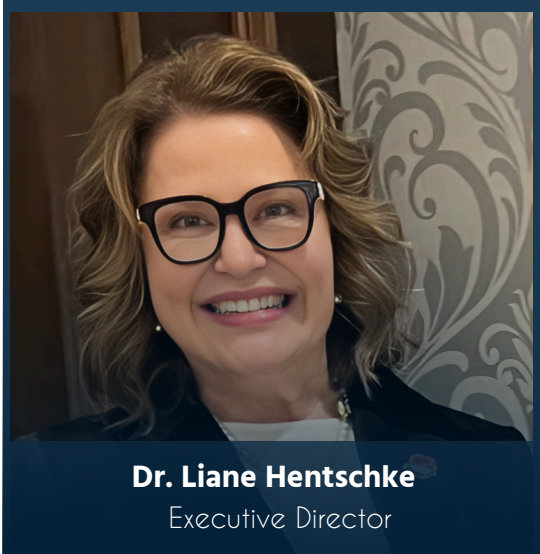




# April 2025 Newsletter



**Dr. Liane Hentschke**  
Executive Director

## From the Executive Director

Dear TNWAC Members and Sponsors,

It is with great honor that we introduce the Tennessee World Affairs Council's monthly newsletter, designed to keep you informed and engaged with our work. Each issue will feature upcoming events, highlights from recent programs, and international career opportunities. We are also pleased to include an opinion section, offering members, sponsors, and Board members the opportunity to share their perspectives on current global affairs.

Additionally, we take this opportunity to recognize and express our deep appreciation for the vital contributions of our Board members and sponsors, whose support is essential to the Council's continued success.

Over the past two years, TNWAC has sharpened its strategic focus on strengthening ties within the Tennessee community, particularly in the Nashville metropolitan area. One of our key accomplishments has been the significant expansion of the Distinguished Speakers Series, which now hosts 14–16 events annually. These programs address critical topics in global affairs, foreign policy, diplomacy, international business, and national security.

We invite you to explore our new website at [tnwac.org](http://tnwac.org) and become a member to enjoy exclusive benefits and engagement opportunities.

As we move forward, your continued support through donations and sponsorships is more important than ever. In an era when understanding global affairs is critical to our collective future, your involvement ensures that TNWAC remains a leading voice in international dialogue and education.



### UTK Student Marketing Technology Support Specialist (paid)

In partnership with The University of Tennessee Knoxville, we are seeking a student technical marketing specialist to support and manage various marketing platforms, graphic design, and technology to advance our mission. These responsibilities include creating graphics for marketing programs (Canva), managing our website (WordPress, Elementor), social media platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram), email communications (Mailchimp), and support with in-person and virtual events.

To learn more and apply, please contact [Amy Lea Gregory](mailto:Amy_Lea_Gregory) for the full job description.

## Explore International Careers

### POLICY ANALYST

Policy analysts study complex problems and recommend solutions for a wide range of political issues, from homeland security to healthcare and environmental policy. They examine governments, political trends, legal systems, and other related issues, and their research helps inform public policy. Global policy analysts typically focus on one or more areas pertaining to international relations, such as international trade, global business policies, national defense, international economics, and foreign law.

### FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER

The mission of a U.S. diplomat in the Foreign Service is to promote peace, support prosperity, and protect American citizens while advancing the interests of the U.S. abroad. You will be asked to serve at one of the more than 270 embassies, consulates, and other diplomatic missions in the Americas, Africa, Europe and Eurasia, East Asia and the Pacific, the Middle East and North Africa, and South Asia. Some of these posts are in difficult and even dangerous environments, but serving in them affords great challenges and rewards.

## Last Month, We Welcomed:



(3) new donors



(5) new members



(2) new sponsors

## March & April Event Stats:



(2) webinars



(3) in-person events



## Guest Columnist: Karl Dean (TNWAC Board Chair)



Recently I was reflecting on the important role of TNWAC in providing quality speakers on important issues confronting our nation and the world. I was struck by the fact that two of the programs we offered in the past two months were particularly relevant and of a very high quality.

Mona Yacoubian, a Senior Adviser on the Middle East at the Institute of Peace, spoke at Belmont University on the current situation in the Middle East with a focus on recent events in Syria. Mona's presentation was model of insight and clarity. It could not have been more timely.

Seth Bernstein, CEO of AllianceBernstein, spoke at the law firm of Holland and Knight on the importance of the United States dollar serving as the world's reserve currency. Seth's talk was excellent. Within a couple of weeks his presentation took on new relevance and importance in light of the recent turmoil in global markets. It is hard to imagine a more well timed presentation.

These two speakers demonstrated the importance of TNWAC's work. They also demonstrated the quality of our programs. I want to thank Liane and all the members involved in the speakers program for their excellent service. We should be proud.



### Board Member Highlight:

Dr. Breck Walker

As a long-serving board member, Dr. Breck Walker brings invaluable leadership and global insight to TNWAC. With a distinguished international business and academic career and deep commitment to TNWAC programming, he has helped guide our mission to promote global understanding through education and dialogue. His strategic vision and dedication continue to strengthen our impact across Tennessee. Thank you for your service throughout the years!

### Sponsor Highlight



Brown Advisory is an independent investment management and strategic advisory firm committed to delivering a combination of first-class performance, strategic advice, and the highest level of client service. The firm serves individuals, families, endowments, foundations, and other institutions and is responsible for over \$156.9 billion in client assets as of June 30, 2024. The firm's colleague equity ownership, experienced investment professionals, and client-first culture help to make a material difference in the lives of its clients.

*Thank you for your support!*

## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES



### PORTUGAL: **ALLURING ALENTEJO**

May 18 - May 26



### ISLES OF THE NORTH **- SHETLAND, FAROE AND ICELAND**

Jun 11 - Jun 19

**REGISTER NOW** >

## Support TNWAC

As a nonpartisan nonprofit organization, our mission is to **promote international awareness, understanding,** and connections to enhance the region's global stature and to prepare Tennesseans to thrive in our increasingly complex and interconnected world.

- 1** Bring a friend to one of our events and encourage them to join us as a member!
- 2** Introduce our team to an expert in your network to join us as a speaker in 2025!
- 3** Encourage businesses you love to join TNWAC as a corporate member or sponsor!

# TNWAC Events:



### **GLOBAL EATS: INDIA**

Location: Jashan Indian  
Brasserie

**REGISTER  
NOW**



### **TERRENCE BURNS**

International Sports and  
Olympic Marketing  
Executive

Location: Zoom

**REGISTER  
NOW**



### **ADMIRAL MICHAEL S. ROGERS**

U.S. Navy (*Retired*)

Location: Omni Hotel

**REGISTER  
NOW**

## TNWAC 2025 Programming Goals

