

“Igbo Educational Lecture Series” (IELS):

The Global College “Igbo Educational Lecture Series” (IELS) is a series on peace-building in a multicultural society. The relevance of this is founded on the fact that peace and related phenomena (e.g., human rights, human security, social justice, harmony, etc) enable the realization and optimization of human potential in any society. The lecture series (IELS) is organized and run by the “Umunna (Igbo) Cultural Association of Manitoba, Inc” in collaborative partnership with the UofW Global College. The initiative arose from the vision of the Honourable Dr. Rey Pagtakhan, the founding Director of the Global College; and Dr. Michael Eze is the convener. The Hon. Dr. Rey Pagtakhan delivered the inaugural lecture, thereby launching the series on Friday March 24, 2006. Participants include students, faculty, other institutions, and ethnocultural communities, as well as the general public.

The Lectures & Lecturers and Special Events & Participants So Far:

So far (vide infra), Sixteen lectures and special events have been delivered in this public lecture series:

SN	Lectures/Event Date	Guest Lecturer/Event Participants	Affiliations	Lecture/Event Topic
1.	Friday, March 24, 2006	Hon. Dr. Rey Pagtakhan	Professor of Pediatrics, UofM (retired); Canadian Federal Cabinet Minister (retired); Founding Director, Global College, UofW	“Journey of an Immigrant in Multicultural Canada”
2.	Friday, June 9, 2006	Dr. Alaa AbdEl-Aziz	(Currently) The Provost, University of British Columbia, Okanagan. [formerly, Vice-President Research, International & External Affairs, UofW]	“Role of Universities in Forging Global Peace and Unity”
3.	Friday, September 15, 2006	Dr. (Rev.) James Christie	Director for International Relations, Global College; & Professor of Theology UofW. [formerly Dean of Theology; UofW]	“A New Axial Age: The world Faiths and the Global Neighbourhood.”
4.	Wednesday, March 28, 2007	Hon. Dr. Lloyd Axworthy	President and Vice-Chancellor, UofW. [Formerly Federal cabinet Minister; & Nobel Peace Prize Nominee]	“Human Security in Nigeria: An Update.”
5.	Friday, November 16, 2007	Dr. Claudia Wright	Vice-President (Research and Graduate Studies) (retired); Professor of Politics; former Dean of Social Sciences; and former Chair of Politics at UofW	“ <i>Human Rights and Global Harmony</i> ”
6.	Friday, September	Dr. Neil Besner	Vice-President (Research and International); Professor of	“ <i>Brazil in Transition: A</i>

	19, 2008		English; Former Dean of Arts, UofW	<i>New Hope for the Americas?</i>
7.	Friday, November 6, 2009	Dr. Marilou McPhedran	Principal, University of Winnipeg's Global College	<i>"When Rights are Wrongs: How Violence trumps the Rule of Law"</i>
8.	September 17, 2010	Professor Iyorwuese Hagher	His Excellency, Nigerian High Commissioner to Canada, Ottawa: (Formerly) Professor of Theatre and Drama, Ahmadu Bello University, & University of Jos, both in Nigeria	<i>"The Role of the Artist as Intellectual"</i>
9.	November 19, 2010	Dr. Cyril Okoye	President, and Consultant Criminologist, Metropolitan Community College, BC, Canada	<i>"Human Rights Observation in Prisons"</i>
10.	September 16, 2011	Dr. John Corlett	Vice-President (Academic), University of Winnipeg	<i>"Sport Development and Peace"</i>
11.	November 18, 2011	Dr. Sandra Kirby	Associate Vice-President Research, and Dean of Graduate Studies, University of Winnipeg	<i>"Safewashing Sport: Women, Sexual Harassment and Abuse"</i>
12.	March 23, 2012	Dr. Ken McCluskey	Dean of Education, University of Winnipeg	<i>"Lines in the Sand: Are We Forcing At Risk Students Out of Our Schools?"</i>
13.	November, 15 2013	Deputy Commissioner Kevin Brosseau	Commanding Officer, 'D' Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Manitoba	<i>"A Community-wide Approach to Ensuring Public Safety: the Future for Manitoba"</i>
14.	March 10, 2016	Team of Expert Discussants and the public in dialogue. Moderators: Dr.	Law-Enforcement; Academics and Students; Ethnocultural and other Community Leaders and Advocates, Politicians, General Public, etc	<i>"Dialogue on Policing in Multicultural Communities"</i>

		Dean Peachey Ms Florence Okwudili		
15.	September 29, 2017	Professor Dean Peachey	Professor, Conflict Resolution Studies (Menno Simons College), University of Manitoba	<i>“Experiences of Immigrants in Manitoba.”</i>
16.	February 9, 2018	Assistant Commissioner Scott Kolody	Commanding Officer, ‘D’ Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Manitoba	<i>“Importance of Community Involvement in Policing”</i>