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Colin Powell's Former Chief of Staff to Speak at University of Saint Mary On "Why the American Empire May be Finished"

Lawrence Wilkerson Lecture 7 p.m., Oct. 22 in Xavier Theatre



(Leavenworth, Kan.)—In 1933, Franklin Roosevelt and the U.S. Congress began laying the foundations of the Welfare State. In 1947, Harry Truman and the Congress began laying the groundwork for the National Security State. Both states swelled the size of the federal government well beyond what any of our founding fathers could have imagined. Both demanded enormous resources.

The stresses—economic and otherwise—of maintaining those states may dramatically change America's role in the world and bring the so-called American Empire to a close, maintains retired U.S. Army Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, former chief of staff to then Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Wilkerson, currently the Visiting Pamela C. Harriman Professor of Government and Public Policy at the College of William & Mary and professorial lecturer at George Washington University, will bring his arguments to a lecture at the University of Saint Mary at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, in Xavier Theatre on USM's Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4th Street.

Sponsored by USM's Lawrence D. Starr Global Studies Institute, the event is free and open to the public. A question-and-answer session will immediately follow Wilkerson's talk.

"Col. Wilkerson is a man of significant intellectual heft with a resume that emphasizes his passage through the country's halls of power," said Dr. Bryan Le Beau, USM's academic vice president. "His views on the future of the nation are truly thought-provoking, and his talk should not be missed."

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