



“Faith in America's Future” Is 2013 Obama Inaugural Theme

Washington — Ceremonies for President Obama’s inauguration for a second term will have “Faith in America's Future” as an overall theme.

New York Democratic Senator Charles E. Schumer, chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC), which selected the theme, said the theme commemorates the United States’ perseverance and unity and marks the 150th year since placement of the Statue of Freedom atop the new Capitol Dome in 1863.

When the U.S. Civil War threatened to bring construction of the dome to a halt, workers pressed on, even without pay, until Congress approved additional funding to complete the dome that would become a symbol of unity and democracy to the entire world. The official inaugural program, luncheon and other activities will reflect the theme, the JCCIC said.

“Our nation has faced countless challenges throughout its history, and each time we have come together as Americans and moved forward with renewed strength,” Schumer said. “During the 57th presidential inauguration, Americans from across the country will gather beneath the Capitol Dome to celebrate our history, take measure of how far we have come, and look towards our future with hope and determination.”

Inaugural “themes” are relatively recent additions to the ceremonies surrounding a presidential inauguration and highlight historic events that helped shape the U.S. democracy and the peaceful transfer of power that a U.S. presidential inauguration symbolizes.

According to the JCCIC website, the 2013 inauguration will be the third with an overall theme. The first, President

George W. Bush’s inauguration for a second term in 2005, had “A Vision of America” as its theme. The JCCIC said this theme commemorated “two centuries of American exploration, development, and conservation of our nation’s ample resources and scenic beauty, and looks ahead to a new century of scientific expeditions and research that will span the globe, probe far into space, and continue the wise stewardship of America’s natural resources.” The theme was chosen, JCCIC said, to commemorate 200 years since the [Lewis and Clark expedition](#) in 1805 sighted the Pacific Ocean, reaching the end of its mission to explore the newly acquired Louisiana Territory.

“A New Birth of Freedom” was the theme for Obama’s 2009 inauguration as the nation prepared to celebrate the 200th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s birth. Despite changes over time in inaugural traditions, the JCCIC said, the “ceremonies continue to bring together the three branches of the federal government, with the magnificent backdrop of the gleaming white Capitol dome, for an event that represents the purposes and ideals that Abraham Lincoln so often expressed, for national renewal, continuity, and unity.”

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Mumbai Mondays

28 JANUARY

Theme of the month

Entrepreneurship and Education

Universities in the United States draw students from all over the globe. The American education system is seen as progressive, vibrant and responsible for much of our country's innovative ideas. It has been an important component of the history of the United States; founding father Thomas Jefferson said that "an educated citizenry is a vital requisite for our survival as a free people." In recent decades, education has been featured in presidential campaigns, in government job creation initiatives and as both an avenue for and reflection of social and political change. Interestingly, within the last few years a movement has developed to make a college education available to everyone online for free. Come hear about our ever changing education system: from Kindergarten through PhDs; including public schools, private schools, cyber school, charter schools and the future of education without schooling.

About the speaker

James Kania is a Vice Consul in the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai, India. Before joining the Foreign Service in 2011 he was a high school math teacher and football and volleyball coach at Lake Forest Academy in Chicago, Illinois and Georgetown Prep in North Bethesda, Maryland. His last experience living aboard was during a year of active duty service with the U.S. Army in Iraq, from 2004-2005. Mr. Kania graduated in 2009 from the University of Pennsylvania with majors in Mathematics, Philosophy and Computational Science. At school James walked on to the rowing team and for six summers he served as Program Director of a Boy Scout summer camp.

Time
6:30 PM



Venue:

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We decided to look at the future for this issue of the American Center bulletin, for several reasons. First, we are relieved that the ancient Mayan calendar was wrong and we actually do have a future! Second, the U.S. recently elected (or in this case, re-elected) a President, which provides the opportunity to try to predict what President Obama will or will not do regarding the many pressing issues – the economy, new Cabinet Secretaries, foreign policy, and so much more. Third, it's a new year, a typical time to look ahead.

Looking at the future can be scary, if there might be a lot of change, or if there are many uncertainties. Or it can be reassuring, if you can look around you and see continuity. Please let me assure you that as far as the American Center is concerned, some things won't change. We still have our theme of the month, our monthly bulletin, our Saturday films, our Mumbai Mondays. The American Library is still ready to welcome you Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and help you to answer your research questions or just find that perfect book to read. You can check our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/Mumbai.usconsulate>) or Twitter feed (<http://twitter.com/usandmumbai>) regularly to find out what is happening.

But some things inevitably will change. I wish I could say that I received a crystal ball for Christmas and that I can tell you exactly what will be different, but unfortunately, that is not the case. We're starting our second year in our new Consulate Compound, and still experimenting with what works, what doesn't, and what we can do to make your experience visiting us better each time you come. We will try new programs and new formats (Mumbai Mondays away from the Consulate Compound, anyone?) look for new partners and new audiences, and be as responsive as we can to your ideas, your suggestions, and your feedback.

Let's all raise a glass and say "Cheers" to the future!

Anne E. Grimes

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Mumbai is like silly putty. Living here, I am learning that the apparent solidity of the built environment is actually fluid in nature. The duality of the formal and informal city make for an indescribable ambiguity of urban form, architecture, and public space. Slivers of open land are adapted and re-adapted to serve different purposes multiple times a day; a shelter is just an interpretation of how materials come together to make structure; personal and public space inhabit the same realm; and traffic laws are merely suggestions. The "form" of the city, in other words, is based less on its physical output and more on the systems, movements, and uses of those who inhabit it.

As such the architectural spirit of Mumbai remains a nameless amalgamation of a host of social, political, religious, and environmental influences evident in the patchwork of styles and forms of contemporary buildings cropping up around the city like an uncontrolled wildfire. What might be considered a lack of design cohesion or urban vision from the outside, unfolds as an opportunity for individuals to reinvent themselves and the spaces around them. It's here in Mumbai where one sees the real entrepreneurial spirit of India play out. Street vendors will sell you anything your heart desires, chai wallah's are on every other corner ready to serve you a piping hot cup of spicy tea, families will set up shop and run a business from the ground floor of their home, and entire networks of industry and municipal services operate out of single-room factories in informal settlements.

In a world of high volatility and rapid change, we can all learn something from this elastic quality of Mumbai's urban form. Rather than cater to post-industrial Western schools of thought, maybe we need to consider a reversal of stereotypes about the city - where the flow of innovation and the flexibility for adaptation and multiple uses become the primary drivers for design.

**Article by U.S. Student Fulbright Student researcher
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Theme of the Month: The Future

Saturday Film Screenings

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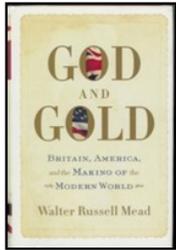
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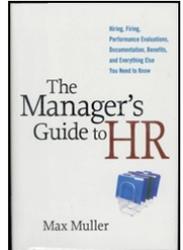
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God and Gold: Britain, America, and the Making of the Modern World by Walter Russell Mead. Alfred A. Knopf, 2008.

The book gives you an account of the birth and rise of the global political and economic system that, sustained first by Britain and now by America, created the modern world. Foreign Policy expert Mead has detailed and analyzed the rise and uninterrupted dominance of Anglo-American political, military, and, most important, economic power over the course of the past four centuries.

The Manager's Guide to HR: Hiring, Firing, Performance Evaluation, Documentation, Benefits, and Everything Else you Need to Know by Max Muller. Amacom, 2009.

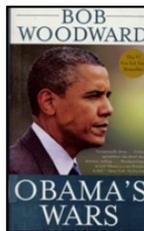


The Manager's Guide to HR gives you a step – by – step instructions for documenting everything and keeping bulletproof records. A thorough and accessible guide written in plain English, you'll learn the elements of a well – kept and up – to – date personal file, including what records should not be kept in that file.

Bankrupt: Global Lawmaking and Systemic Financial Crisis by Terence C. Halliday and Bruce G. Carruthers. Stanford University Press, 2009.



In this book authors Halliday and Carruthers explain how global organizations such as The World Bank and the UN developed international laws for corporate bankruptcy after the Asian Financial Crisis, and how policymakers have responded to these changes. Drawing on extensive fieldwork in China, Indonesia and Korea, the authors reveal how national policymakers contested and negotiated domestic laws in the context of global pressures.



Obama's Wars by Bob Woodward. Simon & Schuster, 2010.

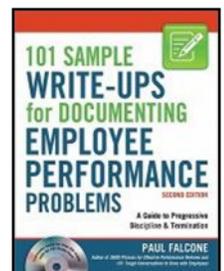
In *Obama's Wars*, Bob Woodward tells the inside story of Obama and his national security team debating the course of the Afghanistan War, the secret campaign in Pakistan, and the world-wide fight against terrorism. Drawing on internal memos, classified documents, meeting notes, and hundreds of hours of interviews with most of the key players, including the President, the author provides the most intimate and sweeping portrait of the new president.

eJournalUSA of the Month Go Wild! Coming Together for Conservation

Every year, thousands of animal species become extinct. Animals that once roamed the Earth in abundance are permanently disappearing from our planet at a heart-stopping pace. Scientists estimate that the current rate of extinction is 1,000 times greater than it would normally be because of one factor. What has caused this rapid rise in extinctions? The alarmingly simple answer: humans.

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101 Sample Write – ups for Documenting Employee Performance Problems: A Guide to Progressive Discipline & Termination by Paul Falcone. Amacom, 2010.



This books acts as a complete tool kit for handling disciplinary problems in the workplace in a fair, responsible, and legally defensible way. Completely updated and covering the latest developments in employment law, it provides sample write-ups for every kind of problem such as substandard work quality, absenteeism, insubordination, e-mail misuse, sexual harassment, drug or alcohol abuse, and more.

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SATURDAY KIDS' MOVIE

at 11:00 AM



E.T.

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The Extra-Terrestrial 1982, 115 min

Elliot is your normal boy, until one day, when he meets a little lost alien.

Elliot decides to keep the alien, in which he gives the name E.T. Elliot works with E.T. in trying to find him a way to get back home. Elliot must make the difficult sacrifice. Whether to help his new friend or to lose him? Whatever the decision is, Elliot must keep him hidden, as someone else is out to look for him.

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