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# Introduction

The Global Voices symposium on the University of Dayton campus is designed to educate, inform, and contribute to ongoing conversations to strengthen global consciousness and awareness on the University of Dayton's campus and the larger Dayton community. It brings together faculty, staff, students, and community leaders to discuss and find ways to enhance global engagement within our community. It is the symposium's hope that these conversations will help us to find commonality in the human experience, identify those things that unite rather than divide, and enable us to engage one another to learn and be informed. The symposium challenges us to continue to dare as we build a vibrant diverse, inclusive, and multicultural community.

Working on the Symposium entailed collaboration with many people across campus, the local community, and the nation at large. It is impossible to list the names of all who helped the realization of this project; however, the Global Voices Symposium Planning Committee, composed of Dr. Chris Agnew and Ms. Sangita Gosalia, would like to express thanks to a few people for the incredible support they provided.

University of Dayton President Dr. Eric Spina's vision that we create a "university for the common good" enabled us to think in bold new directions. We thank you.

We extend our thanks to Dr. Paul Benson, Provost of the University of Dayton, and to Dr. Jason Pierce, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who both believed in us to get this done. We thank you for the continuous support.

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Finally, we want to recognize faculty, staff, students, and all present for buying into the idea that the University of Dayton and the larger Dayton community together make a global space, and therefore must continue to search for ways to turn that notion into reality.

— *Julius A. Amin, Professor of History and  
Alumni Chair in Humanities*