expertise in an area might be invited to join some of the discussions. (As you may know, an invaluable benefit of sponsorship of a lecture is to attend a small dinner afterwards with the speaker.) Other informal dialogue groups could meet for coffee or lunch the next day.

Another idea for those of you who participate in already existing book clubs would be to read in advance selections authored by scheduled speakers. Informed follow-up conversations could analyze the presentations in the context of their books.

We also plan to encourage dialogue and debate by offering a number of smaller forums on topical issues led by our own experts, and intended to give members an opportunity to express independent views and share meaningful insights. Suggested topics include: Iran, Afghanistan, Africa, Cuba, Middle East peace, comparative global education and foreign health care systems.

These are just a few of the possibilities. I'm sure you have additional ideas about how our inquisitive and knowledgeable membership can benefit even more from each other and this impressive lineup of speakers. Please join us for some "substantive networking."

October is an important month for membership renewals and we need your help there as well. It takes your tax deductible membership contributions, as well as gifts from sponsors, to deliver exceptional global forums and school educational programs. Please renew at the highest level feasible and bring along friends who might like to join us for the informative and fun evenings ahead. Let the discussions begin!

**Admiral Jonathan T. Howe, USN (Ret.), President**  
*World Affairs Council of Jacksonville*

## EDUCATION

## Academic WorldQuest 2009

The Council needs your help to make our fifth annual Academic WorldQuest competition as successful as previous years! Council members are encouraged to volunteer that evening or to sponsor a school's table for \$250. Last year we raised \$3,000 in table sponsorships and this year our goal is to exceed that. Our 2009 competition will be held Tuesday, November 10 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. at the UNF University Center. Academic WorldQuest is a fun, fast-paced competition where high-school teams test their collective knowledge of international facts. The contest consists of six rounds of multiple choice questions. The Council underwrites the cost of the winning team to travel to Washington, D.C. in April 2010 to compete in the national competition. This year's topics include: World Music, Pandemics, International Migration Trends, Current Events, Food Production and Consumption and The World Cup. Call the Council office at 280-8162 for more information and to find out which area high-schools are available for you to sponsor. Thanks in advance for your support!

Barbara A.B. Gubbin

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