

## Global Connections

Course # 4591

Fall 2014

### Course

#### Rationale:

*Scarsdale graduates will live in a society and a world where economics, politics, social issues, science, and ecological concerns increasingly transcend traditional borders. In this interdependent environment, education will be the most important tool and will determine the ability to understand, compete and contribute.*

The Scarsdale Teachers Institute in collaboration with the Interdependence Institute offers this yearlong seminar series. The Scarsdale District Interdependence Committee was formed to further the Strategic Plan's goal of supporting existing activities and encouraging the creation of new programs that foster multicultural awareness in the schools. Teachers and administrators on the Committee developed several initiatives including a lecture series on issues, both national and international, that impact the global and local communities. Speakers and topics will explore cultural and current forces that bind us together as well as pull us apart.

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#### Description:

The goal of the course is to enhance individual and collective awareness of current issues with global consequences that impact society. Participants will consider the aims and practices of incorporating national and international newsworthy events into the curriculum, examine activities in the schools that serve as avenues to advance an understanding of cultures, and look for additional ways to bring multiple perspectives to bear in the classroom. Throughout the year, participants will attend lectures and participate in discussions on topics of national and global interdependence. Speakers will provide timely interpretations of events that are shaping the century; participants will meet to discuss their reactions and reflections on the lectures.

### Course

#### Coordinators:

Steve Boyar, Teacher, Scarsdale High School  
Joan Weber, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Administrative Services, Scarsdale

#### Open to:

All

#### Time:

7:30pm, Thursday, Nov 6,  
Wednesday, Dec 3 with remaining dates to be determined

#### Location:

SHS auditorium

#### Credit:

One point salary credit or stipend