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# MEXICO & THE UNITED STATES MORE THAN NEIGHBORS

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PRESENTS:**

## **36TH ANNUAL CENTRAL ILLINOIS WORLD AFFAIRS CONFERENCE**

**FEBRUARY 17-18, 2006  
HOTEL PERE MARQUETTE  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS**



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Mexico is one of the United States' most significant global neighbors. As President Bush has stated, "Mexico and the United States are more than neighbors. We are partners in building a safer, more democratic and more prosperous hemisphere." By proximity alone, economic, political, and social conditions in one country necessarily affect the other. Yet many Americans reduce the relationship between Mexico and the United States to one that focuses solely on immigration. However, it is also important to explore the development of a healthy political culture in Mexico, the impact of cross-border trade on the economies of the hemisphere, and the flow of drugs and potential terrorists into both our countries, among other themes. Such situations invite deeper discussion by world affairs councils like our own.

The conference will be of particular interest to:

- (1) Business and professional leaders interested in the impact of the cross border trade on the local economy.
- (2) High school and college faculty seeking new knowledge about Mexico and Hispanic culture and an opportunity to meet with similarly motivated colleagues.
- (3) Students wanting to learn more about this topic from experts in the field.
- (4) Citizens interested in learning more about Mexico and US Mexican relations.

The conference will be held at the Hotel Pere Marquette in Peoria, Illinois, on Friday and Saturday, February 17-18, 2006. It is open to the public.

**This program offers continuing education units toward teacher re-certification.**

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**Hotel Pere Marquette • Peoria, IL  
February 17- 18, 2006**

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

- 5:00 P.M. STUDENT BRIEFING
- 5:30 P.M. OPEN REGISTRATION & RECEPTION
- 7:00 P.M. BANQUET
- 8:00 P.M. OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS:  
**"US & Mexican Relations: Progress and Problems between Our Hemisphere Partners"**  
*Ambassador Antonio O. Garza,  
US Ambassador to Mexico (Invited)*
- 8:45 P.M. QUESTION - ANSWER SESSION
- 9:30 P.M. RECESS

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

- 8:00 A.M. REGISTRATION (Continued)
- 9:00 A.M. PANEL DISCUSSION:  
**"Toward a More Prosperous and Democratic Hemisphere"**  
  
TOPIC:  
**"Opening Mexico: A Look at Mexico's Politics and Evolving Political Culture"**  
*Julie Preston, Deputy Investigations Editor for the New York Times; Co-author of Opening Mexico, New York, NY*
- TOPIC:  
**"Mexican Oil Reserves"**  
*Luis Ramirez Corzo, CEO Petroleos Mexicanos (PEMEX), Mexico City, DF (Invited)*

TOPIC:  
**“Cross-Border Business Climates”**  
*Larry D. Rubin, CEO of the American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico, Mexico City, DF*

TOPIC:  
**“Immigration and Security Concerns”**  
*Deborah Meyers, Senior Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute, Washington, DC*

10:45 A.M. COFFEE BREAK  
 11:15 A.M. QUESTION - ANSWER SESSION  
 12:30 P.M. LUNCHEON  
 1:30 P.M. CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESSES:  
**“Mexican and US Relations: The Perspective from South of the Border”**  
*Geronimo Gutierrez, Under Secretary for North America for the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, Representative of the President of Mexico, Vicente Fox, Mexico City, DF*

**THIS PROGRAM OFFERS CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL UNITS FOR TEACHER RE-CERTIFICATION IN ILLINOIS.**

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*Bloomington Pantagraph*

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Individuals or groups planning to attend the conference are urged to register **IN ADVANCE**. Advance registrations will be acknowledged. All tickets will be held for pickup at the conference registration table at the Hotel Pere Marquette after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, and after 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2006.

Please complete and detach the advance registration form and mail it with your check made payable to:

**Peoria Area World Affairs Council (PAWAC)**  
**Institute of International Studies**  
**Bradley University**  
**1501 West Bradley Avenue**  
**Peoria, IL 61525**

Registration fees will be refunded if notice of cancellation is received by February 10, 2006.

## REGISTRATION FEES

- a) Adults (Non-Students, Non-Members of PAWAC): \$40.00 for all sessions; or \$25.00 for Friday session only; or \$25.00 for Saturday only. (Meals are extra.)
- b) Full and Part-Time High School and College Students: \$25.00 for all sessions; or \$15.00 for Friday session only; or \$15.00 for Saturday only. (Meals are extra.)
- c) Seniors (Citizens age 65 and older): \$30.00 for all sessions; or \$20.00 for Friday session only; or \$20.00 for Saturday only. (Meals are extra.)
- d) PAWAC Members: \$30.00 for all sessions; or \$20.00 for Friday session only; or \$20.00 for Saturday only. (Meals are extra.)

## CONFERENCE MEALS

- a) Friday Evening Banquet \$25.00
  - b) Saturday Luncheon \$20.00
- Vegetarian meals are available upon request.*

## OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

If you require overnight lodging, you may make your reservations with the Hotel Pere Marquette, site of the conference, at (309) 637-6500 or (800) 447-1676. Special conference rate: \$89.00 plus tax (single or double). To receive this special rate, please make your own reservations **by January 27**, and indicate that you will be attending the Central Illinois World Affairs Conference.

## SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND BROCHURES

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**REGISTRATION FORM** for Central Illinois World Affairs Conference, February 17-18, 2006, Peoria, IL. *\*Please print or type information as it should appear on name badge(s).*

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		<b>FRIDAY &amp; SATURDAY PROGRAM FEES</b>
\$ _____	\$ _____	Adult Program Fee - \$40
\$ _____	\$ _____	Students - \$25
\$ _____	\$ _____	PAWAC Members - \$30, Citizens (age 65+) - \$30
		<b>FRIDAY PROGRAM ONLY</b>
\$ _____	\$ _____	Adult Friday Session - \$25
\$ _____	\$ _____	Students - \$15
\$ _____	\$ _____	PAWAC Members - \$20, Citizens (age 65+) - \$20
		<b>SATURDAY PROGRAM ONLY</b>
\$ _____	\$ _____	Adult Saturday Session - \$25
\$ _____	\$ _____	Students - \$15
\$ _____	\$ _____	PAWAC Members - \$20, Citizens (age 65+) - \$20
		<b>MEALS (to be purchased separately)**</b>
\$ _____	\$ _____	Friday Banquet - \$25
\$ _____	\$ _____	Saturday Luncheon - \$20
\$ _____	\$ _____	<b>Total Cost</b>

\*\*Please check here if you prefer vegetarian meals \_\_\_\_\_.

VISA/MC #: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and detach the advance registration form and mail it with your check made payable to PAWAC or your credit card information to: Institute of International Studies, Bradley University, 1501 W. Bradley Ave., Peoria, IL 61625. Tickets will be held at the conference registration table, Hotel Pere Marquette, February 17-18, 2006. Questions? Call (309) 677-2450.