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Professor and author Robert Williams Talks about “The End of the American Century”



Robert E. Williams, Jr, Ph.D is Professor of Political Science at Pepperdine's Seaver College and spoke at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting April 19th on the theory that we are currently at the "End of the American Century."

Professor Williams was introduced at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting by his colleague Malibu Rotary Club Past President, Dean Emeritus of Seaver College and Professor of History W. David Baird.

Professor Williams received his BA in History from Abilene Christian University, his M.A. in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University and his Ph.D in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia. His areas of expertise are in international relations, international politics, and human rights. He also has a special interest in Peace Studies. He sounds like he would make a great Rotarian!

Professor Williams has been at Pepperdine since 1992. In introducing him David Baird recalled how Williams spoke to the student body at Pepperdine on 9/11, after the World Trade Center was attacked. David said that Robert's words had a calming effect on the stunned campus.

On a lighter note, David, who never lets anyone forget that he is from Oklahoma (and the author of the most important book about the history of that state) only really became friends with Texan Robert Williams when Williams' son married an Oklahoma girl.

Dr. Robert Williams' research interests include topics in the areas of human rights, just war theory and security studies. His current research focuses on corruption and human rights abuse in Equatorial Guinea and human rights policy in the United States. He blogs at [Swords Into Plowshares](#).

Professor Williams topic of the day, the fact that April, 2017 marks the end of what can arguably be call "The American Century."

Prior to 1917 America tended to isolate itself from the rest of world, and under President Woodrow Wilson, tried to stay out of foreign wars. Wilson had a Ph.D in Political Science from Johns Hopkins University, and when he became President of the United States helped pass many domestic legislative policies and also lowered tariffs, encourage world trade, and upon the outbreak of World War I in 1914, maintained a policy of neutrality.

In April, 1917, exactly 100 years ago, America entered World War I. Unlike other wars, where money, land, religion, and other reasons had world leaders join in the conflict, Wilson always had idealism. When Germany had resumed unrestricted submarine warfare and sent the Zimmerman Telegram (a secret diplomatic communication from the German Foreign office in January 1917 intercepted by British Intelligence which proposed a military alliance between Germany, Mexico and Japan against the United States and its allies and which was admitted as true by German Foreign Secretary Arthur Zimmermann on March 3), Wilson asked Congress to declare war in order to make “the world safe for democracy.” It was to be “The War to end all Wars.” To finance the war he raised income tax, sold Liberty Bonds, and increased the output of industry.

Early in 1918 in his speech to Congress, President Wilson declared fourteen points which he regarded as the only possible basis of an enduring peace. In 1919, following the armistice, he traveled to Paris, promoting the formation of the League of Nations, and concluding the Treaty of Versailles. Following his return from Europe, Wilson embarked on a nationwide tour in 1919 to campaign for the treaty, suffering a severe stroke. Due to his stroke, Wilson secluded himself in the White House, disability having diminished his power and influence.

Wilson’s ideology of internationalism is now referred to as “Wilsonian”, an activist foreign policy calling the nation to promote global democracy. For his sponsorship of the League of Nations Wilson was awarded the 1919 Nobel Peace Prize.

By 1920 the U.S was again trying to isolate itself from the rest of world, and even though the League of Nations was Wilson’s idea, the 14th of his 14 points, the United did not join it. In 1930’s, during the Great Depression, the US stood aloof from the League of Nations. Before the United States entered World War II under Franklin D Roosevelt they were already supporting Great Britain in its efforts against Germany and the economy was picking up as everyone was working to support the war effort for another war of ideals. Roosevelt was supportive of Wilson’s ideas and ideals for the post war era. He supported the United States entry into the United Nations, which was essentially League of Nations version 2.

The **international human rights** movement was strengthened when the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of **Human Rights** (UDHR) on 10 December 1948. Everyone is entitled to Peace, Prosperity and Freedom.

Human Rights are the basic rights and freedoms to which all human beings are entitled, like civil and political rights, the right to life and liberty, freedom of thought

and speech/expression, equality before the law, social, cultural and economic rights, the right to food, the right to work, and the right to education ...

During the post World War II era there was collective security with NATO. There became less inter state wars and more intra state wars.

Globalization has helped the world prosper led by the United States. Trade brings states together. Success of free markets helped all the industrialized nations of the world including China.

Over half the world is now living in freedom. The idea of Human Rights is at least given lip service in places where it is still not a reality.

The U.S.'s great success has been in getting ideas adopted.

As we look from out prospective in April, 2017 we can see that we have come to the end of the American century, forged by American ideals, ideas, and ingenuity. Sometimes the idea is more important than the army.

What will the next century be? We have seen talk in the current administration of a decrease in free trade.

Professor Williams just puts it out there for us to ponder. When asked whose century will be the next? It might be China. It might again be America. Or it could be nobody.

Wilson's Fourteen Points (from Wikipedia)

The Fourteen Points[[edit](#)]



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Diplomatic issues[[edit](#)]

I. Open covenants of peace, openly arrived at, after which there shall be **no private international understandings** of any kind but diplomacy shall proceed always frankly and in the public view.

II. Absolute **freedom of navigation** upon the seas, outside territorial waters, alike in peace and in war, except as the seas may be closed in whole or in part by international action for the enforcement of international covenants.

III. The removal, so far as possible, of all economic barriers and the establishment of an **equality of trade conditions** among all the nations consenting to the peace and associating themselves for its maintenance.

IV. Adequate guarantees given and taken that **national armaments will be reduced** to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety.

V. A free, open-minded, and absolutely impartial **adjustment of all colonial claims**, based upon a strict observance of the principle that in determining all such questions of sovereignty the interests of the populations concerned must have equal weight with the equitable government whose title is to be determined.

Territorial issues

VI. The **evacuation of all Russian territory** and such a settlement of **all questions affecting Russia** as will secure the best and freest cooperation of the other nations of the world in obtaining for her an unhampered and unembarrassed opportunity for the **independent determination of her own political development** and national policy and assure her of a sincere welcome into the society of free nations under institutions of her own choosing; and, more than a welcome, assistance also of every kind that she may need and may herself desire. The treatment accorded Russia by her sister nations in the months to come will be the acid test of their good will, of their comprehension of her needs as distinguished from their own interests, and of their intelligent and unselfish sympathy.

VII. **Belgium, the whole world will agree, must be evacuated and restored**, without any attempt to limit the sovereignty which she enjoys in common with all other free nations. No other single act will serve as this will serve to restore confidence among the nations in the laws which they have themselves set and determined for the government of their relations with one another. Without **this healing act** the whole structure and validity of international law is forever impaired.

VIII. **All French territory should be freed** and the invaded portions restored, and the wrong done to **France by Prussia in 1871** in the **matter of Alsace-Lorraine**, which has unsettled the peace of the world for nearly fifty years, should be righted, in order that peace may once more be made secure in the interest of all.

IX. A readjustment of the frontiers of **Italy** should be effected along clearly recognizable **lines of nationality**.

X. The people of [Austria-Hungary](#), whose place among the nations we wish to see safeguarded and assured, should be accorded the freest opportunity to [autonomous development](#).

XI. [Romania](#), [Serbia](#), and [Montenegro](#) should be evacuated; occupied territories restored; Serbia accorded free and secure access to the sea; and the relations of the several Balkan states to one another determined by friendly counsel along historically established lines of allegiance and nationality; and international guarantees of the political and economic independence and territorial integrity of the several Balkan states should be entered into.

XII. The Turkish portion of the present [Ottoman Empire](#) should be assured a secure sovereignty, but the [other nationalities which are now under Turkish rule](#) should be assured an undoubted security of life and an absolutely unmolested opportunity of [autonomous development](#), and the [Dardanelles](#) should be permanently opened as a free passage to the ships and commerce of all nations under international guarantees.

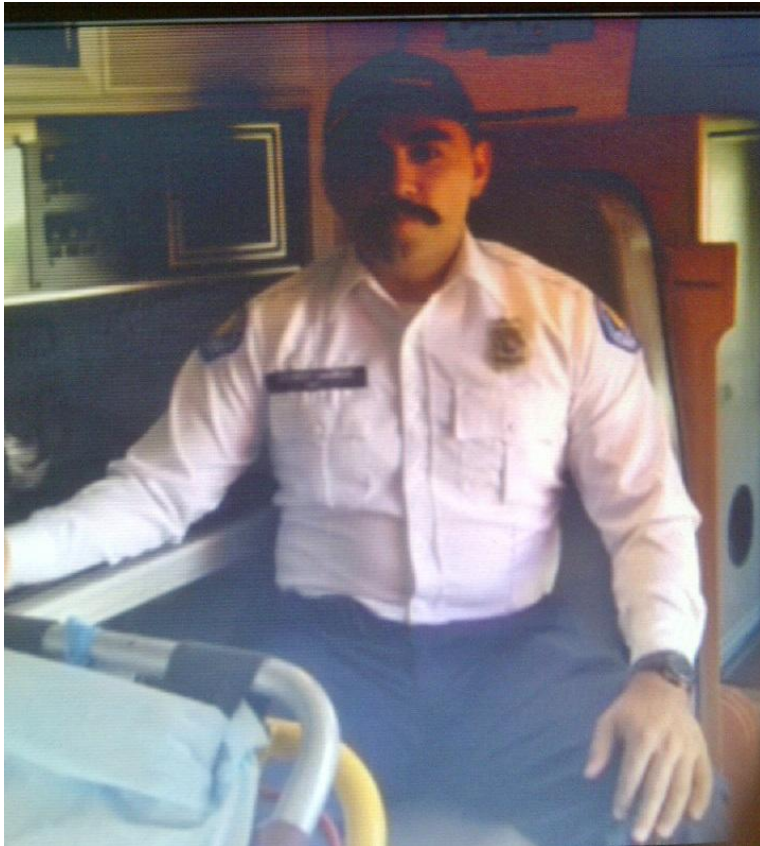
XIII. An [independent Polish state](#) should be erected which should include the [territories inhabited by indisputably Polish populations](#), which should be assured a [free and secure access to the sea](#), and whose political and economic independence and territorial integrity should be guaranteed by international covenant.

League of Nations

XIV. A general [association of nations](#) must be formed under specific covenants for the purpose of affording mutual guarantees of political independence and territor

Anthony Pedro Marron is Winner of \$3,300 Malibu Rotary Fire Academy Scholarship

Malibu Rotary Club has awarded a \$3300 Scholarship to Anthony Pedro Marron, an EMT currently with CARE who takes 911 calls out of the City of Commerce. He has been accepted and enrolled at El Camino Fire Academy at El Camino College in Torrance.



The Malibu Rotary Club unanimously voted to award Anthony the scholarship at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting April 19, 2017 after viewing a video which was part of the scholarship application process.

The video can be seen on the Malibu Rotary Club Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Malibu-188099427908203/>.

In order to apply, students had to email Malibu Rotary

Club (at MalibuRotaryScholarship@gmail.com) a 60-90 second video explaining :

- (1) Why they want to be a firefighter, and
- (2) How winning the \$3,300 scholarship would positively impact their life.

Additionally, the fire academy student must email the Malibu Rotary Club:

- (1) Student's name
- (2) Student's phone number
- (3) Name of the Fire Academy they are enrolled in
- (4) Address of the Fire Academy they are enrolled in

The Deadline to apply was Midnight on Sunday, April 16, 2017.

Anthony's video was submitted on time and all who viewed it agreed he was a worthy candidate. We hope to have Anthony and firefighters at a future Malibu Rotary Club meeting.

Other News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Bill Wishard talked about the Rotary District Breakfast he attended the previous day as having one of the best speakers he ever heard, Dr Hong, from UCLA who is a pioneer in robotics. This was the last Rotary District Breakfast of the current Rotary year and featured presentations by district Rotaract and Interact Clubs.. .

\$26.50 for the Rotary Foundation marks 100 year anniversary

Foundation history

At the 1917 convention, outgoing Rotary president Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe.

Explore the rich history of our Foundation as we celebrate 100 years of doing good.

To help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation Malibu Rotary Club members at the March 1st meeting voted to have the \$26.50 contribution the Rotary Foundation be paid with their 2nd quarter dues. Instead of paying our quarterly dues of \$100.00 write check to Malibu Rotary for \$100.00 and check to Rotary Foundation for \$26.50.

Malibu Rotary Club Sends 2 Students to RYLA Camp



Malibu Rotary Club President of the Month W. David Baird announced that the Malibu Rotary Club has chosen the 2 local students the Malibu Rotary

Club is sponsoring to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly) Camp at the Alpine Conference Center in Blue Jay, CA in the Big Bear Lake area of San Bernadino Moutains April 21-April 23.

The two students sponsored by the Malibu Rotary Club at this year's RYLA camp are **Morgan Perlmutter** of Malibu High School and **Amir Mohiuddin** of Calabasas High. We hope to have reports from them after their return from the camp.

Guests

There were 3 retuning guests at the April 12 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club: Speaker PDG **Tom Bos. Joe Duncan** and **Rocky Rosche** a past president of the Rotary Club of Hoqiam, Washington whose daughter is a student at Pepperdine.

Malibu Rotary Club Presidents of the Month (2016-2017)

Malibu Rotary Club President of Record (2016-17) Bill Wishard

August 2016-----Margo Neal
September 2016—David Zielski
October 2016-----John Elman
November 2016—W. David Baird
December 2016—Bill Wishard
January 2017-----Robert "Bob" Syvertsen
Februay 2017-----John Elman
March 2017-----W. David Baird
April 2017-----Margo Neal
May 2017-----Robert "Bob" Syverstsen
June 2017-----David Zielski

CALENDAR (see up to date calendar on maliburotary.org)

- **April 26 2017 – W. David Baird will be featured at the Malibu Rotary Club morning at Pepperdine with “Rotary Around the Fireside”**

Traditionally new Rotary members are invited to a Fireside Chat, in which the elders of the club tell the recent inductees about the history of Rotary, and how Rotary works, both on the club level and internationally. This meeting of the Rotary Club David Baird, who has been a Rotarian longer than any other member, starting in Oklahoma a half century ago, and who is a historian by profession, will tell all what he feels is important about Rotary. Pay attention, the professor might have a quiz at the conclusion.

- **May 3 2017 – Philippa Sklaar and the “The Lighter Side of Abuse**



Philippa Sklaar is a survivor of abuse, author, coach and advocate. Philippa immigrated to the USA after she fled from a violently abusive marriage and resolved to learn a lesson and be more careful next time. In America she met a man who, on the surface, was everything that her second husband was not. Until she owned her own contribution to the dance of abuse she was destined to repeat the pattern. Her story exists as proof of this. She co-wrote *When Loving Him Hurts – recovery from an abusive relationship* and *The Affair - recovery from illicit sex, lies and betrayal*. She is also the author of *Hot Cuisine*, and her clients included dignitaries such as Nelson

Mandela and Elizabeth Taylor was her first client in LA. She appeared in the Food Network’s *Guy’s Grocery Games*

with Guy Fieri and with Margaret Cho in *Blind Dinner Party*.

Her commitment to reduce domestic violence led her to create a nonprofit, *The Women’s Voice Project*. Her programs have been accepted by the LAUSD, the LAPD (Newton Division) and *The California Institution for Women*.

“If you *laugh* at it, you can deal with it, and if you don’t, you can’t deal with it.” Joan Rivers

Domestic Violence is the only diagnosis that is still shrouded in shame and often treated with contempt. There are so many misconceptions and myths about domestic violence that are simply not true. In *When Loving Him Hurts* we exposed what they are.