

## WOOD COUNTY COMMITTEE ON AGING

# Great Decisions Lecture Series 2011

*Enrich,  
Explore this  
Season of Life*

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Breakfast will be served at 8:45 a.m. with advanced registration. Menus are available, suggested donation is \$2.

**Books are \$20**  
*(They are not required)*

*Advanced registration is required for breakfast and the session!*

*Call 419.353.5661 or  
1.800.367.4935.*

**Saturday's, January 22 to February 26**

Breakfast at 8:45 a.m. Series starts 9:30 – 11 a.m.

**Wood County Senior Center**

305 North Main Street, Bowling Green

**Facilitated by Bowling Green State University Professors**

This series is co-sponsored by the *American Association of University Women, Bowling Green Women's Club, and WCCOA*

**Registration guidelines:** Registration is required due to limited seating. When registering we will require your name and phone number in case a session is cancelled due to inclement weather.

**January 22 Dr. Candace Archer--Responding to the Financial Crisis--**

As an immediate response to the financial crisis of 2007–08, governments around the world stepped in to bail out troubled private banks deemed “too big to fail,” underscoring the interdependence between private and public finances. With the recent eurozone crisis, what have we learned so far and is it possible to ensure that future crises will not occur?

**January 29 Dr. Marc Simon--Sanctions and Non-proliferations--** Sanctions have been created to curb nations in violation of international law, especially agreements concerning nuclear nonproliferation. How successfully have sanctions been applied against past violators? Is there any chance sanctions can curtail North Korea and Iran from continuing to develop nuclear weapons?

**February 5 Dr. Neil Englehart--Horn of Africa --** Since the early 1990s, the U.S. has monitored the Horn of Africa due to security concerns. Internal instability, weak governments in some countries, regional rivalries and a lack of development have resulted in an environment conducive to terrorism. Can the U.S. protect its national interests while mitigating the dangerous conditions in the region?

**February 12 Dr. Gary Hess--U.S. National Security --**U.S. national security priorities were expanded after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to include waging war in Iraq and Afghanistan, tightening border security, pursuing cyberthreats, halting nuclear proliferation and attempting to snuff out homegrown terrorism. How has the U.S. national security agenda evolved since 9/11? In what ways will this agenda shape the American way of life in the future?

**February 19 Dr. Geoff Howes--Germany Ascendant--**Germany has emerged from both the financial crisis and the eurozone crisis as the dominant economic and political power in Europe, in particular setting the tone for dealings with Russia, Eastern Europe and Iran. How important is it for U.S. interests to enhance relations with Germany, and how should the U.S. react when German and U.S. interests fail to align?

**February 26 Dr. Don Rowney--The Caucasus--**The countries and regions of the Caucasus all have strong national identities but have long lived in the shadow of their larger neighbors: Russia, Iran and Turkey. How does this influence the Caucasus of today? How do the region's energy resources play into its relations with the outside world?