

'Wisconsin and the World' conference

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RIPON — "Wisconsin and the World," featuring leading experts in national security, international relations, foreign policy, domestic energy and economics, will be held April 13 at Ripon College.

Presenters include former CIA Director Jim Woolsey, former Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson and retired U.S. Army General and NATO commander Wesley Clark. The Ripon College International Relations Club is the host. The conference will run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in C.J. Rodman Center for the Arts. Admission is free, but because of limited space, tickets are required. Registration may be made at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ripon-college-international-relations-club-present-wisconsin-and-the-world-tickets-54613626828>

Scheduled speakers are:

- Tommy Thompson, former Wisconsin governor and U.S. Health and Human Services secretary, "Wisconsin's Role in the World."
- Jim Woolsey, former CIA director, "National Security Threats to the U.S."
- Simon "Pete" Worden, retired brigadier general of the United States Air Force and former director of NASA's Ames Research Center, "America's Future in the Solar System."
- Henry "Hank" Cooper, chairman of the board of High Frontier and former director of the Strategic Defense Initiative, "Protect the Electric Grid from the Bottom Up."
- Wes Clark, retired Army four-star general, Commander of U.S. Southern Command and Commander of U.S. European Command/Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, "Importance and Future of NATO."
- Ron Johnson, U.S. senator (R) from Wisconsin.

- Tim Bickmore and Nathaniel Leach, financial planners from Madison, Wisconsin, and Dan Weiss, financial adviser from Verona, Wisconsin, “Wisconsin Economics and Finances: A Fireside Chat.”

Ilan Berman, senior vice president of the American Foreign Policy Council in Washington, D.C., expert on regional security in the Middle East, Central Asia and the Russian federation, “Iran: the contemporary challenge posed by the Islamic Republic, and the countervailing strategy now being marshaled by the Trump administration in order to confront it.”

- Richard Miniter, award-winning investigative journalist, best-selling author and CEO of American Media Institute, “The Twilight of post-World War II institutions — IMF, NATO, UN — -and what it means for America’s Future Foreign Policy.
- Peter Pry, executive director of the EMP Task Force on National and Homeland Security and director of the United States Nuclear Strategy Forum, “Electromagnetic Pulse and Cyber Warfare.”
- Daniel Gallington, former special assistant for policy for the Secretary of Defense, and adjunct professor of law at the University of Illinois College of Law in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, where he teaches national security law, “Dumb, Dumber and Dumbest” – a sharp critique of U.S. national security policies since Reagan ...”
- Peter Huessey, director of strategic deterrent studies at Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies and former senior defense consultant at the National Defense University Foundation, “National Security Issues of the United States.”