



## Alison Friedman

Alison Kiehl Friedman is Executive Director of the International Corporate Accountability Roundtable, and a longtime activist on human trafficking. She served as Deputy Director in the State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons in the Obama administration, where she managed over \$50 million in federal grants and US interagency processes to combat human trafficking. She previously co-founded ASSET, an organization that addressed human trafficking in global supply chains, where she helped author the California Transparency in Supply Chains law. She also previously worked for California Representative Jane Harman, where she managed security and transportation challenges around major ports and LAX. Friedman holds a B.A. from Stanford University.

### Education:

B.A., Political Science and Government, Stanford University, 2002; M.B.A., Oxford University, Saïd Business School, 2017

### Affiliations:

US House of Representatives, Office of Jane Harman (District Director)  
US Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (Deputy Director)  
International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (Executive Director)  
Free the Slaves (Interim Executive Director)  
The Global Fund to End Slavery (Vice President)  
Alliance to Stop Slavery and End Trafficking (Executive Director)  
People for the American Way (San Francisco Office Director, California Policy Director, Legislative Coordinator)  
Gore/Lieberman 2000 (National Student Director)

### Key Publications:

Thompson Reuters Foundation News, "Trump does not need a wall to prevent human trafficking" (2019)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

NPR's The Takeaway, "U.S. plans stepped up efforts to combat human trafficking," Speaker  
Duke Law School, "Rethinking Essential: Business, Work, and Human Rights in the Covid-19 Pandemic," Speaker  
Center for Strategic and International Studies, "Youth and Human Rights," Panelist



## Amir Handjani

Amir Handjani is an energy lawyer and Senior Advisor at KARV Communications, a strategic communications and public affairs firm. Handjani is an expert on US-Iran relations, the Iran nuclear deal, Persian Gulf security, global energy security, and the implementation of US sanctions. He was a founding General Counsel of RAK Petroleum PCL, an exploration and production company, where he sits on the Board of Directors. Handjani was previously a Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council, and continues to serve on the Executive Committee. He is also a Fellow at the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, a Security Fellow with the Truman National Security Project, and a member of the Finance Committee for Foreign Policy For America. He is regularly cited and published in outlets such as the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Guardian, the Wall Street Journal, and Foreign Affairs. Early in his career, Handjani was Associate Chief Council at the US Department of Justice. He is fluent in English, Farsi, and Turkish. Handjani holds a J.D. from Northeastern University.



## Amy Woolf

Amy Woolf is a Specialist in Nuclear Weapons Policy in the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division of the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress. Woolf provides Congress with information, analysis, and support on US and Russian nuclear forces and arms control. Woolf was a member of the Research Staff at the Institute for Defense Analyses and served in the Department of Defense on the 1994 Nuclear Posture Review. She has authored studies on the US-Russian arms control agenda, nuclear weapons doctrine, nuclear force structure, and hypersonic weapons. Woolf has spoken at conferences and workshops on US nuclear weapons policy and congressional views on ballistic missile defenses and arms control. Woolf's work has been published by the Brookings Institution and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. She has also appeared in *The Hill*, *Foreign Policy*, *Air Force Magazine*, *Arms Control Today*, *War on the Rocks*, *Russia Matters*, *National Interest*, *Cato Institute*, *Forbes*, *Time*, and *CNBC*. Woolf holds a B.A. from Stanford and an M.P.P. from Harvard.

### Education:

M.P.P., Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government; A.B., Political Science, Stanford University

### Affiliations:

Library of Congress (Specialist in Nuclear Policy); Georgetown University (Adjunct Assistant Professor); Institute for Defense Analyses (Researcher); US Department of Defense (Employed)

### Key Publications:

[Russia's Nuclear Weapons: Doctrine, Forces, and Modernization \(2020\)](#)

[Conventional Prompt Global Strike and Long-Range Ballistic Missiles: Background and Issues \(2020\)](#)

[U.S. Strategic Nuclear Forces: Background \(2020\)](#)

[See more \(2020\)](#)

[See more \(2017\)](#)

### Testified:

[Before the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, the U.S. House of Representatives and the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe U.S. Joint Committee hearing on, "The Importance of the Open Skies Treaty" \(2019\)](#)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[Hypersonic Missiles: Assessing the Benefits and Risks \(2019\)](#)

[Arms Control Association Annual Meeting, "Global Nuclear Challenges and Solutions for the Next U.S. President" \(2016\)](#)

[The Role of Congress in Nuclear Weapons Policy and Programs at the Center for Global Security Research.](#)



## Andrea Prasow

Andrea Prasow is the Deputy Washington Director at Human Rights Watch (HRW), where she has a particular focus on national security and foreign policy. Before serving in her current role, Prasow was HRW's Senior National Security Counsel and Advocate. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch, Prasow was a defense attorney with the Office of Military Commissions. She served as assistant counsel for Salim Hamdan in the only contested military commission trial to date. Prasow has also worked in legal private practice where, in addition to representing large corporations in complex civil litigation she served as habeas counsel for ten Saudi detainees at Guantanamo. Prasow is frequently interviewed in radio and television broadcasts and she has been published in Politico, Foreign Policy, and the Hill. She has testified before the Parliament of Canada. Prasow holds a B.A. from the University of Toronto in political science and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

**Education:**

B.A., Political Science and Women's Studies, University of Toronto, 1999; J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2003

**Affiliations:**

Human Rights Watch (Deputy Washington Director); US Department of Defense, Office of Military Commissions (Defense Attorney)

**Key Publications:**

"US Architects Join Movement Against Capital Punishment, Torture," Human Rights Watch (2020)

"U.S. War Crimes in Yemen: Stop Looking the Other Way," Foreign Policy in Focus (2020)

"US Claim of 'No Civilian Casualties' is Tested in Afghanistan," Women's eNews (2018)

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**Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

The Agenda with Steve Paikin, "Stateless Citizens," Interview

The Libertarian Institute, "Andrea Prasow on the Consequences of the US-Saudi War in Yemen"

Washington Journal, "Andrea Prasow on U.S. Counterterrorism Policy"

American Society of International Law, "Women in International Law Networking Breakfast"

Democracy Now! "U.S. Navy Vet Sues Donald Rumsfeld for Torture in Iraq, Court Allows Case to Move Forward," Guest

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## Annelle Sheline

Annelle Sheline is a Fellow at the Baker Institute Center for the Middle East and a Research Fellow for the Middle East at the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft. She is a Middle East analyst with expertise in violent extremism, religious and political authority, freedom of religion and expression, and human rights. Sheline previously lived in the Middle East, where she conducted field research in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. Sheline was an Advisor at Gulf State Analytics, a geopolitical consulting firm that assesses risks and opportunities among Gulf Cooperation Council states for traders, lenders, investors, and policymakers. She has advanced proficiency in Arabic, French, and Spanish. Her analysis has been published by The Arab Gulf States Institute of Washington, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, and Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs. Her public commentary has appeared in the Washington Post, the Nation, the National Interest, Foreign Policy, and the Global Post. Sheline holds a B.A. in Conflict Studies from New York University and an M.A. and Ph.D in Political Science from George Washington University.

### Education:

B.A., Conflict Studies, NYU; Ph.D., Political Science, George Washington University

### Affiliations:

Gulf State Analytics, Advisor  
Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, Fellow  
National Security Education Program, Boren Fellow  
Baker Institute for Public Policy, Fellow  
Project on Middle East Political Science, Fellow  
Loeb Institute for Religious Freedom, Fellow  
Boniuk Institute for Religious Tolerance, Fellow  
US Department of Education, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow  
Elliott School of International Affairs, Director of Undergraduate Scholars  
Georgetown, Researcher  
The Brookings Institution, Research Assistant  
The Daily News Egypt, Business Writer  
Enigma Magazine, Staff Writer  
Big Think, Editorial Assistant

### Key Publications:

"Profits Over People: Trump White House Backs Arms Dealers" (2020)  
MBS & religious authority, reform in Saudi Arabia (2019)  
Politics, Religion and Tolerance (2019)  
Saudi Arabia is changing, but don't give MbS all the credit (2019)  
Public Opinion on the Religious Authority of the Moroccan King (2019)  
Missteps in U.S. Govt's Muslim Outreach Plan (2019)  
Royal Religious Authority: Morocco's "Commander of the Faithful" (2019)  
Mosque-building as Nation-building (2019)  
'Fake News' Tool for Authoritarian Regimes to Silence Citizens (2018)  
"Middle East regimes are using 'moderate' Islam to stay in power" (2017)

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## Annie Shiel

Annie Shiel is the Senior Advisor for US Policy & Advocacy at the Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC), where she conducts policy analysis and advocacy around the civilian harm implications of US military operations and security sector assistance. She is also a Research Program Manager with Stanford University, where she leads research on the second- and third-order effects of conflict on civilians. In the Obama administration, Shiel served as a Policy Advisor in the US State Department's Office of Security and Human Rights, and before that as a Western Hemisphere Affairs Intern. She worked on human rights, civilian protection, and security sector reform as a founding member of the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor's Office of Security and Human Rights. Shiel was awarded a Security Fellowship with the Truman National Security Project. She holds a B.A. in International Development from McGill University and an M.A. in International Policy Studies from Stanford University.

### Education:

B.A., International Development (Honors), McGill University, 2013; M.A., International Policy Studies, Stanford University, 2019

### Affiliations:

Center for Civilians in Conflict (Senior Advisor, US Policy & Advocacy | Research & Advocacy Intern)

Truman National Security Project (Security Fellow)

US Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (Policy Advisor, Office of Security and Human Rights | Western Hemisphere Intern)

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Organizing for Action (Fellow)

Dos Pueblos New York - Tipitapa Sister City Project (Development and Communications Intern)

Stanford University (Research Program Manager, Humanitarian Response and Civil Protection)

### Key Publications:

"Great Responsibility: A Legislative Reform Agenda for U.S. Arms Transfers and Civilian Harm," Center for Civilians in Conflict (2020)

"DOD's New Ex Gratia Policy: What's Right, What's Wrong, and What's Next," Just Security (2020)

"Time to flip the script on congressional arms sales powers," The Hill (2020)

"In Coalition Ops, Civilian Protections Are Only as Strong as the Weakest Link," Defense One (2019)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CIVIC Report Debrief, "The Sum of All Parts: Reducing Civilian Harm in Multinational Coalition Operations"

Demand Progress, "The UAE Arms Sale: Abraham Accords, Yemen, and the Senate," Panelist

WOLA Podcast, "Protecting Civilians from Harm in Armed Conflict," Interview

Project on Middle East Democracy, "Toward a New U.S.-Saudi Relationship: Prioritizing Human Rights and Accountability," Panelist

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## Anthony Weir

Anthony Weir is a Legislative Secretary for Nuclear Disarmament and Pentagon Spending at the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Weir served at the US State Department as Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Legislative Affairs. Weir was a member of the Secretary of State's policy planning staff for international security policy and nuclear nonproliferation. Weir has advised the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on nuclear weapons, arms sales, export controls, nuclear cooperation, and nonproliferation. He helped craft and negotiate the resolution and committee report that provided Senate advice and consent for ratification of the New START treaty. Weir was a Research Associate for the Project on Managing the Atom at Harvard University. Weir holds an M.A. and an M.P.A. from the University of Texas at Austin.

**Education:** M.P.A., M.A., University of Texas at Austin

**Affiliations:**

Friends Committee on National Legislation (Legislative Secretary for Nuclear Disarmament and Pentagon Spending); U.S. Department of State (Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs); U.S. Senate (Senior Staff Foreign Relations Committee)

**Key Publications:**

Arms Control Today, "Open Skies Treaty: A Quiet Legacy Under Threat" (2019)

The Hill, "It's long past time to tie the president's hands" (2018)

The Hill, "Voters will punish Congress for ignoring duty on war and peace" (2018)

FCNL, "75 Years After Hiroshima, Congress Must Speak Plainly About the Suffering Wrought by Nuclear Weapons" (2020)

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**Speaking Appearance (ex.):** Friends Committee on National Legislation, "Breaking the Militarism Mindset," Lecture

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## Becca Heller

Becca Heller is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the International Refugee Assistance Project, which assists with applications, appeals, and resettlement processes under US and international law. As a human rights lawyer, she works with law schools and law firms to defend the rights of refugees and improve protection outcomes. Heller was named Foreign Policy's Citizen Diplomat of the Year in 2017 and one of "30 Under 30" changemakers by the Christian Science Monitor. Heller has received the McArthur Genius Award, Charles Bronfman Prize, and the American Constitution Society's Public Interest Award. Heller has appeared on CNN and in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Minnesota Post-Bulletin, Roanoke Times, and Stanford Social Innovation Review. She holds a B.A. from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from Yale.

### **Education:**

J.D., Yale Law School; B.A., Dartmouth College

### **Affiliations:**

International Refugee Assistance Project (Co-Founder & Director)  
Yale Law School (Visiting Clinical Lecturer)  
Council on Foreign Relations (Term Member)  
Cornell University (Lecturer)  
Yale Journal of International Law (Articles Editor)  
Fulbright Scholar

### **Key Publications:**

[The U.S. Is Taking in Fewer Refugees than ever, and It's Our Loss \(2019\)](#)  
[After the Missiles, Remember the Syrian Refugees \(2017\)](#)  
[What Refugees and Other Newcomers Really Mean to America: Correcting Trump's Hateful Lies \(2018\)](#)

**CV:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/becca-heller-6a915194/>

### **Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

[The Daily Show with Trevor Noah– Becca Heller– Dispelling the Myths About Refugees in the Trump Era.](#)  
[PBS: The Open Mind with Becca Heller–Liberty or Death](#)  
[Women in the World 2017 New York Summit: The Resisters Panel](#)





## Bennett Freeman

Bennett Freeman is a Senior Advisor at Business for Social Responsibility. As an independent consultant, Freeman works with governments, international institutions, multinational corporations, and investors. As Senior Vice President for Sustainability Research and Policy at Calvert Investments, he directed Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) research for over 40 funds, shareholder advocacy, and public policy initiatives. As Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor during the Clinton administration, he led bilateral human rights diplomacy around the world. Freeman has contributed to global standards of corporate responsibility, including in the oil, mining, and technology industries. Freeman is on the Governing Board of the Natural Resources Governance Institute, Board Secretary of the Global Network Initiative, Chair of the Advisory Board of the Responsible Sourcing Network, and Chair of the Advisory Board of Global Witness. Freeman holds a B.A. in History from UC Berkeley and an M.A. in Modern History from Oxford.

### Education:

B.A., History, University of California, Berkeley, 1981; M.A., Modern History, Oxford University, 1979

### Affiliations:

US Department of State (Deputy Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor | Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs | Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and Chief Speechwriter to the Secretary)

Business for Social Responsibility (Senior Advisor)

Bennett Freeman Associates, LLC (Principal)

Calvert Investment (Senior Vice President, Sustainability Research and Policy)

RESOLVE (Strategic Partner)

Oxfam America Action Fund (Treasurer)

Council on Foreign Relations (Bernard L. Schwartz Senior Fellow in Business and Foreign Policy)

Critical Resource (Senior Advisor)

Global Witness (Chair, Advisory Board)

Global Network Initiative (Governing Board)

Clinton-Gore Presidential Campaign (Campaign and Communications Strategist)

Walter F. Mondale Presidential Campaign (Presidential Campaign Aid)

Skoll Foundation (Contributor)

### Key Publications:

Shared Space Under Pressure: Business Support for Civic Business & Human Rights Resource Centre and International Service for Human Rights, "Freedoms and Human Rights Defenders" (2018)

Presented at the Conference on the Growing Importance of African Oil (Co-Sponsored by the US Department of State and the National Intelligence Council) "African Oil Development and USG policy challenges" (2003)

BSR Report, "Human Rights Policy Engagement: The Role of Companies" (2019)

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### Testified:

House Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade Hearing, "The Costs and Consequences of Dodd-Frank Section 1502: Impacts on America and the Congo" (2012)

Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, testifying on the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (2008)

Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, "Combating Genocide in Darfur: The Role of Divestment and Other Policy Tools" (2007)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

University of California, Berkeley: Discussing human rights in relation to responsible investing with Berkeley-Haas Center for Responsible Business Executive Director Robert Strand

UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy, "Corporate Accountability and the Future of Democracy and Human Rights," Lecture

UC Berkeley Social Science Matrix, "Righting the Balance for Human Rights: State and Non-State Actors Since 1995," Lecture

AmerikaOvozi, "Progress, Not Success: Cotton Campaign Against Forced Labor in Uzbekistan," Interview



## Bonnie Jenkins

Bonnie Jenkins is the Founder and Executive Director of Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security. At the UN, she chairs the steering committee of the International Women's Conference on Preventing the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction to Non-State Actors. At the National Academies of Sciences, she chairs the Committee on Radioactive Sources: Applications and Alternative Technologies. During the Obama administration, Jenkins served in the US State Department in the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation as Special Envoy and Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs. In this role, she contributed to the Global Health Security Agenda, Nuclear Security Summits, and G7 Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction. She was a Legal Adviser at the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Jenkins also worked on security policy at the Ford Foundation and RAND Corporation. Jenkins is a retired US Naval Reserve Officer and has received numerous awards for her military service. She holds a B.A. from Amherst College, a J.D. from Albany Law School, an M.P.A. from SUNY-Albany, an LL.M. from Georgetown University, and a Ph.D. from University of Virginia.

### Education:

- Ph.D., University of Virginia
- LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center
- M.P.A., State University of New York at Albany
- J.D., Albany Law School
- B.A., Amherst College

### Affiliations:

- U.S. State Department (Ambassador, Special Envoy Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs)
- Ford Foundation (Program Officer)
- U.S. Navy Reserves (served)
- US Air Force Reserves (served)
- Brookings Institution (Fellow)
- National Academy of Sciences (Committee Chair)
- 9/11 Commission (Counsel)
- Woman of Color Advancing Peace and Security and Conflict Transformation (Founder/Executive Director)

### Key Publications:

- [Now is the time to revisit the Global Health Security Agenda—Brookings \(2020\) \(2020\)](#)
- [Redefining our concept of security- Brookings \(2019\) \(2018\)](#)
- [CULTURAL BIAS CLOUDS US POLICIES ON WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION \(2018\) \(2018\)](#)

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### Testified:

- [Bonnie Jenkins, Ph.D. Testimony before the House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade \(2018\)](#)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- [What U.S.-North Korea negotiations might look like, simulated -Vice News, HBO \(2018\)](#)
- [Why We Need the Global Health Security Agenda \(with Amb. Bonnie Jenkins, WCAPS\) -\(2020\)](#)
- [Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins on Addressing Global Threats: From Nuclear Weapons to Global Health \(2019\)](#)
- [Conversation with Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins- US Embassy Warsaw \(2010\)](#)
- [Full C-SPAN List](#)

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## Bruce Riedel

Bruce Riedel is the Director of the Intelligence Project at the Brookings Institution and a Senior Fellow at the Center for Middle East Policy. Riedel has 30 years of experience with the CIA including overseas posts and has received the Intelligence Medal of Merit and Distinguished Intelligence Career Medal. At the Pentagon, he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Near East and South Asia. He was a Senior Advisor for NATO. He was a Senior Advisor on the National Security Council for the last four US Presidents. President Obama asked Riedel to chair a review of US policy towards Afghanistan and Pakistan. Prime Minister David Cameron asked Riedel to brief the UK's National Security Council on Pakistan. He served as an expert advisor to the prosecution of Al Qaeda terrorist Omar Farooq Abdulmutallab. Riedel was a member of President Clinton's Camp David peace process team. He holds a B.A. from Brown and an M.A. from Harvard.

### Education:

M.A., Harvard University; B.A., Brown University

### Affiliations:

Special Advisor, NATO

Member, Royal College of Defense Studies

Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Near East and North African Affairs, Director for Gulf and South Asia Affairs- National Security Council

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Near East and South Asian Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense

Deputy Chief Persian Gulf Task Force, Central Intelligence Agency

Georgetown University School of Foreign Service (Professor)

Albright Stonebridge Group (Senior advisor)

2008 presidential campaign of Barack Obama (policy advisor)

### Key Publications:

Beirut 1958 (2019) (2019)

Kings and Presidents (2017) (2017)

JFK's Forgotten Crisis (2017) (2017)

A New Pakistan Policy: Containment by Riedel, *The New York Times*, October 15, 2011 (2011)

**CV:** [https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/FP\\_20200304\\_riedel\\_cv.pdf](https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/FP_20200304_riedel_cv.pdf)

### Testified:

Testimony of Bruce Riedel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Near East and South Asian Affairs, before the House Committee on National Security: (1996)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Iran Hostage Crisis, 40 Years Later (2019):

Security and Politics in Afghanistan (2016):

Bruce Riedel An Impossible Partnership?: Pakistan, America and the Future of South Asia (2014):

Full C-SPAN List:



## Catherine Feingold

Catherine Feingold is the Director of the International Department at the AFL-CIO. Feingold is a leading advocate on global workers' rights, with more than 20 years of experience in trade, human rights, women's rights, labor rights, and global economic policy. Feingold was elected Deputy President of the International Trade Union Confederation, which represents 200 million unionized workers worldwide. Feingold led the AFL-CIO's humanitarian response to the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, worked with local trade unions in the Dominican Republic to improve working conditions, wrote about the impact of economic policies on women in Nigeria. As a Fulbright Fellow, Feingold researched the impact of structural adjustment policies on women in Nicaragua. Feingold holds a B.A. from Pitzer and an M.P.A. from Columbia.

### Education:

M.P.A., Columbia University; B.A., Pitzer College

### Affiliations:

International Trade Union Confederation – ITUC (Deputy President, Representative)  
AFL-CIO (Director)  
American Center for International Labor Solidarity (Director)  
Ford Foundation (Program Asst)  
International Labor Rights Forum (Board Member)  
International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (Board member)  
Latin American Working Group (Board member)  
Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition (Board member)  
Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (Representative)

### Key Publications:

[A Renewed Call for a Robust Labor and Human Rights Agenda \(2020\)](#) (2020)  
[German union's big win shows US labor the path forward – The Hill](#) (2020) (2020)  
[Respect at Work Has to Become the New Normal: ILO Convention 190 and Rebuilding for a Fairer Economy](#) (2020) (2020)

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### Testified:

[Statement of Catherine Feingold on the TPP Labor Chapter to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means Democrats](#) (2015): (2015)  
[Testimony of Cathy Feingold before the House Ways and Means Committee on the opportunities and challenges presented by Mexico's labor law reform for an improved NAFTA.](#) (2019): (2019)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[Trade Union demands for better economic policies across the world - Cathy Feingold \(AFL-CIO\)](#) (2015):  
[Micah White & Anuna De Wever Van der Heyden & Catherine Feingold & Shiv Malik at OECD Forum 2019](#) (2019):  
[Ideas at Work: A Conversation with Cas Mudde on The Far Right Today](#) (2019):

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## Chantale Wong

Chantale Wong is currently a DC-based freelance photographer working with the Faith & Politics Institute, and Advisor at Amida Technology Solutions. Both President Obama and President Clinton appointed Wong to Federal positions. With over 20 years experience in public service, Wong is a data and policy expert with a focus on economic development in Asia and the Pacific Rim. In the Obama administration, Wong served as Vice President of Administration & Finance and CFO at the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). Under Wong's leadership, MCC was named the world's most transparent aid agency. She was also Budget Director at NASA, Acting Budget Director at the US Treasury Department, and Chief of Staff at the Office of Management and Budget. In the Clinton administration, Wong was appointed the US representative to the Asian Development Bank's governing board, and before that was Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior, OMB Chief of Staff, and Special Assistant to the Administrator at the Environmental Protection Agency. In 2008, Wong received the Presidential Award for Management Excellence, which is the highest managerial award given to Executive Branch agencies. Early in her career, Wong was an Environmental and Structural Engineer. Wong holds a B.S. from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, an M.S. from the University of California, Berkeley, and an M.P.A. from the Harvard Kennedy School.

### Education:

B.S., Civil Engineering, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 1980; M.S., Environmental Engineering, University of California, Berkeley, 1982; M.P.A., Harvard Kennedy School of Government, 1988

### Affiliations:

Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (Co-Founder)  
Veterans in Global Leadership (Advisory Board)  
Focus on the Story (Treasurer)  
Millennium Challenge Corporation (Chief Financial Officer and Vice President, Administration and Finance)  
NASA (Budget Director)  
Office of Management and Budget, Bureau of Fiscal Service (Director)  
US Department of the Treasury (Deputy Budget Director)  
Asian Development Bank (Acting US Executive Director)  
OMB Director Alice Rivlin (Chief of Staff)  
US Environmental Protection Agency (Special Assistant to Administrator Carol Browner)  
City and County of San Francisco (Environmental Engineer)  
Boeing (Structural Engineer)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, "Asian-Americans in the Clinton Administration"  
Johns Hopkins University GAB Forum, "Do Analytics Work in Performance-Based Budgeting/Funding?" Lecture  
Asians of Influence Podcast, Interview

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## Cole Bockenfeld

Cole Bockenfeld is the Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT). As a Senior Officer at the International Rescue Committee, Bockenfeld led advocacy efforts that supported over 7 million Syrians. At the Project on Middle East Democracy, Bockenfeld managed staff, testified before congress, and led advocacy for targeted sanctions and humanitarian support. At the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, Bockenfeld developed a \$22 million budget for 27 projects in the Middle East and North Africa, developed a \$5.5 million voting program in Iraq, and provided electoral assistance in Lebanon, Morocco, and the West Bank and Gaza. Bockenfeld's writing has been published in The Hill, Washington Post, New York Times, and Foreign Policy, and he has spoken to numerous media outlets. Cole received a B.A. in Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Arkansas, studied Arabic in Jordan and public policy at Georgetown University, and earned an M.A. in Global Diplomacy from the University of London.

### Education:

M.A., Global Diplomacy, University of London; BA, Middle Eastern Studies, Political Science, University of Arkansas; Public Policy, Economics, and Constitutional Law, Georgetown University; Arabic, Jami'at Al Al-Bayt in Mafraq, Jordan

### Affiliations:

Senator Chris Murphy (Senior Foreign Policy Advisor)  
International Rescue Committee (Senior Officer)  
Project on Middle East Democracy (Advocacy Director, Deputy Director for Policy)  
International Foundation for Electoral Systems (Program Coordinator)  
Truman National Security Project (Partner)

### Key Publications:

"The Return of Syrian Refugees," Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (2018)  
"U.S. Silence On Continued Bahraini Repression," in Foreign Policy (2012)  
"Meet Bahrain's Lobbyists," in The Hill (2009)

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### Testified:

US Congress Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: Human Rights in Bahrain (2016)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CGTN America, ISIL Attack on Tunis  
RT America, US Foreign Policy in Syria

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B.A., Economics, George Mason University; M.A., Security Studies and U.S. National Security Policy, Georgetown University

### Affiliations:

Center for Civilians in Conflict (Director of US Program)  
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Deloitte (Manager)  
U.S. Department of State (Director of the Office of Security and Human Rights)  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Senior Policy Adviser)  
International Relations Committee of Kansas City (Board Member)

### Key Publications:

[Reducing Civilian Casualties in Partnered Operations \(2018\)](#)  
[Civilians and “By, With, and Through” : Key issues and Questions to Civilian Harm and Security Partnership \(2018\)](#)  
[With Great Power: Modifying US Arms Sales to Reduce Civilian Harm \(2018\)](#)  
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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[The Protection of Civilians in U.S. Partnered Operation](#)  
[U.S. Department of State: Beyond Government & Traditional Reporting: Documenting Human Rights \(2015\)](#)  
[With Great Power: Modifying US Arms Sales to Reduce Civilian Harm \(2018\)](#)

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Amnesty International USA (Director of Security with Human Rights); Human Rights First (Senior Counsel); Just Security (Founding Editor)

**Key Publications:**

"Toward a Consistent and Coherent Ex Gratia Policy for Civilian Casualties" (2020)

"The Fatal Flaw in DOD's Latest Civilian Casualties Report" (2020)

"Kill the Kill List" (2012)

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**Affiliations:**

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### Affiliations:

Friends Committee on National Legislation (Senior Strategist and Legislative Director for Foreign Policy)  
InterAction (Director of Public Policy)  
USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (Deputy Director)  
US Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Senior Professional Staff)  
US House Foreign Affairs Committee (Senior Professional Staff)  
Center for International Policy (Chair of the Board)  
Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network (Executive Committee)  
United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (Advisory Council)  
Forum on the Arms Trade (Expert)

### Key Publications:

[Don't Let Congress Stick Its Head in the Sand on Pentagon Spending \(2020\)](#)  
[Yes, Congress, There Is Something You Can Do About Reckless Arms Sales \(2020\)](#)  
[The Afghanistan Exit Deal May Fail, the Withdrawal Shouldn't \(2020\)](#)  
[Five Ways To Reset Us Foreign Policy Amid The Covid-19 Crisis \(2020\)](#)  
[Diplomacy Is Still The Best Option For Dealing With Iran \(2020\)](#)  
[An "Emergency" Arms Deal: Will Congress Acquiesce in Another Blow to Its Authority? \(2020\)](#)  
[U.S. Arms Sales in the Time of COVID-19 \(2020\)](#)  
[Building the Movement for a New Peaceful Foreign Policy \(2019\)](#)  
[Dismantling Racism in U.S. Foreign Policy \(2018\)](#)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Wilson Center, Modernizing U.S. Foreign Aid: The Challenges of a Changing World  
Friends Committee on National Legislation, Building the Movement for a New Peaceful Foreign Policy  
Brookings Institution, Webinar: Business as usual? Arms sales during COVID-19  
Press conference outside the U.S. Capitol, Congressional Action To Stop War With Iran

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American Independent News Network (Reporter)  
ThinkProgress (Reporter)  
Inter Press Service (Reporter)  
Nation Institute (Fellow)  
Type Media Center (Fellow)

### Key Publications:

"Trump's biggest donors will continue to shape hawkish GOP foreign policy" (2020)  
"Collective punishment has always been the stated goal of Iran sanctions hawks" (2020)  
"Fear, Inc.: The Roots of the Islamophobia Network in America" (2011)

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### Affiliations:

US State Department (Diplomat/Political Officer); Booz Allen Hamilton (Associate); Special Court for Sierra Leone (Legal Assistant); Covington and Burling, LLP (Associate)

### Key Publications:

The Dissent Channel: American Diplomacy in a Dishonest Age- Book (2020) (2020)  
Trump's Inspector General Purge and the Death of Dissent- Common Dreams (2020) (2020)  
U.S. Diplomat's Resignation Signals Wider Exodus From State Department – Foreign Policy (2017) (2017)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Elizabeth Shackelford, a career diplomat who resigned in frustration with the Trump administration, speaks to Christiane Amanpour about her decision – CNN (2017)  
Elizabeth Shackelford: The Collapse of American Diplomacy- World Affairs (2020)  
Former U.S. Diplomat Elizabeth Shackelford visits Gibson's Bookstore virtually to present The Dissent Channel: American Diplomacy in a Dishonest Age (2020)  
Why I quit the US Foreign Service: Lizzy Shackelford on the revolt of the diplomats – Podcast (2019)

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### Affiliations:

Cambridge Global Advisors (Consultant)  
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Arab American Institute (Community Relations Associate)  
Open the Government (Policy Director, Policy Analyst)  
National Defense University Foundation (Program Assistant)  
Utica Phoenix Newspaper (Intern)  
Office of Congressman Michael Arcuri (Intern)  
Boys and Girls club (Volunteer)

### Key Publications:

[Full List \(2020\)](#)  
[Government Inc: Amazon, Government Security, and Secrecy \(2019\)](#)  
[The New Face of American War Is a Robot- The Nation \(2019\) \(2019\)](#)  
[Secrecy, democracy and the TPP: trade transparency is what the public wants-and needs- The Hill \(2016\) \(2016\)](#)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[The Human Costs of War: Assessing Civilian Casualties since 9/11 \(2019\):](#)  
[America's Wars And What Sustains Them- National Press Club \(2019\):](#)

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### Affiliations:

Win Without War (Advocacy Director)  
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Center for the Study of Europe and the World (Graduate Assistant)  
Congressman John Dingell (Legislative Assistant)  
US House of Representatives (Legislative Correspondent)  
Jews United for Justice (Jeremiah Fellow)

### Key Publications:

[The Coronavirus Threatens Nato. Let's Move To Protect The Alliance. \(2020\)](#)  
[Why We Will Win the Fight to Cut the Pentagon Budget \(2020\)](#)  
[Democrats, Be Bold on National Security \(2020\)](#)  
[After Trump Vetoed the Iran War Powers Resolution, Congress Must Continue to Act \(2020\)](#)  
[America Should Save Emergency Spending for Emergencies \(2020\)](#)  
[Why House Democrats Passed Bills Reining in Trump's War Machine \(2020\)](#)  
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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Move On, Stopping War With Iran  
Friends Committee on National Legislation, 2001 AUMF  
Ploughshares Fund, Budget Requests

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### **Affiliations:**

Just Foreign Policy (Executive Director); Congressman Ro Khanna (Senior Adviser and Counsel); Congressman John Conyers (Senior Adviser and Counsel); JobsJusticePeace (Counsel)

### **Key Publications:**

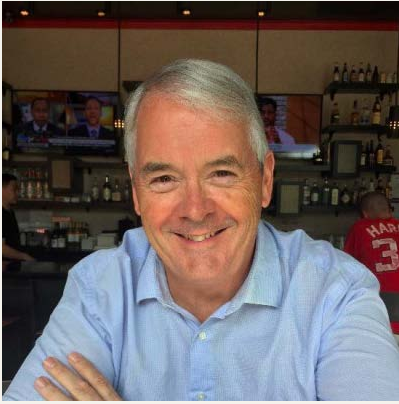
[Iran War Powers Vote Today -- We Need Republican Votes \(2020\)](#)

[Letter from 50 organizations to Joe Biden \(2020\)](#)

[Letter to Rep. Adam Smith \(2019\)](#)

**Speaking Appearance (ex.):** [Korea Peace Now](#), [Path to Peace with North Korea](#)

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**Affiliations:**

- American University (Research Fellow)
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Senior Professional Staff on Latin America)
- National Intelligence Council (National Intelligence Officer for Latin America)
- DCI Crime and Narcotics Center (Chief of Staff)
- National Security Council (Director for Inter-American Affairs)
- Cuba Initiative at American University (Contributor)
- School of International Service at American University (Adjunct Professorial Lecturer)

**Key Publications:**

- Foreign Policy, "End the Drug War" (2012)
- American University Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, "Challenges to "Safe Country" Strategy in Central America Mounting" (2020)
- The Dialogue, "Is Political Risk in Latin America on the Rise for 2020?" (2019)
- HuffPost, "U.S.-Cuba: Time to Push the Door" (2015)
- CS Monitor, "How will Cuba react if relations with the US reverse under Trump?" (2016)

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**Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

- Cátedra de Servicios de Inteligencia, entrevista al profesor del máster Fulton Armstrong
- New York Times Documentary, "How an Alleged Sonic Attack Shaped U.S. Policy on Cuba," Speaker
- Microjuris, "Cuba: inversión, comercio y garantías financieras - Entrevista a Fulton Armstrong"
- Code Pink interview on Venezuela





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### **Affiliations:**

US House of Representatives, Office of Representative Ro Khanna (Legislative Director)

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US Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice (Research Assistant)

White House Office of Management and Administration (Intern)

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**Speaking Appearance (ex.):** [The Mercury News, "Geo Saba goes to Washington," profile of Geo Saba, including interview with Rep. Ro Khanna](#)



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### Education:

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### Affiliations:

Office of Management and Budget (Associate Director for National Security Programs)  
Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft (Fellow)  
Stimson Center (Fellow)  
International Institute for Strategic Studies (Deputy Director)  
Defense Budget Project (Founder and Director)  
American University School of International Service (Professor Emeritus)  
George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs Security Policy Program (Director)

### Key Publications:

"Penny Wise, Pound Foolish: Trump's Misguided Views of European Defense Spending" (2017)  
"Donald Trump's Military Government" (2016)  
"The Iron Triangle: the Politics of Defense Contracting" (1982)

### Testified:

Testimony Before the House Budget Committee on "Strategic and Fiscal Discipline: The Defense Budget and America's Fiscal Crisis" (July 2011)



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B.A., Economics, Tufts University, 1988; M.P.A., Economics & Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 1993

### Affiliations:

US Department of State (Deputy US Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations for Economics and Gaza | Senior Economic Advisor)  
Center for a New American Security (Senior Fellow)  
USAID (Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Middle East)  
World Economic Forum (Senior Advisor for Muslim-West Relations)  
The Brookings Institution (Fellow | Director, Brookings Doha Center)  
Council of Foreign Relations (Member)  
iEARN-USA, International Education and Resource Network (Chair, Board of Directors)  
Princeton University School of Public & International Affairs Advisory Council  
US Department of Defense (Defense Fellow/Clinton Administration Appointee)

### Key Publications:

"We Know Peace Plans—This Isn't One of Them," Center for a New American Security (2020)  
"Ending Gaza's perpetual crisis: A new U.S. approach," Brookings Institution (2018)  
"Bloody October shows our flaws in confronting mass killings," The Hill (2017)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Brookings Institution, "Webinar: How COVID-19 and the oil shock will reshape the Middle East," Panelist  
Brookings Doha Center, "The Future of Iraqi Refugees and Displaced Persons," Panelist  
Al Jazeera English, "the US role in the Middle East," interview

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### Education:

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### Affiliations:

Friends Committee on National Legislation (Legislative Director); Georgetown University Law Center (Adjunct Professor); Human Rights First (Counsel)

### Key Publications:

[Congress needs to repeal the 2002 Iraq Authorization for Use of Military Force \(2019\) \(2019\)](#)

[The 2001 AUMF and Afghanistan, 18 Years Later \(2019\) \(2019\)](#)

[Full List \(2019\)](#)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[Iran and Authorizing Use of Military Force \(2019\)](#)

[Heather Brandon-Smith: Why Congress Needs to Reassert its Power to End Endless War \(2019\)](#)

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### Education:

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### Affiliations:

New America (Director)  
National Security Network (Executive Director, Advisor)  
International Crisis Group (Deputy Director)  
Clinton Administration (Special Asst to President, Speechwriter)  
US State Department (Speechwriter, Policy Staff)  
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Director)  
Helsinki Commission (Advisor)

### Key Publications:

[The World Is Helping Americans Who Don't Always See It – New York Times \(2020\) \(2020\)](#)  
[Trump's North Korea Peace Drive Is Over- New York Magazine \(2020\) \(2020\)](#)  
[Trump Has Already Put Himself in No Position to Help Hong Kong – New York Magazine \(2020\) \(2020\)](#)  
[Full New York Magazine List \(2020\)](#)  
[Full List articles \(2020\)](#)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[A Conversation with Heather Hurlburt on Political Polarization in the US \(2020\)](#)  
[Heather Hurlburt, left, of the National Security Network and Daniel Drezner of ForeignPolicy.com debate the future of North Korea.- New York Times \(2011\)](#)  
[The Cato Institute's John Glaser, Christopher Preble, and Trevor Thrall talked about their book, Fuel to the Fire \(2019\)](#)  
[Full C-SPAN List:](#)

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### **Affiliations:**

ACLU (Director, National Security Project); New York University School of Law (Senior Advisor to the UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial Executions); Columbia Law School (Lecturer-in-Law)

### **Key Publications:**

"The Real Way to Prevent a Repeat of What Just Happened With Iran," Politico (2020)

"White Supremacist Violence is on the Rise. Expanding the FBI's Powers Isn't the Answer," ACLU Blog (2019)

"The NYPD spied on Muslim Americans. Will a court settlement change anything?" The Guardian (2016)

"Trump pledged to end 'endless wars.' His executive order suggests just the opposite," Washington Post (2019)

### **Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

Brennan Center for Justice, "Rethinking Intelligence: Interview with Hina Shamsi"

Democracy Now! "Meet the ACLU Attorney Interrogated by Border Agents About Her Work, Nationality & More," Interview

American Library Association, Keynote Speaker Hina Shamsi

The Guardian, Hina Shamsi on Obama's Drone Wars: America's Targeted Killing Policy

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Kairos Foundation (Interim Director of Campaigns); Elizabeth Warren 2020 Presidential Campaign (Senior Content Strategist); Senior Campaign Director (Move On); Associate Director of Operations and Development (Iraq Veterans Against the War)

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### Education:

B.A., International Studies, University of Chicago; M.A., Conflict Management and International Economics, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

### Affiliations:

The ONE Campaign (Senior Director of Government Relations)  
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (Editor for Bologna Center Journal, Volunteer)  
U.S. Department of State (Intern with the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs)  
Kempster, Keller, & Lenz-Calvo, Ltd. (Legal Assistant)  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs (Professional Staff)

### Key Publications:

[How a Huge Bipartisan Effort Made Electrify Africa a Reality \(2016\)](#)

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**Speaking Appearance (ex.):** [The Better World Campaign: Global Oval RNC](#)





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**Affiliations:**

National Iranian American Council (Policy Director); National Iranian American Council Action (Executive Director); House of Representatives (Policy Advisor)

**Key Publications:**

"Sanctions at the Genius Bar" (2012)

"Sanctions cripple Iran's middle class, not the regime" (2012)

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### Education:

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### Affiliations:

U.S. Department of State (Deputy Lead Coordinator and State Department Coordinator for the Iran Nuclear Implementation)  
United Nations (Adviser)  
Council on Foreign Relations (International Affairs Fellow)  
U.S. Institute of Peace (Visiting Scholar)  
Open Society Institute (Senior Policy Analyst)  
George Washington University (Adjunct Professor)  
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Senior Fellow)  
Foreign Policy for America (Senior Adviser)

### Key Publications:

[The World Faces Dangerous Reality With Iran Nuclear Deal Left for Dead \(2018\)](#)  
[We Need to Take the Best Deal We Can Get in Afghanistan \(2019\)](#)  
[Let Diplomats Handle China, Not Judges \(2020\)](#)

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### Testified:

Before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs (2014)  
Before the House Committee on Government Oversight Reform (2015)  
Before the Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. *After the Withdrawal: The Way Forward in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Part III.* (2014)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CNBC: Iran Has a 'Very, Very High Risk Tolerance,' Says Expert (2019)  
Afghanistan Peace Talks at the U.S. Institute of Peace (2019)  
House Oversight Committee Hearing with the Congressional Budget Office: U.S. Embassy Construction in Kabul, Afghanistan (2015)

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### Education:

B.A., Comparative Religion, Princeton University, 1993; M.P.P., University of California, Berkeley, 2003

### Affiliations:

Arms Control Association (Senior Fellow for Conventional Arms Control and Transfers)  
Forum on the Arms Trade (Founder and Director)  
US Campaign to Ban Landmines-Cluster Munition Coalition (Coordinator)  
International Campaign to Ban Landmines (Research Director)  
Secretariat of Control Arms (Policy Advisor and Director)

### Key Publications:

"Biden should embrace the humanitarian disarmament agenda" (2020)  
"Process Changes Offered as Arms Sales Rise" (2020)  
"U.S. Arms Deals Continue During Pandemic" (2020)

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### Testified:

Testimony Before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on ""Proposed Small Arms Transfers: Big Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy"" (March 2019)

**Speaking Appearance (ex.):** Stimson Center: "Beyond the Headlines: Redefining Responsibility in the Arms Trade"

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### Education:

B.S., Commerce & English, University of Virginia; J.D., New York University School of Law

### Affiliations:

National Women's Law Center (Director of Legal Programs | Time's Up Legal Defense Fund)

US Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division (Senior Trial Attorney)

US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (Attorney Advisor)

Center for Reproductive Rights (Staff Attorney, US Legal Program)

New York State Office of the Attorney General, Civil Rights Bureau (Assistant Attorney General)

### Key Publications:

[American Public Health Association 13th Annual Social Justice Meeting and Expo Conference Paper, "Social and Economic Justice: Access to abortion for poor women in the United States" \(2010\)](#)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

MSNBC, "How the Epstein case is empowering women to come forward about sexual harassment," Interview

Join If/When/How Webinar, "If You Care About Stopping Sexual Harassment, You Should Care About Reproductive Justice," Speaker

Women Killing It! Podcast, "Ep. 3: Civil Rights Lawyer Jennifer Mondino Gets Her Dream Job"

Greenberg Traurig and Chambers' Seventh Annual Diversity Summit, Moderator

KPFA's The Morning Show, Interview on Oklahoma abortion law

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**Affiliations:**

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### **Education:**

B.A., Wellesley College; A.M., Harvard University

### **Affiliations:**

US Congress (Senior Legislative Assistant)  
Council of Korean Americans (Executive Director)  
Impact Center (Director)  
The Asia Group (Manager)  
Quincy Institute (Senior Research Fellow)  
Pacific Forum CSIS (Fellow)

### **Key Publications:**

[How anti-Asian rhetoric harms US national security \(2020\) \(2020\)](#)  
[Guesswork and Rumors Make for Bad North Korea Policy- Foreign Policy \(2020\) \(2020\)](#)  
[How to Tell Whether Crazy North Korean Stories Are True- Foreign Policy \(2020\) \(2020\)](#)

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### **Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

[A Progressive Asia Policy- Center for American Progress \(2020\):](#)  
[Combating Coronavirus: The Need for U.S.- North Korean Diplomacy \(2020\):](#)  
[Jessica Lee on CNN's Situation Room discusses North Korea – CNN \(2020\);](#)

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### Education:

B.A., History and Political Science, University of Georgia, 2004; M.Sc., International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2007

### Affiliations:

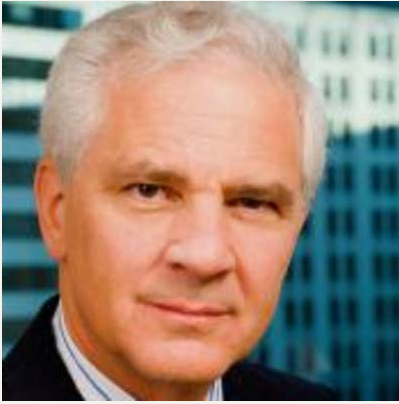
United States Marine Corps (Legislative Advisor | Intelligence Officer)  
US Senate, Office of Sen. Elizabeth Warren (Senior Defense Policy Advisor | Military Legislative Assistant | Defense Fellow)  
The Punaro Group (Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor)  
Truman National Security Project Defense Council (Member)  
Center for a New American Security (2016 Next Generation National Security Leader)

### Key Publications:

*Foreign Affairs*, "Iran's Navy Threatens the Security of the Persian Gulf" (2011)  
*The Guardian*, "What do we owe our veterans? Osama bin Laden shooter's story isn't unique" (2013)  
*The Guardian*, "Auditing the US surge in Afghanistan" (2011)  
*World Politics Review*, "Shell Game: Congress, the Pentagon and Defense Sequestration" (2015)

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### Education:

B.A., Boston College; M.S., Georgetown School of Foreign Service

### Affiliations:

House Armed Services Committee (Professional Staff)  
House Government Operations Subcommittee on National Security and Legislation (Deputy Staff Director)  
Henry L. Stimson Center (Senior Associate)  
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Senior Associate, Director)  
Center for American Progress (Senior Vice President)  
Ploughshares Fund (President)

### Key Publications:

[Deadly Arsenals: Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Threats, Second Edition, Revised and Expanded \(2005\) \(2005\)](#)  
[Politics of National Defense in National Elections \(2000\) \(2000\)](#)  
[Repairing the Regime: Preventing the Spread of Weapons of Mass Destruction \(2000\) \(2000\)](#)

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### Testified:

[Joe Cirincione testifies before the Democratic Platform Drafting Committee \(2016\): \(2016\)](#)  
Joseph Cirincione's testimony before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission at a hearing titled "China's Proliferation and the Impact of Trade Policy on Defense Industries in the United States and China (2007): <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/security/news/2007/07/12/3248/chinas-proliferation-policies-and-practices-testimony-of-joseph-cirincione/> (2007)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[Today's Top Five Nuclear Threats - Joseph Cirincione \(2018\):](#)  
[Joe Cirincione and Gretchen Hund: The Future of US Nuclear Policy \(2020\):](#)  
[Joe Cirincione: Trump Says NATO Nations Aren't Paying Fair Share of Military Spending. That's Not True.- Democracy Now \(2019\):](#)  
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### **Education:**

B.Sc., Government, London School of Economics and Political Science, 1990; M.A., War Studies, King's College London, 1991

### **Affiliations:**

U.S. Department of State (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs)  
U.S. Department of State (Legislative Management Officer for Near Eastern Affairs)  
Drucker & Associates (Principal)  
Truman National Security Project (Senior Advisor)  
Glover Park Group (Managing Director)  
Center for National Policy (Executive Director)  
Stonebridge International (Vice President)  
Office of Rep. Richard Gephardt (Foreign Policy Advisor)  
Council on Foreign Relations (Deputy Director, Washington Program)  
Partnership for a Secure America (Executive Director)  
Women in International Security (Member)  
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### Education:

B.A., UCLA; M.A., Georgetown University; Studied Arabic at the American University in Cairo

### Affiliations:

Dropbox (Legal Analyst)  
Charlie Crist for Governor (Deputy research director)  
Mayor Muriel Bowser, Washington, D.C. - Transition Team (employed)  
Project On Middle East Democracy (Policy and Advocacy Asst)  
Americans for Democracy and Human Rights in Bahrain (US Advocacy Officer)  
Demand Progress (Campaigner)  
The Yemen Peace Project (Director)  
Win Without War (policy director)

### Key Publications:

[The Votes Are There for a Congressional Reckoning on Yemen \(2018\)](#)  
[How Dangerous—and How New—Is the Defense Department's "Collective Self-Defense" Theory? \(2018\)](#)  
[America's Gulf Allies Are Making the World a More Dangerous Place- The Nation \(2018\)](#)  
[See more \(2020\)](#)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Duke University, [COVID-19 in Conflict: What to Expect? And What Can be Done? \(2020\)](#)  
Center for a New American Security, [Not Your Grandparents' Grand Strategy: Making the Shift from Why to How \(2019\)](#)  
Stimson Center, [Dealing in Defense: Examining Trends in Global Arms Sales and World Military Expenditure \(2018\)](#):

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### **Affiliations:**

Representative Ro Khanna (Senior Policy Advisor)  
Friends Committee on National Legislation (Legislative Director)  
Truman National Security Project (Political Partner)  
Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship (Board Member)  
Churches for Middle East Peace (Board Member)  
US House of Representatives (Congressional Progressive Caucus Center Legislative Fellow, Foreign Policy)  
US Senate (Intern)

### **Key Publications:**

"Stop the Saudi Slaughter," co-author with Leah Muskin-Pierret, U.S. News & World Report, 10/21/2016 (2016)  
"A 'safe zone' in Syria sounds like a great idea. It would be a disaster.", Vox, 8/30/2016 (2016)  
"At one year mark, Iran deal has already made world safer," The Hill, 7/14/2016, co-author with Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN) (2016)  
Summary (2016)  
Full list (2019)

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### **Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

CCTV: Middle East Policy Expert Kate Gould On Syria  
The Big Picture Rt: Iran – Avoiding Another War In The Middle East  
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## Keane Bhatt

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### **Affiliations:**

Senator Bernie Sanders (Communications Director and Policy Advisor); Congressional Progressive Caucus (Policy Director); Democracy Collaborative (Associate); Representative Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ) (Fellow)

### **Key Publications:**

[Congresswoman Barbara Lee And Sen. Bernie Sanders Introduce Inclusive Prosperity Act To Curb Wall Street Greed \(2019\)](#)

[What the Story of Black Economic Cooperation Means for Us Today \(2015\)](#)

[How the Media Sanitize Honduras's Brutal Regime \(2013\)](#)

[Employee-Owned Businesses Ignored by Mainstream Media \(2012\)](#)

[Noam Chomsky Post-Earthquake: Aid Should go to Haitian Popular Organizations, not to Contractors or NGOs \(2010\)](#)

### **Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

[Center for Economic and Policy Research](#)

[Issues for the 116th Congress](#)

[Democracy Now: Is Human Rights Watch Too Close to U.S. Gov't to Criticize its Foreign Policy?](#)

[TeleSure: Do NGOs Really Defend Human Rights?](#)

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### Education:

B.A., International Development, Hendrix College, 2010; M.P.H., Global Health - Health Policy, George Washington University, 2012

### Affiliations:

Open Society Foundations (Senior Policy Advisor)  
US House of Representatives, Office of Representative Barbara Lee (Legislative Assistant)  
US Department of Agriculture (Intern, Foreign Agriculture Service)  
Advocates for Youth (International Policy Analyst)  
Ipas (Policy Coordinator)  
Public Health Institute (Policy Assistant | Global Health Policy Intern)  
The Coalition for a Feminist Foreign Policy in the United States (Signatory)

### Key Publications:

"Helms 45 years later: It's time for Congress to repeal it" (2018)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

"Ensuring Women's Rights to Reproductive Health," Speaker  
rePROs Fight Back Podcast, "Wait...The 'Anti-Prostitution Loyalty Oath' was at the Supreme Court?" Interview  
Georgetown Global Health Initiative, "Ensuring Women's Rights to Reproductive Health," Guest Speaker  
Results for Development, "2019 Global Health Landscape Symposium," Facilitator

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### Education:

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### Affiliations:

U.S. Senate (intern)  
Teach for America (5th Grade Teacher)  
Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame (research asst)  
Israel Palestine Center for Research and Information (research asst)  
Arms Control Association (Director, Analyst, Fellow)

### Key Publications:

[Trump's Reckless Violation of the Iran Deal Jeopardizes U.S. National Security -Time Magazine \(2018\) \(2018\)](#)  
[Trump's 'maximum pressure' strategy is dangerous and should end \(2020\) \(2020\)](#)  
[Iran Continues to Stockpile Uranium- Arms Control Today \(2020\) \(2020\)](#)  
[Nuclear disarmament summits: A proposal to break the international impasse \(2017\); \(2017\)](#)  
[Full list \(2020\)](#)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[Trump's options in N.Korea- MSNBC \(2017\):](#)  
[North Korea's nuclear ambitions- CBC \(2017\):](#)  
['Highly dangerous' radioactive material stolen in Iraq- CNN \(2016\):](#)  
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### Education:

M.A, Arab Studies, Georgetown University; B.A., Political Science, Indiana University-Bloomington

### Affiliations:

Middle East Institute (Director and Senior Fellow)  
Georgetown University (Adjunct Professor)  
Brookings Institution (Senior Fellow)  
Adam Smith International (Policy Advisor)  
US House of Representatives, International Relations Committee (Professional Staff)  
US Commission on International Religious Freedom (Policy Analyst)  
Arab American Institute (National Coordinator for Political Action)  
US House of Representatives (Press Secretary)  
National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (Program Officer)

### Key Publications:

[Trump's Peace Plan Aims to Make Israeli Occupation Permanent \(2020\)](#)  
[Blind Spot: America and the Palestinians, from Balfour to Trump \(2019\)](#)  
[The Us Blind Spot In The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process \(2019\)](#)  
[Is The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process Dead? \(2019\)](#)  
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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Rutgers Law School, [Blind Spot: America and the Palestinians](#)  
Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, [Blind Spot: America and the Palestinians](#)  
Brookings Institution, [Israeli Annexation And The Future Of Palestine](#)  
Brookings Institution, [The lack of a Peace Process Between the Palestinians and Israelis Is Not Going Away](#)  
TRT World Now, [Trump's Middle East Plan](#)  
C-SPAN, [Egypt's Constitutional Referendum](#)  
C-SPAN, [Palestinian Authority Finances](#)  
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## Laurel Miller

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### Education:

B.A., Princeton University; J.D., Chicago Law School

### Affiliations:

US Department of State (Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan)  
National Security Council (Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs)  
International Crisis Group (Director of Asia Program)  
Georgetown School of Foreign Service (Faculty)  
Georgetown Law School (Faculty)  
Council on Foreign Relations (International Relations Fellow)  
RAND Corporation (Senior Foreign Policy Expert)  
US Department of State (Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs)  
US Department of State (Senior Advisor to the US Special Envoy for the Balkans)  
US Department of State (Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes)  
US Institute of Peace (Senior Expert)

### Key Publications:

[Framing the State in Times of Transition \(2010\)](#)  
[Envisioning A Comprehensive Peace Agreement for Afghanistan \(2009\)](#)  
[Democratization in the Arab World \(2012\)](#)  
[See more](#)

### Testified:

[Before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs. "The Trump Administration's Afghanistan Policy" \(2019\)](#)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[U.S. Institute of Peace: Laurel Miller on Communication Between the U.S. and Pakistan \(2017\)](#)  
[TOLOnews: Interview with Laurel Miller](#)  
[Laurel Miller on the U.S. Role in Afghanistan](#)  
[See more:](#)

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### Education:

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### Affiliations:

Holland & Knight (Partner)  
Department of Justice Office of Immigration Litigation (Deputy Assistant Attorney General)  
Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration (Staff Director)  
Office of Sen. Chuck Schumer (Policy Advisor)  
Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley of the US District Court for the Southern District of Florida (Clerk)  
Hispanic National Bar Association (Member)  
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### Key Publications:

"The Curious Case of DACA and Where the Long and Winding Road Leads Now" (2020)

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**Speaking Appearance (ex.):** National Press Foundation, "Immigration Issues Beyond the Wall"

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## Lucas Kunce

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### Education:

B.A., Classical Civilizations, Yale University; J.D., University of Missouri-Columbia; LL.M., Columbia Law School

### Affiliations:

U.S. Department of Defense (Deputy General Counsel)  
U.S. Department of Defense (International Negotiations Officer)  
U.S. Marine Special Operations Command (Staff Judge Advocate and South Asia Foreign Affairs Officer)  
United States Marine Corps (Team Leader)  
Prosecutor and Defense Attorney)  
American Economic Liberties Project (Senior Fellow)

### Key Publications:

[America' Monopoly Crisis Hits the Military \(2019\)](#)  
[Dear Tech Workers, U.S. Service Members Need your Help \(2019\)](#)  
[Tech Monopolies Are the Reason the US Now Has a TikTok Problem \(2020\)](#)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[Concentrated Power & Coronavirus \(2020\)](#)  
Brookings: [The China Challenge and Antitrust \(2019\)](#)



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**Education:** B.A., Occidental College

**Affiliations:**

- U.S. House of Representatives (Legislative Aide)
- NetApp (Environmental Research Assistant)
- United Nations (Project Coordinator: Friends Committee on National Legislation)
- Mercy Corps (Advisor)
- Alliance for Peacebuilding (Director)
- Pacific Environment (Campaign Director)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (National Security Fellow)
- Senator Bernie Sanders (employed)

**Key Publications:**

- It's Time for the United States to Adopt a New Humanitarian Grand Strategy – *The Nation* (2018) (2018)
- Stop atrocities before they start – *CNN* (2013) (2013)

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**Testified:**

- Central African Republic Conflict - State Department officials and others testified on the worsening situation in the Central African Republic (CAR)-House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee (2014)

**Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

- What is a “peacebuilder”? *Salesforce Peace talks* (2019):
- Panel Discussion: *Building the Movement for a New Peaceful Foreign Policy* (2019):

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## Mandy Smithberger

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### **Education:**

B.A., Smith College; M.A., Johns Hopkins University

### **Affiliations:**

U.S. House of Representatives - National security policy adviser to U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier (D-Calif.); Defense Intelligence Agency (Analyst); U.S. Central Command (Analyst)

### **Key Publications:**

[COVID-19 Means Good Times for the Pentagon \(2020\) \(2020\)](#)  
[Washington Is Still Putting the Military Before Public Health- The Nation \(2020\) \(2020\)](#)  
[Full List – The Nation \(2020\)](#)  
[Creating a national insecurity state: spending more, seeing less- Salon \(2020\) \(2020\)](#)  
[Full list articles \(2020\)](#)

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### **Testified:**

[Testimony of Mandy Smithberger, before the House Appropriations Committee's Legislative Branch Subcommittee \(2019\): \(2019\)](#)  
[Testimony of Mandy Smithberger, Director of the Center for Defense Information before the House Appropriations Committee, Legislative Branch Subcommittee \(2020\): \(2020\)](#)

### **Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

[Burning Issues: Mandy Smithberger on Buying Weapons That Don't Work:](#)  
[President Trump is "sending a very chilling message to the rest of the federal government in trying to out" who the whistleblower is, says Mandy Smithberger -CNN \(2019\):](#)  
[When It Comes to Wasteful Pentagon Spending, Congress Offers Little Oversight \(2020\):](#)

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### Education:

MBA, Finance, Harvard Business School; MPA, International Development, Harvard Kennedy School; SB, Electrical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

### Affiliations:

World Resources Institute (Executive Vice President and Managing Director)  
Bank Information Centre (Executive Director)  
World Bank (Senior Economist and Task Team Leader)  
Open Government Partnership (Ambassador)  
Meridian Institute (Member of the Board)

### Key Publications:

[Climate Week NYC: As The UN Turns 75, Nations Should Embrace A Fairer, Safer And More Sustainable Future \(2020\)](#)

[City Leaders Must Prioritize Climate Resilience of Vulnerable Communities \(2020\)](#)

[How Can China Lead The Global Green Trade Drive? \(2020\)](#)

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[Global Green Value Chains: Greening China's "Soft Commodity" Value Chains \(2020\)](#)

[Adapt Now: A Global Call For Leadership On Climate Resilience \(2019\)](#)

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### Testified:

Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Infrastructure, Poverty, and the Role of the MDBs (2006)

Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Combating Corruption in the Multilateral Development Banks (2004)

House Science, Space and Technology Committee, Climate Action (2017)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CGTN America, Green China with Manish Bapna

IFPRI, Food Waste

VIVA IDEA, Moving Human Society Towards Change

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### Education:

PhD, Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison; BA, French, Carleton College

### Affiliations:

Oxfam America (Senior Researcher for Aid Effectiveness); International Food Policy Research Institute (Research Fellow); Bread for the World (Senior Researcher)

### Key Publications:

[Yes, Mr. President, We Do Need Haitian Immigrants In The United States \(2018\)](#)  
[Can Aid Donors "Blend" Private Finance, Poverty Reduction, and Effective Development? \(2017\)](#)  
[A Marathon Worth Running: Haiti Seven Years On \(2017\)](#)  
[Five Places Secretary Kelly Should Have Seen On His Trip To Haiti \(2017\)](#)  
[Dumping Peanuts On Haiti \(2016\)](#)  
[Haiti's Current Drought: An Opportunity To Build Climate Change Resilience? \(2014\)](#)  
[Under Pressure: Reducing Disaster Risk and Enhancing US Emergency Response Capacity in an Era of Climate Change \(2011\)](#)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[Policy Studies Organization, Summit on Global Food Security and Health](#)  
[Center for Strategic and International Studies, Urban Hunger](#)  
[International Association of Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection, Neutrality: Practical Dilemmas of Principled Action](#)



## Mary Kaszynski

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### **Education:**

B.A., History, University of Oklahoma; M.A., International Affairs, American University

### **Affiliations:**

Ploughshares Fund (Deputy Director of Policy); ReThink Media (Media Associate); American Security Project (Policy Analyst); Afghanistan Study Group (Research Fellow)

### **Key Publications:**

"The Path To War With Iran Is Paved With Sanctions" (2019)

"No, Iran is Not Sprinting Toward a Nuclear Bomb" (2019)

"Trump Is Misleading America Into a New War" (2019)

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**Speaking Appearance (ex.):** Arms Control Association 2020 Annual Meeting: "Repairing the Broken U.S. Policy on Iran"

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### Education:

B.S., City University of New York, Hunter College; M.S., Columbia University; Ph.D., Princeton

### Affiliations:

Georgetown University (Chair of Computer Science and Law)  
Pennsylvania University, Distributed Systems Lab (Director)  
Tor Project (Board of Directors)  
Institute for Medicine and Engineering (Member)  
Council on Foreign Relations (Member)  
Just Security (Author)

### Key Publications:

[The Architecture and Implementation of Network-Layer Security Under Unix \(1993\)](#)  
[Insecure Surveillance: Technical Issues with Remote Computer Searches \(2016\)](#)  
[It's Too Complicated: How the Internet Upends Katz, Smith, and Electronic Surveillance Law \(2017\)](#)

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### Testified:

House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Defending Against Election Interference (2019)  
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (2017)  
Senate Committee on Commerce, encryption policy (1996)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, 2020 Election Security  
Committee on House Administration, Voting in 2020  
Shmoo Con, Voting in 2019  
Shmoo Con, Electronic Voting in 2018

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## Matt Duss

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**Education:** B.A., M.A., University of Washington

**Affiliations:**

Bernie Sanders (Foreign Policy Advisor); Foundation for Middle East Peace (President); Center for American Progress (Editor, ThinkProgress)

**Key Publications:**

[The Iran Deal Is a Victory for Obama Diplomacy Over Bush Warmongering \(2015\)](#)

[What The U.S. Should Learn From The Beating Of An American Citizen In Jerusalem \(2014\)](#)

[What the growing U.S.-Israel crisis really means \(2014\)](#)

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**Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

[Bernie Sanders wants to reinvent progressive foreign policy. Here's the man he hopes will make that happen:](#)

[Presidential Race Shifts Discourse on Israel-Palestine \(2016\)](#)

[Bernie Sanders' foreign policy adviser breaks down the senator's progressive global agenda for 2020 \(2019\):](#)

[Foreign Policy and Campaign 2020](#)

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## Michelle Dover

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### Education:

B.A., International Studies, French, University of Denver; M.A., International Peace and Conflict Resolution, American University

### Affiliations:

Ploughshares Fund (Program Director)  
James Martin Center for Nonproliferation (Researcher)  
National Nuclear Security Administration (Graduate Fellow)  
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (Graduate Fellow)  
American University (Faculty Assistant)  
UN Information Center (Intern)  
Open World Family Services, Inc. / Americorps\*Vista (Summer Associate)

### Key Publications:

[Congress Needs to Step Up and Support the Nuclear Negotiations With Iran \(2014\)](#)  
[A Tough Nuclear Choice: Russia's Annexation of Crimea \(2014\)](#)  
[Syria's Chemical Weapons an Opaque but Alarming Risk \(2011\)](#)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[Ploughshares Funds: All Good Things \(2020\)](#)  
[Crafting a Feminist Foreign Policy \(2020\)](#)

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## Mike Darner

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**Education:**

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**Affiliations:**

Congressional Progressive Caucus (Executive Director); Office of Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (Legislative Director); Center for Competitive Politics (Staff Attorney)

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**Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

[Netroots Nation Day 2, Part 1 Panel](#)

[Progressive Democrats of America October 2015 Roundtable](#)

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## Neta Crawford

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### Education:

B.A., Brown University; Ph.D., MIT; M.A., MIT

### Affiliations:

Cost of War Project at Brown University (Co-Founder)  
Academic Council of the United Nations System (Board Member)  
Governing Council of the American Political Science Association (Board Member)  
Slavery and Justice Committee at Brown University (Member)  
International Studies Association (Chair)  
Ethics Committee of the American Political Science Association  
American Political Science Review (Editorial Board)  
Journal of Political Philosophy (Editorial Board)  
International Relations and Global Perspectives (Editorial Board)  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Associate Professor of Political Science)  
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Department of Political Science (Chair)  
Harvard University (Visiting Scholar)  
Global Ethics Project at Brown University (Director)  
BU Center for Humanities (Fellow)  
Harvard University (Peace Fellow)

### Key Publications:

Accountability for Killing: Moral Responsibility for Collateral Damage in America's Post-9/11 Wars (2013)  
Argument and Change in World Politics: Ethics, Decolonization, Humanitarian Intervention (2002)  
How Sanctions Work: Lessons from South Africa (1999)  
Toward a Theory of Peace: The Role of Moral Beliefs (2018)  
To Make Heaven Weep: Civilians and the American Way of War

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### Testified:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Legislature, US military budget and force (2013)  
United States Congress, Congressional Briefing hosted by Senator Jack Reed on the Costs of U.S. Post-9/11 Wars (2018)  
United States Congress, Congressional Briefing hosted by Senator Jack Reed on the Costs of U.S. Post-9/11 Wars (2017)  
United States Congress, the Afghanistan war (2011)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CSPAN  
American Academy of Arts & Sciences  
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### Education:

B.S.F.S., International Politics, Georgetown University, 2002; M.A., International & Comparative Legal Studies, Human Rights Law, SOAS University of London, 2004

### Affiliations:

Oxfam America (Global Policy Lead)  
International Rescue Committee (Associate Director, Campaigns & Public Mobilization)  
Truman National Security Project (Fellow)  
Refugee Law Project (Research and Advocacy Associate)  
AMERA Egypt (Refugee Legal Aid Project) (Legal Advisor/Supervisor)

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### Testified:

Testimony Before the House Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations on "Fulfilling the Humanitarian Imperative: Assisting Victims of ISIS Violence" (December 2015)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The World Today: "UN Famine Warning"  
Straight Talk Africa: "South Sudanese Hopes for the Future"



## Patrick Gaspard

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**Education:** BA, Honorary Doctorate, Columbia University

**Affiliations:**

- Open Society Foundations (President)
- US State Department (Ambassador to South Africa)
- White House (Director of Political Affairs)
- Obama for America (National Political Director)
- Democratic National Committee (Executive Director)
- SEIU - National (Political Director)
- America Coming Together (National Field Director)
- Howard Dean's presidential campaign (National Deputy Field Director)
- New York City Council (Chief of Staff)
- SEIU 1199 - New York City (Executive Vice President and Political Director)
- New York Mayor David Dinkins (Senior Aide)
- Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign (Organizer)

**Key Publications:**

- [The Strike for Black Lives Stands Up for Essential Workers, in Color Lines \(2020\)](#)
- [A \\$220 Million Investment in Racial Justice \(2020\)](#)
- [In Venezuela, US Sanctions Are Only Hurting, in CNN \(2020\)](#)
- [See more](#)

**Testified:**

- [US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations' Nomination Hearing \(2013\)](#)

**Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

- [Segments on PBS' "Amanpour & Company"](#)
- [Center for Strategic & International Studies, "How the Pandemic is Shaping Democracy in Africa"](#)
- [Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, discussion on "Activism & Ripples of Hope"](#)

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**Education:** BA, Environmental Studies and Global Peace and Security, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Affiliations:**

- Peace Action (Senior Director for Policy and Political Affairs)
- Physicians for Social Responsibility (Security Program Associate, National Conference Coordinator)
- Greenpeace (Radio Officer, Production Assistant, Field Manager)
- Oshman's Sporting Goods (First Assistant Manager)
- National Priorities Project (Board Member)
- EarthCulture (Board Chair)
- Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship (Board Member)
- Council for a Livable World (PeacePAC Advisory Board)
- Rainforest Action Network
- Clinton Presidential Commission

**Key Publications:**

- [Senate Vote Takes Major Step to End US Support for Saudi-Led War in Yemen \(2018\)](#)
- [End America's Unauthorized War In Yemen, in The Hill \(2018\)](#)
- [Trump's North Korea Strategy Requires An Intervention From Congressm, in The Hill \(2017\)](#)
- [Conservative Forces In Washington Are Trying To Eliminate The Iran Deal, in Think Progress \(2017\)](#)
- [Promote Diplomacy with North Korea \(2017\)](#)

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**Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

- [Press TV's Arash Zahedi Talks to Paul Kawika Martin on UNSC Afghan Mandate](#)
- [KCRW's To the Point, "Obama, the Bomb and Memories of War," Guest Speaker](#)
- [NH Peace Action, "Peace & Justice Conversations: Elections. Where Do We Go From Here?"](#)

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### Education:

B.A., Dartmouth College; B.Phil., Oxford University; Ph.D., Princeton University

### Affiliations:

Georgetown University Center for Security Studies (Senior Fellow)  
Geneva Center for Security Policy (Associate Fellow)  
Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft (Non-Resident Fellow)  
CIA Counterterrorist Center (Deputy Director)  
National Intelligence Council (National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia)  
Central Intelligence Agency (Executive Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence)  
U.S. Army Reserves (Officer)  
Brookings Institution (Non-Resident Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy)  
Council on Foreign Relations (Member)

### Key Publications:

"Artificial Intelligence Reform: Social Amnesia and the Intelligence Community" (2012)  
"Intelligence and U.S. Foreign Policy: Iraq, 9/11, and Misguided Reform" (2011)

### Testified:

Testimony Before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (January 2007)  
Testimony Before the Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing (June 2006)

**Speaking Appearance (ex.):** [CSPAN: Intelligence Policy and the War in Iraq](#)





## Peter Quilter

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### **Education:**

JD, University of California, Berkeley; MA, Tufts University; BA, Stanford University

### **Affiliations:**

US State Department (Diplomat, Superior Honor Awards)  
Organization of American States (Secretary for Administration and Finance)  
Barack Obama's 2008 and 2012 presidential campaigns (Latin America Policy Advisor)  
John Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign (Latin America Policy Advisor)  
Democratic National Committee (Deputy Director for Latino Outreach)  
Inter-American Convention Against Corruption (Chief US Negotiator)  
Harvard University, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation (Senior Fellow)  
US House Committee on Foreign Affairs (Senior Professional Staff)

### **Key Publications:**

[Americas Watch as U.S. Democracy is Tested \(2017\)](#)

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### **Testified:**

[House Committee On Foreign Affairs, Issues and Opportunities in the Western Hemisphere \(February 24, 2017\)](#)  
[House Committee On Foreign Affairs, Advancing U.S. Interests Through the Organization of American States \(February 14, 2018\)](#)

**Speaking Appearance (ex.):** [Harvard University, Career Talk](#)

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### Education:

B.A., Government & East Asian Studies, Harvard; Ph.D., Political Science, MIT; Mandarin Chinese, Beijing Language and Culture University

### Affiliations:

US Trade Representative, China Affairs Office  
Gov. Jon Huntsman, Foreign policy team  
Millennial Action Project, International policy advisor  
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Research Analyst  
Harvard Kennedy School, International Security Fellow  
Smith Richardson Foundation, World Politics and Statecraft Fellow  
Waseda University, Tokyo, Visiting Research Fellow  
Quincy Institute East Asia Program, Research Fellow  
National Science Foundation, Research Fellow  
Harvard College, Acting Assistant Dean

### Key Publications:

[Can the Democrats Avoid Trump's China Trap? \(2020\)](#)  
[How Beijing will respond to the anti-China fervor sweeping the US \(2020\)](#)  
[The coronavirus crisis is a poor excuse for a new cold war \(2020\)](#)  
[See more \(2020\)](#)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Quincy Institute, [Why retribution against China for COVID-19 harms U.S. interests](#)  
Quincy Institute, [A New Vision for America in the World](#)  
Quincy Institute, [Regional Spotlight on Asia-Pacific](#)

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### Education:

B.A., Political Science and German, University of Wisconsin-Madison; M.A., International Policy Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies

### Affiliations:

Henry L. Stimson Center (Vice President)  
Chatham House (Associate Fellow)  
UN Center for Disarmament Affairs  
UN Group of Governmental Experts (Consultant)  
Program for Arms Control, Disarmament, and Conversion  
Center for Defense Information (Senior Analyst)  
British American Security Information Council (Scoville Fellow)  
Royal Institute of International Affairs (Fellow)  
Oxfam (Consultant)  
Project Ploughshares (Consultant)  
Small Arms Survey (Consultant)

### Key Publications:

"Trump's decision to leave a global arms treaty was built on an NRA lie," Washington Post (2019)  
"Stopping the Destructive Spread of Small Arms," Center for American Progress Report (2010)  
The Small Arms Trade: A Beginner's Guide (Oneworld Publications) (2006)  
The International Arms Trade (John Wiley & Sons) (2009)  
"Defense Industry Cheers as the Trump Administration Is Poised to Loosen Restrictions on Drone Exports," Common Dreams (2020)

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### Testified:

US Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, "Casualties of War: Child Soldiers and the Law," Written Testimony (2007)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

To the Point on KCRW, "A World of Weapons," Guest  
Stimson Center, "The Arms Trade Treaty - Just the Facts," Lecture  
"The US-led Arms Export Industry Is Fueling Civilian Deaths," Interview  
Forum on the Arms Trade, "Arms Trade FAQ: refuting the frequent rationale for arms sales that 'if we don't sell it, someone else will'"

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### Education:

B.A., English, Seattle University; J.D., LL.M. in National Security Law, George Washington University School of Law

### Affiliations:

Human Rights First (Director, National Security Advocacy)  
Georgetown University Law Center (Adjunct Professor of Law)  
American University Washington College of Law (Associate Adjunct Professor)  
The Constitution Project (Senior Counsel)  
Human Rights Law Society (Co-Founder)

### Key Publications:

"Towards a New Approach to National and Human Security: Ending Endless War," Just Security (2020)  
"The 9/11 War Authorization and Iran: An Important Lesson for Congress," American Constitution Society Expert Forum (2019)  
"Trump vs. International Law: Koh's Blueprint for Ending America's Wars and Avoiding Perpetual War," OpinioJuris (2018)

### Testified:

Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, testifying on Senate Joint Resolution 59 to authorize the use of military force (2018)  
Amicus Brief in *Ayman Latif v. Eric H. Holder, Jr., the FBI, and the FBI Terrorist Screening Center*, filed in Oregon federal court (2013)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Duke University Center on Law, Ethics and National Security 2016 Conference, "Law of Armed Conflict in an Era of Hybrid War," Panelist  
University of Virginia School of Law, "New Thinking on the Legal Frameworks Guiding U.S. Military Force," Panelist  
RT America, "NSA court ruling: Few positive steps in surveillance reforms," Interview

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## Robert Malley

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### Education:

Rhodes Scholar, University of Oxford; J.D., Harvard University; B.A., M.A., Yale University

### Affiliations:

National Security Council (Director for Democracy, Human Rights, and Humanitarian Affairs)  
International Crisis Group (Director)  
International Crisis Group (President/CEO, Vice President)  
U.S. Supreme Court (Clerk to Justice Byron White)  
President Clinton (Special Assistant, Arab-Israeli Affairs)  
President Obama (Special Assistant, ISIS)  
Council on Foreign Relations (Fellow)

### Key Publications:

[Full list articles \(2020\)](#)  
[The International Order After COVID-19 \(2020\)](#)  
[Why China must send Michael Kovrig home- Washington Post \(2019\) \(2019\)](#)  
[The Real Goal of Trump's Middle East Plan- Politico \(2020\) \(2019\)](#)  
[Developing Countries Won't Find a One-Size-Fits-All Solution to Coronavirus \(2020\)](#)  
[America Should Talk to the Houthis- New York Times \(2019\) \(2019\)](#)

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### Testified:

[Impact of Palestinian Elections: The Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a hearing on the Middle East and the outcome of the Palestinian elections. \(2006\)](#)  
[Testimony by Robert Malley, Middle East and North Africa Program Director, International Crisis Group to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "Middle East Peace: Ground Truths, Challenges Ahead" \(2010\)](#)  
[Testimony by Robert Malley, Middle East and North Africa Program Director, International Crisis Group to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "Middle East Peace: Ground Truths, Challenges Ahead". \(2010\)](#)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

MSNBC, Trump's 'reckless' decision to scrap Iran deal  
World Affairs and Global Philanthropy Forum, Untangling the Crisis in Yemen  
American Program Bureau  
Al Jazeera, "Trump is on a collision course with himself"  
BBC, 10 Conflicts to Watch in 2018  
C-SPAN, Iran nuclear deal  
CNN, Egypt's new government  
Full C-SPAN List

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## Rose Jackson

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### **Education:**

B.A., Wheaton College; M.A., United States International University (Rotary Scholar in Kenya)

### **Affiliations:**

Truman National Security Project (Fellow)  
Beacon (co-founder, CEO)  
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Open Society Foundation (Advisor)  
U.S. Department of State (Chief of Staff)  
U.S. Senate (Foreign Policy Fellow)  
IOM (Governance Specialist)  
National Democratic Institute (Program Officer)  
Rhode Island Democratic Party (Organizer)

### **Key Publications:**

[Untangling the Web: A Blueprint for Reforming American Security Sector Assistance \(2017\)](#) (2017)

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### **Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

[Technology and Economic Development in Africa- Truman Center Conference \(2016\)](#):  
[Fight against armed groups tops US-Africa defence meet – Al Jazeera \(2017\)](#):

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### Education:

B.A., Political Science, Bryn Mawr College, 2002; M.S., International Relations, University of Chicago; Ph.D., Political Science, University of Chicago, 2012

### Affiliations:

University of Notre Dame (Assistant Professor of Political Science)  
Notre Dame International Security Center (Associate Director)  
Harvard Kennedy School, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (Predoctoral Fellowship in International Security)  
George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs (Associate Director, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies)  
Williams College (Assistant Professor of Political Science)  
Quincy Institute (Fellow, Program on the Middle East, Ending Endless)  
Women in International Security (WIIS-ND) (Faculty Advisor)

### Key Publications:

The Washington Post, "Why Iran's 'oil weapon' isn't that scary" (2019)  
Foreign Affairs, "Getting Out of the Gulf: Oil and U.S. Military Strategy" (2017)  
National Interest, "The Saudi Alliance Must Go" (2018)  
Black Gold and Blackmail: Oil and Great Power Politics (Cornell University Press) (2020)  
Council on Foreign Relations, "Oil Security and Conventional War: Lessons From a China-Taiwan Air Scenario" (2013)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

George Washington University, "Possibilities for U.S. Grand Strategy in the Persian Gulf," Speaker  
Cato Institute, "Crude Strategy: Rethinking the U.S. Military Commitment to Defend Persian Gulf Oil"  
Triangle Institute for Security Studies, North Carolina State University, and Strategic Studies Institute Colloquium, "The Energy and Security Nexus: A Strategic Dilemma," participant

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## Sahar Nowrouzadeh

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### Education:

B.A., George Washington University; M.A., University of Maryland; Ph.D., Boston University, Political Science (in-progress)

### Affiliations:

U.S. Department of State (Foreign Affairs Officer)  
White House National Security Council (Staff)  
US Department of Defense (Analyst)  
National Iranian American Council (Intern)  
Harvard Kennedy School (Associate, Research Fellow)

### Key Publications:

[Does the U.S. Have the Wrong Middle East Strategy? \(2018\) \(2018\)](#)  
[Recognizing the Limitations of American Influence in Iran \(2018\) \(2018\)](#)  
[Saudi Arabia's Empty Oil Threats- \(2018\) \(2018\)](#)

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**Speaking Appearance (ex.):** [VOI Farsi, Interview with Sahar Nowrouzadeh](#)

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### Education:

B.A., Africa Studies, Political Science, Wesleyan University; M.Phil, International Relations, The London School of Economics and Political Science

### Affiliations:

House Committee on Foreign Affairs (Professional Staffer)  
Center for International Policy (President)  
US Institute of Peace (Vice President of External Relations)  
Global Rights: Partners for Justice (Executive Director)  
Africa Action (Executive Director)  
Council on Foreign Relations (Senior Fellow, Director of Africa Studies)  
Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions, Geneva (Director)  
Catholic Relief Services (Associate Director in South Africa)  
TransAfrica (Legislative Assistant)  
Ford Foundation (Program Officer)  
Office of the Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (Advisor)  
UNDP (Consultant)  
Carnegie Corporation (Consultant)  
Asia Society (Consultant)  
International Committee of the Red Cross (Consultant)

### Key Publications:

Hearing on Africa: Questions Unanswered, Questions Unasked (2019)  
America's Disdain for Black Lives Extends to Africa (2020)  
Genocide in Darfur (2004)

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### Testified:

Before the Subcommittee on African Affairs, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Hearing on Democracy in Africa: The New Generation of African Leaders (1998) Salih Booker's testimony on page 34 (1998)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

PBS: International Pressure to Prosecute Sudan's Al-Bashir (2020)  
Dismantling Racism in the U.S. Foreign Policy (2018)  
PBS: In Northern Africa, Can the People's Discontent Translate to Democracy? (2019)

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### Education:

B.A., University of Miami, 2005; M.A., American Government, International Relations, Georgetown University, 2006

### Affiliations:

US Senate, Office of Senator Ed Markey (Foreign Policy Advisor)  
US House of Representatives, Office of Representative David Cicilline (Deputy Chief of Staff & Legislative Director)  
Freedom House (Senior Manager for External Relations | Manager of Congressional Affairs)  
US House of Representatives, Office of Representative John Olver (Senior Legislative Assistant)  
US Department of State (Intern)  
International Rescue Committee (Research Intern)

### Key Publications:

HuffPost, "Women's Rights in the Middle East and North Africa: Supporting the Fight for Freedom and Equality" (2010)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

George Washington University Taiwan Roundtable, "US Election Results and Implications for Taiwan: A One Month Assessment," Panelist  
Congressional Briefing, "The Equality Act: Everything you ever wanted to know about the landmark LGBT rights legislation," Panelist

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### **Education:**

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### **Affiliations:**

Office of Senator Russ Feingold (Foreign Policy Advisor)  
Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on African Affairs (Staff Director)  
Open Society Foundation (Director of US Foreign Policy Team)  
Human Rights Watch (Director in Washington)  
Center for American Progress (Associate Director of Sustainable Security and Peacebuilding)

### **Key Publications:**

[Death by a Thousand \(Small\) Cuts. \(2011\)](#)  
[Ivory Coast Teeters on the Brink \(2011\)](#)  
[The Sarin Gas Attack is Just One Syrian Atrocity the ICC Should Pursue \(2013\)](#)

### **Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

Georgetown Walsh School of Foreign Policy  
Dartmouth: [Giving up the Higher Ground: Where does the US go from here? \(2020\)](#)  
VOA Africa: [Straight Talk Africa Guest Human Rights Watch's Sarah Margon on US and South Sudan](#)

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### Education:

B.A., Middle Eastern Studies and Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 1988; J.D., Harvard Law School, 1991

### Affiliations:

Democracy for the Arab World Now (Executive Director)  
Human Rights Watch (Executive Director, Middle East and North Africa Division)  
Goldman, Sachs & Co. (Vice President and Assistant General Counsel)  
Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton (Associate)  
Council on Foreign Relations

### Key Publications:

Group Denial: Repression of Kurdish Political and Cultural Rights in Syria (Human Rights Watch) (2009)  
Foreign Policy, "Movie Theaters and Women Driving Won't Placate Saudi Shiites" (2018)  
New York Times, "When Elites Get a Taste of Their Own Medicine" (2017)  
Reuters, "Why Iraq should limit Islamic State trials" (2017)  
"They Hunt Us Down for Fun": Discrimination and Police Violence Against Transgender Women in Kuwait (Human Rights Watch) (2012)

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### Testified:

United States Congress, Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Briefing: Human Rights in Egypt (2015)  
Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Briefing: Women's Human Rights Defenders in Saudi Arabia (2018)  
Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Briefing: Religious Freedom for Shia Populations (2018)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Inside Arabia, "A Conversation with Sarah Leah Whitson," Interview  
Al Jazeera English, "Human Rights Watch on Syria rights abuse"  
Center for Strategic and International Studies, "HRW's Whitson: Human Rights-Based Foreign Policy Serves US Interests"

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### **Education:**

M.P.P., Harvard University; B.A., Dartmouth College

### **Affiliations:**

Warren for President (Deputy Policy Director for Foreign Policy)  
U.S. Senate (National Security Advisor)  
Department of Defense (Deputy Chief of Staff)  
Office of Management and Budget (Special Assistant to the Director, Program Examiner)  
Council on Foreign Relations (Member)  
House Armed Services Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee (Research Assistant)

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**Speaking Appearance (ex.):** *Foreign Policy and Campaign 2020* (2019):

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## Scott Paul

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### **Education:**

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### **Affiliations:**

CIVIC (UN representative); Citizens for Global Solutions (employed); SustainUS (co-founder, chair)

### **Key Publications:**

Full List (2020)

Opinion | The Pandemic Proves the Need for Industrial Policy- New York Times (2020) (2020)

Trump is all bark, no bite on repairing crumbling roads and bridges- The Hill (2019) (2019)

Correcting Course: Avoiding the Collision Between Humanitarian Action and Counterterrorism – Just Security (2019) (2019)

### **Testified:**

"Managing Terrorism Financing Risk in Remittances and Money Transfers"- House Committee on Financial Services (2017): (2017)

### **Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

The Causes and Scope of the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen- Duke University (2019):

Yemen Reaching Critical Point in Humanitarian Crisis (2018):

Scott Paul on the Yemen War Powers Resolution passed by Congress (2019):

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## Sean Carroll

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### **Education:**

B.S.F.S., Georgetown University; M.I.P.P., Johns Hopkins University

### **Affiliations:**

USAID (Chief of Staff, Chief Operating Officer)

American Near East Refugee Aid (President & Chief Executive Officer)

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (Executive Officer)

House Foreign Affairs Committee (Staff Director)

Club de Madrid (Director of Programs)

Inter-American Dialogue (Senior Fellow, Director of Legislative Programs)

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**Education:** M.A., B.A., George Mason University

**Affiliations:**

Friends Committee on National Legislation (Legislative Representative); Women Thrive Worldwide (Director); Center for International Policy (Fellow, Director)

**Key Publications:**

[We must do more than simply remember the Holocaust- The Hill \(2019\)](#)  
[U.S. Credibility Around the World Damaged by Afghanistan War -US News and World Reports \(2013\)](#)  
[Waking up to Afghanistan's realities- The Guardian \(2008\)](#)

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**Testified:**

[Congressional Briefing, "Afghanistan: Giving Women a Seat at the Table," Afghan WIN Act \(2019\)](#)

**Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

[Real News Network, US-Brokered Afghan Unity Government Paves Way for Continued Military Presence](#)  
[CRSCAD International Conference, Role of Women in the Reconstruction of Afghanistan](#)

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### Education:

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### Affiliations:

National Iranian American Council (Senior Research Analyst); Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs (Senior Research Specialist); Institute for Policy Studies (Assistant Editor)

### Key Publications:

"U.S.-Led Regime Change is not the Path," *Iran Matters* (Harvard Belfer Center) (2018)  
"As Trump Era Looms, Many Iranian-Americans Fear Losing The Gains They've Made," *HuffPost* (2017)  
"The Iran Nuclear Deal's Fate is a Litmus Test for Multipolarity," *Atlantic Council* (2017)  
"US sanctions have caused Iranians untold misery - and achieved nothing," *Middle East Eye* (2020)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

University of Denver, "NIAC Panel at University of Denver on Trump's Middle East Policy," Panelist  
Seta Foundation, "What's Happening in Iran?: Popular Protests and the US Policy," Panelist  
Capitol Hill Policy Briefing, "Is Iran Unfathomable to Team Trump?" Panelist  
CodePink Iran Summit, "Iran's role in the region," Panelist  
The Grayzone, "US and Iran avoid war, but Trump's war-mongering goes on," Interview

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## Stephen Miles

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### **Affiliations:**

- Win Without War (Executive Director)
- American Hellenic Council (Executive Director)
- Avaaz (Consultant)
- WTUL Radio (General Manager)
- Obama for America (Staff)
- Democratic National Committee (Staff)

### **Key Publications:**

- [The Progressive Foreign Policy Debate is Finally Here \(2018\)](#)
- [Questions to the Next Commander-In-Chief \(2017\)](#)
- [Arms Industry Ramps Up Lobbying Efforts as Budget Battles Continue \(2016\)](#)

### **Speaking Appearance (ex.):**

- [LEPOCO Peace Center: Stephen Miles, Win Without War: Connecting with your Community \(2015\)](#)
- [The Zero Hour with RJ Eskow: Stephen Miles: Peace in a World on Fire \(2019\)](#)
- [CGTN America: Stephen Miles Discusses Why the Fight for Tikrit and Mosul Could Mean More Problems for Iraq \(2015\)](#)

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### Education:

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### Affiliations:

Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft (Co-Founder)  
Saltzman Institute for War and Peace Studies/Columbia U. (Research Scholar)  
Columbia University (Visiting Assistant Professor)  
Birkbeck University of London (Permanent Lecturer)  
King's College/University of Cambridge (Junior Research Fellow)  
Princeton University (Postdoctoral Research Associate)

### Key Publications:

[Tomorrow, the World: The Birth of U.S. Global Supremacy in World War II \(2020\)](#)  
[Instrumentalism Internationalism: The American Origins of the United Nations, 1940-3 \(2019\)](#)  
[The only way to End "Endless War" \(2019\)](#)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[Arena Civil Dialogues – Is China the new enemy? Confront or Cooperate?](#)  
[Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft: Ending Endless Wars Forum](#)  
[MSNBC: Can 'Radically Anti-War' Democrats Beat President Donald Trump In 2020?](#)

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### Education:

M.T.S., Harvard Divinity School; B.A., Classics and Near Eastern Languages, Columbia University; M.P.A., Princeton University

### Affiliations:

US Department of State (employed)  
United States National Security Council (Senior Director for the Middle East and North Africa)  
Council on Foreign Relations (Hasib J. Sabbagh Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies)  
International Institute for Strategic Studies (Executive Director)  
RAND Corporation (Analyst)  
Middle East Institute (Senior Fellow)  
Dartmouth College (Lecturer)  
John J. McCloy '16 Professor of History (Amherst College)  
Colby College (Professor in the Practice of International Relations)

### Key Publications:

[The Age of Sacred Terror: Radical Islam's War Against America \(Random House\) \(2002\)](#)  
[The Next Attack: The Failure of the War on Terror and a Strategy for Getting it Right \(Macmillan\) \(2006\)](#)  
[The sixth crisis: Iran, Israel, America and the rumors of war \(Oxford University Press\) \(2011\)](#)  
["Trump's epic coronavirus fail follows Bush's 9/11 playbook," Quincy Institute \(2020\)](#)  
["The Middle East: Trump Blunders In," New York Review of Books \(2020\)](#)  
[Full List Articles – Foreign Affairs](#)

### Testified:

Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, testifying on cities as terrorist havens; weapons of mass destruction; and building a cohesive society for America's Muslim communities (2006)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

IISS-US Policy Makers Series, House Intelligence Committee Chair Mike Rogers and Steven Simon discuss cybersecurity and the economy  
Anti-Defamation League National Leadership Conference, "Egypt's on-going political transition, and Iran's nuclear program," Panelist  
[Full C-SPAN list](#)



## Susan Landau

Susan Landau is a Professor at the Tufts Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and the School of Engineering in the Department of Computer Science, working at the intersection of national security, cyber security, law, and policy. The Obama administration credited Landau's testimony in the FBI-Apple encryption dispute of 2016 for its decision not to pursue federal access to phone data. The year before, Landau was inducted into the Cybersecurity Hall of Fame. Landau was a Senior Privacy Analyst at Google, Distinguished Engineer at Sun Microsystems, and Faculty Member at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Wesleyan University. Landau was a Guggenheim Fellow and Radcliffe Fellow, and a Fellow with the Association for Computing Machinery and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Her 2011 book "Surveillance or Security?" won the Surveillance Studies Book Prize. She won the JD Falk Award from the Messaging Malware Mobile Anti-Abuse Working Group and the Women of Vision Social Impact Award from the Anita Borg Institute. She writes for Science, Scientific American, and the Washington Post, and frequently appears on NPR and BBC. Landau holds an M.S. from Cornell University and a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

### Education:

Ph.D., MIT; M.S., Cornell University; B.A., Princeton University

### Affiliations:

Association for Computing Machinery, American Association for the Advancement of Science (Member)  
Forum on Cyber Resilience, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (Member)  
Journal of Cybersecurity (Editor, Political and Policy Perspectives)  
IEEE Security and Privacy (Associate Editor in Chief)  
Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board, National Institute of Standards and Technology (Member)  
Notices of the American Mathematical Society (Associate Editor)  
Computer Science and Telecommunications Board, National Academies of Sciences (Member)

### Key Publications:

[Surveillance or Security? The Risks Posed by New Wiretapping Technologies \(2011\)](#)  
[Listening In: Cybersecurity in an Insecure Age \(2017\)](#)  
[Privacy on the Line: The Politics of Wiretapping and Encryption \(1998\)](#)  
[Full list](#)

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### Testified:

Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (2019)  
House Judiciary Committee Hearing on "The Encryption Tightrope: Balancing Americans' Security and Privacy" (2016)

### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Women of Social Impact Award  
University of Michigan -- Does Wiretapping Make the US More Secure?  
GOTO Conference: Cybersecurity in an Insecure Age  
The Fletcher School Cyber Conference



## Susan Thornton

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### Education:

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### Affiliations:

Department of State (Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs)  
Yale Law School (Senior Fellow and Research Scholar)  
National Committee on American Foreign Policy (Director for Forum on Asia-Pacific Security)  
U.S. Consulate Chengdu (Diplomat)  
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Brookings Institute (Nonresidential Fellow)  
Camden Conference (Member)  
Council on Foreign Relations (Member)  
Eurasia Foundation (Board Member)  
National Committee on U.S.-China Relations (Board Member)

### Key Publications:

[On Hong Kong, the US Must Find Its Voice \(2019\)](#)  
[Fear of Chinese Global Takeover are Greatly Exaggerated \(2020\)](#)  
[China is No Enemy \(2019\)](#)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[U.S. Embassy Wellington: Interview with Susan Thornton, Acting Assistant Secretary for East Asia and the Pacific. \(2017\)](#)  
[Susan Thornton on, "Can we live with China? U.S.-Chinese Relations in Tumultuous Times". \(2019\)](#)  
[CNBC: U.S. and China Should Be Working Together to Fight This Pandemic: Susan Thornton \(2020\)](#)

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### Education:

B.A., New York University; M.A., City College of New York

### Affiliations:

Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft (Co-Founder and Chair)  
New America Foundation (Director and Senior Fellow)  
Asia Society (Vice President of Global Policy Programs)  
United Nations Association of the USA (Vice President)  
United Nations University (Program Officer)

### Key Publications:

[Correcting course on Iran: Trump has left us painfully isolated; it's time to reorient our foreign policy \(2019\)](#)  
[Trump Is Smart to Talk to Kim Jong Un \(2018\)](#)  
[How Trump Should Talk to North Korea \(2017\)](#)  
[See more \(2017\)](#)

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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Suzanne DiMaggio | Iran, "Trump's strategy is confusing. And will not work" (2018):  
Suzanne DiMaggio on Iran and U.S. Cooperation – Foreign Policy Association (2012):  
Arms Control 2019: "Next Steps Toward Denuclearization and Peace on the Korean Peninsula" (2019):  
[Full C-SPAN List:](#)

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### Education:

Ph.D., Foreign Policy, Johns Hopkins University; M.A., Economics, Stockholm School of Economics; M.A. and B.A., Political Science and Government, Uppsala University

### Affiliations:

Quincy Institute (Executive Vice President)  
National Iranian American Council (President Emeritus)  
US House of Representatives (Foreign Policy Advisor)  
Georgetown University (Faculty)  
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (Faculty)  
New York University (Faculty)

### Key Publications:

[The Clock Starts Now: Biden Must Make The Right Signals To Iran On Nuke Deal \(2020\)](#)  
[Biden Should Refuse To Let Trump Define His Options \(2020\)](#)  
[The Middle East Is More Stable When the United States Stays Away \(2020\)](#)  
[John Bolton Can Stomach Kim Jong Un's North Korea, but Not Iran \(2020\)](#)  
[Argument: Don't Let Democrats Become the Party of War \(2019\)](#)  
[Treacherous Alliance: The Secret Dealings of Israel, Iran, and the United States \(2007\)](#)  
See 216 articles

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### Testified:

[US Congress Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: Human Rights in Iran \(2010\)](#)  
[House Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade: US-Iran Relations \(2009\)](#)

**Speaking Appearance (ex.):** [In House Warrior, Middle East politics](#)

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### Education:

B.B.A. and M.S., Accounting, Texas A&M University; M.A., International Affairs, Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs

### Affiliations:

Poligon Education Fund (Founder and Board President)  
Asian Pacific American Institute (Congressional Fellow)  
White House (Advisor and analyst on US Foreign Policy in the Middle East)  
Congress (Advisor)  
State Department (Advisor on Iran nuclear negotiations and human rights for Syrian and Israel/Palestine conflicts)  
UN CTED (consultant on lone wolf terrorism)  
UNRWA in Jordan (field work)  
UNDP (worked with)  
Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (worked with)  
Truman National Security Project (Security Fellow)  
American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute at the USC Center for Religion and Civic Culture (Fellow)  
Scoville Fellow  
2020 AAPI National Security and Foreign Policy Next Generation Leader by New America and Diversity in National Security Network.

### Key Publications:

[Why American Muslims Should Look Beyond the White House \(2016\)](#)  
[On Palestinian Human Rights, We in America Need to Move From Talk to Action \(2016\)](#)  
[Don't wait for the next war to rebuild Gaza \(2015\)](#)  
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### Speaking Appearance (ex.):

[CGTN America, Middle East conflicts and policy](#)  
[CGTN America, Syria peace talks](#)  
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