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**Eric Chatman, MA '84; member,  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



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For the entire 2020-21 academic year, we in the Elliott School experienced the world primarily virtually—steeped in thinking about the world around us, but due to the circumstance of the pandemic, experiencing it all from where we were. Our annual report covering the past academic year thus carries the theme, “The World Where You Are.” Despite the constraints of the past year, everyone—our faculty, staff, students, and alumni—came together to keep our community strong delivering an Elliott, #RaiseHigh experience. As the new dean, I could not be happier to join this wonderful, welcoming institution, and could not be prouder of our accomplishments.

As I write these sentences, we have now returned to campus for the 2021-2022 academic year, taking appropriate measures for health and safety so we can get back to that in-person learning environment that means so much to our students, and that catalyzes creativity for us all. The return to campus has brought with it the energy and excitement of gathering together, learning together, and sharing ideas with each other as a collective. There is nothing like hearing the roar of excitement from our first-years and transfer students at the Fall Convocation!

Our faculty continued to advance their fields, and gain recognition for their research. This year seven faculty were honored with awards for academic achievements on topics related to migration, arms control, and nuclear policy, as well as early career scholar, distinguished scholar, and mentorship awards. Of the five GW faculty members who served on the Biden-Harris Transition team, four were from the Elliott School, a recognition of their expertise and policy acumen. Media regularly come to Elliott faculty for expert commentary and insight on international affairs; our faculty averaged over 500 media mentions last year on a wide range of topics.

The pandemic did not put a stop to teaching and learning at the Elliott School, and over the past year, our placement figures for our undergraduates and graduates demonstrated the value of an Elliott School degree. Six months after graduation, some 89 percent of our BA/BS graduates are either employed, in further degree programs, or in volunteer experiences like the Peace Corps. Our graduate student placement rate is similar; in 2019 it was nearly 92 percent and this past year, even during the pandemic, a little more than 85 percent. Moreover, an Elliott School degree prepares our students for many different career paths: the majority of our undergraduates go on to opportunities in

the business sector (some 57 percent), with another 28 percent pursuing non-profit sector careers, and 15 percent pursuing government/public sector employment. Our graduate students go on to careers split largely evenly across the government, business, and nonprofit sectors.

We continued to advance our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in international affairs. During the 2020-2021 academic year, in addition to the more than 20 events showcasing diverse perspectives on foreign policy, we launched our first Inclusive Excellence Week. The three-day virtual gathering featured discussions ranging from Asian Americans and Political Invisibility, to Building Strategies for Inclusive Teaching, and LatinX and Hispanic Communities in International Affairs. Featured speakers included Bishop Garrison, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Human Capital, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; distinguished faculty from across GW’s ten schools, as well as student leaders. We continue to encourage students from across the United States to consider an education in international affairs, through our annual Public Service Weekend gathering, this year with 40 participants representing 22 states. We hope to return to an in-person Public Service Weekend in 2022.

We are continuing our emphasis on fundraising for scholarships and fellowships to help make an Elliott School education more accessible to more students. In that regard, we are so grateful for the ongoing support of our alumni community, of our Elliott parents, and the friends of our school who support the mission. Our more than 26,000 alumni worldwide include leaders in national security, finance, media and journalism, politics, and so many other fields. Our alumni stay active with the school: over the past year, more than 600 alumni volunteered their time across the school in more than 750 activities, whether academic, mentoring, advisory groups, with student organizations, or in other ways. Thank you for making it possible for the Elliott School to educate leaders for the world.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alyssa Ayres". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dean, Elliott School of International Affairs

# EDUCATION & BEYOND

Building Leaders



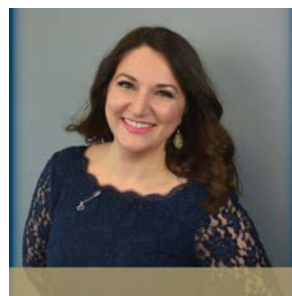


## EDUCATION AND BEYOND



### Student Spotlights

**Asmik Arutyunyan**  
Master of International Policy and Practice, '21



Second-year master of international policy and practice student Asmik Arutyunyan, who specializes in gender, international development and security, could have an unusually long skills section on her CV. She is improving her French, while already fluent in Armenian, Russian and Spanish, and somehow she has managed along the way to be

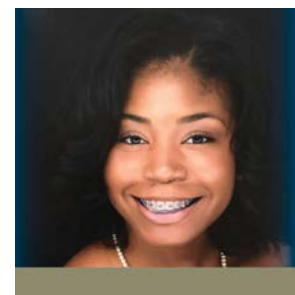
an accomplished volleyball player since childhood. She also knows her way around a camera.

While studying at the Elliott School, Arutyunyan is executive assistant to the chief administrative officer at the United States Institute of Peace. When she graduates, which she expects to do in December 2021, she hopes to transition to the iconic institution's programmatic side or to pursue a new chapter in international development and security.

Given all she has taken on in life and at the Elliott School—where she is director of policy and research for the university's chapter

of the D.C. Student Consortium on Women, Peace, and Security—the next chapter promises to be packed with activity no matter which she chooses. “One of the most important things for keeping all the balls in the air was finding time and opportunities to rest and recharge while not feeling guilty for taking a break,” she says.

**Hannah Jackson,**  
B.A. International Affairs, '23



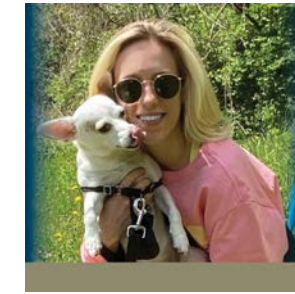
Prior to founding Young Black Professionals in International Affairs at the Elliott School, where she is a sophomore, Hannah Jackson had extensive leadership and volunteer experience. Growing up in Georgia, she was a student ambassador, a student diversity leadership council member, Model United Nations general officer, and advocacy director and vice president of Girls

Up United Nations. She was also a Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society member, and she founded the nonprofit Because I Am a Girl in 2018. Through the latter, she mentored and tutored refugee girls in Clarkston, Ga., after school.

At the Elliott School, she was first-year representative of Girl Up GW, where she became vice president in her second semester. She is also active in the school's council on diversity and inclusion and on the Leadership, Ethics, and Practice Initiative student advisory council.

“I am a strong believer in the affirming power of representation,” she says of her new organization, YBPIA. “Far too often, communities of color, particularly those in the black community, don't see enough people who look like them in the careers that they aspire to. That reality is glaringly true within the field of international affairs.”

**Noelle Cohn,**  
M.A. International Affairs, '22



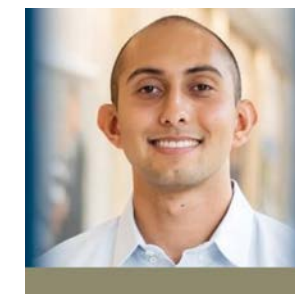
Noelle Cohn's dedication to feminist international relations theory has informed her studies at the Elliott School, where she is a first-year master's candidate, and serves as president and a co-founder of the D.C. Student Consortium on Women, Peace, and Security. Within the school's international affairs master's program, Cohn is concentrating in

international security and global gender policy. She also interned in summer 2021 on the projects and proposals team at the International Development Group, where she supported gender analyses, among other projects and programs.

She made up her mind about graduate school while working at a large technology research company after college. Perceiving wide gaps between government and the impact of new technology integration, she knew she wanted to learn more, particularly about technology's role in global security and defense. The lack of gender equity in the field that she noticed also motivated her.

Cohn remains passionate about cybersecurity and technology policy, but her studies at the Elliott School have shifted her career ambitions. Her professional interest now lies in the intersection between gender and security—either pursuing a doctorate or working with a nongovernmental organization that creates better participation of women in peace processes and supports disarmament rather than non-proliferation.

**Saumaun Heiat,**  
M.A. International Affairs, '20



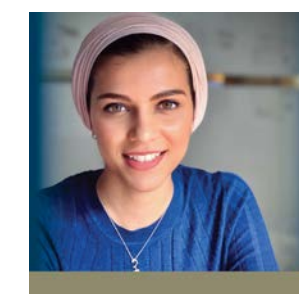
As a graduate student at the Elliott School—where his master's in international affairs focused on international development and Middle East studies—Saumaun Heiat learned that one's friend, colleague, and mentor network is the limiting factor in one's path to success. “For me, it was important to maintain and contribute to these personal and professional

relationships as much as I could,” says Heiat, senior associate at Chemonics International.

Prior to his Chemonics role, Heist was a program officer supporting Rohingya refugees at the Bangladesh-based International Organization for Migration, and while at the Elliott School, he held humanitarian response fellowships with Save the Children and with Project Concern International.

His work inspires but is also administrative task-heavy, which can be a challenge. “It makes you feel disconnected from the results-based work of the project,” he says, “but motivation comes from reminding yourself that these kinds of tasks are so crucial to ensuring support for your field staff and keeping your project implementation in line with compliance rules.”

**Zahra Khan,**  
M.A. International Development Studies, '14



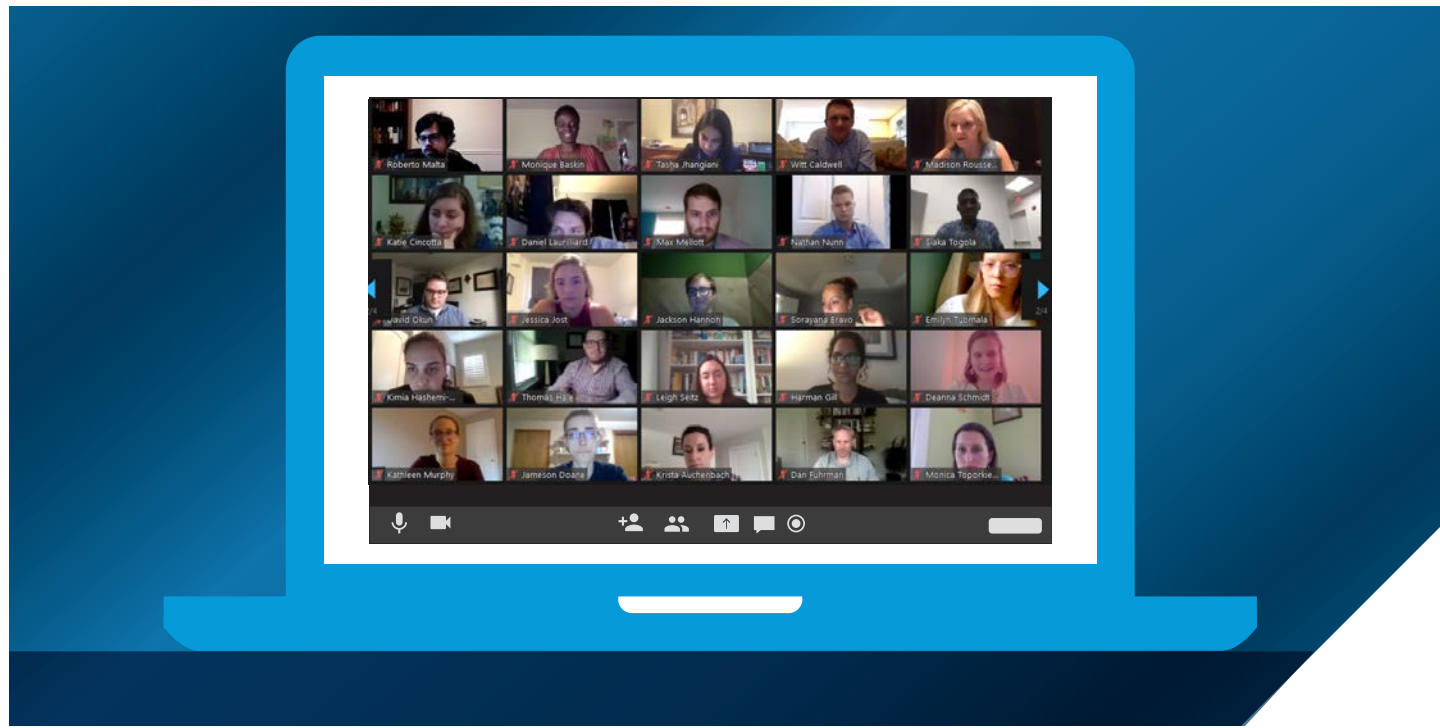
Two-time Elliott School alumna Zahra Khan—who holds a master's in international development studies and bachelor's in international affairs—has kept busy since graduating. She spent three years doing development work in Bangladesh via the nonprofit iDE, where she helped raise \$10 million to support women's entrepreneurship; she led

programs for the advisory arm of care.org (Care Consulting); and now she runs research and collective action efforts for migrant construction workers in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region at NYU Stern's Center for Business and Human Rights.

The Saudi Arabia native, born to immigrant Indian parents, credits her interest in the field to her exposure to peers from all over the world at an international school. “I had the privilege of drawing from other cultures and perspectives to make sense of the world from a young age,” she says. “An international career felt like the most natural path.” She also spent summers in India, where she saw the challenges that low-income communities face, and particularly those that impact women.

“My experiences there instilled in me gratitude for all the freedoms I had,” she says, “and a sense of responsibility to be part of change that would afford all people the same opportunities.”

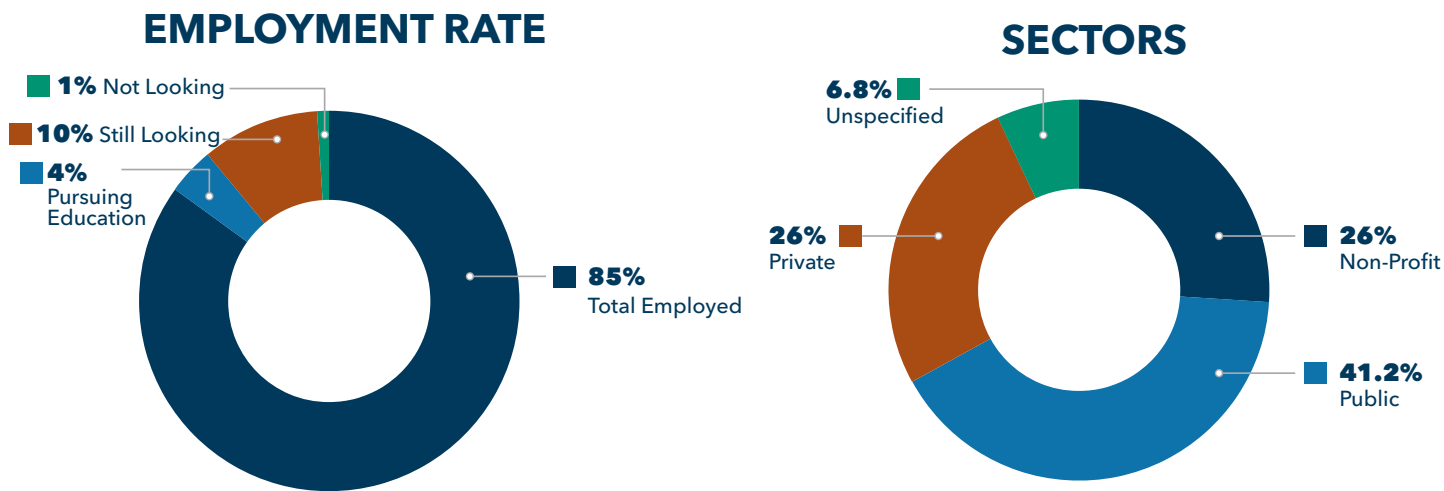
The student spotlights were adapted from the Elliott School Graduate Admissions blog and the Elliott 360 Blog.



# DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT THE ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## Student Outcomes

Employment remained steady in AY21, 85%, with the three main international affairs sectors still in balanced representation: 41.2% public, 26% private, and 26% non-profit. While the Office of Graduate Student Services (GSS) is still developing innovative private sector connections, it was the public sector that saw an employment uptick. As a result of Covid-19, GSS had to rethink and re-enforce its student engagement models particularly as it relates to employer strategy. At a time when employers were facing budget cuts, re-evaluating university partnerships, as well as internship recruitment, GSS persevered.



### GSS reimagined employer engagement as it:

- Stepped away from static, panel-centric programming and pivoted toward experiential learning opportunities (i.e. simulations) hosted alongside employers. Featured employers included U.S. Treasury and U.S. State for simulations.
- Focused on private sector industry insights with companies like Microsoft, Chemonics, and Booz Allen Hamilton.
- Strengthened connections with student organizations including the SPS Student Board, Young Black Professionals in International Affairs (YBPPIA), and Graduate Student Forum.
- Coached students who were ultimately awarded the Boren Fellowship and the DACOR Bacon Fellowship, and an alumnus who was offered a position as a 2021-22 NNSA Graduate Fellow.
- Proposed and were approved to facilitate the inaugural employer engagement skills course launching this Fall 2021.

## Diversity and Inclusion at Elliott

The Elliott School continued to prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion in a year plagued by high-profile racial and social injustices, as well as the pandemic, which necessitated challenging virtual communication and engagement.

“It was critical for us to hold spaces for our communities to process and connect, even while virtual and navigating the complexities of the pandemic,” said Kylie Stamm, program manager in the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. “It also placed a major spotlight on the importance and need for our continued diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts as a school.”

The office aided in supporting community spaces for faculty, staff, and students—including for Young Black Professionals in International Affairs and for Out in International Affairs—and also backing the series #GWinSolidarity, which was designed to create space for people to process, heal, learn, and take action against hate and oppression.

In the 2020-2021 academic year, the Elliott School’s Council on Diversity and Inclusion—which Rollie Lal, associate professor of international affairs, and Morgan Quijano, senior undergraduate academic adviser, co-chair—partnered with the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to execute the strategies of the school’s Action Plan for Inclusive Excellence.

“Guided by the inclusive excellence framework, we engaged our council and broader community through working groups in developing and implementing our school’s annual action plan,” said Jonathan Walker, senior assistant dean for student services, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

During the past academic year, the council held more than 20 virtual events about diversity, equity, and inclusion, including on the topics of anti-racism in international affairs, indigenous politics and policies, and deconstructing instructional

pedagogies. It also introduced a common reader for students titled “Tell Me Who You Are,” which addresses identity, culture, and race.

The council also partnered with Libraries and Academic Innovation on workshops promoting inclusive teaching, and it held an inaugural policy memo competition, which elevated student voices and concerns. During the 2020-21 year, the council also developed and expanded online teaching resources—one on race in international affairs, and another one a gender analysis toolkit.

Celebrating cultural heritage was also a cornerstone of the past academic year for the council, which recognized Latinx, Native American, Black, South Asian, women’s history, and Asian Pacific American heritage months. Throughout, the council maintained outreach to historically-underrepresented students. In the school’s first virtual Public Service Weekend, the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion hosted 40 undergraduate students from across the country.

The Elliott School’s inaugural Inclusive Excellence Week—held April 7 to 9, 2021—comprised programs, webinars, and community spaces that addressed and questioned international affairs norms, and probed responsibilities and commitments to justice. The three-day event, which had a theme of “Pathways to Inclusive Excellence in International Affairs,” pointed the way forward to a more inclusive global future of international affairs practice.

# GLOBAL EVENTS & ENGAGEMENT

A New Worldview







## GLOBAL EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT



### In Case You Missed It ... Best Event Videos '20-'21



**Black Lives in the Soviet Union and Post-Soviet Russia**  
The Russian journalist, talk show host, and author of "Soul to Soul: A Black Russian Jewish Woman's Search for Her Roots" Yelena Khanga and a panel of faculty experts discussed legacies of African-Americans in the Soviet Union and of African-Russians today.

*Hosted on September 15, 2020, by the Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies.*



#### Ethiopia's Tigray Crisis: Humanitarian and Political Dimensions of the Crisis

Long before the public was aware of the crisis unfolding in Ethiopia's Tigray region, Elliott School experts warned a humanitarian disaster was unfolding. The discussion focused on what drives the current conflict, its mounting toll on civilian populations, and how regional players and the international community can best avert a humanitarian disaster in Ethiopia and the region.

*Hosted on December 4, 2020, by the Institute for African Studies.*



#### Shaping S&T Policy: U.S. & International Perspectives

Dr. Scott Pace and Dr. Pascale Ehrenfreund shared their experiences and the lessons they learned about space sector development in the U.S. and Europe, respectively. They also

addressed potential implications for international cooperation in the sector and public-private partnerships in science and exploration.

*Hosted on February 10, 2021, by the Space Policy Institute.*



#### Climate Change: Defense, Development, and Diplomacy

In light of the Biden administration's Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, faculty with expertise in different regional and policy environmental perspectives discussed the executive order's policy implications.

*Hosted on February 23, 2021, by the MA International Affairs program and the MA Latin American and Hemispheric Studies program.*



#### To Bibi or Not to Bibi: Israel's Endless Election

Would Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's administration survive (politically) the COVID-19 pandemic? This event presented immediate analysis following Israel's March 23 elections. Experts analyzed election results and their implications for Israel, the Palestinians, and the new U.S. administration.

*Hosted on March 31, 2021.*



#### 2021 Walter Roberts Annual Lecture

What can the U.S. do to protect global media freedoms? The 2021 Walter Roberts Annual Lecture hosted former Undersecretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Richard A. Stengel, former Voice of America Director Amanda Bennett, and historian and professor Nicholas Cull of the USC Center on Public Diplomacy to address that question and for a discussion about the role of U.S. international broadcasting agencies.

*Hosted on April 8, 2021, by the Institute for Public Diplomacy and Global Communication.*



#### 2021 Kuwait Chair Lecture: the New Security Environment in the Gulf

Ambassador Skip Gnehm discussed the Gulf security environment that President Biden inherited from his predecessor. The lecture identified new challenges for U.S. policy, but also underscored how recent developments are influenced by enduring factors that span multiple administrations.

*Hosted on April 13, 2021, by the Institute for Middle East Studies.*



#### Understanding Peacekeeping

Dr. Paul Williams discussed his new book "Understanding Peacekeeping" (Polity). Peace operations remain a principal tool for managing armed conflict and protecting civilians, he said. Drawing on a dataset of nearly 200

historical and contemporary missions, the book evaluates the contemporary international environment's changing characteristics in which peace operations are deployed, the intended aims of strategic peace operations, and the major challenges facing today's peacekeepers.

*Hosted on April 14, 2021, by the Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, the Gender Equality in International Affairs Initiative, and the Institute for African Studies.*



#### China's Environmental Realities and Policy Responses

For years, U.S. popular media have portrayed the environment in China as an unmitigated disaster: floods caused by clear cutting forests, soil contaminated by heavy metals, a shrinking water table, and dangerous urban air pollution posing severe health risks. Much less attention has focused on President Xi Jinping and the Chinese government's massive efforts in the last decade to address these problems. On Earth Day, the Elliott School hosted the third edition of the 2021 Sigur Center Lecture Series on environmental realities in contemporary China.

*Hosted on April 22, 2021, by the Sigur Center for Asian Studies.*



#### Korean Policy Forum, "U.S.-ROK Relations: Challenges & Opportunities Under the Biden Administration"

Rep. Andy Kim (D-NJ) shared his experience as an Asian American in the field of foreign policy and discussed the strategic alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea.

*Hosted on April 26, 2021, by the Institute for Korean Studies.*



#### Addressing Asian and Asian American Inclusivity in Academia, Policy, and the Media

Panelists reflected critically on historical discrimination of and violence toward communities of Asian descent in the United States. They focused particularly on the wake of the tragic Atlanta spa shootings the prior month and the cumulative acts of discrimination members of Asian and Asian American communities faced related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Hosted on April 28, 2021, by the East Asia National Resource Center and the Sigur Center for Asian Studies.*



#### Celebrating 60 Years of the Peace Corps with Acting Director Carol Spahn, ESIA MA '00

Established by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, the Peace Corps operates today in more than 140 countries, demonstrating

ingenuity, creativity, and grit to solve critical challenges alongside community leaders. The discussion featured Peace Corps Acting Director Carol Spahn MA '00.

*Hosted on April 28, 2021, by the Elliott School of International Affairs and the International Women of Elliott.*



#### Shared Worldviews and U.S.-India Relations in the Indo-Pacific and Beyond

U.S.-India interests and worldviews are converging in unprecedented ways in the Indo-Pacific. The Sigur Center for Asian Studies conference addressed several questions, including: How are relations

between these two democracies evolving for a post-pandemic era, and what do the first 100 days of the Biden administration tell us about this vital region?

*Hosted on April 29, 2021, by the Sigur Center for Asian Studies.*



#### How Cyber Secure are U.S. Nuclear Weapons

Dr. Herb Lin, of Stanford University, offered a virtual tour of the relationship to and possible impacts of cyber technology on U.S. nuclear forces and operations. His remarks drew upon his forthcoming book (Oct. 2021).

*Hosted on May 18, 2021, by the Institute for International Science and Technology Policy.*

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## In Case You Missed It ... Best Event Videos '20-'21 (continued)



### China's Vaccine Diplomacy in Central Asia: What Next?

As COVID-19 continues to rage through Central Asia, China has sent millions of vaccine doses—mostly cost-free—to the region, expanding its ever-growing footprint therein. Alongside vaccine diplomacy, Beijing has very actively solidified itself as lead provider of a lifeline to the region's struggling economy. This event discussed China's intention both to win plaudits for fulfilling regional short-term vaccine needs and cement its influence and advance its long-term Central Asian interests.

Hosted on June 10, 2021, by the Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies.

To access links to each of these event recordings please visit [go.gwu.edu/SOTSEventVideos](https://go.gwu.edu/SOTSEventVideos)



### Campaign Finance Rules and Wealth of Politicians feat. Marko Klasnja

Part of IIEP's Facing Inequality Series, panelists discussed the reason wealthy individuals seem to dominate the political elites. Drawing on newly-collected data from asset disclosures in several countries around the world, the paper under discussion examined cross-nationally the extent to which the variation in elected officials' wealth is correlated with differences in limits on campaign spending.

Hosted on June 21, 2021, by the Institute for International Economic Policy.



## The Future of Space Policy

It was an embarrassment of vast riches, as many watched first one billionaire and then, nine days later, another blast into space. Amazon founder Jeff Bezos' July 20 flight followed Virgin Group founder Richard Branson's July 11 launch by nine days. Some experts are already predicting that private space travel will, before too long, join the automobile and the airplane. What begins as luxury for the elite may become affordable and even mundane in record time.

So what is the future of space exploration, as public agencies increasingly make way for private ones, with deep pockets and above-the-sky's the limit ambition? No one knows for sure, but it is certain that the renowned Elliott School scholars of GW's 34-year-old **Space Policy Institute** will be on the front lines of national and international policies that govern and make sense of space.

Speaking at a February 10, 2021, webinar, which the Elliott School's Institute for International Science and Technology Policy and its Space Policy Institute cosponsored, Scott Pace, the Space Policy Institute's director and former executive secretary of the White House's National Space Council, cited two major space policy accomplishments of the prior administration. Those were: a 2017 directive bringing together private-sector and international partners to send astronauts back to the moon for the first time since 1972, and the following year, another directive addressing the threats that orbital debris present to spacecraft. The latter was the first national policy addressing space traffic management and has increased international support ensuring the future sustainability of space activities.

"Today, you can characterize the space environment as something that is much more globalized, much more

democratized, meaning many more states are involved. Many more private sector people and non-state actors are involved in space than ever before, so leadership today is not about 'What can we do by ourselves?' but 'What can we do that gets other people to want to come with us in shaping the environment?'" Dr. Pace said. "Commercial international partners were not seen as a nice-to-have, but actually as quite integral to U.S. national interests in terms of leadership in the current environment."

In an interview with *Scientific American*, Dr. Pace added that space cuts across many more government agencies and sectors that it used to. "It's a much more complex world than when we were responding to a space race, or dealing with the immediate aftermath of the cold war," he said.

That space policy must be hashed out on an international scale at a time when governments and the private sector are both competing and collaborating in space makes sense. But according to Elliott School space policy professors, the future of space exploration relates in many ways to a host of things that impact us all very directly, and often daily.

Satellites that power the GPS in our smartphones and affect everything from weather forecasting to television programming operate in space, of course. Not only is there a need to ensure (much like an air traffic controller at an airport) that nothing accidentally collides, but it is also essential to collectively protect immensely-expensive machinery that flies around in space, and

which bad actors might try to sabotage in the heavens, much like some do down here on Earth or in the ocean.

In that same webinar, research professor Pascale Ehrenfreund, president of the International Astronautical Federation and former chair of the executive board of the German Aerospace Center, noted how important space policy is to monitoring climate change.

"Facing climate challenges, which is a very big topic in Europe—these efforts really have to be accelerated, and we really have to join forces," Dr. Ehrenfreund said. "Europe is really happy to be a part of this incredible infrastructure development and endeavors, which the U.S. plans, and hopes that it continues."

Successes and challenges in space exploration will depend largely on international cooperation and competition. In space, scientific discovery transcends national boundaries. But where Washington once competed with Moscow, today Beijing is its main rival.

"I think we're going to see a mixture of cooperation and competition, probably between two blocs: one led by the U.S. and one led by China. And that's not necessarily a bad thing," John Logsdon, founder and longtime director of the Space Policy Institute, recently told *Scientific American*. "After all, it was [U.S. versus Soviet] competition that got us to the moon. There is competition between the U.S. and China for global leadership."

# HUMANITARIAN ACTION INITIATIVE

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## Elliott's Humanitarian Action Initiative (HAI) Addresses World's Growing Need

The news is filled with coverage of humanitarian disasters—from weather events such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and wildfires, to the COVID-19 pandemic, to migration flows resulting from conflicts and climate change. Humanitarian need is on the rise. The Elliott School's Humanitarian Action Initiative (HAI) intends to build the school's research and expertise in this

area, train students to work in the field of humanitarian policy and practice, and connect the school to policy communities in Washington, D.C. and beyond.

In its first year, HAI has worked to build visibility within the Elliott School, across campus, in Washington, D.C., and the

## Elliott's Humanitarian Action Initiative (HAI) Addresses World's Growing Need *(continued)*



Lucia M. Rafanelli speaks at the book launch event for "Promoting Justice across Borders"

world by highlighting GW's expertise and curriculum on humanitarian action and hosting numerous events. HAI convened roundtables with GW experts and distinguished high-level panelists from institutions such as the United Nations, MercyCorps, Alliance for Peacebuilding, Refugees International, the U.S. Government, and the International Committee of the Red Cross, to provide situation reports and analyses of current crises in Ethiopia, the Sahel, Afghanistan and Haiti, as well as the COVAX initiative and its mandate to ensure equitable COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Another series of events highlighted scholarship by GW faculty on humanitarian action. In April, Dean Alyssa Ayres hosted a lively discussion of a new edited volume by University Professor of International Affairs and Political Science Michael Barnett, *Humanitarianism and Human Rights* (Cambridge University Press), including a chapter by Ilana Feldman, Professor of Anthropology, History, and International Affairs. In September, Dean Ayres discussed Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs Lucia Rafanelli's new book, *Promoting*

*Justice across Borders: The Ethics of Reform Intervention* (Oxford University Press).

The HAI developed research and academic focus on "Localization," a policy reform effort that aims to transfer decision-making power and resources from donor agencies located primarily in advanced industrialized countries, to those affected by humanitarian disaster. The outputs of these efforts include a survey "Power and Solidarity in Humanitarian Governance: what aid workers really think," conducted by Barnett and political science Ph.D. student Alex Vandermaas-Peeler; a seminar on "Gender and Localization," by Maryam Z. Deloffre, Associate Professor of International Affairs and Director of the Humanitarian Action Initiative, and Vandermaas-Peeler; and an ongoing project by Barnett and Deloffre, in partnership with humanitarian organizations, to develop an index that assesses donor commitment to localization. Barnett and Deloffre also developed undergraduate and graduate courses on localization, expanding the university's offerings on humanitarian action.



# FACULTY AND RESEARCH

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## FACULTY & RESEARCH



### Faculty Honors & Awards

#### Hope Harrison Named Winner of 2021 Michael E. Brown Research Prize



The Elliott School of International Affairs is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2021 Michael E. Brown Research Prize, Hope Harrison, Professor of History and International Affairs. Named after the Elliott School's former dean, the prize recognizes a faculty member each year whose research contributes to scholarly and policy-relevant understanding of important global issues.

Professor Harrison's first book, *Driving the Soviets Up the Wall: Soviet-East German Relations, 1953-1961* (Princeton University Press, 2003), was one of the first to utilize communist archives in both East Berlin and Moscow after the 1989-91 upheavals that put an end to a divided Germany. The book is widely considered the best account of the decision to build the Berlin Wall, and in the words of her colleagues, "While the book focuses on relations between the Soviet Union and East Germany, it has far broader implications that reflect her status as an eminent historian who also has political science

training (exemplary of the Elliott School's own interdisciplinary mission)." For her second book, *After the Berlin Wall: Memory and the Making of New Germany, 1989 to the Present* (Cambridge University Press, 2019), Professor Harrison wove a moving narrative to capture German memories of the wall through celebrations, commemorations, and controversies. The book epitomizes policy-relevant historical scholarship and offers new insights into how attitudes toward the wall and about national identity have changed across various segments of German society.

Furthermore, as a former Associate Dean for Research and Director of the Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Professor Harrison has been and continues to be a great champion for research and scholarship at the school. She also currently serves on the board of three institutions in Berlin connected to the Cold War and the Berlin Wall (the Allied Museum, the Berlin Wall Association, and BlackBox Cold War), and she is Co-chair of the Advisory Council of the Wilson Center's History and Public Policy Program and a member of the Academic Council of the Victims of Communism Foundation.

#### Celeste Arrington Wins OVPR Early Career Scholar Award



Celeste Arrington, Korea Foundation Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, has won this year's Early Career Scholar award from GW's Office of the Vice President for Research. The annual award honors the university's most promising scholars, "whose trajectory has shown remarkable early success with more to come." The Elliott School congratulates Professor Arrington on her scholarly achievements and much deserved award.

A specialist in both Korean and Japanese politics, Professor Arrington's work examines the relationship between social movements, elites, and the law in East Asia. Her book, *Accidental Activists: Victim Movements and Government Accountability in Japan and South Korea* (Cornell University Press, 2016), examined how victims' rights activists mobilize to bring about government response. Her second book, *Litigants, Lawyers and Legalism: Changing Governance in South Korea and Japan* (under contract with Cambridge University Press), examines the role of lawyers and legal activism in Japanese and Korean politics. Her nominators and the review panel lauded her comparative, multi-lingual, qualitative research projects. She spent the 2020-21 academic year as a Social Science Research Council Fellow. She has previously served as a Fellow at Princeton University's Program in Law and Public Affairs and is a core faculty participant in the Academy of Korean Studies grant at the GW Institute for Korean Studies.

This marks the second consecutive year that an Elliott School faculty member has won the Early Career Scholar award, with Professor Arrington following Eric Kramon, Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, last year.

#### Martha Finnemore Wins OVPR Distinguished Scholar Award



Martha Finnemore, University Professor, was selected as this year's OVPR Distinguished Scholar. A member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Professor Finnemore is one of the university's most accomplished scholars, and this award recognizes her influence on the field of international relations and global governance.

Professor Finnemore's list of accomplishments and awards is too lengthy to recount in full, but some of the highlights include the International Studies Association's 2017 J. Ann Tickner Award recognizing "high-quality, pioneering scholarship that pushes the boundaries of the discipline with a deep commitment to service, especially teaching and mentoring"; the Oscar and Shoshanna Trachtenberg Prize for Scholarship from GW in 2006; the Best Book Award from the International Studies Association in 2006 for her co-authored book, *Rules for the World*; and the Woodrow Wilson Award from the American Political Science Association in 2004.

As one of the most accomplished and widely recognized constructivist IR scholars in the world, Professor Finnemore's

work has influenced a generation of scholars. Her work has consistently grappled with the sorts of big questions that drive new developments in the field of international relations, focusing on the nature of international actors, their interests, and their identities. "Academics and policymakers speak frequently about global governance but do so in the passive voice," Professor Finnemore and her co-authors Susan Sell and Deborah Avant write. "They treat governance as structure or process. ... Global governance is something that happens; no one, apparently, actually does it." Professor Finnemore urges us to think about who these actors are, what they care about, and why that matters.

#### Chris Cahill Wins OVPR Research Mentorship Award



Chris Cahill, Professor of Chemistry and International Affairs, is this year's recipient of the OVPR Research Mentorship Award. The prize goes to a faculty member "who has had a significant impact on the academic and professional development of students and trainees in the areas of research and scholarship," and nominees must be nominated by students or trainees.

The award honors Professor Cahill's commitment to supporting student research across undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate levels. An expert in solid-state and materials chemistry of the f-elements and nuclear fuel cycle, his work at the Elliott School has included teaching a graduate-level special topics in Security Policy Studies course, The Science of Nuclear Materials. GW has twice recognized his teaching, with a Bender Prize in 2005 and the Oscar and Shoshanna Trachtenberg Prize for Excellence in Teaching in 2013. His commitment to mentoring and teaching extends beyond the classroom, too. He also leads the GW Boot Camp on Nuclear Security Policy (a partnership with the Nuclear Science and Security Consortium), where he trains graduate students and early career professionals on aspects of nuclear security policy.

#### Mike Mochizuki Wins 2021 Harry Harding Teaching Award



The Elliott School is delighted to announce that this year's recipient of the Harry Harding Teaching Prize is Mike Mochizuki, Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs. Named in honor of former Dean Harry Harding, this award is given to a member of the Elliott School faculty who has demonstrated sustained excellence in teaching and who has made extraordinary contributions to the

education of Elliott School students. This decision was made by a committee of faculty peers. As part of the prize, Professor Mochizuki will deliver the charge to this year's graduates.

Professor Mochizuki's nominator recounts, "Professor Mochizuki teaches with great compassion for students during the hard times we all face in this pandemic and economic crisis. Professor Mochizuki demonstrates a commitment to student well-being and growth through his coffee and tea times he hosts weekly, where he interacts with students to talk about anything relating to personal life, experiences, and coursework. He has structured

his course in a way that remains engaging despite being fully online through news discussion boards, student briefs on their news articles, and small things like making his Zoom background a picture of a relevant organization or figure we are studying in class.”

**Charles Glaser receives the 2021 William and Katherine Estes Award**



Glaser has made important contributions to understanding feasible and desirable forms of nuclear arms control and ballistic missile defense in light of a constantly evolving technological frontier. Glaser’s work has been influential for its combination of theoretical rigor with a strong appreciation for the technical aspects of nuclear weapons policy.

Notably, Glaser conducts behavioral research relevant to the prevention of nuclear war. His research focuses on international relations theory and international security policy.

His founding work in understanding the complex strategic implications of policy options begins with analysis of the security dilemma concept, which posits that actions taken by a state to increase its own security can cause reactions from other states, which in turn lead to a decrease rather than an increase in the original state’s security. His work is notable for its careful analysis of strategic interactions between adversarial states, which he captures in contributions to the theory of defensive realism. This theory provides major insights on some of the most important and policy-relevant questions in the field, including the causes and consequences of arms races, the conditions under which states should compete and cooperate, and optimal nuclear strategies. In addition to his research on nuclear strategy, Glaser has analyzed U.S. policy toward China.

The William and Katherine Estes Award (formerly the NAS

Award for Behavioral Research Relevant to the Prevention of Nuclear War) recognizes basic research in any field of cognitive or behavioral science that uses rigorous formal and empirical methods to advance our understanding of issues relating to the risk of nuclear war. This award was established by a gift of William and Katherine Estes and includes a \$20,000 prize.

**Jennifer Brinkerhoff wins the ISA Distinguished Scholar Award**



Jennifer Brinkerhoff, Professor of International Affairs, International Business, Public Policy and Public Administration, was named a Distinguished Scholar by the Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Studies (ENMISA) section of the International Studies Association (ISA). The ENMISA Distinguished Scholar award recognizes “senior scholars who have had an impact in Ethnicity and/or Nationalism and/or Migration studies” and “have a substantial record of publishing in the field and service to ISA.” The ISA, founded in 1959, is the main professional association for international studies, with its headquarters at the University of Connecticut.

Dr. Brinkerhoff’s research focuses on development management, institutional reform, public-private partnership, state-society relations, NGOs, diaspora and development. She has consulted for the World Bank, USAID, the U.S. State Department, and the United Nations. Her recent publications include *Institutional Reform and Diaspora Entrepreneurs: The In-Between Advantage* (Oxford University Press) and *Digital Diasporas: Identity and Transnational Engagement* (Cambridge University Press). She holds a Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, and an MPA from the Monterey Institute of International Studies.



## Institutes of Elliott: Where Research Happens



The Institute for African Studies (IAfS) is rapidly becoming the structural hub for students, faculty, and researchers who share an interest in African studies. GW currently boasts more than 50 faculty members with expertise on and engagement in the African continent, and the institute provides a focal point for their work.

Interdisciplinary in design, the institute brings together African comparative politics, history, economics, anthropology, geography, language, and security studies. While the institute’s core faculty members comprise scholars from these seven fields, GW faculty working in areas such as business, public health, education, public administration, the humanities, women’s studies, and American studies will be instrumental to expanding the institute’s breadth.



The Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies’ (IERES) mission is to promote and support the study of Europe and Eurasia through research, courses, events, and publications. The

Institute’s hallmarks are combining academic rigor with policy engagement, promoting interdisciplinary perspectives, and recognizing that Europe, Russia, and Eurasia cannot be understood in isolation from each other or from global trends. The principal disciplines at IERES are political science, economics, history, languages, literature, film studies, anthropology, sociology, public policy, and geography. IERES also houses the Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS Eurasia), an international network of social scientists that promotes scholarly work and policy engagement on transnational and comparative topics within the Eurasian space, and the GW Cold War Group, which trains the next generation of scholars on the Cold War, funded by the Mellon Foundation.



The Institute for International Economic Policy (IIEP), which is located within the Elliott School of International Affairs, serves as a catalyst for high quality, multi-disciplinary, and non-partisan research on policy issues surrounding economic globalization. The Institute’s research

program helps develop effective policy options and academic analysis in a time of growing controversies about international economic integration in many countries around the world. The institute’s work also encompasses policy responses for those who face continued poverty and financial crises despite worldwide economic growth. Affiliated faculty have appointments in the departments of economics, geography, history, and political science, as well as the public health, public policy, public administration, law, and business schools.



The Institute for International Science and Technology Policy (IISTP) catalyzes collaboration among scientists, policy experts, government officials, and industry leaders on science and technology policy issues through prestigious publications, influential conferences, and

cutting-edge research. Institute faculty, who teach and manage the Elliott School’s MA program in International Science and Technology Policy (ISTP) and who also advise the Trachtenberg School’s Science and Technology Public Policy PhD program, bring extensive expertise and experience in research, policy, and practice to students who will use the knowledge they gain to shape future policy. This relationship between the Institute and the teaching program directly links graduate students to state-of-the-art research and allows them to develop critical research skills for future scholarship.





The **GW Institute for Korean Studies (GWIKS)**, founded in the year 2016, was established through a generous grant from the Academy of Korean Studies (AKS). Its mission is to consolidate, strengthen, and grow the existing Korean studies program at GW, in the greater D.C. area and beyond. GWIKS' three goals are to strengthen the Korean humanities by expanding the Korean

studies' infrastructure and creating an interdisciplinary bridge between "humanities" and other fields; to create a vibrant scholarly environment by not only bringing students and established experts from all over the world to GW but also by forging links with professionals and policymakers, who are vital to the overall field of Korean studies; and to develop a robust Korean studies curriculum by creating a Korean undergraduate major and offering new courses, summer study abroad programs, and internships.



The **Institute for Middle East Studies (IMES)** was established in 2007 to deepen understanding of this vitally important region, rich in history and diverse in heritage. IMES faculty members undertake research to discover solutions to the challenges spanning

more than a dozen nations. Their work attracts attention from foundations and organizations that share the goal of advancing dialogue on the modern Middle East. Signature events include the IMES Annual Conference, the Middle East Policy Forum, and the annual Kuwait Chair Lecture. In addition, IMES sponsors outstanding visiting scholars focused on the Middle East, enriching the institute's scholarship and academic programs. In promoting and publicizing new work on the Middle East, IMES aims to deepen understanding of this critical region among scholars, students, governments, business leaders, and the broader public.



The **Institute for Public Diplomacy and Global Communication (IPDGC)** was established in 2005 through the generous support of the Walter Roberts Endowment, named after the late diplomat and celebrated public diplomacy practitioner. Formerly known as the Public

Diplomacy Foundation and later the Public Diplomacy Council, IPDGC is a leading organization in the field of public diplomacy and global communication. Jointly administered by the Elliott School and the School of Media and Public Affairs, the Institute provides a forum for faculty, students, and working professionals on areas including: interactions between new media, national security, and public diplomacy; U.S. foreign policy in the developing world; public diplomacy and strategic communication; and global perspectives and approaches to public diplomacy on gender issues.



The **Institute for Security and Conflict Studies (ISCS)**, launched in the fall of 2009, is an energetic academic community dedicated to furthering the study of international security. As its mission, the Institute seeks to: advance scholarly research on international conflict and strengthen the field of

security studies through graduate education; improve public understanding of key international security issues; and inform policy debates related to U.S. national security. The Institute's exceptionally strong faculty have diverse research interests

within international security studies. Their bi-monthly security policy workshop fosters lively interactions between faculty and graduate students by inviting eminent scholars to present cutting-edge research. They host visiting scholars from the world's best universities and offer pre-doctoral fellowships to advanced Ph.D. students through an annual competition. The Institute also houses the Elliott School's Security Policy Studies M.A. program.



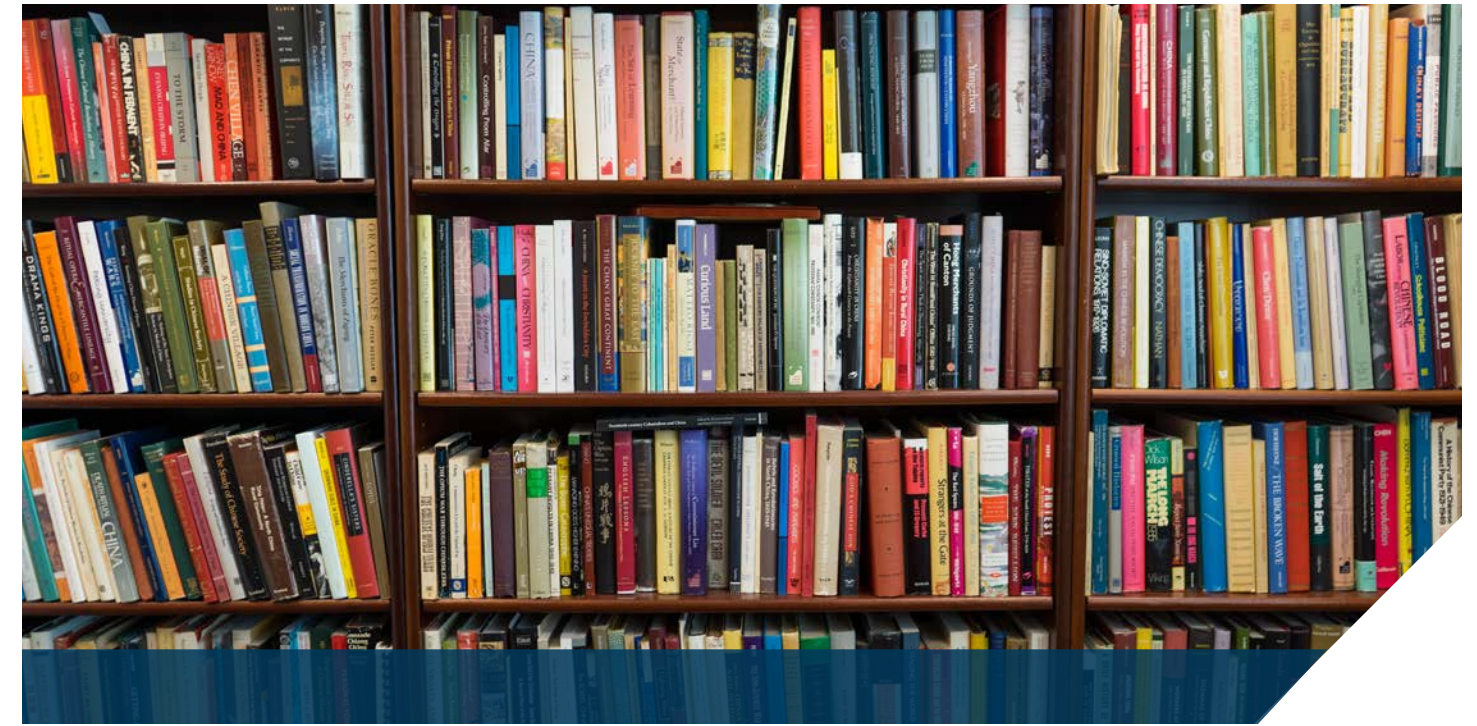
The **Sigur Center for Asian Studies** is a university research institute founded in 1991 and named for Gaston Sigur (1924-1995), a Japan specialist with a long career at the George Washington University, the

National Security Council, and the U.S. Department of State. Its mission is to increase the quality and broaden the scope of scholarly research and publications on Asia, promote U.S.-Asian scholarly interaction, and educate a new generation of students, scholars, analysts, and policymakers. The Sigur Center promotes research and policy analysis on East Asia, Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, and South Asia through an active program of publishing, teaching, public events, and policy engagement. Together with the GW Institute for Korean Studies, the Sigur Center supports the University's **East Asia National Resource Center**, a Title VI supported center of academic excellence. The Center offers students the largest Asian Studies program in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region, with around 68 faculty members working on Asia topics.



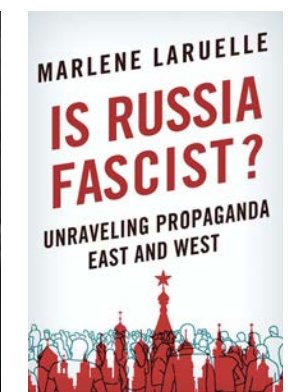
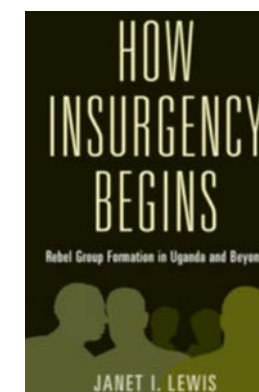
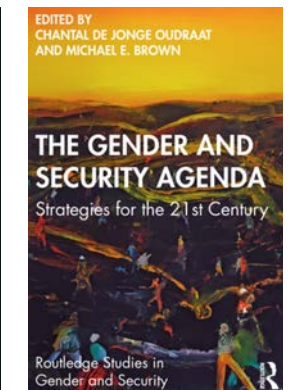
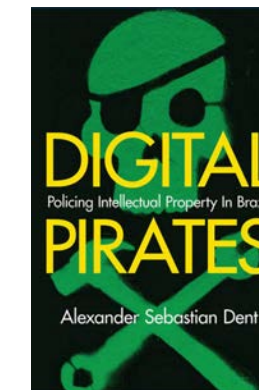
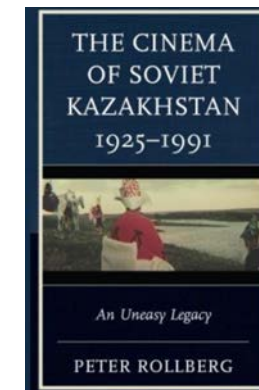
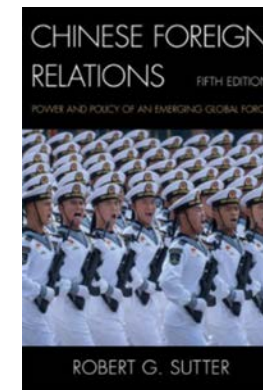
The **Space Policy Institute (SPI)** is a world leader in research, graduate study, and informed discussion related to issues of science, technology, and public policy. The Space Policy Institute celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2017. The Institute conducts research, offers graduate courses and

organizes seminars, symposia, and conferences on topics related to domestic and international space policy. SPI focuses its activities on policy issues related to the space efforts of the United States, as well as the cooperative and competitive interactions in space between the United States and other nations. The Institute provides a setting in which scholars, policy analysts, practitioners, and students can work together on current and future space issues. The Space Policy Institute is a proud affiliate of the Aerospace Corporation, International Space University, the European Space Policy Institute, and the Beijing Institute of Technology, Institute of Space Law.

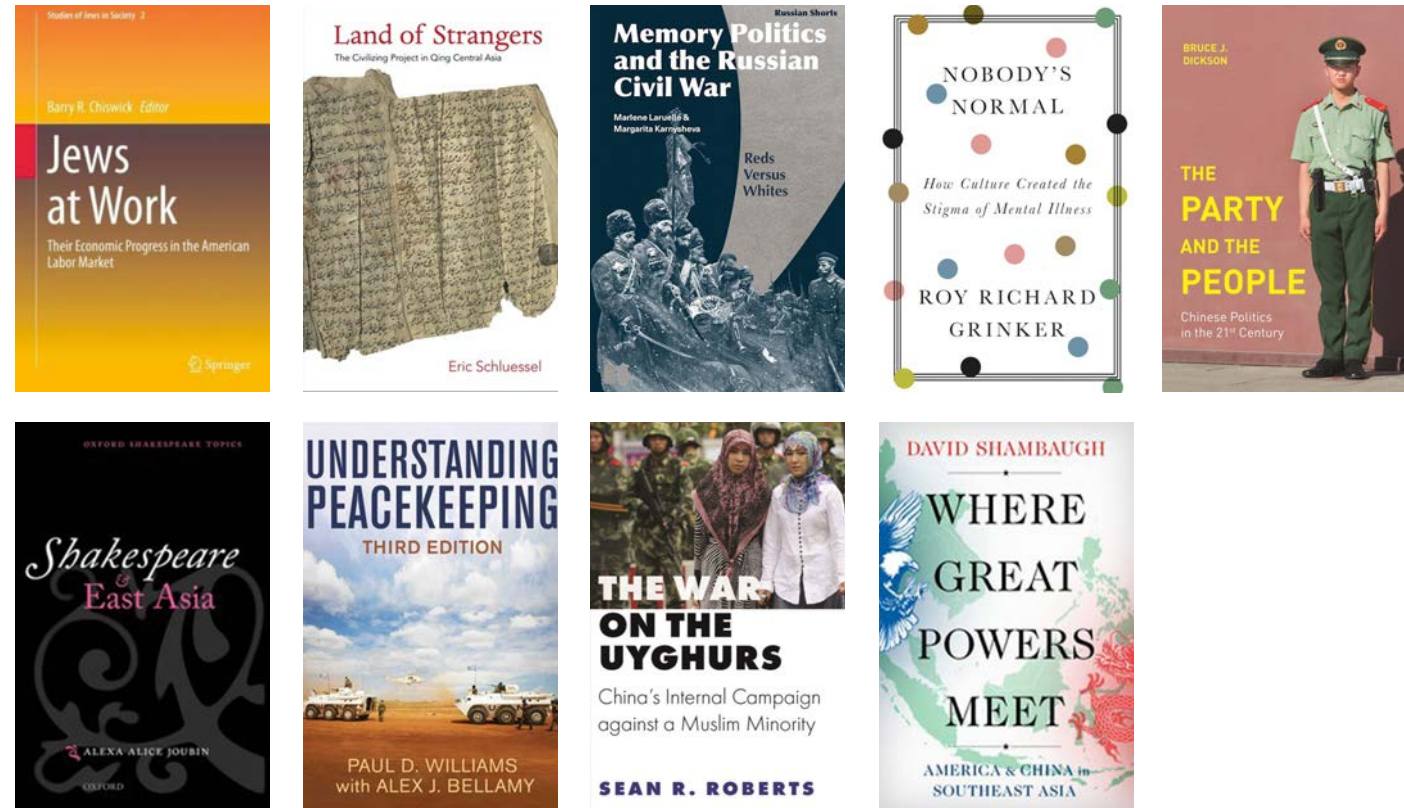


## Authors' Corner

Each year our distinguished faculty produce scholarly works printed in journals, presented at conferences, and published as full works. Over the past decade, Elliott School affiliated faculty have written or contributed to an impressive 185 books. See this past year's published works.



## Authors' Corner *(continued)*



**Chinese Foreign Relations, Fifth Edition**  
By Robert G. Sutter

**The Cinema of Soviet Kazakhstan 1925-1991: An Uneasy Legacy**  
By Peter Rollberg

**Deep Time Reckoning: How Future Thinking Can Help Earth Now**  
By Vincent Ialenti

**Digital Pirates: Policing Intellectual Property In Brazil**  
By Alexander S. Dent

**The Gender and Security Agenda: Strategies for the 21st Century**  
Edited by Chantal De Jonge Oudraat and Michael E. Brown

**Globalizing Patient Capital: The Political Economy of Chinese Finance in the Americas**  
By Stephen B. Kaplan

**How Insurgency Begins: Rebel Group Formation in Uganda and Beyond**  
By Janet I. Lewis

**Human Security and Agency: Reframing Productive Power in Afghanistan**  
By Nilofar Sakhi

**Humanitarianism and Human Rights: A World of Difference?**  
Edited by Michael N. Barnett

**Is Russia Fascist? Unraveling Propaganda East and West**  
By Marlene Laruelle

**Jews at Work: Their Economic Progress in the American Labor Market**  
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**Land of Strangers, The Civilizing Project in Qing Central Asia**  
By Eric Schluessel

**Memory, Politics and the Russian Civil War: Reds Versus Whites**  
By Marlene Laruelle and Margarita Karnysheva

**Nobody's Normal: How Culture Created the Stigma of Mental Illness**  
By Roy Richard Grinker

**The Party and the People: Chinese Politics in the 21st Century**  
By Bruce Dickson

**Shakespeare and East Asia**  
By Alexa Alice Joubin

**Understanding Peacekeeping, 3rd Edition**  
By Paul D. Williams with Alex J. Bellamy

**War on the Uyghurs: China's Internal Campaign against a Muslim Minority**  
By Sean R. Roberts

**Where Great Powers Meet: America and China in Southeast Asia**  
By David Shambaugh





An aerial photograph of a university campus. In the foreground, there are several large, multi-story brick buildings with many windows. One building on the left has a flat roof with several satellite dishes. In the center, there is a courtyard with a small, white, domed gazebo-like structure. The background shows a dense urban area with various buildings and the tall, thin Washington Monument rising prominently against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A semi-transparent dark blue banner is overlaid across the top half of the image, containing the text.

# PHILANTHROPY & ALUMNI

## Bold New Initiatives



## PHILANTHROPY & ALUMNI

### ALUMNI YEAR IN REVIEW, 2020-2021

Amidst a historic pandemic, the work of the Elliott School and its many alumni worldwide continued, albeit under very different circumstances. Here we highlight a few of the many accomplishments achieved.



### GW's Bicentennial and Monumental Alumni

#### Gina Abercrombie-Winstanley, BA '80



**Gina Abercrombie-Winstanley's** sterling 30-year career in the U.S. Foreign Service included four years as U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Malta. Internationally known for election monitoring in the Gaza Strip and equality efforts in Saudi Arabia, she has advised the commander of U.S. cyber forces on foreign policy priorities, expanded counterterrorism partners and programs as deputy coordinator for counterterrorism, and coordinated the largest evacuation of American citizens from a war zone since World War II. On April 12, 2021, she became the U.S. State Department's first chief diversity and inclusion officer.

Ambassador Abercrombie-Winstanley moderated the Elliott School's signature event for the bicentennial on March 25 with all the former deans of the school, discussing their foreign policy and leadership insights.

#### Martin Burt, MA '83



**Martin Burt** is a world-renowned social entrepreneur with a focus on anti-poverty and educational social innovations. He is the founder and CEO of Fundación Paraguaya, which was named Latin America's most impactful and innovative development organization in 2018 by the Inter-American Development Bank. In public service, Burt has served as chief of

staff to the president of Paraguay, was elected mayor of Asunción, and was appointed vice minister of commerce.

*"I attended the Elliott School at the George Washington University during the early 1980's, when my country, Paraguay, was still suffering under a brutal military dictatorship. My professors, and particularly...John Logsdon, provided me with emotional and academic support, as well as inspiration to prepare myself professionally for better times to come."*

#### Tammy Duckworth, MA '92, HON '17



**Tammy Duckworth** is an Iraq War veteran, Purple Heart recipient, and former assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, who was among the first handful of Army women to fly combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom. She was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2016 after serving in the U.S. House of Representatives for two terms.

Duckworth is a trailblazer in several aspects; she is the first Thai-American woman elected to Congress, the first person born in Thailand elected to Congress, the first disabled veteran elected to Congress, the first female double amputee in the Senate, and the first senator to give birth while in office.

*"I am so proud to be an alumna of George Washington University. During my time at GW, I met students and faculty who significantly influenced my life, folks that I would have otherwise never crossed paths with. Specifically, I met many people from the military, some currently serving and others retired or in the reserves. With their encouragement, I decided to try military service...If I had not gone to GW and met those wonderful classmates, I never would have had that fulfilling career and ended up where I am today."*

#### Rose Gottemoeller, MA '81



**Rose Gottemoeller** is the first woman and second American to serve as deputy secretary general of NATO. Prior to NATO, she served for nearly five years as the under-secretary for arms control and international security at the U.S. Department of State. While assistant secretary of state for arms control, verification, and compliance, she was the chief U.S.

negotiator of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) with the Russian Federation, the first woman chief negotiator in the 50 years of nuclear arms agreements. Her new book, "Negotiating the New START Treaty," showcases her skills and the lessons she learned. She is currently the Payne Distinguished Lecturer at Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and its Center for International Security and Cooperation.

*"George Washington University gave me what I needed with their Master's Program in Science, Technology and Public Policy. I was looking for ways to help bridge the gap between policymakers and scientists, and my GW degree gave me the tools I needed. It helped me to work well with U.S. and Russian nuclear laboratories as we fought to prevent nuclear materials from falling into the wrong hands, and it helped me*

*chart the way, with others, to establishing the International Space Station. I will always be grateful."*

#### Julie A. Monaco, BA '85



**Julie Monaco** is the global head of Citi's public sector coverage, leading a team that is responsible for providing a full range of financial services to public sector entities in 160 countries. Her financial acumen and robust leadership have been recognized by Forbes and Fortune, which have named her to their lists of the most powerful women in finance. Additionally, she has been named to American Banker's list of "25 Most Powerful Women in Banking and Finance" eight times. Monaco serves as Chair of the Elliott School's Board of Advisors.

*"My Elliott School education is why I have succeeded in a career in global banking. My international affairs degree gave me the foundation of understanding and instilled a passion to continue to explore and learn about all the political and economic challenges my clients in 150+ countries face every day. Throughout my career, I had fantastic mentors and teachers, both men and women, who helped me grow and contribute in a way that would not be possible without them."*

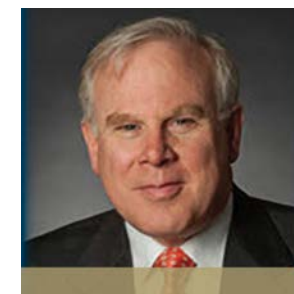
#### Michael Punke, BA '86



**Michael Punke** has three decades of experience in international trade and regulatory issues, including serving as deputy U.S. trade representative and U.S. ambassador to the World Trade Organization from 2010 to 2017. Punke led the negotiations resulting in the 2013 Trade Facilitation Agreement, the first fully multilateral agreement in the

WTO's 20-year history, and the 2015 Information Technology Agreement, the first WTO tariff reduction agreement in 17 years. He is also the author of the international bestselling novel, *The Revenant*, basis for the Academy Award-winning film. He currently serves as vice president for global public policy at Amazon Web Services.

#### John F.W. Rogers, BA '78



**John F.W. Rogers** serves as executive vice president and secretary to the board of directors at Goldman Sachs, where he is also the first ever chief of staff. In addition, he is chair of the Goldman Sachs Foundation. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, Rogers spent a number of years in government service - as an undersecretary at the U.S.

Department of State, assistant secretary of the U.S. Treasury, and as an assistant to the president at the White House. He received the Presidential Citizen Medal in 1985.

# ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

## Selected Alumni News Highlights

### Alumni recognized as 2020 National Security & Foreign Policy LGBTQIA+ leaders



Alan Carroll, BA '11, is a vice president at the Cyber Risk Institute and a direct commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Jason Knox, MIPP '16, is a commander in the U.S. Navy and currently serves as the executive officer of the USS Fort McHenry.

### Alumna recognized as MENA national security leader in 2020



Part of the inaugural list of Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) Americans recognized as next generation leaders in national security and foreign policy, Sahar Nowrouzadeh, BA '05, is a foreign affairs officer at the State Department and currently on sabbatical pursuing her Ph.D.

### Alumnus discusses the future of the news



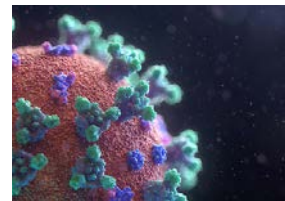
A former executive producer of the CBS Evening News, Mosheh Oinounou, CCAS BA '04, ESIA MA '06, discusses foreign news coverage, threats to journalists, social media, and the state of the news business.

### Alumna recognized by Young Presidents' Organization



Elliott School board member Alia Eyres, BA '01, was named a 2020 Global Impact Award Regional Honoree by YPO, the Young Presidents' Organization, for her work in creating impact and providing quality support services to children, youth and families in Hong Kong.

### Alumnus' company looks to fight COVID-19 with development of protective ink for PPE



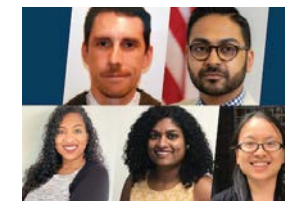
Graphene Composites is developing graphene ink, an antiviral and antibacterial substance for coating PPE. President of GC USA John Pagliarini, MA '86, noted, "we are fortunate because we have the ability within this company to do something profound and transformative."

### Alumna named Latinx national security next generation leader



Amanda Lee Keammerer, MA '16, CEO of Javilud LLC, was named a 2020 Latinx National Security and Foreign Policy Next Generation Leader by New America.

### Several alumni named Penn Kemble Fellows at National Endowment for Democracy



Five Elliott alumni were selected to participate in the 2020-21 cohort, including Richard Helke, MA '09; Sahil Jain, MA '18; Victoria A. Durgana Latortue, MA '17; Megha Swamy, MA '11; and Thao Anh Tran, BA '09. The forum promotes bipartisan conversation among young foreign policy leaders in D.C.

### GW, an Arctic ally in the nation's capital



It may come as a surprise that the Elliott School and GW are collaborating on no fewer than ten research grants related to the Arctic region. Elliott alumni are also at the forefront, with James DeHart, MA '91, recently appointed U.S. Coordinator for the Arctic Region for the State Department.

### Alumnus recognized by Philadelphia Magazine



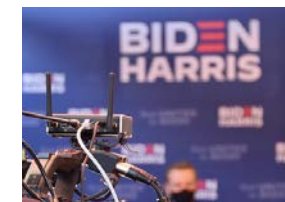
As executive director of GreenLight Fund Philadelphia, Omar Woodard, BA '05, TSPPPA MPA '07, was recognized as one of "The 76 Most Influential People in Philadelphia," in part for his efforts to combat systemic poverty in the city.

### Alumna provides "The Native Voice" at PBS KIDS



As a producer and writer on the PBS children's show "Molly of Denali," Princess Daazhrai Johnson, BA '96, helps the first nationally distributed kids' TV series starring a Native American tell stories from the perspective of her people.

### Alumni Lend Expertise and Advice to Biden-Harris Transition Team



Elliott alumni who assisted in the transition included Rumana Ahmed, BA '11 (Global Media); Tara Guelig, MA '05 (International Development); Kei Koizumi, MA '95 (Arts & Humanities; Science & Technology); Frank Mora, BA '87 (Defense); and Todd Tucker, BA '01 (Trade).

### Alumnus appointed to Texas Public Finance Authority



Jay Riskind, BA '06, is a member of the Elliott School Board of Advisors and president of The Riskind Group, a cross border firm focused on the development of asset platforms and special situation investment in a range of industry sectors.

### Alumnae reflect on impact of GW Women's Leadership Program



Jenna Ben-Yehuda, BA '02, Olivia Elder, BA '18, and Chloe King, BA '19, discussed the ways the program helped them meet the challenges of social upheaval, natural disasters, environmental devastation and family histories of political and social oppression.

### Alumna featured in Vanguard Law Magazine



Chief legal counsel for export control at SAP America, Orisia K. Gammell, BA '05, is on the front lines of the multinational company that provides its corporate clientele with enterprise software to manage business operations and customer relations.

### Alumni selected for new program at the Aspen Institute



They are among the inaugural class of the Aspen Strategy Group's Rising Leaders Program, including Mari Manoogian, BA '14, MA '17; Jennifer Schuch-Page, BA '09; and Sahil Shah, BA '16.

### Alumnus makes history as U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia



This past January, Raj Parekh, BA '03, broke a barrier more than two centuries old when he was appointed Acting U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia.

### Alumnus charts journey from child soldier to law associate



Before arriving in the U.S., Mohamed Sidibay, BA '15, lost his family, was conscripted as a child soldier, and experienced homelessness in Sierra Leone.

### Inside the Biden Administration: GW alumni in international policy



Alumni like Gina Abercrombie-Winstanley, BA '80, and Carol Spahn, MA '00, are revolutionizing a field with worldwide impact.

## Selected Alumni News Highlights *(continued)*



**Inside the Biden Administration:**  
GW alumni in security and defense

Alumni like **Andrea Yaffe, MA '06**, are working to keep the nation safe and to hold its safety apparatus accountable.

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## Selected Events Featuring Alumni

**Sept. 23, 2020:**  
Sports, Ethics, and Black Lives Matter

**Lindsay Krasnoff, ESIA BA '99**, an expert on sports diplomacy, moderated a discussion on the Black Lives Matter movement in the context of athletics, along with former professional basketball player **Pops Mensah-Bonsu, CCAS BA '06**, and GW Women's Basketball Coach **Jen Rizzotti**.

**Oct. 26, 2020:**  
GW Institute for Korean Studies Alumni Interview Series

**Wendy Cutler, BA '79**, vice president of the Asia Society Policy Institute and a former U.S. trade negotiator, discussed her career and shared career advice for students.

**Nov. 16, 2020:**  
Anita Bhatia of UN Women headlines I/WE event

The International Women of Elliott (I/WE) welcomed Anita Bhatia of UN Women to discuss the need for equal opportunities for women. Joining the discussion were I/WE co-chairs **Julie Monaco, BA '85**, and **Susan Stautberg, MA '70**, as well as **Diana Henriques, BA '69**.

**Dec. 10, 2020:**  
Meeting the Moment with Alexandra Garcia of World Central Kitchen

**Alexandra Garcia, MIPP '14**, discussed how she uses food as an agent of change in her role as chief program officer at World Central Kitchen.

**March 8, 2021:**  
Meeting the Moment with Google's Brooke Pearson

The International Women of Elliott celebrated International Women's Day in conversation with **Brooke Pearson, MIPP '16**, as she shared her career bridging government, international relations and cybersecurity, as well as her efforts to increase diversity in these fields.

**March 26, 2021:**  
Meeting the Moment with Whistleblower Advocate Andrew Bakaj

An attorney for national security cases, **Andrew Bakaj, BA '03**, discussed his work protecting those who experience retaliatory action as a result of whistleblower activities.

**April 28, 2021:**  
Celebrating 60 Years of the Peace Corps

The International Women of Elliott hosted a discussion with Peace Corps Acting Director **Carol Spahn, MA '00**, and Returned Peace Corps Volunteer **Nicole Mechem, MA '07**.

**May 7, 2021:**  
Elliott alumni address pandemic in India

Several alumni discussed the situation on the ground, including **Tanvi Banerjee, BA '19**, **Rahul Bhatia, MA '19**, **Vaibhav Jain, BS '19**, and **Akshaya Sadras BS '18**.

**May 19, 2021:**  
The Global Refugee Crisis: Higher Education's Role in Responding

Elliott undergraduate **Olivia Issa** and alumnus **Kyle Farmbry, BA '92**, reviewed higher education's multi-faceted support for refugees in recent years, as well as how universities around the country are responding to the global refugee crisis.

**July 13, 2021:**  
Celebrating 200 Years: GW on the Pulse of Space & Technology

Four alumni, including **Lori Garver, MA '89**, and **Kei Koizumi, MA '95**, discussed how their GW experiences shaped their futures in the space and technology sectors and highlighted the demand for collaboration in space technology development.

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## ELLIOTT SCHOOL LAUNCHES NEW LEADERSHIP AND PHILANTHROPY CIRCLES

With the grand challenges of our times, effective global leadership has never been more important. To meet this moment in world history, the Elliott School this year launched two new leadership groups, the **International Women of Elliott (I/WE)** and the **Institute for International Economic Policy (IIEP) Executive Circle**.

Both consortiums have attracted dozens of senior professionals from the extraordinary Elliott School global community. The groups' members contribute exceptional expertise, broad perspective, and substantial philanthropy, adding firepower to GW Elliott's core mission: to provide our students with the knowledge, skills, and moral compass to lead in complex times.



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## International Women of Elliott

Inspired by the 2000 UN Resolution on Women, the International Women of Elliott - I/WE for short - has quickly grown to over 250 alumnae, students and friends. At the helm is the I/WE Executive Circle - more than two dozen female executives with rich and diverse professional experience. Their goal: open doors for Elliott women students from all walks of life and parts of the world.

"Our goal is to celebrate the many and significant successes of the Elliott School's diverse alumnae, as well as to establish a powerful and influential global network of Elliott women," says Susan Stautberg, MA '70, one of I/WE's two co-chairs. "I/WE supports scholarships and fellowships for female students at Elliott, inspires future leaders, and helps them launch their careers."

Among the members of I/WE's executive circle are experts in computer science, global trade, transnational security, and more. Co-chair Julie Monaco, BA '85, for instance, is a senior executive with Citi. Monaco is passionate about giving Elliott women students access to the "vast opportunities" she discovered in her undergraduate years.

*"My Elliott School education is why I have succeeded in a career in global banking," Monaco says. "My international affairs degree gave me the foundation of understanding and instilled a passion to continue to explore and learn about all the political and economic challenges my clients in 150+ countries face every day."*

### International Women of Elliott Inaugural Program



On November 16, 2020, I/WE welcomed Anita Bhatia of UN Women, for its inaugural program (held virtually). The UN had recently conducted a major assessment of global conditions for women in more than 170 countries. Bhatia spoke eloquently about the UN's findings.

"There has been progress, for sure," she said. "And yet - the gender pay gap is real; the women's leadership gap is real; women are still victims of violence. There is a host of issues on which women are not equal."

## GW Elliott Convenes Executives Focused on Global Economic Policy

Recognizing the many pressing challenges at play in the global economy, the Institute for International Economic Policy established a leadership circle of senior executives in finance, trade, and economic development. The IIEP Executive Circle adds firepower to the institute's work to improve policies that affect the wellbeing of people around the globe.

With membership nearing two dozen, the IIEP Executive Circle capitalizes on Elliott's extensive international alumni and supporters network. As an advisory body, the circle helps to ensure that the institute is prepared to address current and emerging challenges in the field. In addition, members are dedicated to educating the next generation of global experts in the field; consequently they commit to philanthropic support for GW Elliott.

Co-chairs Deborah Lehr, MA '89, and Frank Wong, BA '79, note that the institute is a world leader among academic institutions. IIEP "has the power to change attitudes, build alliances, and

achieve equitable, sustainable economic growth," says Lehr. And, as Wong points out, the institute is known for its "emphasis on creating new possibilities."

In March, the leadership circle convened virtually, and screens lit up with Elliott alumni and supporters from Hong Kong to London to Seattle. There was much to say about many topics, ranging from cybersecurity to climate change and from international trade to the global workforce.

Lehr, Wong, and roughly a dozen other circle members contributed ideas from professions as diverse as their locales to bear on a central theme: the best way forward for the U.S. in its interactions with Asia's major powers. In particular, circle members took a deep dive into the path forward for U.S.-China economic relations. Points of view varied, yet there was consensus that this relationship - between two global giants - wields enormous influence over global stability.



## Voices From Our Global Community

The GW Elliott global community is engaged, idealistic, and actively changing the world. This year, we had the good fortune to receive many significant gifts that enhance our mission – educating the next generation of global experts working to better the world. Each gift matters, and each supporter has a unique reason for making a gift. Thank you to all who support us, and thank you to the members of our community who shared with us these thoughts on why they support the Elliott School.



**Aaron Bates, BA '98, Senior Vice President, Alliance, Bernstein Global Wealth Management**

*"My wife, Jenna, and I are honored to endow this scholarship to assist in allowing other students the opportunity for an Elliott School education at GW. It is an education that opened my eyes to the world and*

*brought a world of opportunities to me, all possible thanks to the generosity I received as a student receiving scholarships myself. At this unique moment in history, an international affairs education is vital for leaders in both the public and private sectors, and financial need should not be a barrier to students who aspire to that scholarship and leadership."*



**Carolina Costa, MA '07, Head, Latin America Government Affairs, RELX**

*"As a proud alumna of GW, having completed my MA in International Economic Policy in 2007, I joined the IIEP Executive Circle with the intention to "pay it forward," by helping to build a mutually supportive network of professionals active*

*in the field of international economic policy. Moreover, the Executive Circle serves as a unique platform to create long-lasting strategic partnerships and share ideas that focus on programs and policies aimed at addressing many of the current and trending global challenges."*



**Connie Gonzalez, MA '03, Senior Program Officer, Center for Women's Economic Empowerment, El Salvador**

*"I have seen how a strong woman leader can drive lasting change in a family, a community, a business and a society. When women have the opportunity to learn and grow and take full advantage of their*

*potential to become active and productive members of society, everyone benefits. I truly believe in having women's voices and actions play an active role in positive change."*



**Brian R. Sullivan, MA '97, Treasurer, DePaul University, Chicago**

*"I'm pleased to support this award for Elliott School students pursuing research in the field of economics and the environment. Environmental policy and practices in such critical areas as water resource management, energy efficiency*

*and recovery, and recycling have long-lasting impacts on the environment and the economic well-being and growth of our communities around the world."*

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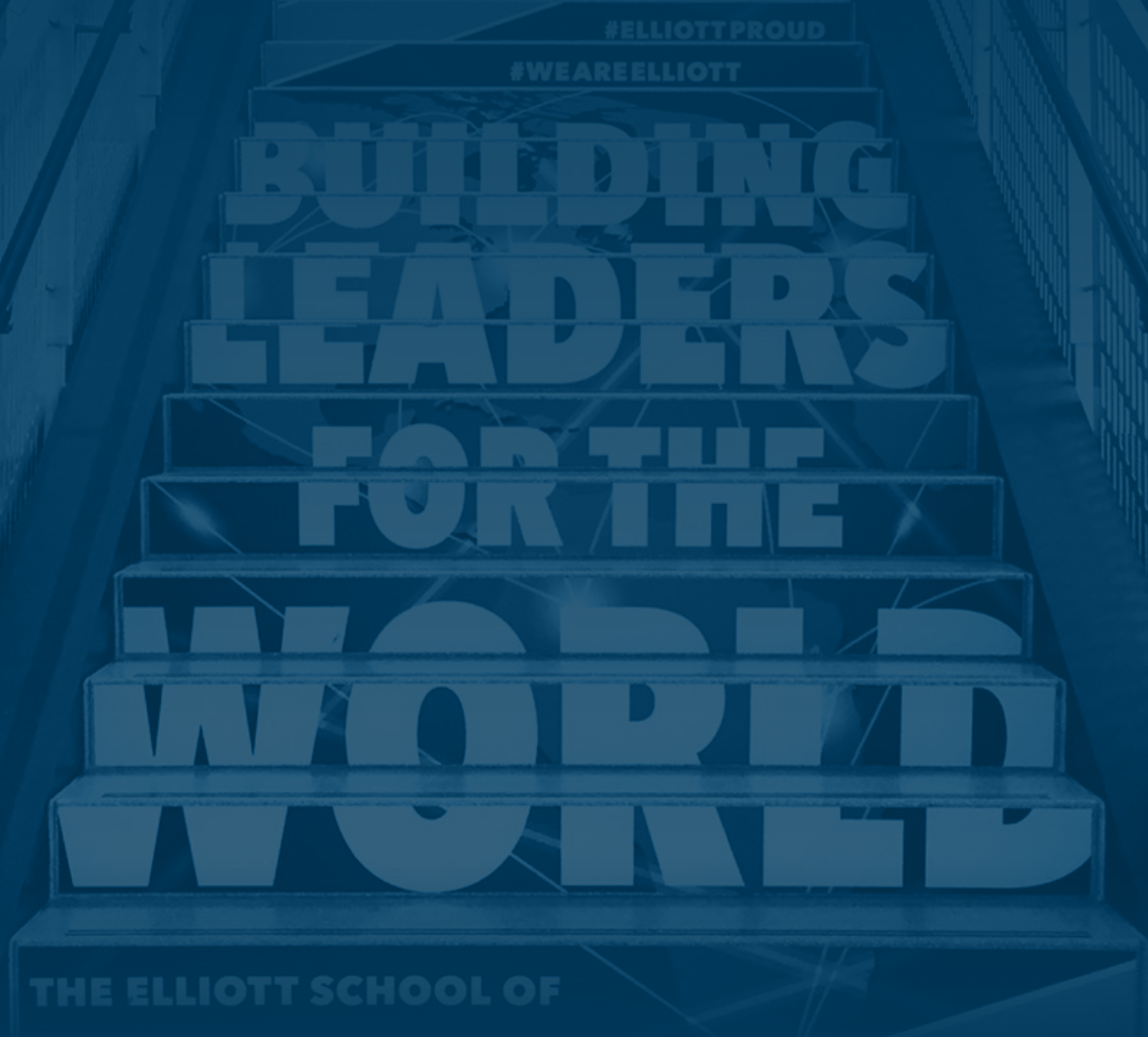
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