

## Speaker Biographies & Presentation Information

### **MONDAY FEBRUARY 12TH**

#### **Norman Stockwell**

**Monday Feb. 12th 1st block 8:30-9:05**

#### ***Free Press & International Media***

Norman Stockwell is publisher of The Progressive magazine, a one-hundred-seven year-old Madison-based progressive monthly. Prior to that, he served over two decades as WORT's Operations Coordinator. He worked at the station in music and news programming since 1983. In addition to working as a journalist in the U.S., Cuba, Nicaragua & Mexico, Norm has been involved in the collective management of two Madison institutions - Lakeside Press and Mifflin Street Co-op. He is also former Director of the Old Town School of Folk Music-Madison, and served in the 1970's as Facilities Manager for the Northwestern University Archeological Program. He has covered the WTO meetings in Seattle & Cancun, the FTAA meetings in Miami, the Democratic Conventions in 1996, 2000 & 2008, 2012, and the Republican Conventions in 2004 & 2008, 2012, and many more.

#### **Yasi Rezai**

**Monday Feb. 12th 1st block 9:15-9:50**

#### ***Tropical Rainforest Conservation***

***Ceiba Foundation: [ceiba.org/](http://ceiba.org/)***

The Ceiba Foundation for Tropical Conservation is a non-profit dedicated to the protection and rehabilitation of tropical ecosystems. Their projects are based in Ecuador and focus on research, education, and community-based actions that promote conservation. Ms. Rezai began working with the Ceiba Foundation in 2015 as a graduate student. Her project was to work with local landowners to promote reforestation using agroforestry on degraded land. Reforesting private land with crops such as coffee and cacao while using native species for soil enrichment and water retention can offer landowners a sustainable income while preserving the natural ecosystem. Ceiba's long-term goal is to establish a Biological Corridor to protect the native plants and animals on the coast of Ecuador.

#### **Jennifer Hillard**

**Monday Feb. 12th 2nd block 10:05-10:40**

#### ***Child/Family Abuse***

***Canopy Centre: [canopycenter.org](http://canopycenter.org)***

Jennifer Hillard is a Milwaukee native who earned a B.A. in Communication from Denison University in Granville, OH in 2013 and a Masters of Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2015. Her experiences working with vulnerable populations through two hands-on internships during her Master's program, in combination with her personal experience as a member of an adoptive family, led Jennifer to pursue work in foster care following graduation in 2015. After almost two years both placing children in homes and leading families through the process to become foster parents, she spotted an exciting opportunity at Canopy Center, a local non-profit. In her current position, Jennifer is a Case Coordinator with the Dane County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, which is one of the three programs housed under Canopy Center. The other programs include Oasis, which provides therapeutic services to victims of sexual abuse, and Parent to Child, which offers the vital service of supervised visitation for families. Jennifer is a licensed Certified Advanced Practice Social Worker and a Certified Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Educator.

#### **Lori DiPrete Brown**

**Monday Feb. 12th 2nd block 10:50-11:25**

#### ***Women's Rights-UW Madison 4W Initiative***

4W Initiative Director Lori DiPrete Brown began her career as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Honduras and has since travelled to over 13 countries to provide quality healthcare and social services that address the needs of women, children, and all people in highly vulnerable situations. Recently, she spearheaded inter-disciplinary 4W initiatives related to micro-enterprise and women's wellbeing, and a local to global effort to address the trafficking of women and girls for sexual exploitation. Professor DiPrete Brown holds degrees from Yale College, the Harvard School of Public Health, and the Harvard Divinity School, and she has also written a novel about her work with young women entitled *Caminata: A Journey*. Lori is proud to be the director of the UW-Madison Women and Wellbeing Initiative (4W), which serves as a convener and leading voice in education, applied research, and impactful engagement to promote global wellbeing and full participation of women in society. Through a variety of local to global projects grounded in human rights principles, the 4W Initiative is making life better for women and the world better for all.

**Karen**

**Monday Feb. 12th Advisory 11th/12th 11:30-12:00 & 9th/10th 12:05-12:35**

***Immigration & DACA***

**Darla Lannert**

**Monday Feb. 12th 3rd block 12:45-1:20**

***Transgender People in the Military***

Darla is an educator and speaker who has spoken at the VA, UW Hospital, UW Medical School and at universities throughout Wisconsin. She spoke to Amazon, as well as other companies. She is a parent and grandparent. She is also the winner of the 2016 Lisa Sundberg Civil Rights Defender Award. Darla is a Vietnam Combat Veteran who served in Vietnam for 20 months.

**Cassidy Schroeder**

**Monday Feb. 12th 3rd block 1:30-2:05**

***Rape and Sexual Assault in Wisconsin***

***Rape Crisis Center rcc.org***

Cassidy Schroeder is the Outreach and Education Specialist at the Rape Crisis Center (RCC). They are passionate about building young folks knowledge about consent and how to prevent violence while working at high schools and middle schools across Dane County. RCC has variety of services to support survivors of sexual assault and their friends and family including our 24 hour helpline (608-251-7273), La Línea de Ayuda en Espanol (608-258-2567), and free youth counseling (English & en Espanol).

**Amanda Schmitt**

**Monday Feb. 12th 4th block 2:20-2:55**

***Sexual Harassment-Part of Time Magazine's Silence Breakers Person of the Year***

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Amanda Schmitt (b. 1987, Madison, WI) is a curator and art fair director living in New York City. Schmitt is a graduate of Middleton High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, an All-State Academic and Athletic Award Winner, and a member of the MHS Diving, Soccer, and Gymnastics Teams. She continued to graduate from the University of Wisconsin--Madison, majoring in Art & French, where she was the Director of the Union Directorate Arts Committee. Schmitt has worked in New York City since graduation, working at a number of prestigious art galleries and publications, and currently is the Director of Programming and Development for the Untitled Art Fair in Miami Beach and San Francisco. She has curated over 40 exhibitions, video screenings and performance series at galleries and artist-run spaces in New York, Chicago, London, Paris, Berlin, and Providence. Schmitt was named as a TIME Person of the Year in 2017, a title that honored a group of individuals named "The Silence Breakers" for their voice in speaking out against sexual harassment and misconduct. Schmitt remembers her days at MHS fondly and is especially thankful for her opportunity to conduct an Independent Study during her senior year, when she spent most of her time in the MHS darkroom, discovering her love for photography and eventually contemporary art.

**MHS Girl Up Club**

**Monday Feb. 12th 4th block 3:05-3:40**

***Girlup.org***

MHS club will share information surrounding women's rights around the globe

# **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13TH**

## **Steven Werlin, Catherine Parrill, Rodolphe Eloi, & Franck Toussaint-KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

\*Special thanks to UW Madison Latin American, Caribbean & Iberian Studies Program & Heidi Ropa for funding and making the presentation possible.

**Tuesday Feb. 13th 5th block 8:30-9:50 (Note presentation is for full block)**

### ***Development in Haiti***

#### **Steven Werlin:**

Steven has been living in Haiti since January 2005, dividing his time between a room in a house in Kaglo, a village in mountains above Port au Prince, and three to four other residences. He's taught classes for high school students, literacy center participants, primary school teachers, and groups as different as teenage boys from Port au Prince's largest slum and women from a network of rape victims.

He started working with Fonkoze as an advisor to its literacy and education department in early 2005 and continued to help with various projects for its communications, grant writing, and education teams until March 2009. Since 2010, he has been working for Chemen Lavi Miyò, or CLM, Fonkoze's program for the extreme poor. He started as a regional director, but is now the communications and learning officer. When he's not in the field, he likes to sit on his front porch with his dog Lilly, drinking coffee and reading novels. Werlin is the author of *To Fool the Rain: Haiti's Poor and their Pathway to a Better Life*.

#### **Catherine Parrill**

Catherine Parrill is founder and CEO of Creative Exchanges Initiative, a nonprofit currently focusing on sustainable development efforts in Haiti. She has taught students from kindergarten through college, was a teacher-trainer in the United States and in Haiti, was Executive Director of Sylvan Learning Centers, has been a business owner, is an author and a musician. Her work in Haiti began as a volunteer in 1990. Over the next few years she became increasingly concerned that well-intentioned giving was not only failing to create sustainable improvements, but was also reinforcing power systems that left out the average person. The resulting injustices, dependencies, and, sometimes, corruption caused her to leave her Haiti work for a decade. During this period, Haitians in the field had come to similar conclusions about the role of NGOs in Haiti. Catherine and her longtime colleague Rodolphe Eloi decided to bring their combined experience together to create a nonprofit model using dialogical organizational development, to support sustainable development in Haiti.

#### **Rodolphe Eloi**

Rodolphe Eloi lives in Leogane, Haiti. He has thirty years of experience in developing community capacity and local leadership, and in facilitating understanding among Haitian and American participants and partners. Msr. Eloi is a creative thinker with the patience to allow change to evolve from a situation as it currently exists, and the practical experience and skills to engage and lead the full community in democratic dialogue. He is passionate about the need to segue from high dependency on foreign aid to a model that will become locally sustainable.

Msr. Eloi began teaching in rural Haiti in 1988. He became school principal then was named overall administrator for the school, clinic, and agriculture program. During his tenure the school grew from three primary grades to pre-school, elementary, and secondary schools. He continues to consult and assist in coordination of the thirty-year partnership project between St. Marc's in Jeannette, Haiti and the Episcopal Diocese of Wisconsin. Msr. Eloi has worked with students in Wisconsin and Alabama during residencies and cultural exchange programs, and has often been a speaker on his visits to the United States. He now works part-time with Singing Rooster to train smallholder farmers in Haiti in quality improvement, small business management, and business growth, helping them produce a 30% growth in export yields.

#### **Franck Toussaint**

Franck Toussaint lives in Leogane, Haiti. Franck has over thirty years of experience in the growing of successful goat farming enterprises for communities in rural Haiti. In Haiti, goats bring economic stability to smallholder farmers, and nutrition to the general population. Franck trained with Winrock International, at the University of Alabama at Huntsville, Tuskegee University, and at the University of Georgia. His training includes animal husbandry, management and disease control for goat farming, controlling worms in goat population, and more. From 1985 – 2016 he coordinated the GHA goat program in Haiti <http://www.globalatlanta.com/four-legged-bank-accounts-goats-as-capital-in-haiti/>.

Unlike most "give a family a goat" philanthropic models, Franck begins by selecting and training local veterinary technicians who will maintain the program. He trains locally-selected farmers, brings top-quality Haitian females and imported boars, from the start, incorporates a give-back program that requires each beneficiary to contribute to the farming community, and training to Jeannette, Haiti and works with farmers to create a sustainable social business

## **Lauren Werner**

**Tuesday Feb. 13th 6th block 10:05-10:40**

### **Education & Development in Ethiopia**

#### **Roots Ethiopia: [rootsethiopia.org](http://rootsethiopia.org) \*Photography will be on display in Gallery 2000**

Formed in response to understanding that Ethiopian communities know their needs best, Roots Ethiopia helps people in Ethiopia's southern region – the Kembata Tembaro, Hadiya, Alaba, and Wolayta zones. The founders of Roots Ethiopia recognized early in our non-profit work that our long-term vision must be on proactive, sustainable projects, and **must be based** on local wisdom and experience. Roots Ethiopia gives form to supporting Ethiopians helping Ethiopians, anchored in a partnership that values culturally-appropriate, forward-thinking way.

Roots Ethiopia is a non-profit that exists because we believe access to work and education are the foundations for building a poverty free world. We believe there should be no barriers to Ethiopian families succeeding in work and at school. We assist families to send their children to school, we support women to create valuable local market work, and we join with communities to improve their schools so everyone has a chance to learn. We know that if we do this in rural Ethiopia, we are building economic and educational equality worldwide. We are a smart and small organization with strong local leadership in Ethiopia. We have 175 kids in school, over 400 women led businesses, and 13 schools with stand-out learning resources.

Ms. Werner is a photographer, public health expert and member of the board of Roots Ethiopia in charge of ethical photography.

## **Dean Loumos**

**Tuesday Feb. 13th 6th block 10:50-11:25**

### **Homelessness in Madison**

#### ***Housing Initiatives: [housinginit.org](http://housinginit.org)***

Mr. Loumos is Executive Director of Housing Initiatives with years of experience as a Community Organizer and homeless outreach worker. He has now been the Executive Director of Housing Initiatives for nearly 20 years. He is responsible for overseeing the housing of all our clients and leading Housing Initiatives' growth. Dean has been in the forefront of expanding housing for homeless mentally ill individuals and families and brings a passionate, street savvy, tireless management style to Housing Initiatives. He is very proud of the eclectic staff he has been able to attract with their many skills that has allowed Housing Initiatives to be a leader in providing a model on how to develop and manage permanent housing to some of the most difficult to house people in our community.

## **MHS SAGE Club**

**Tuesday Feb. 13th Advisory 11/12th 11:30-12:00 & 9/10th 12:05-12:35**

SAGE (Sexuality and Gender Equality) is a club at MHS helping to raise awareness about homophobia and educate both faculty and students about the importance of creating a harassment-free environment for all students.

## ***Shiva Bidar***

**Tuesday Feb.. 13th 7th block 12:45-1:20**

Shiva was first elected as a City of Madison Alder in April 2009. She has served as the Common Council President Pro-Tem and President. Shiva is the Co-chair of the Latino Health Council of Dane County, an executive committee member of the Latino Support Network, a Madison College Board Trustee, a Madison Community Foundation board member and a United Way of Dane County Vision Council member. In addition to her role as alder, Shiva is the Chief Diversity Office for UW Health. She has over twenty years of experience as a community relations and diversity professional. On a national level, Shiva has worked extensively on issues of equal access to health care for limited English proficient (LEP) individuals. She has been instrumental in the development of language access policies and practices in Dane County, Wisconsin. Shiva has been recognized with numerous awards including the 2010 City-County MLK Jr. Humanitarian Award and 2005 YWCA Woman of Distinction Award

## **Mark Voss**

**Tuesday Feb. 13th 7th block 1:30-2:05**

### ***Peace Corps work in Togo***

Monsieur Voss went to high school in Normal, Illinois and earned his bachelors degree in Economics and French from University of Illinois Urbana/ Champaign. He studied in Dijon, France with Madame Bartholomew for his junior year. He joined the Peace Corps after graduating and served in Togo, West Africa for a little more than two years. In his town of Kétao, Togo, Monsieur Voss worked with farmers to help them market their crops and get the best price, secure short term loans from the United Nations, and expand the village hospital. He learned a lot from the farmers and also grew some field crops using oxen to till the soil while living there. When he returned to the US, Monsieur Voss earned his graduate degree in teaching in San Francisco after which he immediately took a position abroad again - this time teaching English in Kochi, Japan on the rural island of Shikoku. While living in Japan, Monsieur Voss rented land and had his first large vegetable garden and met one of his farming mentors, PhD

entomologist Masonobu Fukuoka, author of many books on Natural Farming, most notably *One Straw Revolution*. After traveling in Asia, Africa, and Europe on his return home, Monsieur Voss settled in Madison at a time when community supported agriculture (CSA) was first taking root in the area. He founded Drumlin Community Farm and has been farming ever since, though his farming operation is now called Voss Organics and specializes in organic seedlings for market and vegetable sales to restaurants rather than CSA. He started teaching French and in the Destinations program at Middleton High School in 2000 and wrote grants to establish the MHS school garden. Now he teaches French at Kromrey Middle School and has a great view of the Conservancy from his third floor penthouse classroom.

## **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15TH**

***Zarko Draganic-Bosnia, Vlada Ilic-Serbia, Iqbal Al-Juboori-Iraq-KEYNOTE SPEAKERS***

**Thursday Feb. 15th 5th block 8:30-9:50 \*Note Presentation is for full block**

***Refugee Panel***

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### **Zarko Draganic**

**Director, Program Operations**, is a seasoned international development expert and a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) with more than 18 years of experience working on USAID and European Union funded contracts and grants. Currently, Zarko oversees community stabilization, infrastructure, and livelihoods development projects and ensures on-time and on-budget delivery of program activities. He has delivered results in some of the most complex operating environments, including Afghanistan and Iraq. In addition to his community stabilization work, Mr. Draganic brings skills in business development services, agriculture and local economic development honed through serving on USAID-funded projects in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### **Iqbal Al-Juboori**

**Assistant Vice President, Program Operations and Director, Blumont Global Development (BGD)**, is responsible for supervising all administrative, financial, technical and operational aspects of projects in the practice under BGD. She brings nearly two decades of experience as an international development professional with a focus on programs that build community and civil society in addition to rebuilding several national services in Iraq and other fragile states in the Middle East and Latin America (Colombia). Iqbal has a wealth of experience in community based program design, community stabilization and humanitarian programs, as well as vocational and life skills, protection, education and women empowerment programs with a strong record of program management.

### **Vlada Ilic**

**Vice President, Blumont Program Operations**, is responsible for overseeing project implementation and business development activities across all Blumont corporate entities. Vladan's development experience includes more than 20 years serving in a variety of senior financial and programmatic roles at both the field and the home office levels. Vladan has a strong understanding of operational, financial, regulatory, and compliance requirements and has worked on a number of assistance and acquisition instruments with various clients, including U.S. government agencies, UN agencies, and foreign governments. He joined Blumont/IRD in 2000, playing a crucial support role during the transition process to Blumont.

### **Nancy Heingartner**

**Thursday Nov. 15th 6th block 10:05-10:40**

**A story of Human Rights Past-The United States and Belgium during WWI**

Ms. Heingartner is currently the IRIS (Institute for Regional and International Studies) Assistant Director for Outreach at UW Madison. She will be sharing a personal story of human rights between the United States and Belgium during World War 1 that is credited with saving 9 million Belgian lives.

## **Bethany Lerch**

**Thursday Feb. 15th 6th block 10:50-11:25**

### ***Human Rights in Palestine***

Born and raised in Oshkosh, Bethany Lerch is a former Fulbright scholar and Rotary Foundation scholar. She has a BA in German and International Studies from UW Oshkosh and a Master of Letters in Terrorism Studies from the University of Saint Andrews in Scotland. Her professional experience includes Assistant Lecturer of American Studies at the University of Leipzig in Germany, volunteer teacher in Palestine, and military trainer in Kabul, Afghanistan. Since her return to the United States in 2016, Bethany has resumed graduate school, this time in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Someday, she hopes to more meaningfully help vulnerable minorities and assault victims.

## **MEASU**

**Thursday Feb. 15th Advisory 11/12th 11:30-12:00 & 9/10 12:05-12:35**

Middle Eastern and Asian Student Union is a club at Middleton that seeks to celebrate their diverse cultures and to spread awareness about Middle Eastern & Asian issues.

## **Michael Johnson President & CEO Boys & Girls Club of Dane County**

**Thursday Feb. 15th 7th block 12:45-1:20**

### **Race & Equity in the Madison Area**

**Boys & Girls Club of Dane County: [www.bgcdc.org](http://www.bgcdc.org)**

Johnson currently serves as president & CEO for Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County (BGC) and has made it a priority to ensure BGC continues to be a leader in youth development while enhancing partnerships to produce positive outcomes for young people and their families. In seven years as CEO, the Club has made some significant accomplishments.

- Johnson developed a bold, five-year \$15 million plan that has resulted in more than doubling the number of children and families being served in Dane County, tripling the number of employees and growing the organization's operating budget by over 185 percent.
- Through its partnership with MMSD, BGC's AVID/TOPS program has produced graduation rates of over 90 percent for seven consecutive years, with more than 85 percent of their students (390 students) enrolled in local colleges and universities. This program is the largest public/private partnership in the Madison and Verona Area School Districts and the only college preparatory program of its nature validated by third-party data from UW-Madison

## **Zahra Mousavi**

**Thursday Nov. 15th 7th block 1:30-2:05**

### **An Afghani's perspective on Afghanistan**

Zahra Mousavi is an International student from Afghanistan majoring in Educational Leadership and Policy at UW-Oshkosh. She has an undergraduate degree in Political Science and Public Administration from the American University of Afghanistan in Kabul and her high school degree was earned in Tehran, Iran.

## **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16TH**

**Fair Trade Sale 10-3 in PAC Lobby**

## **Sumudu Atapattu**

**Friday Feb. 16th 1st block 8:30-9:55 \*Note presentation is for full block**

### ***Climate Change and Human Rights***

Sumudu Anopama Atapattu is the Director of Research Centers and Senior Lecturer at UW Law School. She teaches in the area of International Environmental law and climate change and human rights. She holds an LL.M. (Public International Law) and a Ph.D. (International Environmental Law) from the University of Cambridge, U.K., and is an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka. Her books include: "Human Rights Approaches to Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities" (2015, Routledge, U.K); "International Environmental Law and the Global South" (2015, Cambridge University Press) (co-editor); and "Emerging Principles of International Environmental Law" (2006, Transnational Publishers, New York). She is affiliated with UW-Madison's Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, the Center for South Asia, and the 4W Initiative and was a visiting professor at Doshisha University Law School, Japan, in summer 2014 and Giessen University, Germany in summer 2016. She also coordinates the Human Rights Program at UW-Madison.

## **JD Stier-KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Friday Nov. 16th 2nd block 10:05-11:25 \*Note presentation is for full block**

### **Human Rights Activism**

**Stier Forward:** [stierforward.com](http://stierforward.com)

JD Stier, a west Madison native, UW-Madison philosophy grad, and eventual Obama White House Official, has a story to share of human rights struggles, mass incarceration, and slumber parties at Aaron Rodger's house. JD was sentenced to 42 months in prison at the age of 19 for possessing marijuana in downtown Madison. After serving his time, JD made the first-ever journey from the jailhouse to the White House, becoming the first convicted felon to serve inside the White House. JD went on to launch Stier Forward, a social movement engine addressing human rights, U.S. mass incarceration, and played a leading role in ending the global Ebola outbreak. JD has led activism with Super Bowl MVP Aaron Rodgers, House of Cards Robin Wright, and is a frequent front page contributor for Politico, Huffington Post, and a recurring guest on MSNBC.

JD will weave together stories and lessons learned from inside the White House, human rights activism with today's most influential leaders, and how Middleton students and local residents can join and lead efforts that strengthen human rights from the heart of Africa to Wisconsin's very own prison system.

## **Fair Trade Sale in PAC Lobby-No Sign-Up Necessary**

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**Friday Nov. 11th 3rd block 12:45-1:20**

***Hans Hilbert***

### **Human and Environment Interaction-Pheasant Branch**

Hans Hilbert, a 2002 Graduate of Middleton High School, holds a degree in Land Use Planning from the College of Natural Resources at University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point. From 2007 to 2017 Hans served on the Middleton City Council where he worked with City staff, developers, and community members to ensure the continued growth of the city would have a positive impact on the surrounding natural resources. Hans is employed by the Dane County Planning and Development Department where he assists landowners plan land development in and around sensitive environmental areas.

**Gregg Mitman**

**Friday Nov. 16th 3rd block 1:30-2:05**

### ***Liberia, Multinational Corporations & Land Rights***

Gregg Mitman is the Vilas Research and William Coleman Professor of History, Medical History, and Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is an award-winning author, filmmaker, and teacher, whose interests span the history of science, medicine, and the environment in the United States and the world. His commitment to environmental and social justice is reflected in his work. He is also founder and director of the film festival Tales from Planet Earth.

Mitman's current work is a multimedia project—a film, book, and [public history website](#)—exploring the history and legacy of the Firestone Plantations Company in Liberia. He recently co-produced and co-directed with Sarita Siegel two films, [In the Shadow of Ebola](#), an intimate portrait of the Ebola outbreak in Liberia, and [The Land Beneath Our Feet](#), a documentary on history, memory, and land rights in Liberia. His book, *The World that Firestone Built: Capitalism, American Empire, and the Forgotten Promise of Liberia*, which he is completing with support from an [Andrew Carnegie Fellowship](#), will be published by [The New Press](#).

## **Ethnic Cleansing of Rohingya**

**Friday Nov. 16th 4th block 2:20-2:55**

***Video based overview of the plight of the Rohingya in Myanmar***

**Ellen Opitz**

**Friday Nov. 16th 4th block 3:05-3:40**

### ***Refugees in Germany***

Ellen Opitz, a former MHS student, will graduate from UW-Madison in May with a Bachelor of Arts in German and Geography and a certificate in Educational Services. From her first semester in college, she has specialized in studying the global movement of refugees. Her sophomore year she spent a semester volunteering at a facility for underage, unaccompanied refugee boys in Brandenburg, Germany. Inspired by her time working with the boys, she went back last summer to conduct research for her senior thesis on the integration and racialization of refugees. After she graduates, Ellen plans to move to Germany and pursue certification as a teacher.

**Fair Trade Sale Vendors:**

SERRV ([www.serrv.org](http://www.serrv.org))

Madison Rafah City Project ([www.madisonrafah.org](http://www.madisonrafah.org))-Palestine

Just Coffee (<http://justcoffee.coop/>)-Multiple countries

Terra Experience (<http://terraexperience.com/>)-Guatemala

DOERS Wisconsin-Afghanistan

Ethical Trade (<https://ethicaltradeco.com/>)-Multiple countries

Ubuntu Trade (<https://ubuntutrade.com/>)-Uganda

Trades of Hope (<https://www.tradesofhope.com/>)-Multiple countries

Heart of the Sky Fair Trade (<http://www.heartoftheskyfairtrade.com/>)-Guatemala