

Annual Report of the Global Learning Center of Wichita at the General Assembly on Sunday, January 26, 2025 (provided by Jens Kreinath)

Officers:

Jens Kreinath (President)
Angela Demovic (Vice-President)
Sarah Johnston (Secretary)
Charles Merrifield (Treasurer)

Board of Directors:

Ikram Ahmed, Holger Meyer, Becky Allen-Bouska, Beckie Jenek, Jim Phillips, Lupe Martinez, Cheryl Golden, Stephen Muth, Kartikeya Saboo

Honorary Nonvoting Members:

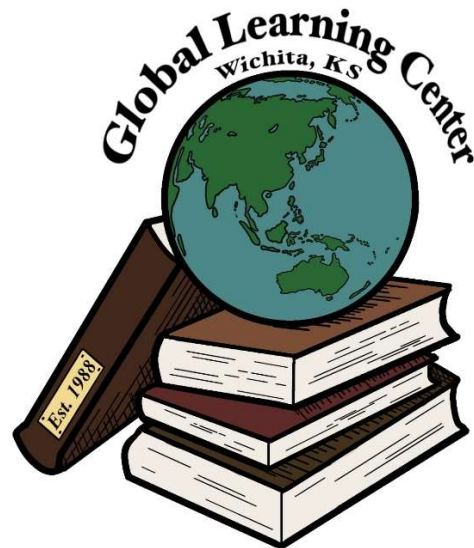
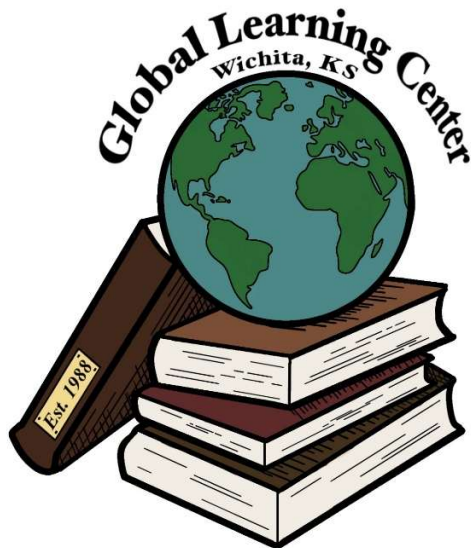
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Review of GLC Events in 2024:

- January 27: “Identity Formation of an ‘Islamicate City’: Historicizing the Uprising in Tripoli, Lebanon” by Ruben Elsinga at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (Organizer: Jens Kreinath)
- February 24: “The Rohingya People of Myanmar in the International Court of Justice” by Jim Phillips co-sponsored by the Wichita Humanists at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (Organizer: Jim Phillips)
- March 30: “New Orleans Tourism District: A Case Study in Trafficking” by Angela Demovic at Wichita State University, Lindquist Hall 100 (Organizer: Angela Demovic)
- April 20: “Why Taiwan Matters: Presidential Elections of 2024” by Dr. Doris Chang at Wichita State University, Lindquist Hall 100 (Organizer: Jim Phillips)
- May 25: “Revitalization of Native American Languages” event cancelled (Organizer: Jens Kreinath)
- August 24: “Dangerous Rhetoric of Putin and Trump” by Marcel Danesi via Zoom at Wichita State University, Lindquist Hall 100 (Organizer: Jens Kreinath)
- September 21: “Imperial Legacies, Ethnic Cleansing, and Today’s Balkans and Caucasus” by Nabil Al Tikriti at Wichita State University, Commons Scholars Room at Ablah Library (Organizer: Angela Demovic)
- October 16: UN Banquet “I Shall Not Hate: Reflections on Resilience, Compassion, and the Power of Courage [in Gaza]” by Izzeldin Abuelaish event was prepared in co-sponsorship with the Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), but cancelled by presenter (Organizer: Jens Kreinath)
- November 16: “The History of Student Protests and their Impact on Local, National, and International Affairs” by Gretchen Eick at Wichita State University, Commons Scholars Room at Ablah Library (Organizer: Sarah Johnston)
- December 8: “Preparation for the New Administration” by Tracie L Morgan co-sponsored by the Wichita Humanists at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (Organizer: Becky Bouska)

Major Achievements in 2024:

- Policies and Procedures for (New and Continuing) GLC Board Members and Officers revised and updated by Jens Kreinath and Becky Bouska, March 2, 2024
- Amendments of the GLC Bylaws Recommended, Approved and Incorporated, signed by Jens Kreinath and Sarah Johnston, March 2, 2024
- Review of Membership and Outreach Strategies
- Consideration and Selection of Alternative Events Format and Venues
- Proposal for New GLC Logo designed by Banine Haydar



Preview of Planned GLC Events for 2025:ps

- February 15: “Women Refugees and Healthcare in Wichita” by Sapphire Garcia (Organizer: Angela Demovic)
- March 23: “Protecting Cultural Heritage during Syrian Crises” by Maamoun Abdulkarim via Zoom (Organizer: Jens Kreinath)
- April 26: “Furture of World Economy” by Bill Barclay at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (Organizer: Charles Merrifield and Jim Phillips)
- May 17: “The Rise of U.S. Anti-Boykott Legislation” by Sarah Koons (Organizer: Shafiq Hasan)

Major Objectives in 2025:

- Redesign of Website for More Effective Public Outreach
- Review of Membership and Outreach Strategies to Specifically Attract Students
- Re-Evaluation and Reconsideration of Event Format, including Dinner Meal, Time, and Location