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International Relations Lecture Series (IRLS) 2024



Ethical Society of St. Louis
 9001 Clayton Road
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10:45 am Second Tuesday of January, February, March and April 2024

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Usha Sathe, Chair

January 9, 2024 *Rising costs of Health Care in the U.S.: Why is our System the Most Expensive in the World and is that Changing?* **Dr. Timothy McBride**

Dr. Timothy McBride is the Bernard Becker Professor at Washington University in the Brown School and co-Director of the Center for Advancing Health Services Policy and Economics Research (CAHSPER) in the Institute for Public Health (IPH). Dr. McBride is an influential health policy analyst and health economist shaping the national agenda on the uninsured and health insurance markets, rural health care, health reform, Medicare and Medicaid policy, long-term care, and health economics. For two decades, he has been active in working with the U.S. Congress and state policymakers, providing policy advice on a regular basis on health reform, Medicare, Medicaid, and rural health policy. He was the first

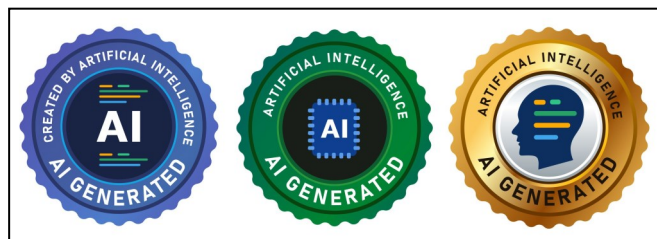


Associate Dean for Public Health at Washington University, leading the initial development of the Brown School's Master of Public Health (MPH) program to accreditation in 2011. He led the creation of the first Health Policy program at Saint Louis University. A member of several national committees and Boards, Dr. McBride is currently serving as Vice Chair for St. Louis Board of Health and serves on the Justice Services Board for St. Louis County. He is past Chair of the MOHealthNET Oversight Committee, which serves in an advisory role for the state of Missouri's Medicaid program. In 2012, Dr. McBride was awarded the Outstanding Rural Health Researcher of the Year by the National Rural Health Association and a "Health Care Hero" by the St. Louis Business Journal in 2007.

Committee: Elaine Miller, Pam Meyers

February 13, 2024 *Generative AI* **Dr. Anshuman Singh**

Some of the recent advances in AI that can be clubbed under the term "Generative AI" have raised new questions around ethics and safety of AI. Safety recalls in automobiles and other consumer products are common. Today the case for safety recalls in AI products is more imminent than in any other sector given the scale of impact AI has on our society, economy, and discourse. Regulations around AI have not even kept pace with advances that happened in AI a decade ago, and now we are grappling with the impact of Generative AI.



Dr. Anshuman Singh is an AI educator, researcher, entrepreneur, and a hacker in the traditional meaning of the term. He is the co-founder and Chief Academic Officer at an education startup that is building an online AI university. Prior to this, he was the curriculum architect at DeepLearning.AI, working with AI pioneer Andrew Ng leading the development of AI courses that have been taken by millions of learners around the world. Dr. Singh was in academia for a decade and was an Associate Professor at the University of Missouri-St Louis until 2022.

Dr. Singh's specialization is at the intersection of artificial intelligence and cybersecurity. In the past, he has also worked as a research scientist on DARPA and Air Force-funded research projects on the application of artificial intelligence. He earned his PhD in Computer Science from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He holds the CISSP and GPEN certifications and is a certified ethical hacker.

Committee: Judi Lohaus, Marge Andersen



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March 12, 2024 *New Horizons: Global Migration Trends
 and Implications for the US Asylum System*

Jessica Mayo, JD

International migration has steadily increased over the past 30 years, and it is projected to continue increasing in light of global warming and violent conflicts. We will examine the current global reality and the United States' role as a prominent destination for immigrants. What is the future that we are co-creating through our response to this enormous challenge – and its accompanying opportunities?



Jessica Mayo is an attorney and Co-Director of the [Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project](#) in St. Louis. The MICA Project is a community organization committed to working with low-income immigrants to overcome barriers to justice. The MICA Project utilizes legal services, organizing, advocacy, and education to promote the voice and human dignity of immigrant communities.

Committee: Marsha Koch, Alison Wiffenburg

April 9, 2024 *NATO*

Dr. Kelly-Kate S. Pease



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

Dr. Kelly-Kate S. Pease will briefly discuss the creation and evolution of NATO and examine the debates surrounding NATO expansion. She will also assess the interactive relationship between NATO and the Russia-Ukraine Conflict.

Dr. Kelly-Kate S. Pease is Professor of International Relations at Webster University. She has published extensively in areas related to international relations, international organizations, human rights, and humanitarian affairs. Her books include *International Organizations: Perspectives on Global Governance* (6th ed), *The United Nations and Changing World Politics* (co-author, 8th ed), and *Human Rights and Humanitarian Diplomacy*. Dr. Pease also publishes articles and chapters on human rights, humanitarian intervention, humanitarian assistance, diplomacy, the United Nations, and international criminal law.



Committee: Sue Williams, Susie Teicher, Patty Murray