

OLLI Fall 2018 Open Houses – Sioux Falls, Brookings, Vermillion, Chamberlain & Pierre

Special presenter, one of OLLI's favorite educators – **Dr. Tim Schorn from USD**

30 minute Presentation Titled - **“What in the World is Happening (in the world)?”**



Dr. Timothy Schorn is Associate Professor of Political Science Director of the International Studies Program at the University of South Dakota. He received his Ph.D. (1995) and M.A. (1990) in Government and International Studies at the University of Notre Dame, his J.D. from Notre Dame Law School (1989), and his B.A. from Mount Marty College in Yankton (1986).

Professor Schorn's areas of specialty are International Relations and Comparative Politics, especially Middle Eastern Politics, International Law, and Human Rights.

He has conducted or published research in the areas of human rights and the environment, the status of the death penalty internationally, American foreign policy in the Mideast, South Dakota politics, ethnic cleansing, and the 1987 Palestinian uprising. His current research focuses on constitutions and human rights in the Arab world and the law of war as it applies to Israel, Hamas, and Hezbollah.

Dr. Schorn has traveled to the Middle East a number of times and conducted interviews of members of the Palestinian Authority, Palestinian students, and members of the Palestinian private and non-profit sectors. He is regularly consulted by the area media on issues pertaining to the Middle East, American foreign policy, and international terrorism.

He has participated in seminars sponsored by Tel Aviv University's Abrahamson Center, the United States Institute of Peace, the Carnegie Council, the Center for National Security Law, Fulbright Seminars Abroad Program, and the Salzburg Seminar in Austria. Dr. Schorn has led student trips and study abroad in Great Britain, Turkey, Italy, Cuba, United Arab Emirates, Israel, and Palestine. He has taught in programs in the Netherlands, Spain, and Germany.

Dr. Schorn recently retired from South Dakota Army National Guard where he served as the First Sergeant of the 147th Army Band. He is a member of Rotary International, the American Legion (life member), and a number of professional organizations. He currently serves as Vice President of the Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

He is married to Ilmira Dulyanova. They have a son, Kamil, and reside in Vermillion, SD.