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VISION

The International Affairs Forum at Northwestern Michigan College is committed to being a leading community resource on critical issues facing the world.

MISSION

The International Affairs Forum advances the understanding of the world and its critical issues through education and public dialogue.



The International Affairs Forum is a member-supported global affairs education series and a program of Northwestern Michigan College (NMC). IAF was founded in 1994 by a group of citizens eager to learn more about our nuanced world through speaker events with invited experts. Every year, we bring to Traverse City renowned diplomats, ambassadors, economists, military leaders, journalists, educators and other thought-leaders to challenge us to think critically about issues of local and global significance.

IAF is a proud member of the World Affairs Councils of America, the largest independent, non-partisan organization dedicated to engaging the public and leading global voices to better understand the world, America's international role, and the policy choices that impact our daily lives and our future.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

The International Affairs Forum fills a vital need in our community—bringing expert insight on today's critical global issues, right here in northern Michigan. With the support of our members, sponsors, and hybrid audiences, these conversations remain open and accessible, season after season. The students you see at our events are here because of you. Your commitment helps prepare the next generation with the knowledge and confidence to navigate a complex world. For more than 30 years, we've shared the belief that education in global affairs makes the future brighter and more secure. We're so grateful to have you with us on this endeavor.

Alex Tank

Director, International Affairs Forum

ADVISORY BOARD CO-CHAIRS NOTE

As co-chairs of the IAF Advisory Board, we are gratified to help coordinate the work of our organization and make use of the considerable expertise in our community. We have an active and well-integrated Board that seeks to expand the educative reach of our international Programming. We welcome any others to contribute their experience and leadership skills to make the IAF even more effective.

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EVENT

BREAKING THE ENGAGEMENT

How China Won & Lost America

September 4, 2025 | 7pm program | 6pm reception

Dennos Museum Center Milliken Auditorium



DAVID SHAMBAUGH is an internationally recognized authority and award-winning author on contemporary China and the international relations of Asia. He is the Gaston Sigur Professor of Asian Studies, Political Science & International Affairs, and the founding Director of the China Policy Program in the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University, and Distinguished

Visiting Fellow with the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. From 1996-2016 he was also a Nonresident Senior Fellow in the Foreign Policy Studies Program at The Brookings Institution. Professor Shambaugh was previously Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, and Reader in Chinese Politics at the University of London's School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), 1987-1996, where he also served as Editor of The China Quarterly. He has served on the Board of Directors of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, Advisory Board of the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR), East-West Center Fellowship Board, is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations and member of its Board of Studies, is a participant in the Aspen Strategy Group, and other public policy and scholarly organizations.

As an author, Professor Shambaugh has published 35 books, including most recently Breaking the Engagement: How China Won & Lost America (2025); China's Leaders: From Mao to Now (2021); Where Great Powers Meet: America & China in Southeast Asia (2021).



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EVENT

PUTTING THE GLOBAL ORDER BACK TOGETHER

October 23, 2025 | 7pm program | 6pm reception
Dennos Museum Center Milliken Auditorium



CHRISTOPHER PREBLE is the Senior Fellow and Director of the Reimagining US Grand Strategy program at the Stimson Center, and co-host of the “Net Assessment” podcast. In his role, he leads a team of scholars who challenge prevailing assumptions surrounding US foreign policy, and who offer a range of policy options that go beyond the use of force and coercion. His own work focuses on the history of US foreign policy, contemporary US grand strategy and military force posture, alliance relations, and the intersection of trade and national security.

Preble is the author of four books, including *Peace, War, and Liberty: Understanding U.S. Foreign Policy* (Cato Institute, 2019); and *The Power Problem: How American Military Dominance Makes Us Less Safe, Less Prosperous, and Less Free* (Cornell University Press, 2009). His work has appeared in major publications including the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Financial Times*, *Survival*, *Foreign Policy*, and *Foreign Affairs*.

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This event is presented in partnership with The Quincy Institute Better Order Project and is part of the World Affairs Councils of America Engage America Series. IAF is a member affiliate of the World Affairs Councils of America.



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POWERFUL WOMEN

Film Screening with In-Person Presentation

October 8, 2025 | 6pm doors open | 7pm screening

State Theatre, 233 E. Front Street, Downtown Traverse City, In-Person Only

Madhvi Dalal, among the film's key subjects, founder of PadMad, social entrepreneur addressing period poverty in Kenya, Somalia, and Malawi.

MADHVI DALAL

Madhvi Dalal is the Kenyan-born founder of PadMad, a social enterprise focused on addressing period poverty in Kenya and other regions. PadMad provides biodegradable, reusable sanitary pads and menstrual health education, empowering women and girls while promoting environmental sustainability. The initiative also creates employment opportunities for marginalized women in Kenya by manufacturing the pads.

POWERFUL WOMEN

The film tells the story of three Kenyan women whose lives are intertwined. The women revolutionize the established order and work to change the culture so that future generations of girls can live a life free of violence. The documentary won "Best Woman Film," "Best Director Documentary Short," and "Best Female Director Short Film" at the Cannes World Film Festival in July 2023. Within Powerful Women is a mini-doc named Bleed With Pride. This 2025 documentary follows a story of courage and resilience in which mothers and grandmothers in Kenya transform turbans into reusable sanitary towels. This effort helps to ensure that their daughters and granddaughters do not have to compromise their education and dignity due to period poverty.



**This event is not included in IAF membership. Tickets are required.*



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EVENT

HE NAMED ME MALALA

Film Screening

November 5, 2025 | 6pm doors open | 7pm screening

State Theatre, 233 E. Front Street, Downtown Traverse City, In-Person Only



In connection with our girls' education event on November 12, discover the remarkable story of Nobel Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who stood up to violence and transformed her fight for the right to learn into a global movement. *He Named Me Malala* celebrates her courage and vision while also touching on the importance of allyship—how men and women together can advance girls' education.

This screening paves the way for our November 12 program on girls' education with featured speakers Ziauddin Yousafzai and Sue Gunawardena-Vaughn, continuing the conversation on empowering girls as leaders and catalysts for generational change.

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EVENT

FIGHTING FOR GIRLS' EDUCATION

Creating A Future Where Girls Are Free To Learn & Lead

November 12, 2025 | 7pm program | 6pm reception

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ZIAUDDIN YOUSAFZAI

Ziauddin Yousafzai is a Co-Founder and board member of Malala Fund. He is the father of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Malala Yousafzai. For many years, Ziauddin served as a teacher and school administrator in his home country of Pakistan. With Malala Fund, he advocates for every girl's right to 12 years of free, safe, quality education. His first book "Let Her Fly" is on parenthood and fighting for equality.

DR. SUE GUNAWARDENA-VAUGHN

is a lifelong human rights activist who believes that every girl should have the power to learn and lead and transform the world. She currently serves as Senior Director, Grants at Malala Fund where she leads a global team of dedicated grantmakers to mobilize resources for girls' education. Sue has held a number of leadership roles at Amnesty International USA, Freedom House, Open Society Foundations, and MADRE. She has also served as a consultant, advising civil society groups both in the US and internationally. Born in Sri Lanka and raised in London, Dubai, and Toronto, Sue holds a Ph.D. in Government from the University of Texas at Austin.



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IAF thanks the Zonta Club of Rogers City at the Presque Isle District Library for thoughtfully extending programming to northeast Michigan. This partnership supports Zonta's commitment to community service and women's leadership, while broadening access to global dialogue. Learn more at zonta15.org/find-a-club-near-you/rogers-city

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IAF Student Leadership Team EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

"We've created more than just an event – we've built a space where students feel seen, challenged, and inspired to think globally and engage thoughtfully."

—Mitchell Mosley, Project Lead, IAF Student Leadership Team



Students promoting their work on WNMU.

The International Affairs Forum supports the **Student Leadership Team** at NMC. This dynamic group of students bring **energy, creativity, and leadership** to the IAF

community. Their hands-on involvement provides an unparalleled **experiential learning opportunity**, blending academic insight with real-world skills.

In spring 2025, the team produced a **fully student-led hybrid event** for hundreds of attendees across northern Michigan, including over 55 NMC and high school students. The event explored student activism and showcased the students' ability to **plan, produce, and execute** content that engages a multi-generational audience. Supported by IAF, its Advisory Board volunteers, and NMC, the project exemplified the power of student initiative and community collaboration.

Thanks to the students' recruiting efforts and the generous support of the IAF community, the Student Leadership Team has doubled in size for this academic year and is gearing up for another student-led program in Spring 2026, continuing their mission to educate, inspire, and connect the community.

L-R Mitchell Mosley, Brisa Sanchez-Valdez, Amanda Allen, Dr. Danielle Brown, Arriam Kane, Matt 'Emkeiy' Kithinji.

SKILLS STUDENTS GAIN

- Project management and event planning
- Research and content creation
- Public speaking and communication
- Networking with experts and community leaders
- Exploring careers in diplomacy, public policy, journalism, and nonprofits

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Engages students and adult audiences in meaningful dialogue
- Strengthens connections between NMC, local schools, and the wider IAF community
- Inspires future leaders through hands-on





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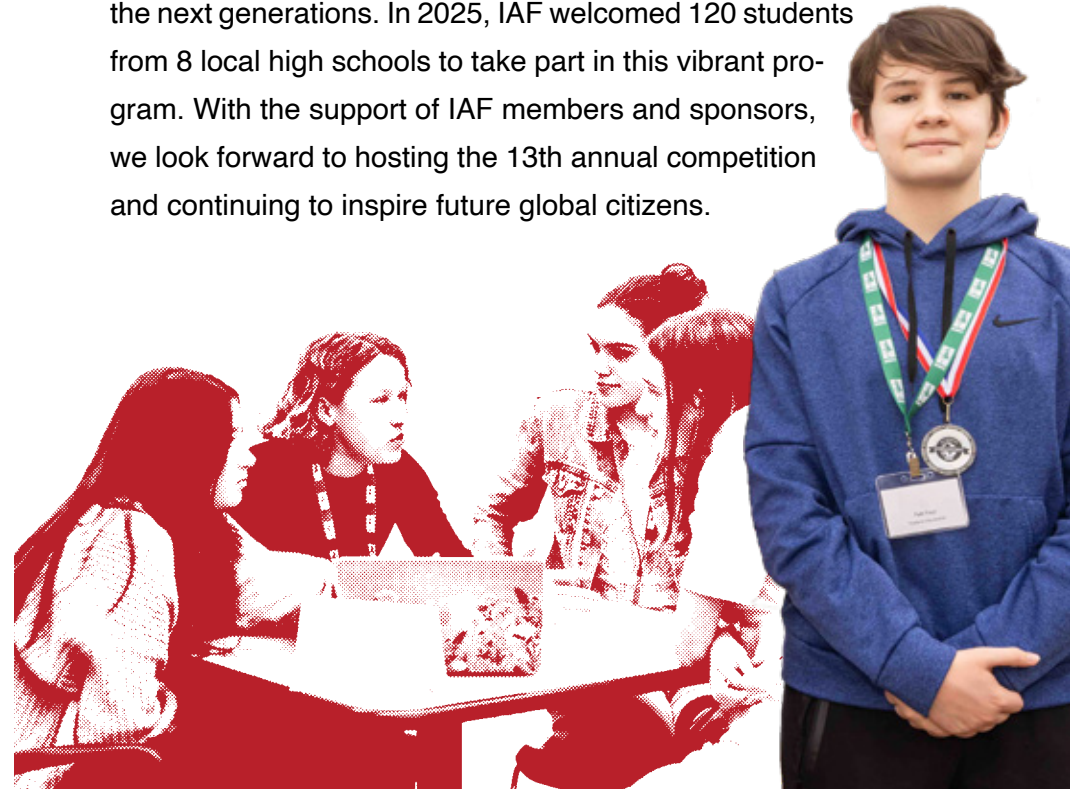
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