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World Affairs at the Library Spring 2017 Portsmouth Public Library

In conjunction with the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire, this fall the Portsmouth Public Library continues to host speakers on global issues. This series is FREE and open to the public. Come and learn more about the world at PPL!

Mexico & Latin America with Luis Jiménez **Monday April 17 | 7 PM**

Luis Jiménez is an Assistant Professor in the Political Science department at the University of Massachusetts Boston. His main research interests are Latin American politics and social remittances, particularly the way that immigrant networks spread ideas about democracy to their home countries. Currently he's working on a book that explores the impact of immigrants in the internal politics of Mexico, Colombia and Ecuador. He has published *in PS: Political Science and Politics* and in *Social Science Quarterly*.

Before joining the faculty at the University of Massachusetts Boston, professor Jiménez taught at Mount Holyoke College in Western Massachusetts for three years. He received his PhD from the University of Pittsburgh in December 2008. He is originally from Guadalajara, Mexico.

The Birth of American Empire with Stephen Kinzer **Sunday May 7 | 12:30 PM** (library opens at noon for program attendees only)

Senior Fellow in International and Public Affairs at [Brown University's Watson Institute](#), Stephen Kinzer is an award-winning foreign correspondent whose articles and books have led the *Washington Post* to place him "among the best in popular foreign policy storytelling."

Kinzer spent more than 20 years working for the *New York Times*, most of it as a foreign correspondent. He was the *Times* bureau chief in Nicaragua during the 1980s, and in Germany during the early 1990s. In 1996 he was named chief of the newly opened *Times* bureau in Istanbul. Later he was appointed national culture correspondent, based in Chicago.

Since leaving the *Times*, Kinzer has taught journalism, political science, and international relations at Northwestern University and Boston University. He has written books about Central America, Rwanda, Turkey, and Iran, as well as others that trace the history of American foreign policy. He writes a world affairs column for The Boston Globe.

His brand new book is [The True Flag: Theodore Roosevelt, Mark Twain, and the Birth of American Empire](#). He was recently interviewed about this book and more on [NPR's Fresh Air](#).

International Diplomacy with Mary Thompson-Jones

Wednesday June 7 | 7 PM

Mary Thompson-Jones is a faculty member and the faculty director of the Master of Science in Global Studies and International Relations program and Professor of the Practice at Northeastern University. Her research interests include international diplomacy, the intersection of cultural diplomacy and international higher education, and U.S. foreign policy in the geographic regions of Europe and Latin America.

Previously, Dr. Thompson-Jones was a career diplomat and foreign policy practitioner with 23 years of experience in the U.S. Department of State. She served in embassies and consulates in Madrid, Prague, Quebec, Guatemala, Sarajevo, and in Washington, D.C. Dr. Thompson-Jones attained the rank of minister counselor while serving as chargé d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Prague, where her portfolio included missile defense negotiations, the Czech entry into the visa waiver system, and the Czech presidency of the European Union. She oversaw two visits from President Barack Obama, Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton, several cabinet secretaries, and numerous congressional delegations. In other overseas postings, she was a counselor for public diplomacy who orchestrated embassy work on media outreach programs and academic exchange programs. Dr. Thompson-Jones also served as the State Department's Diplomat in Residence for the New England region, and she was the former dean of International Graduate Programs at Endicott College.

Authored [To The Secretary: Leaked Embassy Cables and America's Foreign Policy Disconnect \(2016\)](#).

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