

## 2015-2016 Global Education Speaker Series

**JOIN US** for the 2015-2016 Global Education Calendar and Speakers Series: **Global EarthCare**. Since our inception, we have chosen themes that illuminate our global and ethnic cultures. This year, we have chosen an earth theme, for we are all dependent on this amazing planet and we believe it's crucial that we work together to solve our ecological issues to create a bright future for our global community. We hope you'll join us in attending, listening and considering what you can do to care for the earth as a global citizen.

In September, we'll begin our 14th year by gathering at the Springfield Global Table, partaking of food grown from local community gardens, learning from Wittenberg professors about current ecological issues and keeping it light with some local comedians. In October, Samina Ahmed will lead a session on earth care in the Muslim tradition. In November, Jagdish Singh will lead a session on "Faith and the Earth as Common Ground" on the Sikh and other traditions related to earth care. In December, the Clark County Recycling Center will lead a session on "Sustainability: Recycling and Beyond" with special recycled art displays by TAC Industries.

In January, Kevin Rose, Turner Foundation historian, will present a program on "Restoration and Reuse: Springfield Preservation. In February, the Wittenberg Sustainability Task Force will present "Wittenberg Forges New Ground with Collaborative Sustainability Efforts, explaining the strategies they are implementing campus wide to teach their students, conduct research and walk the talk in campus facilities management. For our March program, we'll welcome Wittenberg Visiting Fullbright Scholar, Dr. Ramesh, who will share information about the indigenous people in Northern India and how they respond to deforestation and pollution issues.

In April, Dr. Akber Mohammed will present a program on Climate Change, including his Muslim perspective. For the May program, we will welcome local community gardeners in the Lincoln and Perrin Promise neighborhoods, learning about a recent USDA grant and their efforts in recent years to increase urban farming in neighborhoods and in the schools.

During the summer months, we'll head out into the community for a variety of experiences with the earth. In June, we encourage our members to take a garden walk with Master Gardeners exploring their new home in Snyder Park. For July, we'll head down to the Summer Arts Festival for cultural offerings, enjoying the outdoor amphitheater of Veteran's Park. Finally in August, we'll invite our members to a Pecha Kucha event with the Westcott House on Earth Issues. Come join us to learn, grow and consider your role as we work together on earth care.

Since 2001, the Global Education and Peace Network has provided a forum for intercultural understanding. The network includes people from many different cultural traditions, and so our presenters are not representing the network's views, but rather their own personal and cultural views. Our goal is to create an environment of respect where we can learn from each other and build bridges of understanding. Many times the viewpoints we hear differ from our own cultural and religious viewpoints, and yet we try to understand, to learn and to extend the hand of friendship. In such a diverse world, we believe it is very important to be able to disagree with each other and still be friends.



*The Center for Civic and Urban Engagement at Wittenberg is pleased to work with the Global Education and Peace Network in the education, entertainment and enlightenment of Springfield residents. We invite everyone to join us at Wittenberg each month for the Global Education Series events and hope that you will discover more about different cultures and heritage.*



## Global EarthCare

**Tuesday, September 8, 2015 - 6:30 p.m. Shouvlin Center, Room 105, Wittenberg University**  
**Earth Issues and Solutions with Wittenberg Scientists**

*Amber Burgett, Sarah Fortner, Richard Phillips and John Ritter*

**Tuesday, October 6, 2015 - 6:30 p.m. Shouvlin Center, Room 105, Wittenberg University**  
**Caring for the Earth in Islam**

*Samina Ahmed*

**Tuesday, November 10, 2015 - 6:30 p.m. Shouvlin Center, Room 105, Wittenberg University**  
**Faith and Earth as Common Ground**

*Jagdish Singh and friends*

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015 - 6:30 p.m. Shouvlin Center, Room 105, Wittenberg University**  
**Sustainability: Recycling and Beyond**

*Clark County Solid Waste District with recycled art by TAC Industries*

**Tuesday, January 12, 2016 - 6:30 p.m. Shouvlin Center, Room 105, Wittenberg University**  
**Restoration and Reuse: Springfield Preservation**

*Kevin Rose, Turner Foundation historian, and friends*

**Tuesday, February 2, 2016 - 6:30 p.m. Shouvlin Center, Room 105, Wittenberg University**  
**Wittenberg Forges New Ground with Collaborative Sustainability Efforts**

*The Wittenberg University Sustainability Task Force*

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Shouvlin Center, Room 105, Wittenberg University**  
**An Indian/Hindu Perspective on Earth Issues:**

**Deforestation, Pollution and Hope**

*Ramesh Mishra, Wittenberg Fullbright Scholar-in-Residence*

**Tuesday, April 5, 2016 - 6:30 p.m. Shouvlin Center, Room 105, Wittenberg University**  
**Climate Change and the Global Community: What's Happening and What Can We Do? A Muslim Perspective.**

*Akber Mohammed, MD*

**Tuesday, May 3, 2016 - 6:30 p.m. Shouvlin Center, Room 105, Wittenberg University**  
**Community Efforts to Cultivate the Earth in South Springfield**

*Springfield Promise Neighborhood and friends*

*During the summer months, we won't be having programs at Wittenberg, but encourage you to get out in the community and enjoy and observe the Earth!*

**June – Take a Garden Walk with the Clark County Master Gardeners at their new gardens in Snyder Park. To be arranged. Details at: [www.clark.osu.edu](http://www.clark.osu.edu) or call (937) 521-3860.**

**July – Visit the Summer Arts Festival at Veterans Park Amphitheater. To be arranged. Details at: [www.springfieldartscouncil.org](http://www.springfieldartscouncil.org) or call (937) 324-2712.**

**Thursday, August 11, 6:30 p.m. Attend Pecha Kucha for the Earth, a public speaking event sponsored by the Westcott House. Location to be arranged. Details at: [www.westcotthouse.org](http://www.westcotthouse.org) or call (937) 327-9291.**