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Thank you to all our staff, volunteers, presenters and sponsors who made this conference possible, especially Adam Wolf, Rachelle Faust, Laura Strawmyer, Liz Hume, Stone Conroy, Melanie Greenberg, Emily Myers, Jessica Baumgardner-Zuzik, Nick Oatley, Kayla Tyler and Beatrice Pouldingy.
Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP) and our generous sponsors, I’d like to warmly welcome you to the 2017 Annual Conference: Peace Now, More Than Ever. In the midst of political upheaval and a global uptick in violence and conflict, this year’s conference will highlight the challenges and opportunities facing the peacebuilding field. In light of these challenges, peacebuilders must work together as never before to address the rapidly changing dynamics of global conflict.

Events over the past year have been a call to action for the peacebuilding community. Famine threatens four war-torn regions, predictions of genocide loom, and violent extremism remains an intractable security dilemma. Refugees are fleeing conflict in record numbers, leading to deepening political divisions and, in some regions, the rise of populist leaders.

The peacebuilding field holds powerful tools for addressing all of these challenges, yet we must work together around key areas of leverage. Groundbreaking initiatives like Agenda 2030 are critical to taking the bold and transformative steps necessary to shift the world onto a more sustainable and peaceful path. Peacebuilders are exploring new frontiers – from neuroscience to narratives for peace – with a sense that we are reaching a strategic turning point in our quest for peace and social justice. AfP’s 2017 Annual Conference will provide inspiration, and powerful opportunities for collective action.

Our conference unites a dynamic network of funders, policymakers, diplomats, members of the military, and professionals from a broad range of disciplines who share a common objective: advancing sustainable peace and security worldwide. Over the course of our three days together, we hope you will be inspired to reflect on our joint achievements, consider new perspectives on complex challenges, and collaborate on innovative solutions. We also hope you will develop new partnerships and friendships that will nourish every aspect of your work.

I sincerely thank you for your participation in this collective effort, and appreciate all you do for peace in the world. We are extremely grateful to have you as a part of our community!

Warmly,

Melanie Greenberg
President & CEO, Alliance for Peacebuilding
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**AGENDA**

**DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT USIP**

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| 9:00 AM         | **Carlucci Auditorium**  **WELCOME**  
  - Nancy Lindborg, President, United States Institute of Peace  
  - Melanie Greenberg, President & CEO, Alliance for Peacebuilding  
  - Robert Berg, Board Chair, Alliance for Peacebuilding |
| 9:15 AM         | **Carlucci Auditorium**  **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: SUSTAINING PEACE**  
  The “Sustaining Peace” agenda at the United Nations aims to ensure that prevention forms the backbone of all humanitarian assistance, development, and security operations the UN carries out. With the growing importance of Sustainable Development Goal 16, we must ask ourselves how civil society can engage with the “Sustaining Peace” agenda, and how we might build bridges between state-level and civil society-level action for peace and conflict prevention. Join us as we welcome a keynote address from Assistant Secretary-General Oscar Fernandez-Taranco and a video message from Secretary General António Guterres.  
  - Video Message from United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres  
  - United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, Oscar Fernandez-Taranco  
  - Civil Society Response  
    - Bridget Moix, U.S. Senior Representative, Peace Direct |
| 10:15 AM        | **Carlucci Auditorium**  **NEXT STEPS FOR PEACE IN MOSUL**  
  This panel session will explore the future of peace in Mosul. The session will reframe stabilization in a way that is most empowering for the people of Mosul, allowing citizens a voice in their future. The discussion will also explore how lessons from Mosul can extend to other areas of the Middle East, and beyond. |
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<td>This panel will explore how the peacebuilding community can diversify and dramatically increase funding for our work through new financing vehicles and business models. To start our discussion, the Colombian Minister of Finance will discuss how Colombia’s peacebuilding process is being financed, and how the government is developing innovative solutions with private sector companies to increase investment. Panelists will then expand on this theme, exploring creative new methods for securing sustainable peacebuilding funding, drawing on financing models from around the world.</td>
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- Moderator: Mona Yacoubian, Senior Policy Scholar, United States Institute of Peace
- Linda Robinson, Senior International and Defense Research, RAND Corporation
- Rahman Aljebouri, Senior Program Officer, National Endowment for Democracy
- Sarhang Hamasaeed, Director, Middle East Programs, United States Institute of Peace
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**B241 Rewiring the Brain for Peace: A New Frontier in Peacebuilding**

This panel will explore one of the newest peacebuilding frontiers, tapping into a resource that has so far been under-mobilized—the plasticity of the human brain. Featuring practitioners, neuroscientists, and community leaders, this panel will serve as a dialogue between concrete field experiences and scientific research on the capacity of the human brain to transform forces such as fear and separation, resist violence, make conscious change, and choose peace. This panel will showcase concrete lines of inquiry and practice, exploring what it means to cultivate the human capacity for broad social change.

- Moderator: Dr. Béatrice Pouligny, Co-Director of Rewiring the Brain for Peace, Alliance for Peacebuilding
- Dr. Marc Gopin, Director of the Center for World Religions, Diplomacy, and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University
- Patricia Anton, Muslim Chaplain, University of Pennsylvania
- Dr. Jeremy Richman, Founder, the Avielle Foundation
- Don Samuels, CEO, Microgrants
- Dr. Dara Ghahremani, Associate Research Professor, University of California Los Angeles

**Kathwari Auditorium**

**Better Learning for Better Results: Improving the Impact of M&E in Peacebuilding**

The Peacebuilding Evaluation Consortium (PEC) has made great progress over the past three years developing rigorous methodological tools and encouraging a shift in the practice and culture around monitoring and evaluation in the peacebuilding field. The panel will discuss what we have learned as a community, and will outline the challenges and opportunities we face moving forward as we seek to continue to build and utilize rigorous evidence and develop better learning for better results for peacebuilding programming.

- Moderator: Melanie Greenberg, President and CEO, Alliance for Peacebuilding
- Isabella Jean, Director of Collaborative Learning, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects
- Jack Farrell, DME for Peace Project Manager, Search for Common Ground
- Leslie Wingender, Senior Advisor, Program Performance and Quality, Mercy Corps
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<td>For decades, the fields of nonviolent action and peacebuilding have evolved separately. Whereas the former relies on collective action, operates outside of formal institutions, and may involve challenging power-holders, the latter relies on dialogical processes and de-escalation techniques. However, recent research highlights examples of how tools from these two fields can work in tandem to transform conflict and achieve just peace. This panel will explore how the distinct frameworks and approaches to civil resistance and peacebuilding can be used complementarily to rectify power imbalances and build sustainable peace.</td>
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<td><strong>Not the Usual Suspects: Engaging Male Champions of Women, Peace, and Security</strong></td>
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<td>Since the passage of the landmark UN Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS), there has been growing awareness of the importance of including women and gender perspectives in peace and security. However, men have remained on the sidelines of the WPS movement, and their engagement as allies of this movement has been limited. There has not been documentation of the factors that influence men to become strong advocates for this agenda. This panel will present the key findings and recommendations from a study by Our Secure Future: Women Make the Difference based on interviews and surveys of more than 50 male champions of WPS, and will provide a forum to discuss the obstacles and opportunities for creating more momentum and support of WPS.</td>
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**Kathwari Auditorium**

**STABILIZING CONFLICT-AFFECTED AREAS: POLICY CHALLENGES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES, AND LESSONS FROM THE PAST**

“Stabilization” is gaining new relevance among policymakers as the international community works to consolidate security gains against terrorist groups and reduce high costs of international peacekeeping and humanitarian operations. However, effective stabilization efforts must consider the significant lessons learned from the international experience over recent decades. U.S. government representatives will discuss these challenges and ongoing initiatives to improve frameworks, tools, and partnerships for stabilizing conflict-affected areas.

- Moderator: Peter Quaranto, Senior Advisor for Peace and Security, Office of U.S. Foreign Assistance Resources, U.S. Department of State
- Kristen Cordell, Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Policy, Planning, and Learning, USAID
- Patrick Quirk, Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, U.S. Department of State
- Sara Reckless, Transition Advisor, Office of Transition Initiatives, USAID

**3:15 PM**

**Leland Atrium**

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**Great Hall**

**PEACETECH ACCELERATOR EXHIBIT AND CONVERSATION SPACE**

**3:45 – 5:00 PM**

**Carlucci Auditorium**

**CELEBRATING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL: GIRLS’ EMPOWERMENT FOR PEACE**

On the International Day of the Girl, join experts in girls’ empowerment to explore how girls are taking peace into their own hands in some of the most turbulent conflict regions. Saba Ismail will describe her work empowering girls in Northern Pakistan – and how her work has also kept boys from joining the Taliban. Jin In will talk about her work empowering hundreds of thousands of girls around the world to spark social change on a local – and global – scale. Kim Weichel, a leader in Women, Peace and Security, will draw the links between the empowerment of girls – and the work of women, peace and security.

- Moderator: Kim Weichel, UN Women/Women’s Leadership Consultant, Author
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<td>How do you talk about “peacebuilding” and the goal of “peace?” We are all often called to give a succinct elevator pitch for our own organizations, but what about the ecosystem in which we work collectively? Peacebuilding is incredibly complex and our efforts are diverse and dispersed; it can be hard to explain how it all fits together and what difference it all makes. But this matters more and more: how we tell our story as a field. In a world that seems increasingly fragmented and noisy, peacebuilders offer a powerful counter-narrative that peace is possible.</td>
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<td>This cannot be an effort of any one organization, one funder, or for peacebuilders to define in isolation. It is through partnerships with others that we will continually refine and improve how we tell our story and disseminate our narrative to a broader audience. In this keynote panel, professionals with deep experience in translating narrative into collective action will illuminate this process, and think together about operationalizing this new “narratives for peace.”</td>
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**COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR PEACE PART I: SETTING THE STAGE FOR MOBILIZATION**

As we contemplate more effective collective action for peace, this session features innovative new field mobilization efforts undertaken by AfP members and partners. First, Chip Hauss and Teresa Dumasy will share the results of a new public opinion survey on public attitudes toward peacebuilding in the US, UK and Germany. Peter Woodrow will then offer reflections on the current state of the peacebuilding field. Finally, we will feature a series of short “ignite talks,” highlighting new collective initiatives for peace in a turbulent time. Learn how you can be engaged in collective action for peace!

**Introduction of the AfP-Conciliation Resources Public Opinion Survey**

- Melanie Greenberg, President and CEO, Alliance for Peacebuilding
- Dr. Charles Hauss, Senior Fellow for Innovation, Alliance for Peacebuilding
- Dr. Teresa Dumasy, Director of Policy and Learning, Conciliation Resources

**Reflections on the Peacebuilding Field**

- Peter Woodrow, Executive Director of CDA Collaborative Learning Project

**Ignite Talks on Field-Wide Mobilization Initiatives**

- Moderator: Melanie Greenberg, President and CEO, Alliance for Peacebuilding
- Greg Houston, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships and Communications, Search for Common Ground
- Harriet Lamb, CEO, International Alert
- Andrew Tomlinson, Director & Quaker UN Representative, Quaker United Nations Office New York
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• Todd Shuster, Managing Partner, Aevitas Creative Management  
• Madeline Rose, Senior Policy and Advocacy Advisor, Mercy Corps |

Concurrent panels on the following topics:

**Vista Room**  
**NEW PERSPECTIVES ON WHAT BUSINESSES CAN DO TO ADVANCE PEACE**

This joint session will provide multiple perspectives on business and peace—both from within the peacebuilding field as well as from outside representatives in the social enterprise sector. CDA Collaborative will share emerging lessons and evidence from their Business and Peace project on what businesses can (and cannot) do to advance peace, and the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) will focus on the role of local private sector actors in conflict/post-conflict contexts.

- Pamela Beecroft, Senior Program Officer, Center for International Private Enterprise  
- Anita Ernstorfer, Director of Advisory Services, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects  
- Sarah Cechvala, Senior Program Manager, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects  
- Samy Boukaila, President and Managing Director, BKL Industries, Algeria

**Angle Room**  
**REFRAMING RADICALIZATION TO MAKE CVE MORE EFFECTIVE**

This session will feature scholars and practitioners discussing new theories and programs that re-frame radicalization in our policies and programs in order to make CVE efforts more effective and inclusive. Case studies will include Nigeria and the United States and presentations and findings will outline the importance of expanding our approach from diagnosing and examining the problem to developing the tools and language to create a shared and inclusive vision that humanizes all actors and tries to answer the question: how might “radicalized” individuals contribute to social transformation in non-violent and constructive ways?

- Moderator: Kyle Dietrich, Senior Program Manager, Equal Access International  
- Jesse Morton, Former Extremist and Executive Officer, Parallel Networks  
- Béatrice Pouligny, Co-Director of Rewiring the Brain for Peace, Alliance for Peacebuilding  
- Michael Niconchuk, Senior Researcher, Beyond Conflict
Balcony Room D  LEVERAGING TRANSDISCIPLINARY SYNERGIES AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR TRAUMA-INFORMED PEACEBUILDING PRACTICE

Our knowledge and understanding of the complex ways trauma affects human resilience is growing rapidly – impacting scales ranging from molecular gene expression to cultural identity and inter-generational wisdom. This panel will convene a diverse group of practitioners, researchers and educators who will discuss how their work at different levels and temporal-spatial scales of trauma can provide insights for peacebuilding practice. The session will include demonstrations of practices used by several of the panelists.

- Moderator: Timothy Ehlinger, Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Angi Yoder-Maina, CEO, Green String Network
- Katie Mansfield, Director, STAR Program, Eastern Mennonite University
- Barry Hart, Professor, Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University
- Turhan Canli, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, and Director of the Social, Cognitive, and Affective Neuroscience Center at Stony Brook University
- Sebastian Ssempijja, Owner of Sebastian Family Psychology Practice
- Yvonne Ssempijja, Co-owner of Sebastian Family Psychology Practice

Balcony Room E  ARMED GROUPS AND INCLUSIVE PEACE PROCESSES: RE-IMAGINING POST-WAR POLITICS

The panel will discuss options and opportunities for supporting armed groups’ transition out of violent conflict – ‘from the battlefield to the ballet box.’ Panelists and participants will explore pathways to bring armed groups into formal, non-violent politics through peace processes, and the implications for political inclusion. The experiences of the Maoist insurgency in Nepal will provide a case study drawing on learning from Conciliation Resources’ recent Accord publication on Nepal’s peace process, Two steps forward, one step back: www.c-r.org/accord/nepal

- Moderator: Rob Ricigliano, Systems and Complexity Coach, Omidyar Group
- Dr. Teresa Dumasy, Director of Policy and Learning, Conciliation Resources
- Dr. Alexander Ramsbotham, Head of Accord and Series Editor, Conciliation Resources
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**PEACEBUILDING EXPO**
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2:15 PM – 3:30 PM Concurrent Panels on the following topics:

**Academy Hall**  **VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND PEACEBUILDING: DILEMMAS, DANGERS, AND OPPORTUNITIES**
Can peacebuilders have a positive impact on the current countering violent extremism agenda? Can NGOs maintain their independence and core missions while working collaboratively with the security sector? This interactive workshop, hosted by Peace Direct, Saferworld, Mercy Corps, and Search for Common Ground, will explore these and other questions regarding the relationship between peacebuilding and the countering violent extremism agenda.

- Sawssan Abou-Zahr, Journalist and Local Peacebuilding Expert, Lebanon
- Michael Olufemi Sodipo, Project Coordinator, Peace Initiative Network, Nigeria
- Saba Ismail, Co-founder and Senior Coordinator, Aware Girls

**Vista Room A**  **EXTERNAL ACTORS’ ROLE IN SUPPORTING NONVIOLENT ACTION AND PEACEBUILDING**
Nonviolent action and peacebuilding require engagement from the grassroots. It is the people in a society who must ultimately drive the changes that they want to see, and they know best where and how to push for it. At the same time, external actors can play an important role, and the range of external actors and forms of support present both an opportunity and a challenge as many possible options are considered. This panel will draw on expertise from the academic, NGO, and
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**Vista Room B**  
**CONFLICT AND PEACEBUILDING IN THE UNITED STATES: WHAT IS THE PROBLEM AND THE PEACEBUILDING SOLUTION?**

What is causing fierce political, social and ethnic divides in the United States? What are the solutions and what peacebuilding programs are already working well in the US? How do we make these programs more visible, and change the narrative about peacebuilding in the United States?

• Moderator: Debilyn Molineaux, Co-Director, Peace Alliance
• Erik Fogg, Chief, ReConsider Media and Co-Author, Wedged: How You Became a Tool of the Partisan Political Establishment and How to Start Thinking for Yourself Again
• Jacob Hess, Author and Co-Founder of AllOfLife.org
• Rachel Locke, Director, National Network for Safe Communities
• Cassandra Lawrence, Public Theology Fellow, Institute for Community Engagement

**Angle Room B**  
**COST-EFFECTIVENESS FOR PEACEBUILDING: HOW DO WE MEASURE IT, AND WHAT DOES COST REALLY MEAN FOR PEACE?**

New research is breaking ground on measuring the impact and cost-effectiveness of peacebuilding. This session will explore the challenges to measuring peacebuilding impact and cost-effectiveness, and the opportunities for sharing new findings with the peacebuilding field and policymakers.

• Moderator: Robert Berg, Chairman, Alliance for Peacebuilding
• Michelle Breslauer, Deputy Director of Programs, Institute for Economics and Peace
• Johannes Schreuder, Policy Officer, Economic Issues, United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office
INTEGRATING JUSTICE & PEACEBUILDING INTO DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMMING: THEORY AND PRACTICE, PAIN POINTS AND PROMISING PRACTICES

Designing peacebuilding projects presents a double challenge: we want them to contribute both to Peace Writ Large and to measurable improvements in the lives of the people we serve. Working on social issues associated with violent conflict, poor governance and gender inequity is critical and growing ever more complex. Furthermore, such complexities increasingly present themselves in more “mainstream” development and we are now learning that an effective response to these challenges is to integrate peacebuilding, governance and gender into our development and humanitarian programs and projects. This session will explore the “what,” “why” and “how” of integration, providing both the theoretical foundations as well as some examples from experience in our programs overseas.

- Moderator: Aaron Chassy, Director of Equity, Inclusion, and Peacebuilding, Catholic Relief Services
- Craig Zelizer, CEO & Founder, Peace and Collaborative Development Network
- Dr. Robert Groelsema, Team Leader, Catholic Relief Services, Africa Justice Peace Working Group
- Ruth Allen, Senior Advisor on Resilience, Governance and Partnerships, Strategy and Learning, Mercy Corps

FROM INCLUSION TO TRANSFORMATION: OVERCOMING COMMON CHALLENGES IN GENDER AND PEACEBUILDING PRACTICE

This interactive workshop session will focus on moving gender and conflict programs from a narrow focus on the inclusion of women towards recognizing and transforming the complex gendered dynamics of conflict. The session will include presentations on implementing innovative gender and conflict programming globally with emphasis on building support for diverse women to lead and influence peacebuilding, tackling the internal patriarchal cultures of many peace advocacy groups and linkages between gender-based violence and conflict. Participants will engage in a negotiation simulation that will illuminate the necessary inclusivity of women at the peace negotiation table and will foster discussion on how to apply lessons learned in program implementation.
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• Megan Corrado, Advocacy Manager, Women for Afghan Women  
• Dr. Leslie Dwyer, Director, Center for the Study of Gender and Conflict, School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University  
• Novita Kumala, Governance Specialist, World Resources Institute, Indonesia  
• Kimberly Otis, Director of Advancement, Women for Afghan Women |  |

**Balcony Room C**  
**NARRATIVES FOR PEACE IN CONFLICT REGIONS**

In a world of exploding social media, and an increasing sophistication of the power of narrative, how we talk about peace and conflict, and how we shape strategic narratives can have enormous implications for public perception and policymaking. Experts on narrative strategy will uncover how “framing narratives” shape policy and opinion, and will explore the use of narrative in strategic action.

- Moderator: Melanie Greenberg, President and CEO, Alliance for Peacebuilding  
- Carly Goodman, Communications Analyst, Mellon/ACLS Public Fellow, American Friends Service Committee  
- Amy Denkenberger, former Chief of Party, Advancing Kosovo Together, Chemonics International  
- Yana Sasina, Program Officer, USAID, Office of Transition Initiatives, Ukraine Confidence Building Initiative  
- Rachael Holt, Director of Strategy, Propper Daley

**Balcony Room D**  
**MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF CONFLICT ANALYSIS**

The peacebuilding field has increasingly promoted and employed monitoring and evaluation (M&E). The field has promoted adaptive methods of M&E to handle the often fluid and difficult environments of peacebuilding efforts and has promoted conflict analysis as a necessary foundation for good initial intervention design. Various frameworks and guidelines have been developed for how to do conflict analysis but we do not typically apply M&E to the analysis. This session will examine the properties of conflict analysis we can monitor and evaluate, how and the benefits of doing so.

- Moderator: Dr. Bruce Hemmer, Lead Conflict Advisor, Office of Analysis, Planning, Programming, and Learning of the Bureau for Conflict and Stabilization Operations, U.S. Department of State
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Balcony Room E  INTERSECTION BETWEEN COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM, FRAGILITY, AND STABILIZATION

The term stabilization, while an old term, is gaining new ground among policymakers. Does this approach complement, conflict and intersect with fragile states and CVE policy? This panel will explore what these terms mean, where they overlap and how are they compatible, and will reveal lessons learned from past experiences.

- Moderator: Dara Katz, Division Chief, Policy and Technical Leadership, Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, USAID
- Peter Quaranto, Senior Advisor for Peace and Security, U.S. Foreign Assistance Resources, U.S. Department of State
- Kimberly Field, CVE Practice Area Director, Creative Associates International
- Jonathan Papoulidis, Executive Advisor on Fragile States, World Vision

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4:00 – 5:30 PM

Academy Hall  COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR PEACE PART II: MOBILIZING THE PEACEBUILDING FIELD FOR COLLECTIVE IMPACT

In an increasingly polarized world, there has never been a stronger need for collective action for peace. Yet the peacebuilding field remains fragmented, without a strong unified voice. For the past year, the Alliance for Peacebuilding has been working with Rob Ricigliano and colleagues from the Omidyar Group to create a systems map highlighting the barriers – and potential leverage points – for more
effective mobilization for peace. Please join this group session, in which we will review the map and, most important, work together to spark ideas for collective action and effective mobilization across the peacebuilding field. This will be an active, hands-on, no holds barred session!

- Rob Ricigliano, Systems and Complexity Coach, Omidyar Group
- Nichali M. Xhelili Ciaccio, Masters Degree Candidate: Sustainable Peacebuilding, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Concurrent Panels on the following topics:

**Vista Room**  **BOTTOM-UP APPROACHES TO PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM**

PVE and CVE are current buzzwords in the peace and security fields with many different views and perspectives. This workshop seeks to approach this much-discussed area of peacebuilding through a new lens—that of a “bottom-up, grassroots perspective.” Through different presentations from a research scholar, grassroots activist, funder, and practitioner, there will be a common thread and question: “Are major power asymmetries and power imbalances one of the key reasons that people turn to violent conflict and extremism? Can stifling nonviolent conflict and structural change lead to violent extremism, and thus, can learning to wage conflict through nonviolent methods be a major part of the solution to violence? Additionally, how can we struggle nonviolently against violent extremism and non-state actors and what can we learn from grassroots groups and initiatives that are and have been successful? This session will be an exciting period of presentations and interactive discussions of new and out of the box perspectives on these issues of critical importance to those hoping to build peace in the world.

- Moderator: Maciej Bartkowski, Senior Director for Education and Research, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict
- Katherine Hughes-Fraitekh, Director of Global Field Initiatives, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict
- Dr. Oliver Kaplan, Assistant Professor, Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver
- Saba Ismail, Executive Director, Aware Girls

**Angle Room**  **EDUCATION AND TRAINING AFFINITY GROUP MEETING**

The Education and Training Affinity Group agenda includes three main items: a) an update on the Seventh Graduate Education Symposium on Peace and Conflict Resolution being held immediately before the AfP Annual meeting; b) the revitalization of the Affinity Group Web Page which includes key resources on
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**Balcony Room E**  
**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AMONG RELIGIOUS ACTORS AND INSTITUTIONS:**  
**CONNECTING PERSONAL, RELATIONAL, AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE IN REBUILDING DIVIDED SOCIETIES**  
Through panel discussion of three case examples – Bosnia-Herzegovina, Central African Republic, and the Philippines – as well as circle conversations among presenters and participants, this workshop will examine lessons and challenges of religious peacebuilders working across faith lines to rebuild divided communities during and in the aftermath of violence. The workshop will explore the key role of religious actors and institutions and consider the successes and limitations of their efforts to work for institutional and structural change.

• Moderator: Nell Bolton, Senior Technical Advisor for Justice and Peacebuilding, Catholic Relief Services
• Myla Leguro, Interreligious Peacebuilding Program Director, Catholic Relief Services
• Samedin Kadić, Assistant Lecturer, Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo and Visiting Fulbright Scholar at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
• David A. Robinson, M.Div., Senior Advisor Operations/Faith & Development, World Vision International
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| 9:15 – 10:45 AM | **Academy Hall**  
“FUTURE OF PEACE” INAUGURAL LECTURE: “PINNER, LOVINS AND THE SCIENCE OF APPLIED HOPE”  

The Future of Peace lecture series, underwritten by AfP board chair Robert Berg, brings to the peacebuilding community leading personalities who present new perspectives and dimensions of action that illuminate problems and opportunities not yet well focused upon by the field of peacebuilding.

This inaugural lecture of this series brings to our conference Dr. Eric Rasmussen, a medical doctor and humanitarian leader who has devoted his life to bringing safety and comfort to populations in distress.

According to Dr. Rasmussen, achievements in science and engineering have been informing personal ethics and enhancing the social contract for several hundred years. Taken together, they have guided human behavior toward increasing empathy and compassion, though with fits and starts, to where attitudes and actions considered ordinary in 1650 are unthinkable now. Humanity is, in the main, working to improve itself, giving us the most encouraging prospects for peace we have had in centuries. In this inaugural lecture of the Future of Peace Lecture Series, Dr. Rasmussen will explore the arc of peace and humanitarian action over centuries – and where humankind stands today.

- Introduction: Robert Berg, Chairman, Alliance for Peacebuilding
- Dr. Eric Rasmussen, Managing Director, Infinitum Humanitarian Systems
10:45 AM – 3:00 PM

Vista Room  YOUNG PEACEBUILDERS’ FORUM

- **Keynote Introduction**
  - Althea Middleton-Detzner, Director, Peacebuilding Engineering Program, PeaceTech Lab

11:15 AM  Training Future Leaders in Environmental Peacebuilding

Conflicts over natural resources present some of the greatest challenges in 21st century geopolitics, as well as within countries and at the local level. Fragile states often contain major reserves of natural resources and biodiversity, but often lack the capacity to manage these natural resources in a sustainable manner or to resolve disputes over resource ownership, access, benefit-sharing, and decision making. Come join us to hear more about the concepts of environmental peacebuilding, the key training needs in the field and opportunities and resources to increase formal and informal training. The speakers will provide overviews of their respective training courses and highlight the successes and challenges with the trainings.

  - Moderator: Janet Edmond, Senior Director, Policy Center for Environment and Peace, Conservation International
  - Lydia Cardona, Coordinator, Peace and Development Partnerships Program, Conservation International
  - Nora Moraga-Lewy, Research Associate, Environmental Law Institute, Environmental Peacebuilding Working Group
  - Saleem Ali, Blue and Gold Distinguished Professor, Department of Geography and Center for Energy and Environmental Policy, University of Delaware
  - Todd Walters, Founder and Executive Director, International Peace Parks Expeditions

12:15 PM  Networking Lunch

1:15 PM  Conceptual Tools for Strengthening Democracy

If we think of democracy as a service delivery system for efficient infrastructure and good jobs, or a mechanism to guarantee absolute equality under the law, we are bound to be disappointed. China does the former well and Singapore does the latter well enough. Through an exercise in grappling with a particularly vexing democratic dilemma, this session will give participants a window into the
### Breakout Workshop Session

- **o** Ashok Panikkar, Founder, Meta-Culture and CitizenDEMOS

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1:45 – 3:00 PM | Concurrent Panels on the following topics:

**Academy Hall** | **CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITY: ADVOCATING FOR PEACE**
This session highlights the challenges and opportunities of advocating for peacebuilding in the current political climate, with discussion about strategy on specific initiatives including, Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocity Prevention Act and a leadership initiative to reduce global violence.

- Moderator: Liz Hume, Senior Director for Programs and Strategy, Alliance for Peacebuilding
- Theo Sitther, Legislative Secretary for Peacebuilding Policy, Friends Committee on National Legislation
- Craig Swandby, Senior Advocacy Associate, Conflicts and Disasters, World Vision
- Madeline Rose, Senior Policy and Advocacy Advisor, Mercy Corps

**Angle Room B** | **NEW THREATS TO PEACEFUL ELECTIONS**
This panel will highlight innovative programming that is addressing new and growing challenges in preventing electoral violence. Serious new threats to elections, including social media, technical attacks, and recruitment of youth by politicians to commit violence, can easily destroy the integrity of an election and undermine confidence in the electoral process. This discussion will showcase efforts by members of the Electoral Violence Affinity Group in adapting to these challenges.

- Moderator: Jeff Fischer, Senior Electoral Adviser of Communities in Transition, Creative Associates International
- Vasu Mohan, Regional Director, Asia-Pacific, International Foundation for Electoral Systems
- Sarah Cooper, Program Manager, Electoral and Political Processes, National Democratic Institute
- John Tomaszewski, Regional Director, Africa, International Republican Institute

**Angle Room C** | **LEARNING AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT IN PEACEBUILDING**
Complexity presents both challenges and opportunities for conflict resolution. Linear mind-sets tend to fail and well-argued designs and preliminary results are overtaken by
unpredictable events. Successful peacebuilding requires agility in responding to changes in context and needs, as well as adjusting approaches based on what works and what does not. Organizationally, this requires real time feedback loops between day-to-day work, management and support functions. What practices can organizations adopt to support learning from implementation, and implementing what is learned?

- Moderator: Oskari Eronen, Senior Manager, Programme Management Office, Crisis Management Initiative
- Marin O’Brien Belhoussein, Senior Program Manager for the Institutional Learning Team, Search for Common Ground
- Dr. Eleanor O’Gorman, Independent Consultant, University of Cambridge
- Madeline Church, Head of Organisational Development Unit, Saferworld

**Balcony Room B**  
**WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP TOOL KIT: POWER AND PRIVILEGE IN THE PASHTUN REGION OF PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN**

**WOMEN & PEACEBUILDING AFFINITY GROUP**

Through an analysis of women’s peacebuilding organizations operating in the Pashtun region of Pakistan-Afghanistan, this workshop aims to foster productive discourse around issues of women’s leadership, identity and privileges broadly and in the context of Pashtun society. Workshop participants will gain historical context of defining women’s leadership, power and identity in the Pashtun region and will examine the way these organizations define women’s leadership, and identity issues within the patriarchal society and its broader impact. The attendees will get a fundamental understanding of the leadership role of women in Pashtun region and how can they be redefined for peacebuilding purposes.

- Moderator: Kim Weichel, UN Women/Women’s Leadership Consultant, Author
- Dr. Saira Bano Orakzai, Chevening Fellow, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

**Balcony Room C**  
**ADAPTIVE LEARNING IN THE CVE CONTEXT**

Programming to prevent or counter violent extremism (P/CVE) requires ongoing innovation and a diverse range of interventions that need to be adjusted based on learning during implementation. One of the most challenging tasks for researchers and practitioners in the field of peacebuilding has been to demonstrate the impacts of P/CVE, especially those activities aimed at preventing VE. This workshop will offer participants the opportunity to explore challenges and innovative solutions surrounding P/CVE innovation, learning, and implementation. Workshop participants will discuss and
generate concrete steps for action and change in the peacebuilding-CVE practice area based on practical field-based program experience and recent research.

- Moderator: Maby Palmisano, Director for Design, Monitoring and Evaluation, Creative Associates International
- Anne Salinas, Director, Peacebuilding and Conflict Mitigation, FHI 360
- Lisa Inks, Senior Peace and Conflict Advisor, Mercy Corps
- Enrique Roig, Director of Citizen Public Security Practice Area, Creative Associates International

**Beyond a Leap of Faith: Evaluative Reflections on the Practices of Monitoring and Evaluating Inter-Religious Peacebuilding**

Many faith-based and secular development and peacebuilding organizations are working to stem sectarian violence, drawing on principles of faith. However, there is a measurement gap and for the past three years AfP in partnership with CDA Collaborative Learning Projects and Search for Common Ground have implemented Effective Inter-Religious Action in Peacebuilding Program (ELAP) which produced a guide titled *Faith Matters: Design, Monitoring and Evaluation for Effective Inter-Religious Action for Peacebuilding*. This panel brings together several practitioners from faith-based organizations as well as secular organizations to discuss challenges and solutions to monitoring and evaluating inter-religious action for peacebuilding.

- Moderator: Nick Oatley, Special Advisor for Learning and Evaluation, Alliance for Peacebuilding
- Peter Woodrow, Executive Director, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects
- James Patton, President and CEO, International Center for Religion and Diplomacy
- Nell Bolton, Senior Technical Advisor for Justice and Peacebuilding, Catholic Relief Services
- Jennifer Kuiper, Evaluation and International Development Consultant

**Tipping the Scales: Moving Beyond Projects to Scaled Solutions in Fragile States**

By 2030, 80% of the world’s extreme poor will live in “fragile states” where global conflict is increasingly concentrated and vulnerability to natural disaster and climate change is on the rise. It is in these volatile settings that actions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will face their biggest challenges. This panel will examine whether delivering services sustainably at scale can offer a useful way of addressing the issues surrounding collective action and fragmented, short-term, low-impact aid in fragile states. Panelists will focus on how sustainable scaling can meet the pressing needs
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In the peacebuilding world, we need to better explore innovations solutions as well as the challenges we face in our practice and day to day work of sustaining ourselves or organizations. The Solutions Salon is an innovative participatory format where participants will have the chance to work in small groups through a facilitated process to work on a key challenge they face in their work (this can be related to practice, funding, burnout, messaging or more). Once a problem is shared using the process, the small group will serve as a collective “braintrust” to offer insights, suggestions and possible next steps for concrete action. Through this process participants will walk away with three key items:

1) A new process that can be highly effective to use as a tool with groups from diverse backgrounds
2) Concrete insights about steps they may take to improve their own work
3) Inspiration and compassion from listening to the challenges that others face
4) New connections that will last beyond the session.

- Moderator: Craig Zelizer, CEO & Founder, Peace and Collaborative Development Network
- Catalina Rojas, Director of Innovation, Peace and Collaborative Development Network

**Balcony Room D**  **EXPLORING TOOLS TO REWIRE OUR BRAINS FOR PEACE AND TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES**
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#### Workshop Participants

- Shady El Damaty, Ph.D. Candidate, Georgetown University
- Dr. Matt Rossano, Professor of Psychology, Southern Louisiana University
- Dr. Sabrina N’Diaye, Psychotherapist and Sufi Healer, Faculty Member of the Center for Mind and Body Medicine
- Dr. Jennifer Lynne, Founder and CEO, The Contact Project
- Dr. Béatrice Fouligny, Co-Director of Rewiring the Brain for Peace, Alliance for Peacebuilding

### Vista Room B

**WORKSHOP ON INCLUSIVITY: FINDING LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES FOR EFFECTIVE INCLUSION**

Sustainable peacebuilding negotiations require relevant and legitimate stakeholders to have opportunities for broad and meaningful participation; however, it can be difficult to assess legitimacy or identify the ‘right’ participants in order to achieve inclusivity. This workshop will provide participants the chance to brainstorm innovative solutions to this issue with the help of expert humanitarian and peacebuilding practitioners. Participants will collaborate to define legitimacy and inclusion in relation to peacebuilding, identify key challenges in evaluating legitimacy for participation and ensuring inclusion, and share methods they have used to try to achieve inclusion in their practice.

#### Workshop Participants

- Dr. Jacqueline Wilson, Co-Founder, Civic Fusion International
- Nathalie Al-Zyoud, Senior Mediator and Conflict Management Consultant, Communities in Transition (CIT)
- Maria Jessop, Senior Peacebuilding Advisor and Washington DC Representative, Karuna Center
- Khitam Al-Khaykanee, Program Officer, Rule of Law, Justice, and Security, United States Institute of Peace

### Vista Room A

**CONSCIOUS CONFLICT MANAGEMENT**

Learning about conflict is a skill that undergirds all peace efforts. In this workshop, participants will learn their default mode of conflict (Criticism, Contempt, Defensiveness, or Stonewalling) by utilizing humor and compassion. Based on the work of Dr. John
Gottman, participants in this practical and participative workshop will explore why they default to their particular mode, what triggers them, how they can prevent being triggered, how they can recognize someone else being triggered, and how can they help them to remove themselves from their default mode of conflict.

- Ann Dinan, Founder & President, Deeper Leadership Institute

**Angle Room B**  
**FROM TALK TO ACTION: ADVANCING UNDERSTANDING & PRACTICE – INCLUSION, RELIGION, PEACE AND SECURITY**

Given protracted conflicts in Afghanistan, Libya, Myanmar, Syria, the Philippines, etc, peace practitioners are struggling with how to engage with religious actors as they are proving vital to peace advancements where religion plays a role and/or is being utilized to fuel conflict. Given the impact of inclusion—as in SDG 16, UNSCR 1325 and UNSCR 2250—a concern remains on how to engage with religious actors while ensuring a rights-based approach to inclusion in peace and security processes. Evolving from global consultations and requests, this workshop will engage participants in: a global conflict analysis and trajectories discussions; the exploration of the intersection between religion, gender and youth inclusion; the sharing of key case studies; evolving more innovative practices; and, advancing possible collaborative peace actions.

- Martine Miller, Director – Asia and Inclusive Peace Processes, Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers
- Edla Puoskari, Program Manager, Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers
- Jennifer Freeman, Associate Director for Peacemakers Programs, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice
- Melissa Nozell, Senior Program Specialist, Religion and Inclusive Societies, United States Institute of Peace
- Dr. Asna Husini, Senior Researcher, Nonviolence International; Associate Professor, Ar-Raniry State Islamic University, Banda Aceh, Indonesia
- Myla Leguro, Interreligious Peacebuilding Program Director, Catholic Relief Services
- Sheherazade Jafari, PhD, Point of View International Retreat and Research Center, School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR), George Mason University

**Balcony Room B**  
**WORKING WITH MADMEN: GETTING THE AD INDUSTRY’S BEST IDEAS ON YOUR CAUSE**

You may not know that the majority of award-winning work in the ad industry is connected to a good cause. So how do you get advertising creatives to work on your particular cause? When non-profit approach marketing, they often think of brochures...
and expensive media buys. But sometimes all it takes is a simple powerful idea—an idea that costs nothing. In this session, we’ll cover:

1) How to find advertising creatives to work for you for free or at cost.
2) How to work with creatives from the briefing to production.
3) Case studies of some of the most impactful social good campaigns of the past decade.

- Introduction: Julia Roig, President, PartnersGlobal
- Doug Burnett, Associate Creative Director, Leo Burnett

**Angle Room C**  
**SYSTEMS THINKING AND ADAPTIVE PROGRAMMING: WHAT, WHY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HOW?**

This session will focus on both the practical tools and the organizational change dimensions needed to take an adaptive and iterative approach to systems-level social change. The session will look at two cases: lessons learned over the last 4 years by The Omidyar Group as they have implemented a systems practice in various social change initiatives and across several organizations, and a specific example of an adaptive approach to peacebuilding in Myanmar. The session will be interactive and hands-on, and participants will have access to free, open-source resources for implementing a systems practice.

- Rob Ricigliano, Systems and Complexity Coach, Omidyar Group
- Stephen Gray, Director, Adapt Research and Consulting

**Balcony Room C**  
**SYNERGIZING NONVIOLENT ACTION AND PEACEBUILDING WORKSHOP**

This workshop is focused on how, practically, nonviolent action and peacebuilding tools and approaches can be used synergistically to transform violent conflict and promote nonviolent social change. During this workshop, facilitators will draw upon a new, USIP-funded practitioner guide to highlight key principles and lessons from nonviolent action and peacebuilding and share accessible tools, supporting documents and guidance for easy use in social movements today. Specifically, the workshop will share best practices in developing a sound nonviolent action strategy, coalition building, meeting facilitation, assessment, goal development, nonviolent action tactic innovation, and negotiation. In discussing these themes, examples will be drawn from the Liberian Mass Action for Peace, the U.S. Civil Rights Movement, Chile’s “No” Campaign, and OTPOR.

- Nadine Bloch, Training Director, Beautiful Trouble
- Monica Curca, Founder and Director, The Beautiful Resistance
- Nicholas Zaremba, Program Assistant, Program on Nonviolent Action, United States Institute of Peace
- Tabatha Thompson, Program Assistant, Program on Nonviolent Action, United States Institute of Peace
### Angle Room A  
**SYSTEMS MAPPING FOR IMPROVED DESIGN, MONITORING, EVALUATION AND LEARNING PRACTICES IN THE PEACEBUILDING FIELD**

The next challenge of the Peacebuilding Evaluation Consortium is to change the practice and culture with the goal of leading to better learning for better results. In order to change practice and culture, we need to identify the leverage points within the current system and understand where we can affect the most change to DME in the peacebuilding field. In this workshop, we will review and update the current Systems Map of monitoring and evaluation and identify leverage points within this map that can help bring about change in practice and culture. We will also review DME steps that the PEC has identified to help solve this challenge in a relevant and practical approach.

- Jessica Baumgardner-Zuzik, Senior Manager for Learning and Evaluation, Alliance for Peacebuilding
- Jack Farrell, DME for Peace Project Manager, Search for Common Ground
- Diana Chigas, Senior International Officer and Associate Provost Professor of Practice, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

### Balcony Room E  
**EXPERIENTIAL PEACEBUILDING: USING EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN THE OUTDOORS TO TRANSFORM CONFLICT, RESPOND TO TRAUMA AND COUNTER VIOLENT EXTREMISM**

How do we learn peace? Experiential peacebuilding brings together experiential education approaches to peacebuilding theory, skills and practice. This interactive session will demonstrate the concept of experiential peacebuilding through exercises and activities that get people out of their chairs and interacting with each other. Mercy Corps, Outward Bound, and Youth Impact will discuss how this approach is used in Jordan, Baltimore, Pakistan and Israel/Palestine. Participants will take away innovative new ideas for engaging groups, contributing to resilience and working with communities.

- Abdul Samad Khan, Chief Executive Officer, Youth Impact, Pakistan
- Ginger Mihalik, Executive Director, Outward Bound Baltimore Chesapeake Bay
- Monther Altiti, Adventure Officer, Mercy Corps Jordan
- Ana Cutter Patel, Executive Director, Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding
**Speakers**

**Aaron Chassy**  
*Director of Equity, Inclusion, and Peacebuilding, Catholic Relief Services @CatholicRelief*

Aaron has nearly 30 years of experience, 8 of which have been overseas, developing and managing programs in close to 40 countries. His areas of expertise include integrated peacebuilding, implementing participatory policy reform, civil society strengthening, democratic local governance, and anticorruption. He has worked for both non- and for-profit development agencies as well as directly for USAID. He provided technical assistance and management support as interim Chief of Party to the USAID/Uganda Anti-Corruption Threshold Program, which promoted private-public partnerships among national government officials, private sector and civil society representatives to prevent, detect and reduce corruption, especially in public procurement. Aaron also has extensive hands-on experience working domestically as a national advocacy campaign manager. In his current position at CRS, as Technical Director of the Equity, Inclusion and Peacebuilding Unit, Aaron has built an 11-member team, which has developed and is disseminating nearly two dozen programming tools so that CRS integrates justice and peacebuilding into program areas more systematically.

**Abdul Samad Khan**  
*Chief Executive Officer, Youth Impact, Pakistan*

Samad is the founder and CEO of Youth Impact. A cancer survivor, he has dedicated his second life to help young people discover and maximize their potential. Samad also founded Markhons, Pakistan’s first wilderness-based youth leadership conference held annually that aims to develop young peace leaders in Pakistan. He has conducted youth leadership trainings in the mountains, oceans, deserts and snows of the US, UK, Malaysia, Australia and Pakistan. Currently, he is heading Youth Impact Pakistan – a not for profit organization that aims to initiate and sustain a positive social change through youth leadership development. Youth Impact has trained more than 20,000 youth in last 4 years and has won ‘Best Social Start Up’ Award in StartUps Expo 2015.

**Ahmed Gutan**  
*Director, Middle East and North Africa, PartnersGlobal*

Ahmed is the Director for the Middle East and North Africa programs at PartnersGlobal. He has over 15 years of experience working on democracy programs and international development throughout the region, including several years working with emerging Iraqi civil society. As the MENA Director, Ahmed leads on supporting and expanding the Partners Network affiliates in the region, overseeing a growing team to ensure the successful implementation of programs, and engages with external stakeholders. Some of the projects he has led include enabling at-risk youth to transform conflict, justice and security dialogues, organizational capacity building, and government transparency. Previously, he was the Iraq Country Director for the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE). Prior to his joining at CIPE, Ahmed worked in leadership positions at JumpStart International and Women for Women International. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Statistics from Baghdad University and a Master’s degree in International Business Economics from Oxford Brooks University in England.

**Aina Abiodun**  
*Director of Strategy and Innovation, Matter Unlimited*

Aina is the Director of Strategy and Innovation at Matter Unlimited and the co-founder of StoryCode, a global lab for cross-platform and immersive storytellers. Born and raised in Nigeria in a bi-cultural Canadian and Nigerian household, Aina is a polymath -- an award-winning filmmaker, creative technologist and brand strategist. As the data and technology driven economy emerged, Aina's unique hybrid of creative and strategic talents found a home in global brand and impact strategy. She has worked with Logitech, FX Networks, Sony Music, The Obama Foundation, Mattel, MTV, The Film Society of Lincoln Center and Facebook. Named by PBS as one of 5 top women in transmedia, Aina speaks frequently about technology, impact strategy, and movement building. She has spoken at SXSW, MoMA on immersion, and the Guggenheim Museum on the future of audience experiences.
Dr. Alexander Ramsbotham  
**Director of Accord, Conciliation Resources**  
Alexander is the Director of Accord for Conciliation Resources. Before joining CR in 2009, he was a research fellow at the Institute for Public Policy Research in London. He worked as specialist adviser to the UK House of Lords European Union (EU) Select Committee, prior to which he was head of the Peace and Security Programme at the United Nations Association-UK. He has also been an associate fellow in the International Security Programme at Chatham House. Alexander completed a PhD in Peace Studies in July 2011.

Althea Middleton-Detzner  
**Director, Peacebuilding Engineers Program, PeaceTech Lab**  
In her role at PeaceTech Lab, Althea manages university and corporate partnerships and builds bridges for young engineers to work in the peacebuilding field. Althea brings over a decade of experience working on peace and conflict, with expertise in civil resistance and corporate-community conflicts. Her work with for-profit companies, international agencies, nonprofit organizations, universities and civic groups has included project management; strategy consulting; curriculum development; and facilitation, training, and coaching services. Althea worked with International Center on Nonviolent Conflict from 2005-2016 on major academic and field initiatives. As a Curriculum Development Specialist for the Global Campus in The Academy at the US Institute of Peace, Althea worked with a team to develop a suite of online training and toolkits for conflict management and peacebuilding professionals worldwide. She led course video production, curriculum development, managed a team of experts and specialists to launch USIP’s “Foundations and Critical Skills” courses, and co-created all aspects of the Civil Resistance Online Training and Toolkit. Althea has a MA in Law and Diplomacy from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and a BA in International Affairs and Development from George Washington University. She has lived in Thailand, Ecuador, South Africa, Argentina, Cambodia, France, and Costa Rica, and is a highly skilled Spanish speaker.

Amy Denkenberger  
**Former Chief of Party, Advancing Kosovo Together, Chemonics International**  
Amy has worked at Chemonics International for 13 years and most recently served as Chief of Party of the USAID Advancing Kosovo Together project. She has worked in the areas of economic development, democracy and governance, and human and institutional capacity development in Europe, Asia, and Africa for the past 18 years, serving in several long-term and short-term international roles. She is currently Managing Director for Chemonics’ new learning and development initiative, providing learner-centered, accessible, collaborative, and empowering online learning opportunities that support the professional growth of Chemonics’ global workforce.

Ana Cutter Patel  
**Executive Director, Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding**  
Ana brings over 25 years of experience in international peacebuilding, development and human rights to her current position as Executive Director of the Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding. Her background spans from building a gravity water system as a US Peace Corps Volunteer in a rural agricultural community in the Dominican Republic, to teaching international conflict issues at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, to training governments and civil society organizations in West Africa on issues related to human rights and the demobilization of ex-combatants. Her co-edited volume, Disarming the Past: Transitional Justice and Ex-combatants was published in January 2010. She graduated from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, and received a Master’s of International Affairs from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. She is a Rotary International Peace Fellow and was recognized as the September 2016 Visionary of the Month by the Hearts on Fire Foundation. Recently, in April 2017, she was named a Global Peace Index Ambassador by the Institute of Economics and Peace.
Andrew Tomlinson  
**Director & Quaker UN Representative, Quaker United Nations Office New York**

Andrew joined QUNO in 2008 after working in international finance and socially responsible investing in London and New York. QUNO convenes the New York Peacebuilding Group, co-convenes the Civil Society UN Prevention Platform, and is on the steering group of the NGO Working Group on the Security Council. Current topics in QUNO’s work include peacebuilding perspectives on implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustaining Peace resolutions, peacebuilding and human rights, civil society inclusion, and reconciliation and dialogue. In June 2013, QUNO was named as one of the 100 most influential global actors in armed violence reduction. Andrew holds Master’s degrees from the University of Cambridge and the University of Pennsylvania, where he specialized in South Asia and the Middle East.

Andy Carl  
**Honorary Fellow, University of Edinburgh School of Law**

Andy is an experienced peacebuilding practitioner with a long career of leadership in the NGO sector. As the first member of staff and Programme Director, he helped Martin Ennals, the founding Secretary General, establish International Alert in 1989. There he developed the organization’s program methodologies and led their engagements in South Africa, the Philippines, Liberia, Fiji, Colombia and elsewhere. In 1994, he co-founded Conciliation Resources where he was Executive Director for 22 years. There he established the Accord publication series and led the organization to become one of the leading non-profit organizations in the field. Andy currently works as an independent advisor and researcher. He is an Honorary Fellow of Practice at the School of Law at the University of Edinburgh. He is also a Senior Research Associate, Politics and Governance at the Overseas Development Institute in London. He acts as a Senior Advisor to the Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative at the Graduate Institute in Geneva, and he is a Member of the Council of Experts at the Democratic Progress Institute in London. He is from Northern California where he studied English Literature at the University of California at Berkeley. He also holds an MPhil from (in Anglo-Irish Literature) from Trinity College, University of Dublin. He holds dual American-British citizenship and lives with his family in North London.

Anita Ernstorfer  
**Director of Advisory Services, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects**

Anita is the Director of Advisory Services at CDA Collaborative Learning Projects and leads CDA’s Peacebuilding Effectiveness Practice Area. Anita has substantive expertise in conflict prevention, peacebuilding effectiveness, governance programming, conflict analysis, the integration of conflict-sensitivity into development programming, and the application of different design, monitoring and evaluation approaches in fragile and conflict-affected settings, including conflict-sensitive M&E. She is an experienced facilitator and trainer in systems approaches to peacebuilding work, including systems mapping. She is currently developing a new collaborative learning initiative on effective approaches to prevent and counter violent extremism (PVE), collecting evidence on what works and what doesn’t in this field, and related theories of change. She also contributes to CDA’s ongoing collaborative learning initiative on assessing the role of business contributions to peacebuilding. Prior to joining CDA, she worked as a peacebuilding and conflict-sensitivity adviser for UNICEF and UNDP supporting programs all around the world, as a program adviser for GIZ’s Latin America portfolio, and the European Commission on aid coordination. She was a co-instructor of the ‘applied peacebuilding – key competencies for field work’ graduate course at the Centre for International Conflict Resolution, at Columbia University/SIPA 2008-2012. She holds a MAs in Political Science and Spanish Philology.

Dr. Ann Dinan  
**President, Deeper Leadership Institute**

Ann, the co-convener of the Peace Leadership Affinity Group for the ILA (International Leadership Association), is the President of the Deeper Peace Leadership Institute and previously the Head of North American Operations for the Globally Responsible Leadership Initiative (GRLI) as well as Faculty for the Whole Foods Market Academy for Conscous Leadership. She is currently writing a book on Peace Leadership, and several book chapters on Human Unity for Peace. She is also active with the Oslo Peace Week, sanctioned by the Nobel Institute. She earned her
doctorate in Social Science Research from Washington University, USA, her Master’s degree from Case Western Reserve, USA, and she is an ICF (International Coach Federation) certified coach.

**Anne Salinas**

**Director, Peacebuilding and Conflict Mitigation, FHI 360**

Anne is a specialist in peacebuilding, countering violent extremism (CVE), and civil society strengthening program design and implementation and has managed such projects in conflict-affected and post-conflict countries around the world for the past 16 years. She provides strategic, technical, program design, and project management oversight to FHI 360’s peacebuilding and CVE initiatives and manages FHI 360’s work under the USAID Programming Effectively Against Conflict and Extremism (PEACE) IQC. She currently oversees the USAID Middle East Bureau’s Countering Violent Extremism in the Middle East and North Africa project (CoVE-MENA) which includes pilot activities to strengthen youth and community resilience in Tunisia, and to strengthen CVE capacity building, exchange, and collaboration activities among civil society stakeholders from six Maghreb and Sahel countries. Her previous titles include Deputy Director for Africa at IFES from 2007-2009, Senior Program Officer for AED, and Regional Information Specialist and Activity Manager in the USAID Africa Bureau Sustainable Development Office. Anne holds a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master’s in International Affairs from the School for International and Public Affairs at Columbia University.

**Angi Yoder-Maina**

**CEO, Green String Network**

Angi directs the Green String Network (GSN) based in Nairobi, Kenya, which brings together professionals and experts in the field of conflict transformation, governance, trauma-informed healing practices and development of sustainable economic programs. The network encompasses likeminded actors who work on peace transformation, social healing and economic stability. GSN is keen on collaborations where local partners own and drive initiatives and benefit from our technical expertise. GSN programs are creating opportunities for people currently in Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia at the most local level to learn about the effects of trauma, begin to heal and come together as a community to plan community-wide activities and structures to support further healing, and reconciliation. Angi is currently enrolled as a doctoral student at the Applied Conflict Transformation Studies Doctoral at the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Her dissertation is: “Trauma Informed Conflict Transformation Theory: A Grounded Study on Social Healing, Resilience and Recovery.”

**Dr. Anthony Wanis-St.John**

**Associate Professor, School of International Service, American University**

Anthony is the author of *Back Channel Negotiation: Secrecy in Middle East Peacemaking* (Syracuse University Press, January 2011), and with Noah Rosen, the coauthor of “Negotiating Civil Resistance,” *Peaceworks*, USIP. He directed the MA in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from 2013 to 2016. His research, practice and teaching focus on negotiations in zones of conflict; including peace processes, ceasefires and civil society engagement. His practical experience includes more than a decade of work in the Middle East, Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America, including work with USAID/OTI, the National Democratic Institute, and the World Bank. He is a Senior Advisor to the US Institute of Peace, and in that capacity has advised Darfur military commanders on their unity negotiations, conducted electoral violence prevention and dialogue training in Haiti, delivered pre-deployment negotiation trainings for US Military Observer Groups, trained Ugandan military deploying to Mogadishu, and provided negotiation trainings to US Army 352nd Civil Affairs Command and the 450th Civil Affairs Battalion as well as Marine Corps University’s Command and Staff College. He has lectured in graduate programs at the Inter-American Defense College at Ft. McNair; UMASS Boston; Tufts University; Johns Hopkins University and the executive education programs at Harvard Law School and Georgetown University’s McDonough Business School. Additionally, he has conducted negotiation consulting around the world for corporations such as Hewlett-Packard, Amex, Visa, Eli Lilly, and Amgen. He earned his MALD. and PhD from the Fletcher School, Tufts University and was a Doctoral Fellow at Harvard Law School’s Program on Negotiation.
António Guterres
Secretary-General, The United Nations

António Guterres, the ninth Secretary-General of the United Nations, took office on 1st January 2017. Having witnessed the suffering of the most vulnerable people on earth, in refugee camps and in war zones, the Secretary-General is determined to make human dignity the core of his work, and to serve as a peace broker, a bridge-builder and a promoter of reform and innovation. Prior to his appointment as Secretary-General, he served as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from June 2005 to December 2015, heading one of the world's foremost humanitarian organizations during some of the most serious displacement crises in decades. The conflicts in Syria and Iraq, and the crises in South Sudan, the Central African Republic and Yemen, led to a huge rise in UNHCR's activities as the number of people displaced by conflict and persecution rose from 38 million in 2005 to over 60 million in 2015. Before joining UNHCR, he spent more than 20 years in government and public service. He served as prime minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002, during which time he was heavily involved in the international effort to resolve the crisis in East Timor. As president of the European Council in early 2000, he led the adoption of the Lisbon Agenda for growth and jobs, and co-chaired the first European Union-Africa summit. He was a member of the Portuguese Council of State from 1991 to 2002. He was elected to the Portuguese Parliament in 1976 where he served as a member for 17 years.

Ashok Panikkar
Founder, Meta-Culture and CitizenDEMOS

Ashok is a mediator and dialogue facilitator who works extensively with polarized groups. Most recently he has designed and facilitated complex dialogues with stakeholders in the garment/apparel sector and conservative Muslim/Hindu and Christian/Hindu groups. He has also worked on conflicts related to race, gay marriage, immigration and business and has designed and convened creative platforms for civic engagement. He is a past Board member of the New England ACR and Mediators Beyond Borders International. Meta-Culture was the ACR International Leadership Award winner in 2010. As an ardent student of politics and history, Ashok is acutely aware that he has been privileged to live as a free human being in a democratic society and is committed to ensuring that future generations will have the same rights and freedoms.

Dr. Asna Husin
Senior Researcher - Nonviolence International; Associate Professor, Ar-Raniry State Islamic University, Banda Aceh, Indonesia.

Asna teaches Philosophy of Education and Islamic Civilization at the Ar-Raniry State Islamic University Darussalam in Banda Aceh, Indonesia. She currently serves a senior researcher at Nonviolent International in Washington D.C. working on Cultural Resources for Islamic Peace Building. Asna gained a Master’s Degree in Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard University (1992) and her Doctorate in Religious Studies from Columbia University (1998). Asna was an Associate Fellow at the Center for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University (1998), while teaching Islamic Civilization as an Adjunct Professor at State University of New York, Old Westbury. Asna participates in academic conferences worldwide on Islamic peace, human rights and gender equity, Ulama institutions, and civilizational heritage.

Dr. Barry Hart
Professor, Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University

Barry is professor of trauma, identity and conflict studies. He has worked in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Burundi and Somaliland as well as Northern Ireland and Haiti. His long-term work in the former Yugoslavia included conflict transformation and prejudice reduction training and psychosocial consultation. Barry is currently working with colleagues from different parts of the world on guidelines for the integration of mental health/psychosocial support and peacebuilding. He is the author of the book, Peacebuilding in Traumatized Societies, and a recent article in the journal Intervention titled, "Psychosocial Peacebuilding in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Approaches to Relational and Social Change." His recent chapter on "Dignity in Negotiation: Its Transforming Power" can be found in The Handbook of International Negotiation." He holds a PhD in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University.
Dr. Béatrice Pouligny
Co-Director, Rewiring the Brain for Peace

Béatrice bridges the fields of political science, peacebuilding and neuroscience in her experience as an academic at the highest levels of the political science community, as a human rights and peacebuilding practitioner with 30 years of field experience in conflict areas (in Central and South America, Haiti, Africa, Asia, the Balkans and the Middle East), and in her training and ongoing practice as a shamanic healer and mindfulness meditation teacher, collaborating with neuro-psychologists and integrating the results of ongoing research into her healing work. From 2000 to 2009, she developed and led an international and inter-disciplinary research-action program called “Re-imaging Peace”. Since then, her work has focused on individual and societal resilience capacities in the aftermath of violence. She has contributed to the first European Report on Development which focused on fragility (2009) and is the author of a report on “Violence, Trauma and Resilience” as part of the World Bank flagship study on “Societal Dynamics and Fragility” (2012); it is the first comprehensive and systematic effort to articulate the individual traumas and their collective dimensions in violent and post-violent contexts. She holds a doctorate in Political Science from the Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po/International Relations). She is the winner of many awards, including two consecutive Fulbright Commission awards and a former grantee of different public and private foundations in North America and Europe. She is the author of numerous reports, articles and contributions (in French, English, Spanish and Dutch) as well as two books. She is fluent in French, English, Spanish and Haitian Creole and speaks a number of local languages.

Dr. Bridget Moix
US Representative, Peace Direct and Independent Consultant @peacedirect

Bridget has worked for 20 years on international peace and conflict issues, with a focus on US foreign policy. Prior to joining Peace Direct as a consultant, she served on its US board for four years. From 2013-2015, Bridget was an Atrocity Prevention Fellow with USAID’s Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation. She spent nine years lobbying on US foreign policy and peace issues with the Friends Committee on National Legislation, where she developed and led the Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict program. She has also worked with the Quaker United Nations Office, Oxfam America, American Friends Service Committee, and the World Policy Institute. Bridget directed the Casa de los Amigos in Mexico City, a Quaker center of hospitality and international understanding, from 2006-2008. She also worked in Capetown, South Africa, with the Quaker Peace Centre during her graduate studies internship in 1999. Bridget holds a PhD with George Mason University’s School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, where she focused her dissertation on understanding the motivations of local peacebuilders and how the international community can better support them. She has taught graduate and undergraduate courses in peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and Quaker studies at a variety of institutions, including Haverford College, Columbia University, George Washington University, and Eastern Mennonite University. Bridget is a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), serves on a number of volunteer boards, and lives with her family in Washington, DC.

Dr. Bruce W. Hemmer
Lead Conflict Advisor, Office of Analysis, Planning, Programming, and Learning of the Bureau for Conflict and Stabilization Operations, US Department of State

Bruce is a political scientist specializing in democratization and peacebuilding. His work is currently focused on Asia and the Pacific, but has included conflicts in all other regions, and his work has affected bureau operations globally. He has worked for this bureau or its predecessor, the Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, since May 2010. Bruce trains, advises and assists CSO engagement teams on conflict analysis, program monitoring, theories of change development, and topical research. He worked with topical experts to develop specialized versions of the Interagency Conflict Analysis Framework (ICAF) for atrocity prevention, electoral violence and countering violent extremism. He also plans and manages or conducts program evaluations. Bruce completed his PhD in Political Science at the University of California, Irvine in 2009, and conducted field research in Bosnia and Northern Ireland for his dissertation, The Democratization of Peacebuilding: The Political Engagement of Peacebuilding NGOs in Democratizing Societies. He has published in the International Negotiations Journal; Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change; and the book Civil Society and
Peacebuilding, edited by Thania Paffenholz. He previously earned a MA in International Relations at Syracuse University and a Certificate of Achievement in Conflict Resolution at its Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts (PARC). Bruce has several years of prior practical experience in peacebuilding and democratization, principally in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where he worked principally with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). He has also worked with several peacebuilding NGOs in Bosnia, Kosovo and Ethiopia, including the Carter Center, and is a trained mediator.

Carly Goodman

Communications Analyst, American Friends Service Committee

As a Mellon/ACLS Public Fellow at AFSC, Carly performs qualitative research and analyzes existing research to improve the organization’s messaging and audience engagement on an array of policy and social justice issues, and blogs for AFSC’s Media Uncovered blog. Prior to joining AFSC, Carly trained as a historian of US immigration policy and American foreign relations. For her dissertation, Global Game of Chance: The US Diversity Visa Lottery, Transnational Migration, and Cultural Diplomacy in Africa, 1990-2016, she conducted research in the United States, Ghana, and Cameroon, and received the Dissertation Completion Fellowship from the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. Her work has appeared in the Washington Post and is forthcoming in the Journal of Social History. Prior to graduate school, she worked at Human Rights First on a campaign to reform US detention and interrogation policies and to close the detention center at Guantanamo.

Cassandra Lawrence

Public Theology Fellow, Institute for Community Engagement

Cassandra is the Public Theology Fellow at the Institute for Community Engagement. She currently works at the intersection of religion and diplomacy as a consultant, mediator, and negotiation teacher. She is an interfaith organizer in Washington, DC and works with a team at Foundry United Methodist Church on Racial Justice. She has a BA in Religious Studies from the University of British Columbia and masters in comparative ethnic conflict from Queen’s University Belfast, Northern Ireland, concentrating on Islamic nonviolence in Palestine. She is a Masters of Divinity student at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Catalina Rojas

Director of Innovation, Peace and Collaborative Development Network

Catalina is the Director of Innovation at PCDN. She is involved in most aspects of the PCDN operation, from growing the amazing pool of clients and partners, to researching and producing the best content possible for members, and everything in between. Prior to PCDN, Catalina worked in the intersection of policy, international development and gender for Women Thrive Worldwide. She has created partnerships with NGOs and CBOs from Central America and West Africa. She has a PhD in Conflict Analysis and Resolution and she specializes in gender and peacebuilding issues. She has also worked as a consultant for IIS, USAID, UNWOMEN, OAS. She is also a seasoned trainer, researcher and teacher. Catalina loves working for a small company like PCDN that has a very intentional social mandate. Working for a small organization gives her the flexibility to spend as much time as possible with her intrepid and fabulous 6-year-old. She is an avid (not so good) cross-fitter, lover of healthy nutrition (she even has a food blog) and wishes she could have a treadmill desk so that she can do all her work standing up and walking. Originally from Bogotá, Colombia, Catalina came to the US to pursue her doctoral studies, fell in love with a boy and has made the Washington, DC area, her home for 18 years.

Dr. Charles “Chip” Hauss

Senior Fellow for Innovation, Alliance for Peacebuilding

Chip is Senior Fellow for Innovation and an emeritus member of the Board of Directors at the Alliance for Peacebuilding, where he edits its book series on Peace and Security in the Twenty-First century. Hauss is a veteran activist and academic who has authored seventeen books, including four on peacebuilding. He is currently writing a core textbook tentatively entitled From Conflict Resolution to Peacebuilding.
Christine Johnson  
**Foreign Affairs Partnerships Officer, Team Innovations, Office of Global Partnerships, US Department of State**  
Christine “CJ” is a proud Chicago native and a veteran who served her country as a trauma medic during Operation Iraqi Freedom. On active duty, she led humanitarian relief missions with foreign militaries and acted as a first responder during three tours in Iraq. After discharge, she worked as a charge nurse in high acuity psych at the VA and pursued education in international affairs. During this time, she partnered with medical relief groups for Haiti and taught Allied Health Sciences at a bilingual non-profit in Southside Chicago. She also worked in private urgent care and major federal hospitals to gain multi-sectoral experience. It was then that she realized a passion for liaison work and the use of relationship building to effect large-scale change. After completing a Masters in Political Science and Foreign Affairs, CJ finally made it to DC for a professional fellowship with the Veterans Innovation Partnership. This led her to the State Department and the Office of Global Partnerships, where she discovered an enthusiasm for public-private partnerships and diplomacy. During this year, she participated in a Syrian ceasefire task force and monitored the cessation of hostilities in Ukraine’s War on Donbas, but the most valuable experience was in learning to promote innovative methods across the Department. Now she successfully parleys her background and grassroots experience as a Foreign Affairs Officer and Partnerships Specialist for team innovation at State. Currently, she covers global initiatives in support of partnership building and creative policy-making methods. In that capacity, she is supporting the office’s private sector engagement strategy in advancement of foreign policy efforts and teaches the use of innovative tools worldwide.

Craig Swandby  
**Senior Advocacy Associate, Conflicts and Disaster, World Vision**  
Craig is World Vision’s Policy Advisor on Conflicts and Disasters and serves the humanitarian emergency affairs teams through policy development, advocacy, and government relations with a primary focus on Iraq, Syria, and category III rapid onset disasters. Craig also has experience engaging the Israeli–Palestinian conflict, promoting holistic approaches and policies that seek peace and justice for all people of the land.

Craig Zelizer  
**CEO & Founder, Peace and Collaborative Development Network @CraigZelizer**  
Craig is the Founder and CEO of PCDN, the go-to hub for global social change (pcdnetwork.org). Since its founding in 2007, Craig has grown PCDN to over 37,000 members representing more than 180 countries. From 2005 to 2016 he served as professor the Conflict Resolution program at Georgetown University before stepping down in June 2016 to work on PCDN full time. Craig has dedicated his life to being an entrepreneur and to creating a more peaceful world. Before creating PCDN, Craig also helped to co-found two NGOs—the Alliance for Conflict Transformation and the TEAM foundation in Hungary. Craig serves on a number of boards and advisory boards including the Alliance for Peacebuilding, the Inzone Project, Tech Change, Move this World, Amani Institute, and several others. He spent two years in Hungary as Fulbright Scholar and was a Boren Fellow in Bosnia. He has led trainings, workshops and consultancies in over 20 countries with organizations including with USIP, USAID, CRS, Rotary International and others. Craig is a recognized leader in the social sector field. He has received several awards including George Mason’s School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution’s alumni of the year award and an alumni career achievement award from Central European University. He has published widely on peacebuilding, entrepreneurship, and innovation in higher education.

Cynthia Lukas  
**Co-Producer, Gandhi’s Gift**  
Cynthia is a film producer, writer and lecturer of transformative films that educate and inspire. She and Director-Co-Producer Kell Kears created the non-profit educational media organization, Heaven on Earth Creations, in 2004. They have co-produced six acclaimed documentaries about humanity’s oneness and nonviolence, such as the acclaimed PBS Biography of the great Sufi poet, RUMI RETURNING (2007). Their 7th AND 8th are GANDHI’S GIFT and GANDHI’S AWAKENING, to be broadcast by American Public Television on PBS. These are the first major films
about Gandhi made in the US. Cynthia began her career as a college English professor and print journalist. She was a two-term City Councilwoman in Scottsdale, Arizona. Now Cynthia lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She loves to present these films around the world, such as at the UNESCO Universal Forum of Cultures (Monterrey), World Peace Festival (Berlin), University of Kwa-Zulu Natal (Durban), St. Ethelburgas Centre of Peace and Reconciliation (London), National Cathedral (Washington, DC), Parliament of World’s Religions (Salt Lake City), Spiritual Living Convention (New Orleans), etc.

**Dr. Dara Ghahremani**

**Associate Research Professor, UCLA**

Dara is currently associate research faculty in the UCLA Department of Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences in the Laboratory for Molecular Neuroimaging and collaborates in the Consortium for Neuropsychiatric Phenomics. Previously, he was a postdoctoral fellow in Russ Poldrack’s Lab at UCLA. He received his PhD in the Neuroscience area in the Psychology Department at Stanford with John Gabrieli (now at MIT). Before coming to Stanford, he worked in Terry Sejnowski’s Computational Neurobiology Lab at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies following his undergraduate education in Cognitive Science at UC San Diego. His research aims to understand self-control behavior, its neural basis, how it is compromised in substance abuse, and how it may be strengthened using both pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions. The self-control behaviors he focuses on include behavioral flexibility, response inhibition, and emotion regulation. His recent studies on non-pharmacological approaches have focused on the YES! for Schools program, a biosocial workshop for adolescents that promotes self-regulation (based on breathing and meditation techniques).

**Dara Katz**

**Division Chief, Policy and Technical Leadership, Officer of Conflict Management and Mitigation, USAID**

Dara is the Division Chief of the Policy and Technical Leadership team in USAID’s Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation, where she oversees research and programming tool development on fragility, conflict and violence as well as helps inject this technical perspective into strategic planning and policy processes. From 2011-2017, Dara served as a senior advisor on democracy, governance, peace and security issues for USAID’s Middle East Bureau. In that role, she advised and designed programming across the Middle East, including Libya, Syria, Egypt and Jordan, and expanded the peace and security portfolio. She also served as the founding Deputy of USAID’s interim Secretariat on Countering Violent Extremism and the co-chair of USAID’s Violent Extremism and Insurgency Steering Committee. Prior to coming to USAID, Dara spent more than a decade in conflict and post-conflict zones focused on human rights, electoral administration and conflict mitigation including Afghanistan, Kosovo and Bosnia. She holds a BA from Wesleyan University and a LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex.

**Dr. David Alpher**

**Washington Head of Office and Advocacy Manager, Saferworld**

David joined Saferworld in 2013 as the organization’s first permanent representative in America, leading advocacy efforts to shape US foreign policy on areas such as community security, terrorism and violent extremism, aid and conflict interactions, and security sector reform. He came to the position with 13 years’ experience implementing field programs within conflict affected and fragile environments in other organizations. As a district manager and Chief of Party, he has led youth engagement and IDP reintegration programs in Iraq, also managing the civilian-military engagement within a complex reconstruction and stabilization operation; facilitated back-channel dialogues in Israel and the Palestinian Territories; led conflict analysis missions in Nepal and Ethiopia; and backstopped a range of peacebuilding and development programs. In addition to his programmatic expertise, he holds an MS and PhD in Conflict Analysis and Resolution, focusing on the effect of democratization on sustainability and success in international development programming. David is a visiting fellow at the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, and publishes extensively on a range of issues related to peacebuilding and conflict resolution. David is also a veteran of the United States Army.
David A. Robinson, M.Div.
Senior Advisor, World Vision International

David is Senior Advisor for Christian-Muslim relations in World Vision’s global operations. In July 2017, he co-facilitated a “Do No Harm for Faith Groups: Christian-Muslim edition” workshop in Bangui, Central African Republic (CAR) for 35 partner pastors, priests and imams. He participated in early planning with Catholic Relief Services and Islamic Relief for the current Social Cohesion consortium in CAR. From 1991 to 2000, he coordinated inter-religious conflict resolution and peace-building initiatives. He trained World Vision staff and boards in Christian-Muslim relations in Asia and Africa. In 1999, he directed World Vision Albania and initiated inter-religious conflict resolution work for World Vision in Kosovo. Prior to joining World Vision, he served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Benin, West Africa. Dave earned his BA (Philosophy/Geology) at the College of Wooster (Ohio) and an MDiv at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He is ordained in the Presbyterian Church USA.

Debilyn Molineaux
Co-Founder, The Bridge Alliance

Debilyn co-founded the Bridge Alliance to harness the exponentially growing field of organizations into a game changing movement that shifts the underlying dynamics of power, politics, and participation in the US. She works with the staff, board members and other leaders of Bridge Alliance members in advancing the common mission of all 70+ organizations. Hailing from a conservative, agricultural community, Debilyn started her career as a small business owner, working with community businesses to promote and grow their own operations through advertising and marketing. After engaging other women business leaders, Debilyn was inspired to become more active in the political process. Her own personal experiences -- as a small business owner, a local candidate for office, and an elected president of a national organization -- have given her enormous insight into the challenges facing citizens who want to get involved and organizations that want to scale their impact. In addition to her Bridge Alliance work, Debilyn continues to bring her insight to entities seeking to grow their participation and efficacy. She developed and serves as managing partner of Living Room Conversations, as an Advisor to Allsides.com and to the Oregon-based Ingenuity Innovation Center. She was elected as president of Coffee Party USA, a nonpartisan movement working to restore the principles and spirit of American representative democracy. Debilyn is an ontologically trained coach and is especially adept at guiding organizations in new ways to bring out hidden talents of volunteers and staff who become valuable assets.

Deborah Kennedy, MA
Chief Operating Officer, FHI 360 @FHI360

Deborah is the COO of FHI 360. Her leadership helps to ensure that FHI 360 delivers measurable, cost-effective results. Her management of internal operations brings the organization closer to meeting its goal of providing holistic, country-centered solutions to meet complex development challenges. Deborah’s career in international development spans more than three decades. Prior to joining FHI 360, she worked at the US Agency for International Development (USAID). As mission director for USAID/Peru and the South America program, she oversaw bilateral and regional programs in education, governance, climate change and biodiversity conservation. These programs significantly expanded their public-private partnerships and successfully used social media to inspire governments and communities to take action. During her tenure at USAID, Deborah held leadership positions in two Regional Bureaus (Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia and the Near East). She served as Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Human Resources, where she led USAID Forward’s talent management component and oversaw the rebuilding of USAID’s Foreign Service Corps. In 2005, she was the Chief Operating Officer for the USAID Tsunami Relief and Reconstruction Task Force, which led this highly successful humanitarian relief and reconstruction effort.

Deepak Thapa
Director, Social Science Baha

Deepak is the Director of the Social Science Baha, a research organization based in Kathmandu. He has written extensively on Nepal’s contemporary political developments and is also a columnist with The Kathmandu Post.

Diana Chigas
Senior International Officer and Associate Provost Professor of Practice, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

Diana Chigas is Professor of the Practice of International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and also serves as Senior International Officer and Associate Provost at Tufts University. As Senior International Officer, she is also responsible for leading the development and realization of a university-wide global strategy. Prior to joining the Provost’s office, Diana was also director of the Reflecting on Peace Practice program and co-director of collaborative learning at CDA, a non-governmental organization dedicated to working with development, humanitarian and peacebuilding practitioners, as well as the private sector, to improve the effectiveness of international assistance in fragile and conflict-affected contexts. At CDA, Diana focused on systemic approaches to conflict analysis, the role and impact of the private sector in peacebuilding, and strategic planning, reflection and evaluation to improve the impact of peace programming. Diana was a contributor to the 2012 OECD DAC guidelines on evaluation of conflict prevention and peacebuilding, and to guidance for DFID on guidance on evaluation of peacebuilding and conflict sensitivity. Diana has over 25 years of experience as a facilitator and consultant in negotiation and conflict resolution. Her work has included development of strategies, training and advice on preventive diplomacy in the OSCE, training for the United Nations and several regional organizations, “track two” dialogue in El Salvador, in South Africa, Ecuador and Peru and in the Georgia/South Ossetia peace process, and facilitation of inter-ethnic dialogue in Cyprus. Her current research interests include cumulative impacts of peacebuilding and understanding the dynamics of corruption in conflict-affected and fragile contexts in order to develop more effective anti-corruption programming. Through the Institute for Human Security at the Fletcher School, Diana currently co-leads with Cheyanne Scharbatke-Church research in Uganda, DR Congo and Central African Republic on corruption in the criminal justice sector and its relationship to state legitimacy.

Don Samuels
CEO, MicroGrants

Don immigrated from Jamaica in 1970 to study Industrial Design, and spent 30 years in the toy industry as an R&D executive and an independent inventor/designer. A dedicated community leader, Don served 3 terms on the Minneapolis City Council. He also chaired the Public Safety Committee, helping to generate 7 consecutive years of double-digit crime reduction. Don received his Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary in 2001, and is an ordained minister. In 2003, he co-founded the PEACE Foundation to address violence in the Northside Community. He also co-founded the Hope Collaborative, which identified the top performing urban schools in low income communities of color across the nation. Over a two-year period, the collaborative hosted and presented ten of these school’s leaders to the Minneapolis Community. Eventually, the PEACE Foundation was retooled as the Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ), to support the implementation of those best practices. Don now serves on the board of Twin Cities Rise, Alafia Place, Rock ‘n Read, and the Youth Coordinating Board. Don is also the CEO of MicroGrants, which spurs economic self-sufficiency by giving strategic grants to low income people of potential through the Partner Agencies that train them. Don is married to Sondra Hollinger Samuels, CEO of the NAZ. They live in the Jordan Neighborhood of North Minneapolis with their two young daughters. Their adult daughter and son live in New York City.

Doug Burnett
Associate Creative Director, Leo Burnett

Doug is an Associate Creative Director at Leo Burnett and Creative Director at the Human Rights Foundation, where he is leading Flash Drives for Freedom, a campaign to collect donated USB drives to smuggle outside information into North Korea. The campaign has received $2 million in free media coverage and has smuggled in more than 120,000 drives. It was recently honored at the D&AD Impact Awards. Doug also created an organ donation campaign for Donate Life America that has saved and healed over 20,000 people. It was also one of the most awarded campaigns globally this year, winning at Cannes, Clios, Andys, Epica, LIA, and One Show, who
named him a Top 25 Art Director worldwide. Over the years, he has worked on campaigns for Coca-Cola, Sprint, Sprite, Samsung, Kelloggs, Brooks, Planters and Always. Doug has been a panelist at the Oslo Freedom Forum, a keynote speaker at Connect Ukraine in Kiev, is an advisor to many non-profit organizations, exhibited in a Tate-curated gallery, was featured in The Chicago Tribune for his charity art work, and created an all-time global top 100 app for Google Chrome.

Edla Puoskari

**Program Manager, Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers**

Edla works as the Programme Manager at the UN-Initiated Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, and is based in Helsinki, Finland. Her work is focused on supporting collaborations between 50 Network members. She also leads the development of the Tradition and Faith-orientated Insider Mediator platform together with Berghof Foundation and is passionate about inclusive process design. Prior to her current work, she worked as a Special Advisor on Human Rights at the Permanent Delegation of Finland to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and at the OSCE Secretariat. Edla holds a MA in Social Sciences with specialization in International Human Rights Law (Åbo Akademi) and a Bachelor of Economics with a focus on Peace and Conflict Studies (Aberystwyth University).

Dr. Eleanor O’Gorman

**Senior Associate, Centre for Gender Studies, University of Cambridge**

Eleanor is an international expert in the fields of conflict, peacebuilding, humanitarian and development affairs including gender analysis and policy. Eleanor works as a consultant with a range of clients including the United Nations, the European Union, the governments of the UK, Ireland, and Germany, and NGOs including Crisis Action, WILPF and CMI. During 2014-2016 she worked with Conciliation Resources in London as Director of Policy and Practice. She regularly undertakes fieldwork to support analysis, design and evaluation of strategy and programs in conflict-affected countries. Her field experience includes Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Zimbabwe, Somalia, Timor-Leste, Sri Lanka and Nepal as well as regular missions to New York, Geneva and Brussels. She also writes and publishes on related themes.

Enrique Roig

**Director, Citizen Security Practice Area, Creative Associates International**

Enrique develops and implements Creative’s integrated approach to creating safer communities, providing alternatives to at risk youth susceptible to gang, criminal and extremist organizations, and promoting security sector reform. He oversees major operations in Central America and the Caribbean on crime and violence prevention and provides support to countering violent extremism efforts worldwide, with a focus on Tunisia. Enrique has more than 18 years of experience in 23 countries focused on governance and human rights, crime and violence prevention and conflict resolution. Enrique is an expert at working with different stakeholders to provide communities in peril with appropriate solutions. Most recently, he was the Senior Citizen Security Specialist and Coordinator for the Central America Regional Security Initiative at the US Agency for International Development. Enrique is a sought-out expert on human rights, citizen security, and political development and has served as keynote speaker and panelist for the Wilson Center, Global Initiative Against Transnational Crime, Stanford University, Harvard Kennedy School, Los Angeles Gang Prevention and Intervention Conference, Global Countering Violent Extremism Summit, World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, and Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute. Enrique holds a Masters in International Relations from The American University in Washington, DC., and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California.

Dr. Eric Rasmussen MD, MDM, FACP

**CEO Infinitum Humanitarian Systems**

By training, Eric is an internal medicine physician with both undergraduate and medical degrees from Stanford University and a European Master’s degree in disaster medicine from the UN World Health Organization’s affiliate CEMEC in Italy. He was elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians in 1997 and a Fellow of the Explorer’s Club in 2014. In addition to his corporate responsibilities, Eric is a Research Professor in Environmental
Security and Global Medicine at San Diego State University and an instructor in disaster medicine at both the International Disaster Academy in Bonn, Germany and the Institute for Disaster Preparedness at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. He is a member of the core faculty at Singularity University within the NASA Ames Research Center, teaching in both the Exponential Medicine and Global Grand Challenges tracks. He also serves pro bono as medical director for two biotech startups, and as Permanent Advisor to the UN Secretary-General’s High-Level Expert Panel on Water Disasters. He has been a member of the US National Academy of Science’s Committee on Grand Challenges in Global development since 2012. Eric is a specialist in the humanitarian sciences with extensive experience in highly-vulnerable communities in Haiti, Mexico, Curacao, Nepal, Cambodia, the Philippines, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. He served in the US Navy for 25 years, including positions as Fleet Surgeon for the US Navy’s Third Fleet, director of an Intensive Care Unit, and Chairman of an academic department of medicine in Seattle. He also spent nine years as a Principal Investigator in humanitarian informatics for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) where his focus was civil-military collaboration in conflict zones. In 2003, he received DARPA’s capstone award as Outstanding Investigator of the Year. Soon after he retired from the Navy to serve as the CEO of InSTEDD, a humanitarian NGO established as a TED Prize by Dr. Larry Brilliant, then Executive Director of Google.org. Eric shifted from CEO to Chair of the InSTEDD Board of Directors in 2010 and became CEO of IHS soon after. Since 2014 he has also led the Global Disaster Response Team for the Roddenberry Foundation, supported by the Star Trek franchise. Eric lives with Demi, his wife of more than 30 years, on Bainbridge Island near Seattle, Washington.

Erik Fogg
Chief, ReConsider Media

Erik is the Chief at ReConsider Media (http://www.reconsidermedia.com), co-host of the ReConsider podcast, and author of Wedged: How You Became a Tool of the Partisan Political Establishment and How to Start Thinking for Yourself Again. He has worked with MIT, Harvard, United Nations NGOs, and various private advocacy organizations in his efforts to understand and combat political polarization in the United States. He received his Bachelor and Master degrees in Political Science from MIT. He grew up in a very red part of Pennsylvania and moved to a very blue part of Massachusetts. In this transition, he realized there is an incredible depth of misunderstanding and mutual-caricaturization between the edges of the political spectrum. Erik has worked as an operations consultant, ghostwriter, campaign advisor, engineer, salesperson, startup COO, and political consultant with people across the United States and across its political spectrum.

Evelyn Voigt
Research, Civilian Peace Service Canada and Board Member, Peace and Conflict Studies Association of Canada

Evelyn is retired from a career with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) where she was awarded the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal for her contribution to international development. She serves on the board of PACS-can (Peace and Conflict Studies Association of Canada).

Fazel Rahim
Gender & Training Specialist, EnCompass

Fazel is a gender and human rights expert with over 14 years of programmatic experience. He has extensive expertise in the areas of gender mainstreaming, rights-based approaches, and community development through trainings and field applications. Prior to joining EnCompass, Fazel held the position of USAID/Afghanistan Gender Advisor, where he served as chief coordinator between USAID and relevant Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan counterparts. He also served as Contracting Officer Representative for USAID’s flagship gender equity and women’s empowerment Promote project, and helped to ensure projects and activities were in alignment with Mission gender-related strategies and policies. Fazel also has experience working in the intergovernmental and NGO sectors through his work with UNDP and War Child UK. During his time there, he served as Program Manager in the fields of gender equality and child protection, and was responsible for strategic planning, policy direction, financial and personnel management, and security management. He received his MA in Management of Development from University of Torino and his BA in Law from Herat University. He is fluent in Persian, Pashto, and English.
Dr. Gary Milante
Director of Peace and Development Programme, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

Gary is the Director of SIPRI’s Peace and Development Programme. His research has focused on the intersection of security and socio-economic development throughout his career as a researcher and policy advisor. From first principles based on the theory of conflict and cooperation, to applied econometrics, statistical analysis and modeling, he has concentrated on making the complex problems associated with sequencing of institutional reforms, development portfolio design, strategic planning and needs assessment accessible to policymakers and practitioners in the field, with a special focus on the needs of fragile and conflict-affected states.

Ginger Mihalik
Executive Director, Outward Bound, Baltimore Chesapeake Bay

Ginger Mihalik is the Executive Director of the Baltimore Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound School. Ginger has been with the organization since 2010 and has over 15 years of nonprofit leadership experience. In her role at Outward Bound she provides strategic leadership which has resulted in rapid program growth. The School has increased gone from serving 1,000 students in 2010 to over 7,000 students in 2017; along with various expansions in their character education programming. Ginger added a robust sea kayaking program, started a nationally recognized community building initiative called the Police Youth Challenge, and brought the first high ropes challenge course to Baltimore. Her expertise has proven vital as the school continues to grow, reaching more students and communities in the Chesapeake Region.

Gordon Breedyk
President, Civilian Peace Service Canada

Gordon is the President of Civilian Peace Service Canada (CPSC), an NGO that assesses and accredits individuals for Peace Professionalism. Gordon has a diverse background in the public, private and non-governmental (NGO) sectors both in Canada and internationally. He is currently retired and provides services to a number of volunteer organizations, in part through a band called “Grateful We’re Not Dead”, which plays for charities and fundraisers.

Greg Houston
Vice President of Strategic Partnerships and Communications, Search for Common Ground

In his current role at Search for Common Ground, Greg oversees global communications, philanthropic fundraising, and organizational partnerships. Between 2014-2016, he served as Director of Multilateral Relations for the American Continental Group (ACG). He also advised the firm on US-Canada and US-China trade matters. From 2010-2014, Greg served as Senior Vice President of External Affairs at Meridian International Center where he oversaw all communications, government partnerships, business and philanthropic development, public programs and conferences, and start-up initiatives. He opened offices in China, India, France, Canada, UAE, and Turkey; and launched the Global Leadership Summit series of traveling policy conferences. Prior to joining Meridian, Greg was a founding partner of Counterfactual Strategies where he remained a compensated advisor until October 2016. From 2001-2008, Greg was Director of New Initiatives, among other roles, at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars where he created institutes, programs, and projects in 16 countries on six continents, worked with six US Presidents, numerous foreign heads of State and Government, CEOs, domestic and foreign policy makers, and leading non-profit figures. He began his career in local Arizona politics before moving to Washington to work for Arizona Senator John McCain. He has since worked for and advised leading political figures in formal and voluntarily capacities on both sides of the aisle. Greg holds a Masters with Merit from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) in Public Administration with a concentration on development economics. He completed additional post-grad study as the 2011 Social Entrepreneurship Scholar (PLD, Class of 1972 Endowment) at Harvard University (HBS). He obtained his undergraduate degree from the Honors College of the University of Arizona.

Hardy Merriman
President, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict

Hardy has worked in the field of civil resistance for over 15 years, presenting at workshops for activists and organizers around the world; speaking widely about civil resistance movements with scholars, journalists, and
members of international organizations; and developing resources for both practitioners and academics. His writings have been translated into numerous languages. In 2016, he was appointed an adjunct lecturer at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts University). He was Institute Director of the James Lawson Institute in 2013 and 2014. He has contributed to a number of books, including Is Authoritarianism Staging a Comeback? (2015) by Mathew Burrows and Maria Stephan (eds.), Civilian Jihad: Nonviolent Struggle, Democratization, and Governance in the Middle East (2010) by Maria Stephan (ed.), and Waging Nonviolent Struggle: 20th Century Practice and 21st Century Potential (2005) by Gene Sharp. He has also written about the role of nonviolent action in countering terrorism and co-authored A Guide to Effective Nonviolent Struggle, a training curriculum for activists.

Harriet Lamb
CEO, International Alert

Before joining International Alert in 2015, Harriet spent 16 years leading Fairtrade in the UK and globally. She guided Fairtrade through a period of staggering growth. With a flourishing and active grassroots social movement worldwide, Fairtrade now reaches 1.5 million farmers and workers globally. Harriet also worked with several other non-governmental organisations, always with an interest in international development issues, and lived 6 years in India. Harriet wrote a book ‘Fighting the Banana Wars and Other Fairtrade Battles’ and has won many awards.

Dr. Hrach Gregorian
Practitioner-in-Residence and Director, Peace and Conflict Resolution Program, School of International Service, American University

Hrach is the Practitioner-in-Residence and Director of the International Peace and Conflict Resolution program at the School of International Service at American University. Additionally, he is a Strategic Partner at the Washington-based INGO, RESOLVE, and a member of the graduate faculty at Royal Roads University and the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, University of Calgary. For over thirty-five years Hrach has been active in deep cultural and risk analysis in fragile states, with field experience in Africa, the Middle East, the Balkans, Central and East Asia. He served as one of the founding program directors of the US Institute of Peace (USIP). He is also one of the co-founders of the Alliance for Peacebuilding, the largest US-based membership organization of institutions and professionals in the field of peace and conflict management. His current work focuses on interagency coordination in peace operations, capacity-building in fragile states, and energy and conflict. Hrach has been awarded research and applied project grants by foundations and government agencies in North America and Europe. He is the recipient of American University’s Capital Area Peacemaker Award, and a Boston University Distinguished Alumni Award. He sits on various boards. He earned his MA and PhD degrees at Brandeis University, and his BA at Boston University.

Julia Roig
President, PartnersGlobal

Julia provides technical and strategic leadership within the international network of 22 Partners’ affiliate organizations. She represents the organization within the foreign assistance community with a personal commitment to multilateralism and global cooperation. As President, Julia has solidified private sector partnerships to reach development goals and is spearheading linkages with entertainment and advertising industry leaders to support peacebuilding efforts. She is a substantive expert in Good Governance, Rule of Law, and Conflict Resolution, and has provided systems design, strategic planning, cooperative advocacy, program management, community outreach and training throughout the world.

Isabella Jean
Director of Collaborative Learning, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects

Isabella Jean directs CDA’s collaborative learning processes and oversees monitoring and evaluation efforts to capture the results of CDA’s initiatives. Her learning and advisory engagements focus on conflict-sensitivity, peacebuilding effectiveness, design, monitoring and evaluation and accountability and feedback loops. Isabella has led and facilitated collaborative learning processes and field research in Africa, Asia, the Caucasus and the
Middle East. In 2012, she co-authored CDA’s book, *Time to Listen: Hearing People on the Receiving End of Aid*. Prior to joining CDA, Isabella conducted policy research on conflict, coexistence, democracy and education in multi-ethnic societies. She directed training programs for community organizers and conducted evaluations of programs for at-risk youth in urban centers in the US. She teaches a graduate-level course on design, monitoring and evaluation of strategic peacebuilding interventions as an adjunct faculty at Brandeis University’s Heller School and at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Isabella holds an MA in Conflict and Coexistence from Brandeis University and a BA in International Relations from Bowdoin College.

**Jack Farrell**

**Project Manager, DME for Peace, Search for Common Ground**

Jack has 5 years of experience in campaign organizing, digital campaign strategy, human centered design, and civic engagement strategies. This experience ranges from the private sector, in capital markets, to the non-profit sector, in both political organizing and civic engagement with post-conflict organizations. Jack received his Bachelor’s degree in 2012 and Master of Arts in 2015 from Trinity College Dublin, having specialized in Political Science and wrote his thesis on the impact of social media on collective action. Jack joined SFCG in February 2016 and since then has led DME for Peace’s external outreach efforts. This includes the development of the new DME for Peace website, fundraising, partnerships and dissemination of information to the DME for Peace community via newsletters, webinars and social media channels. In addition to these activities, Jack leads Coaching for Peace & Development, a global mentorship program committed to creating lasting relationships between both individuals and organizations in the peace & development fields.

**Jacob Hess**

**Author & Co-Founder, AllofLife.org**

Jacob Hess is the author of 14 peer reviewed articles exploring contrasting narratives of mental health and sociopolitical issues. Jacob has (co)authored three books: *You’re Not as Crazy as I Thought, But You’re Still Wrong: Once Upon a Time… He Wasn’t Feeling It Anymore* and *A Third Space: Proposing Another Way Forward in the LGBT/Religious Conservative Impasse (Disagreement Practice, Treasonous Friendship & Trustworthy Rivalry in the Face of Irreconcilable Difference)*. His work with Phil Neisser at State University of New York has been featured on This American Life and was recently honored by Public Conversations Project. His many wonderful writing collaborators and dialogue partners disagree in all sorts of ways with Jacob’s religious conservative views, but he loves them anyway! As a proud partner of Living Room Conversations, the Village Square and a long-term member of the National Coalition of Dialogue & Deliberation, Jacob’s life work is dedicated to making space for thoughtful, good-hearted people to find understanding (and affection) while exploring together the deepest of disagreements.

**Dr. Jacqueline Wilson**

**Co-Founder, Civic Fusion International**

Jacqueline has three decades of international experience in peacebuilding, the military, and government. She worked for the U.S. Institute for Peace for over a decade and designed and implemented over a hundred capacity-building workshops, dialogues and assessments in over 25 countries. She specialized in local peace processes and electoral violence prevention, serving as an international election observer in Kenya and Sudan. A retired US Air Force reserve Lt. Col., she is co-founder of the international mediation firm, Civic Fusion International. She is currently consulting for the US Institute of Peace to map the religious landscape in South Sudan.

**James Patton**

**President & CEO, International Center for Religion & Diplomacy**

James has conducted international development, conflict transformation and social reconciliation in a dozen countries over more than two decades, building collaborative networks and programs with the entire range of social and political actors in complex conflict environments. His non-governmental experience includes assessing the impact of drug policies and military responses in Bolivia, training Cambodian Buddhists on their role in post-conflict stability, and coordinating citizen security and conflict transformation efforts in the Andean region. His
governmental experience includes working with the Special Envoy for Sudan, leading stability operations assessments for the US State Department in South Sudan, and enhancing the Latin America and Religion and Conflict portfolios for USAID’s Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation. Before relieving the Founder, Dr. Douglas Johnston, as President of ICRD, James served for five years as its Executive Vice President. In that role, he also served as a member of a number of collaborative efforts to advance the field of peacemaking, including: the US Department of State’s Working Group on Religion and Foreign Policy; the Council on Foreign Relations’ Religion and Foreign Policy Working Group, and; the public-private partnership advancing national dialogue on reconciliation in Colombia, Reconciliación Colombia. He is a Senior Visiting Fellow at Brigham Young University’s Wheatley Institution and the co-author, with Rev. David Steele, of the forthcoming US Institute of Peace publication, Religion and Conflict Guide Series: Religion and Reconciliation. James holds a Master of Law and Diplomacy degree from The Fletcher School at Tufts University and a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School. He has taught and lectured widely, and is fluent in Spanish, with practical experience in a number of other languages. He and his wife, Andrea, have an amazing seven-year old daughter, Gabriela, and a jovial three-year old son, Simon.

Janet Edmond
Senior Director, Policy Center for Environment and Peace, Conservation International

Janet has more than 26 years’ experience managing integrated health, development and biodiversity conservation programs in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. The Peace and Development Partnership Program promotes environmental peacebuilding as a mechanism for ensuring sustainable conservation and human well-being outcomes. The program also collaborates with development partners to ensure biodiversity conservation is a basic component of development programming. Janet is an expert in family planning and reproductive health (FP/RH), maternal and child health (MCH), Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) development and biodiversity conservation. She has more than 17 years technically and financially managing US Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded health, development and environment grants and cooperative agreements. She holds a Master’s in Public Health from Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

Jeff Fischer
Senior Electoral Advisor for the Electoral Education and Integrity Practice Area, Creative Associates International

Jeff has held 3 internationally appointed election directorships in internationally supervised elections. In 1996, he was appointed by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to serve as Director General of Elections for the first post-conflict elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 1999, Jeff was appointed by the UN as Chief Electoral Officer for the Popular Consultation for East Timor. And, in 2000, he received a joint appointment from the UN and OSCE to head the Joint Registration Taskforce in Kosovo and served as the OSCE’s Director of Election Operations for municipal elections held that year. At Creative Associates, Jeff’s professional focus is in electoral security and education. He was the lead writer for the Electoral Security Framework – Technical Guidance Handbook for Democracy and Governance Officers, a methodology for electoral conflict analysis; and co-author of the Best Practices in Electoral Security – A Guide for Democracy and Governance Programming, both USAID and developed by Creative Associates. He has conducted electoral security programming in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Niger, Philippines, South Sudan, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Jeff has also served in various capacities with the International Foundation for Electoral Systems including as its first Executive Vice President (1993 – 2006); and as an expert consultant with such international organizations and the United Nations Development Programme, International IDEA, and the Organization of American States. He teaches graduate-level courses in the Democracy and Governance Studies Program at Georgetown University and also established Electoral Policy Study Groups in cooperation with USAID. Jeff has been a Visiting Lecturer at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

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Jennifer is the Associate Director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice (IPJ), in charge of PeaceMakers Programs. To date, her work has involved supporting human rights and peacebuilding programs in nearly a dozen
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**Jennifer Kuiper**

**Evaluation and International Development Consultant, Democracy International**

Jennifer is currently consulting as the Team Leader for USAID’s Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation (USAID/CMM) PEACE Task One evaluation. The evaluation focuses on religion and peace building based on experiences of four USAID/CMM Reconciliation Fund grantees in the Central African Republic and South Thailand. Jennifer has over fifteen years of experience leading, managing and designing evaluations and programs in diverse policy arenas with focus on fragile and conflict-affected states and vulnerable populations in the United States and internationally. Fields of expertise include: monitoring and evaluation, conflict assessment, trauma-sensitive development, community-based development, gender sensitive programming, and strategic and principled nonviolence. She has also served as the Program Director for the Israeli Palestinian Congressional Forum and was the Project Manager and Senior Analyst for the Berkeley Policy Associates where she worked on program monitoring and evaluation for county, state and federal government programs. She was also the Executive Director for Metta Center for Nonviolence Education based in Berkeley, California.

**Dr. Jennifer K. Lynne**

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Jennifer holds a Masters in Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding from the Center for Justice & Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University, with specializations in Organizational Leadership, Identity, and Trauma and received her PhD in Peace Studies from the University of New England, Australia. Jennifer speaks widely on identity, human adaptive capacity and systems thinking and has been a contributor to the International Peace Research Association, the Human Dignity & Humiliation Studies consortium at Columbia University, SheForum Africa, the National Coalition of Dialogue & Deliberation, the Asia-Pacific Peace Research Association and the Association for Conflict Resolution among others. She has been honored as a Visiting Scholar at the Mind & Life Institute and served as the Professional Peacebuilding Practice Research Fellow at the Partnership for Sustainability and Peacebuilding at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She also serves on the Global Advisory Board for the Chetanalaya Institute for Spirituality and Peace in Kathmandu, Nepal. Her work and research have reached people from over thirty countries including Nigeria, Cameroon, Indonesia, Costa Rica, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Nepal, UK, and Pakistan. Jennifer is a philosopher, social theorist, and practitioner whose current work and research encompass human adaptive capacity and embodied systems, exploring the intersections of how we enact and embody identity, complexity, and adaptability. She developed the Engaged Identity approach as a transdisciplinary practice for conceptualizing, cultivating, and enacting human adaptive capacity and transformative processes.

**Dr. Jennifer Ulman**

**Technical Director, Management Systems International**

Jennifer’s 17 years of experience include a range of analytical and field-based conflict mitigation, peacebuilding and civil society programs for various NGOs and donors. She has written a number of guides, designed curriculum and leads training on conflict sensitive development for USAID and NGO partners. She is trained in Do No Harm and Systems Analysis in Conflict Contexts. Jennifer has a background in evaluation where she has assessed impact of donor funding in conflict-affected areas among other topics related to decentralization, inclusion and civil society. As a training and peacebuilding consultant, she lived in the Balkans and Cyprus for four years and has
spent significant periods of time in Kenya, Pakistan and Iraq. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Intercultural Relations and a Master’s degree from the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University.

Dr. Jeremy Richman

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Jeremy has extensive research experience that spans the range from neuroscience and neuropsycharmacology, to cardiovascular biology, diabetes, obesity, metabolic syndrome, immunology and inflammation, and kidney disease. He has worked in the drug discovery arena for over two decades and is passionate about helping people live happier and healthier lives. His hobbies include rock climbing, mountain biking, kung fu, and teaching children how to be healthy and happy. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in molecular and cellular biology with an emphasis on chemistry and physics from the University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ in 1992. He earned a PhD in Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Arizona. He then continued his research on the sympathetic nervous system at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. In January of 2001, Jeremy moved into drug discovery as a neuroscientist at Arena Pharmaceuticals with the hope of identifying therapeutic mechanisms to prevent schizophrenia, Alzheimer’s, and Parkinson’s disease. He led projects in atherosclerosis and thrombosis, and eventually diabetes, metabolic syndrome, and obesity. In January of 2011, he took on a drug discovery leadership role at Boehringer Ingelheim exploring ways to prevent or cure a number of autoimmune and chronic diseases of the cardiovascular and metabolic systems. Following the murder of his daughter, Avielle, at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT, on December 14th, 2012, Jeremy and his wife, Jennifer Hensel, started the Avielle Foundation. It is his belief that through brain health research and initiatives, we can protect our loved ones and foster happier and stronger communities.

Jesse Eaves

Director of Policy and Government Relations, Humanity United

Jesse is the Policy Director at Humanity United in Washington, DC. Jesse spent parts of his childhood in the Philippines and Uganda watching his parents take part in community building projects. After receiving his masters from Northwestern University, Jesse moved to Uganda where he worked with war-affected communities and oversaw a community-development program that included counseling and education for war-affected youth. Jesse then spent seven years as the Senior Policy Advisor for Child Protection at World Vision. During that time one of his main focus areas was the impact of conflict on children and their communities and working to foster long-term stability and resilience for children in volatile contexts. Currently based in Washington, DC, Jesse manages Humanity United’s South Sudan portfolio as they seek engage citizens at a local level to explore ways in which individuals and communities can mobilize against violence.

Jesse Morton

Independent Consultant

Jesse was once a prominent radicalizer in the West. As a cofounder and chief propagandist of Revolution Muslim, a New York City-based group active in the 2000s, he helped to insert the narrative of Al-Qaeda and Salafi-jihadist ideology into the American ambit. Jesse had direct contact with some of the most prominent extremist preachers in the West. Revolution Muslim was connected to a number of terrorism cases. After his incarceration in 2011, Jesse de-radicalized and today he rejects Salafi jihadi and Islamist ideology. He actively assisted the law enforcement community in several investigations of domestic and international terrorists. At the same time, he helped develop tools for assessment and analysis, techniques for early intervention, and counter-messaging. Jesse holds a Bachelor’s degree in human services and a Master’s degree in International Relations from Columbia University with a concentration on the Middle East and nonprofit management. He has lectured at Imam Muhammad ibn Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and Sunderland University in Casablanca, Morocco, and is widely read in classical Islamic theology and jurisprudence and historical relations between the United States and Middle Eastern nations. Jesse worked briefly at George Washington University’s Program on Extremism, while there he focused on issues such as the propaganda of terrorist organizations, Islamic and jihadist ideology, countering radicalization and extremism and promoting disengagement. He recently founded Parallel Networks, Inc., a not-for-profit which merges experience and empiricism, and draws from Network Science to combat violent extremism through the development of meta-narratives and other creative mechanisms.
Jessica Baumgardner-Zuzik
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Jessica works on improving capacity and understanding within the field of peacebuilding of monitoring, evaluation, and impact tools and analysis in conflict-affected settings. She has more than ten years of field and academic experience working in economic development, and humanitarian and peacebuilding activities. Jessica has acted as lead program manager for DM&E activities, project design and implementation, impact evaluations, and RCT’s on several World Bank, UN, and NGO projects. She has led research endeavors involving economic empowerment, SBCC and mass media, MenEngage and SGBV, family planning, gender and entrepreneurship, gender and macroeconomic planning, maternal and infant health, ECD, and cross-sector gender involvement in industry. Jessica specializes in creating usable, innovative data capture and M&E systems in fragile areas. She applies multiple techniques and theories from a range of disciplines to find creative solutions to tackle DM&E in complex settings. Jessica is fluent in French and holds an BA in Peace and Conflict Studies and Foreign Languages from Juniata College and an MA in Economics from the University of San Francisco. She currently resides in Washington, DC with her husband and cat, where she enjoys boxing, reading, and exploring our national treasures.

Jin In
Founder, 4Girls GLocal Leadership

Jin In has one goal: to awaken the world that there are 66M more males than females on our planet. She speaks and lectures around the world, including MIT, Columbia & Georgetown Universities, global platforms, as well as 1on1 interviews. And as Founder of 4Girls GLocal Leadership (4GL) her mission is to shine a bright light on the insidious root cause—a mindset that demoralizes, dehumanizes girls. 4GL is a social change movement, transforming this mindset into a new paradigm that realizes girls’ empowerment is a powerful solution to poverty, authoritarianism and terrorism. Jin knows the power of the mind. Diagnosed with brain tumor that is depleting her energy, she is focused on transforming the mind and empowerment to heal world’s girls and herself.

Jin is dedicated to service. She has worked with Democratic and Republican Administrations, UN Agencies and 100s of grassroots organizations. She served her nation’s girls for the US Secretary of Health and Human Services Office on Women’s Health. She served 2.3M US Girl Scouts, 10M girls in 145 countries with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. And at the first and only UN Commission on the Status of Women for girls, she co-chaired girls’ right to health. With new vision for all girls and young women on our planet, Jin created 4GL. 4GL 1.0 focused on training of trainers. She trained local organizations serving over 500,000 girls, the most in South Asia. Today, 4GL 2.0 is a 501c3 unique collaboration. Volunteer leaders take action for girls, social change and a better world. 4GL’s mission is to show and scale the next generation of empowered women change-makers. Jin has studied women’s and girls’ health, medicine and global affairs at Trinity University, UC Berkeley, NYU and abroad. She is honored for exceptional service to the global community as the youngest recipient of the Spirit of Trinity University Alumni Award. She is also featured as a global thought leader and changemaker in the film ONE and book Around the World in 50Voices.

Johannes Schreuder
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"JT" leads the overall strategic direction and management of IRI's multi-million-dollar project portfolio in Sub-Saharan Africa, including active IRI projects in the Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia and Somaliland, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. He also leads ongoing IRI regional projects in southern Africa and the Sahel. He is a democracy and governance specialist who has directed a range of IRI projects throughout Africa focused on legislative and political party strengthening, youth and gender inclusion, campaign management, public affairs and subnational governance among others. Previous positions with IRI include Nairobi-based country director, Juba-based Resident Program Officer, and Sudan Deputy Country Director (2010-2011), Cairo-based Director of Political Parties and Training (2011) and then Deputy Country Director (2012). Throughout his tenure at IRI, JT has helped expand the Institute's global initiatives for women and youth in Sub-Saharan Africa known as the Women's Democracy Network and Generation Democracy, respectively. He participated in IRI international election observation missions and election assessments in several African countries including Egypt (2011/2012), Ghana (2016), Kenya (2013/2017), Nigeria (2015), and Somaliland (2010). JT has served as a guest lecturer for IRI at American University's Campaign Management Institute as well as the US State Department's Foreign Service Institute. In May 2016, he testified before the US House Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations on "Democracy Support Strategies in Africa." JT worked for the Crisis and Litigation Practice at LEVICK Strategic Communications in Washington, DC before joining IRI. JT has a Master's degree from Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland and a Bachelor's degree from Ramapo College in New Jersey.

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Jolynn is a consultant and writer on gender equality, and peace and security. Currently, she is a consultant for Our Secure Future: Women Make the Difference where she co-led a study on the engagement of men in the Women, Peace, and Security agenda with Sahana Dharmapuri. She is also an adjunct professor at California State University Sacramento, where she teaches national security, and she coordinates international partnerships and global engagement issues at University of California, Davis. Jolynn is a contributing writer for Ms. Magazine, focusing on feminist foreign policy and related peace and security themes. For seven and a half years, she served as the Executive Director of Women in International Security (WIIS), where she conducted studies on women in UN peace operations, and the status and experience of women in peace and security careers in the US Government. Previously, she worked on research and advocacy initiatives for the Institute for Inclusive Security, including efforts to integrate women and gender analysis in the work of the United Nations, US Department of State, and the US Department of Defense. She has served in policy and legal positions in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and served in the US Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. She holds a JD and an MA (Security Studies) from Georgetown University and a BA from University of California, San Diego.

Jonathan Papoulidis

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Jonathan is Executive Advisor on Fragile States World Vision in Washington, DC where he provides broad leadership on the Agency's policy, programming and multi-stakeholder partnerships for fragile states. He is also Visiting Scholar at Stanford University’s Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. Jonathan previously served with the United Nations, including in Indonesia as Chief of Policy and Programs in the Office of the UN Recovery Coordinator and then as Special Advisor and Coordinator for Aceh and Nias and Area Security Coordinator for Sumatra. From 2004-2006, he served in the UN peacekeeping mission in Liberia as advisor to the UN Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Governance and Recovery. Before that, he was the senior UN OCHA representative in Turkey, preparing for the 2003 Iraq humanitarian response. Prior to these postings, he served at UN headquarters in New York, focusing on protection of civilians, conflict prevention, private sector partnerships and post-crisis transitional planning. He has a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Cambridge.
Karen Volker
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Karen is the Director for Strategic and International Partnerships at Cure Violence, an international NGO that uses a health approach to interrupt and stop the spread of violence. She plays a key role on strategic planning, developing strategic partnerships, and pursuing opportunities to expand the Cure Violence global footprint, with emphasis on expanding Cure Violence’s work in the Middle East. Prior to joining Cure Violence in January 2012, she spent over 25 years in the US Foreign Service, including as Director of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), a $500 million program that supports civil society organizations in the Middle East and North Africa, leading up to and during the Arab Spring. She has devoted her professional life to promoting pluralism, peace, and democracy, defending human rights, and preventing violence. As Director of Strategic and International Partnerships, she interacts with donors, policy-makers, and other NGOs on behalf of Cure Violence and represents Cure Violence at national and international events and meetings.

Katherine Hughes-Fraitekh
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Katherine’s work focuses on workshops on civil resistance, research and development of educational resources for practitioners, overseeing the Local Learning Initiative Network fellowship program for practitioners and activists, small grant program, information dissemination, and building partnerships with other organizations, funders and institutions related to these initiatives. She was Executive Director of Peace Brigades International-USA (PBI) from 2008-2014, working closely with field teams and human rights defenders, organizations, and communities in regions of conflict in Latin America, Asia, and Africa where PBI provides “protective accompaniment”. She recruited, trained, and provided re-entry support to US volunteers serving in field projects and worked with coalitions of human rights and nonviolent action organizations on collaborative initiatives. She co-founded and managed the National Lawyer’s Committee on Human Rights, a PBI-USA advisory committee, which provides pro-bono legal services to human rights defenders and grassroots communities fighting impunity, violence and corruption utilizing nonviolent strategies. She also worked with the Women’s Human Rights Defenders international coalition and the Commission on the Status of Women on gender based issues. Katherine also founded and directed a number of innovative projects and organizations including the New Mexico Human Needs Coordinating Council, Nepal Rural Health and Education Project, Gazelle Arab Media Literacy, Palestine Children’s Welfare Fund, World Class Arts, and the Commission on the Status of Women’s TeamWorks welfare to work program. She has been a member of the coordinating committee of the International Solidarity Movement (ISM) and has been involved in other transnational solidarity and advocacy efforts. She has also participated and organized eyewitness delegations during violent conflict to Palestine/Israel, Iraq, Mexico, and Colombia. She earned her Master of Arts degree in International Affairs and Development with a specialization in Peace and Conflict Resolution from the American University and Contemporary Arab Studies Program at Georgetown University, in Washington, DC, and a BA degree in Political Science with honors at The University of Texas at Austin.

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Katie is the Director of the Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) program within Eastern Mennonite University’s Center for Justice and Peacebuilding. Before joining STAR, Katie worked with Mennonite Central Committee Kenya for three years as peacebuilding coordinator. Previously she was an apprentice with John Paul Lederach at Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute, researching, writing, planning and network building with initiatives in Colombia, Argentina, Thailand and Nepal and linking Kroc’s alumni network. She also worked with CDA Collaborative Learning Projects’ Listening Project and engaged in peace education work in Davao (Mindanao), Boston, and Delhi. Prior to working in peacebuilding, she worked for eight years with a major multinational bank in New York and London. Katie is a PhD candidate in Expressive Arts and Conflict Transformation with the European Graduate School in Switzerland, focused on the power of embodied, expressive arts-based pedagogy for facing and transforming chronic violence and systemic oppression. She completed her MA in International Peace Studies (Kroc Institute) in 2008 and her AB in History at Harvard University in 1996. She has
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Dr. Kathleen Khuenast

**Director, Gender, Policy, and Strategy, US Institute of Peace**

Kathleen is the director of Gender Policy and Strategy at the US Institute of Peace, where she has worked since 2008. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. As a socio-cultural anthropologist, she has focused on the different gendered impacts of violence and conflict on both men and women. In addition, her efforts have focused on the U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325, including the critical role women should play in all aspects of peacebuilding. In this capacity, Kathleen co-edited the volume, “Women and War: Power and Protection in the 21st Century” (2011). She has been a part of the international vanguard of introducing the concept of engaging men in conflict countries in the championing of women’s rights. Prior to USIP, Kathleen worked 15 years in the international development field, primarily with the World Bank, where her role as a senior social scientist included research and project management on the thematic streams of women and poverty, social capital and community driven development in fragile and post-conflict societies. Kathleen’s regional expertise is Central Asia, where she lived for several years in the post-Soviet country of Kyrgyzstan completing her doctoral dissertation research, which resulted in a number of publications on the impact of post-Soviet transition on Muslim women, including the co-edited volume, “Post-Soviet Women Encountering Transition: Nation Building, Economic Survival, and Civic Activism” (2004). She is a recipient of the post-doctorate Mellon Foreign Fellowship at the Library of Congress, and also a former post-doctorate Kennan Institute Fellow at the Wilson Center. Kathleen is the 2015 recipient of the Perdita Huston Human Rights Award of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area. She holds a doctorate in socio-cultural anthropology from the University of Minnesota.

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Kimberly Weichel

**UN Women/Women’s Leadership Consultant, Author, Peacebuilder**

Kimberly is a social entrepreneur, peacebuilder, gender advocate, cross-cultural specialist and non-profit leader who has worked for over 25 years building bridges between cultures and segments of society, providing the skills and education that people need to improve their own lives. She is a passionate advocate for women’s advancement and empowerment and has trained and supported women in many countries. As CEO of Peace x Peace, an international woman’s peacebuilding and leadership organization, she supported and mentored their global network of women peacebuilders in over a hundred countries.
Kim has extensive global experience in Russia, South Africa, East Africa, Southeast Asia, United Arab Emirates, Germany, Canada and Australia directing international projects, peacebuilding initiatives, cross-cultural and conflict resolution training, education programs, and international development. She directed change projects in South Africa for five years under apartheid, led citizen diplomacy trips and directed business training programs in the former Soviet Union, and has worked with many international agencies and consulting firms, including the United Nations. She is Chair of the Women and Peacebuilding affinity group for AIP, and Chair of the Advisory Council for UNA of the National Capitol Area. Kim has published several books, including her recent book Beyond Borders: One Woman’s Journey of Courage, Passion and Inspiration. - www.beyondbordersbykim.org; www.kimweichel.org

Kimberly Field

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Kim recently retired from the US Army as a Brigadier General, last serving as the Joint Staff Deputy Director for Political-Military Affairs for the Middle East, providing planning and advice to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense. Prior to this assignment, she was the Deputy Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy for the Army, where she was responsible for developing and articulating strategic plans and policies to guide the Army into the future. Since her commissioning from West Point in 1987 as a Military Police officer, Kim served in a variety of command and staff positions in the United States, Germany, Iraq, the Balkans, Somalia, and Afghanistan. Her other assignments include: Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Sciences at the United States Military Academy at West Point; Chief of Plans and Analysis at the George C. Marshall Center; Legislative Strategist for the Army; and Executive Officer to the Commander, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command, Afghanistan. Kim also served two tours with the Department of State, first as a Council of Foreign Relations Fellow at the US Mission to the United Nations and then as the senior military advisor in the Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization (S/CRS), which evolved into CSO. Kim has a Master of Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School. Her military schools include the Military Police Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Special Reaction Team Training, Jungle Warfare School, Defense Foreign Language Institute (Russian), and Army War College Advanced Strategic Arts Program.

Kimberly Otis

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Kimberly serves as Women for Afghan Women’s Director of Advancement, with a career dedicated to building effective organizations for women’s human rights and social justice. She is the former chief executive of the National Council of Women’s Organizations, Women & Philanthropy, the Rauch Foundation, and The Sister Fund, as well as director of research and development for Nontraditional Employment for Women. Kim has served as a consultant to clients including the Neighborhood Funders Group, Wider Opportunities for Women, TrueChild, Women Enabled International, the Association of Women’s Rights in Development, MADRE, and Women Moving Millions. From 2008-2014, she was the founding director of the Caring Economy Campaign. Kim has authored three book chapters and has presented at dozens of venues, including the 1995 UN Conference on Women in Beijing, the National Press Club, and on Capitol Hill. During the challenging time of September 11, 2001, Kim was chair of the board of directors of Philanthropy New York, and is a former board member of the National Women’s Hall of Fame and the Women’s Funding Network, which bestowed her with the 2001 Changing the Face of Philanthropy Award. She is currently a board leader of Gender Action and Women’s Equity Center and Action Network (WE CAN). Kim holds a Master’s degree from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, a BA with honors and distinction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and certificates from the Graduate Institute in Geneva, Switzerland and the Graduate Institute of Business Administration at Harvard University.

Kristen Cordell

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Kristen is a Senior Advisor on security and development policy for USAID’s Policy, Planning and Learning bureau, where she works on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), humanitarian coordination and stabilization. In her previous role at USAID, she supported the agency’s two largest development portfolios - Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- on a range of security and development topics, including: human rights, inclusive development, refugee assistance, and countering violent extremism. In 2016, she was detailed to the Presidents' Summit on Refugees at the UN General Assembly. Prior to USAID, Kristen supported development programs in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, and Lebanon. While at the UN, she advised on issues related to refugee assistance, human rights and security, and smart empowerment strategies for women in post conflict contexts. She has authored several reports on the role of inclusive post conflict reconstruction including coauthoring: Women and Nation Building (RAND, 2007) and has been a guest contributor for New America and the Guardian. In 2012, she was seconded to the Organization for Security Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). She is a Term Member at the Council on Foreign Relations and a Fellow of the Truman National Security Project.

Kyle Dietrich

Senior Program Manager, Equal Access

Kyle Dietrich is a senior peacebuilding and CVE practitioner, empowerment facilitator, and NGO manager. Kyle currently supports Equal Access' innovative media for social change programming across Africa, focused on a broad range of peacebuilding and countering violent extremism (CVE) projects through radio, TV, inclusive community dialogues, research, and locally generated content to mobilize citizens, change attitudes, and humanize public discourse around what divides and unites us. An experienced manager and technical adviser in complex humanitarian and conflict-affected regions, Kyle has led diverse teams and programs across Africa, Central Asia, and the Caribbean aimed at strengthening research, advocacy, training, and technical assistance for peacekeepers, governments, security forces, armed groups, and civil society organizations looking to develop the policies, tools, practices, and programs to empower and equip new leaders, improve civil-military relations, and design solutions for transforming conflict at all levels. A graduate of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and Harvard Divinity School, Kyle has also worked with CIVIC (Center for Civilians in Conflict), Mercy Corps, UN Peacekeeping, Navanti, USAID, the Peace Corps, the Carter Center, and Peace in Focus, a boutique peacebuilding organization he co-founded in 2007. An anthropologist by training, Kyle is proficient in French, Portuguese, Turkmen, and Spanish and specializes in: creative program design, conflict analysis, countering violent extremism, civilian protection, civil-military relations, foreign assistance, youth engagement, strategy development, and facilitation.

Larry Cooley

Founder & President Emeritus, Management Systems International

Larry Cooley is Founder and President Emeritus of MSI, a Tetra Tech company. He directed the multi-country Implementing Policy Change program for 11 years and has been involved in developing and applying a management framework and set of tools for supporting the scaling of development outcomes since 2003. He has supported more than 100 scaling efforts in a variety of sectors. He currently serves as curator, with Johannes Linn, of the Global Community of Practice on Scaling Development Outcomes and is the scaling advisor to the MacArthur Foundation's 100&Change competition. Larry is the current Chair of the Global Governing Council of the Society for International Development and serves on the Boards of Directors of the National Academy of Public Administration and World Learning. Larry holds graduate degrees from Columbia University, Princeton University and the Cranfield Institute of Technology in the UK.

Dr. Leslie Dwyer

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Leslie is an Associate Professor and Director of the Center for the Study of Gender and Conflict at the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR) at George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia. She is a cultural anthropologist whose PhD research at Princeton University focused on gender and Islamist movements in Indonesia. Her current academic research focuses on issues of gender and violence in conflict and post-conflict contexts in Southeast Asia. She has 24 years of experience working in Asia. Her scholarly work has been supported by grants from Fulbright, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the H.F. Guggenheim Foundation, and the US Institute of Peace. In addition to her academic research, Leslie has engaged in a wide range of conflict analysis and resolution research, practice and training projects. She was the lead author of USAID's Women, Peace
and Security training curriculum, as well as team leader for revisions to USAID/CMM’s Gender and Conflict training and a consulting editor for USAID/CMM’s Conflict Sensitive Aid training. From 2013-16, she was the Director of the Indonesia-US Youth Leadership Program, a US Department of State program to train youth in conflict resolution, interreligious dialogue and leadership skills. She has led assessments and field research teams in Mindanao, Philippines and Nepal on gender, conflict, extremism, peace-building and gender-based violence, and works with Indonesian civil society and government actors on integrating conflict resolution mechanisms into program design and governance structures.

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Lisa is currently Senior Peace and Conflict Advisor for Mercy Corps, where she leads research on violent extremism in West Africa and the Middle East and North Africa and supports peace and conflict programs globally. Most recently, she co-authored "Motivations and Empty Promises: Voices of Former Boko Haram Combatants and Nigerian Youth" and “Gifts and Graft: How Boko Haram Uses Financial Services for Recruitment and Support.” Prior to this role, she was the Director of Conflict Management Programs for Mercy Corps in Nigeria, where she oversaw the strategy and implementation of a portfolio of programs working at the intersection of peacebuilding, economic development, and governance and led research on the economic costs of conflict and violent extremism. In addition to working as Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Advisor for Mercy Corps in Nigeria, she has worked as Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at IREX, as Program Manager for Global Nomads Group, and as a researcher for Search for Common Ground and Mercy Corps in other capacities. She has a MA in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University and a BA from Indiana University.

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Elizabeth (Liz) is the Senior Director for Programs and Strategy at the Alliance for Peacebuilding. She has over 20 years’ experience in senior leadership positions overseeing sizeable and complex peacebuilding programs in conflict affected countries in Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa. From 1997-2001, Liz was seconded by the US Department of State to the Organization for Security and Cooperation (OSCE) in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Kosovo as the Chief Legal Counsel and Head of the Election Commission Secretariats. In these positions, she was responsible for developing the legal framework and policies in support of the implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords and UN Resolution 1244. After 9/11, Liz worked for the International Rescue Committee in Pakistan and Afghanistan where she established and managed the Protection Department for Afghan refugees and returning IDPs. Starting in 2004, Liz helped establish the Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation at USAID. In this position, she developed programmatic interventions and policies for the USG in order to expand and improve USAID’s ability to address the sources and consequences of violent deadly conflict. In 2007, Liz was the Chief of Party for Pact where she managed a USAID funded conflict resolution and governance program in Ethiopia. Liz holds a BA from Boston College, a JD from Vermont Law School, and a MA in Negotiation, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding from California State University, Dominguez Hills. She lives in Falls Church City, VA with her husband and twin daughters.
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Luc is the CEO & Founder of the TheBC.lab based in Cali, Colombia, which was founded in 2013 to promote the importance of innovative and private financing for peace as well as to build a strategy for the integration of multiple sources of capital. At the regional and country level, he represents Impact2030, a network of private sector companies that focuses on engaging their human and social capital for good. He has more than 10 years of experience in the region working specifically on health, temporary foreign worker programs, as well as with innovative and private finance. Luc teaches international finance at Universidad Libre and also at Universidad Javeriana for students in postgraduate studies.

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Dr. Maciej Bartkowski
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Prior to joining ICNC in 2009, Maciej held managerial and teaching positions at Adelphi University and Bard College. At ICNC, he directs various academic programs for students, faculty, and educators from around the world to support teaching, research, and study on civil resistance. He is also spearheading ICNC efforts to build infrastructure for and expand distance education and online learning. He is also an editor of the ICNC Monographs and special reports series. He holds an adjunct faculty position at Krieger School of Arts and Sciences of Johns Hopkins University where he teaches strategic nonviolent resistance. In 2016, he was appointed an adjunct professor at Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Maciej is a book editor of Recovering Nonviolent History, Civil Resistance in Liberation Struggles and Nation-Making. His selected authored and co-authored publications include: “Civil Resistance,” 2016, co-authored with Hardy Merriman, “Myopia of the Syrian Struggle and Key Lessons,” in Is Authoritarianism Staging a Comeback? 2015, co-authored with Julia Taleb, “Nonviolent Revolutions, Struggles for Political Recognition and Democratic Transition,” in Hallward and Norma, Understanding Nonviolence: Contours and Context, 2015, and Nonviolent Civilian Defense to Counter Russian Hybrid Warfare, Critical Policy Issue Study, Johns Hopkins Krieger School (2015). He speaks on strategic nonviolent conflict, and civil resistance at various academic and policy forums around the world. He holds a PhD in Political Science and MA in International Relations and European Studies from Central European University in Budapest, completed his undergraduate work at the American University of Central Asia in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. He speaks fluent English, Polish and Russian, as well as some Ukrainian and basic German.

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Madeline is the Head of the Organisational Development Unit at Saferworld. The Unit leads on Strategic Planning; Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning, particularly cross-organizational learning; internal organizational system development; and innovation. Madeline brings many years of experience working on conflict transformation, peacbuilding, human rights, and network development and evaluation. She lived in El Salvador at the time of the peace accord in 1992, and was a key civil society player in the Colombian peace and human rights community between 1997-2003, during the previous peace process. She is a network and consortium specialist, and ran the UK Consortium on AIDS and International Development for three years before joining Saferworld, she currently manages the Dutch Knowledge Platform: Security and Rule of Law for Saferworld in a consortium with Clingendael
Conflict Research Unit and International Development Law Organisation. Her team lead an innovative Outcome-focused monitoring and harvesting approach, linked to a Learning and Practice Group of program staff in the organization, to support adaptive program learning in complex environments. Her paper and podcast on this are available on Saferworld’s website.

**Madeline Rose**

**Senior Policy and Advocacy Advisor, Mercy Corps**

Madeline currently serves as a Senior Policy and Advocacy Advisor for Mercy Corps, a global humanitarian and development agency working to help build community cohesion, power and resilience in the world’s toughest places. Among other responsibilities, she works with a coalition of civil society organizations working to strengthen US policies and capacities to prevent violent conflict, promote inclusive governance systems, and support non-violent social change worldwide. Prior, Madeline worked at the Friends Committee on National Legislation, a Quaker lobby in the public interest; on Capitol Hill where she handled Congressional women & families, youth, and foreign affairs portfolios; and with community-based organizations in South Africa and Zimbabwe. A Bay Area native, Madeline grew up interacting with the confluence of globalization, rising inequality, and ethno-religious othering stoked by the Global War on Terror. She began protesting the US invasion of Iraq at the age of 12, and has spent her life seeking to better understand and support movements and processes that help to create a more peaceful, tolerant and representative global order. Madeline graduated from Occidental College (Los Angeles, CA) with a BA in Diplomacy & World Affairs and a minor in Sociology where she focused on human security and governance systems.

**Dr. Marc Gopin**

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Marc is the James H. Laue Professor of Religion, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution, and the Director of the Center on Religion, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University’s School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution. For over a decade, Marc has lectured on conflict resolution in numerous academic institutions both nationally and abroad. Through his teaching and practice, he has pioneered projects at CRDC in Afghanistan, Iran, Syria, Palestine and Israel. He has trained thousands of people worldwide in peacemaking strategies for complex conflicts in which religion and culture play a role. He conducts research on values dilemmas as they apply to international problems of globalization, clash of cultures, development, social justice and conflict. Such research is exemplified in his books, such as Healing the Heart of Conflict (Rodale Press, 2004) and Between Eden and Armageddon: The Future of World Religions, Violence and Peacemaking (Oxford University Press, 2000). In 2015, he gave a TEDx talk entitled Peace steps: one Rabbi’s life journey into the heart of his enemies which covered his extensive work with the Israeli-Palestinian and Syrian conflicts. He is the creator and principal author of www.marcgopin.com, a weblog exploring the transformation of conflicts facing humanity. Marc received a PhD in Ethics from Brandeis University. He is also an ordained Rabbi.

**Dr. Marco Zambotti, Ph.D.**

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**Dr. Maria “Maby” Palmisano**

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Maby is Creative’s Director of Design, Monitoring and Evaluation where she is leading the company’s M&E strategy and advancement of real time reporting systems to monitor project performance. Prior to joining Creative, Maby was Senior Director of Monitoring and Evaluation at ACDI/VOCA. She has more than 17 years of experience in
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**Maria Jessop**

**Senior Peacebuilding Advisor and Washington, DC Representative, Karuna Center**

Maria is the Senior Peacebuilding Advisor and Washington, DC Representative of the Karuna Center. She has nine years of international experience and ten years in the US using mediation, facilitated dialogue, and capacity-building programs to bridge divides, find solutions, and catalyze groups for peaceful change from the grassroots to the national level. She has conducted programs in over 15 countries, including Afghanistan, Colombia, Haiti, Iraq, the Central African Republic and many other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. Maria’s current focus of practice is on strengthening national and regional capacities for conflict prevention, mediation and multi-stakeholder dialogue. During 2014-15, she provided technical support for the national dialogue and reconciliation process in Central African Republic in collaboration with the Karuna Center with funding from the US Institute of Peace (USIP). She is now working with Karuna to strengthen the Economic Community of West African States’ early warning and response system with a grant from USAID. Before joining the Karuna Center, Maria was a Senior Program Officer at USIP’s Academy for over seven years where she developed USIP’s first courses on dialogue and countering violent extremism through education, and led an award-winning multi-year national civic education project in Iraq. Maria was raised internationally and served in the Peace Corps from 1994-96 in St. Lucia. She holds a BA in Psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a MA in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from American University.

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Maria directs the Program on Nonviolent Action at the US Institute of Peace, which focuses on applied research, training and education and informing policies and practice related to civil resistance, nonviolent action and their roles in transforming violent conflict and advancing just peace. She was formerly a non-resident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council, where she co-led the Future of Authoritarianism project. Previously, Maria was lead foreign affairs officer in the US State Department’s Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (CSO), where she worked on both policy and operations for Afghanistan and Syria engagements. Earlier, she directed policy and research at the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC). She simultaneously taught courses on human rights and civil resistance at Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service and American University’s School of International Service. Maria is the editor of Civilian Jihad: Nonviolent Struggle, Democratization and Governance in the Middle East (Palgrave, 2009), a co-editor of Is Authoritarianism Staging a Comeback? (Atlantic Council, 2015) and the co-author of Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict (Columbia University Press, 2011). The latter book was awarded the 2012 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Prize by the American Political Science Association for the best book published in Political Science and the 2012 University of Louisville Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order. Her articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Foreign Policy*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Defense One*, and *NPR*. Maria has worked with the European/NATO policy office of the US Department of Defense, and at NATO HQs in Brussels. She is the recipient of Harry S. Truman and J. William Fulbright national scholarships. She holds an MA and PhD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and a Bachelor’s degree from Boston College. Maria, who is from Vermont, is a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations.
Marie Dennis
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Marie is co-president of Pax Christi International, the global Catholic peace movement, a position she has held since 2007 and now shares with Bishop Kevin Dowling from South Africa. She is also a Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace. Marie was previously director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, charged with bringing the global experience of Maryknoll missioners into the process of shaping public opinion in the United States and policies of the US and other governments, the United Nations and international financial institutions. She worked for Maryknoll from 1989 to 2012. She holds a MA in Moral Theology from Washington Theological Union and honorary doctorates from Trinity Washington University and Alvernia University. She is a lay woman, a mother of six, a grandmother and author or co-author of seven books, including Oscar Romero: Reflections on His Life and Writings and St. Francis and the Foolishness of God. Marie was one of the primary organizers of the April 2016 Conference on Nonviolence and Just Peace that was cosponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and Pax Christi International. In 2016, Marie received the Public Peace Prize and was named Person of the Year by the National Catholic Reporter. She now serves on the steering committee of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network, on the boards of the Alliance for Peacebuilding and the Center of Concern, and as a contributing editor to Sojourners magazine. She has previously served on the White House Task Force on Global Poverty and Development; the advisory committee of Orbis Books; and the national boards of JustFaith Ministries, Sojourners magazine, the Jubilee USA Network and several other organizations.

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Martine Miller
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Martine is a mediator and conflict transformation specialist with over 18 years of engaged experience—with communities, government and UN agencies, regional bodies (i.e. EU, AU, ASEAN), and a range of inter/national non-governmental organizations coupled with academic institutions. Her work has engaged her directly in fluid war to post-war reconstruction and development contexts across over 75 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, West to East Europe and North and South America. While engaged directly conducting/advising on conflict assessments, facilitating dialogues, designing, implementing and monitoring peace mediation, building processes to the evolution of networks and communities of practices across these fluid contexts, she works to consistently engage and build the capacity of youth civil society to ensure all processes include these vital stakeholders and evolve from specific local to national and regional contexts. Martine derives her formal education linking practical mediation and conflict transformation knowledge and skills from a Masters in International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law, a Masters in Politics Post-war Reconstruction and Development, a dual Bachelors in Political Science and International Development, coupled with a range of specialized Certifications in Asian and African Studies, Mediation / Negotiation in War Contexts, Conflict Transformation, etc., as well as engagement in Harvard University’s Program on Negotiation and the International Committee for the Red Cross and Red Crescent (ICRC). At current, Martine is a Director Asia (regional) and Gender (global) for the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers. She also assists as a senior lecturer and advisor for Certificate students at the Peace and Conflict Studies Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.
Dr. Mauricio Cárdenas

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Mauricio has been the Minister of Finance and Public Credit of the Republic of Colombia since September 2012. He holds a Bachelors and a Masters in Economics from the Universidad del los Andes in Bogota and a PhD in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley. He has held numerous important positions in the public and private sectors, including Minister of Mines and Energy, Minister of Transport, Minister of Economic Development, and Director of the National Planning Department. In his capacity as Minister of Finance and Director of the National Planning Department, he acted as principal and alternate governor to multilateral organizations and regional development banks such as the World Bank, the IMF, the IADB and CAF. Furthermore, he has been General Manager of Bogotá’s Energy Company, the Empresa de Energia de Bogotá, and the first president of Titularizadora Colombiana, an IFC-led housing mortgage securitization company. Between 2008 and 2011, he was the Senior Fellow and Director of the Latin American Initiative at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. Previously, he was the Executive Director of Fedesarrollo, a Colombian think-tank. He has published numerous books and academic articles on subjects related to the Colombian and Latin American Economy and served as President of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA). Since 1992, he has taught undergraduate and graduate courses at Universidad de los Andes and has been a visiting professor and researcher at several universities, including Harvard University. He has been named America’s Finance Minister of the Year by The Banker Magazine for 2015 and Latin America Finance Minister of the Year by Emerging Markets Magazine for 2013. In 1999, CNN and Time Magazine selected him as a Latin American leader for the new millennium.

Dr. Matt Rossano

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Matt was born in Tiffin, Ohio in 1962. He did his undergraduate work at the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio. He then moved to Southern California where in 1991, he received his doctorate in Psychology from the University of California at Riverside. He moved to South Louisiana later that year having accepted a position in the Psychology Department at Southeastern Louisiana University. Presently, Matt is Professor of Psychology at Southeastern Louisiana University as well as former department head (2006-2011). He is an evolutionary psychologist who specializes in the evolution of religion, morality, consciousness, and the human mind. He has authored or co-authored numerous scholarly papers, book chapters, commentaries and reviews, including papers in such notable journals as: Psychological Bulletin, Cognition, Current Anthropology, Cambridge Archaeological Journal, and The Review of General Psychology. He is the author of four books: Evolutionary Psychology: The Science of Human Behavior and Evolution (2002, Wiley), Supernatural Selection: How Religion Evolved (2010, Oxford University Press) and Mortal Rituals: What the Story of the Andes Survivors tells us about Human Evolution (2013, Columbia University Press) and Seeking Perfection: A Dialogue about the Mind, the Soul, and What It Means to be Human (2015, Transaction Publishers).

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Mel Duncan

**Founding Director and Director of Advocacy and Outreach, Nonviolent Peaceforce**

Mel is a co-founder and current Director of Advocacy and Outreach for Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP), a world leader in unarmed civilian protection. NP provides direct protection to civilians caught in violent conflict and works with local groups on violence deterrence in a variety of conflict areas around the world. Mel represents NP at the United Nations where the group has been granted consultative status. Two recent UN global reviews cited and recommended unarmed civilian protection. The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship honored Mel with their 2010 Peace Seeker award. The Fellowship of Reconciliation USA awarded Mel their 2007 Pfeffer International Peace Prize on behalf of Nonviolent Peaceforce’s “courageous efforts in conflict regions around the world.” The Utne Reader named him as one of “50 Visionaries Who are Changing Our World.” The American Friends Service Committee nominated Nonviolent Peaceforce for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize. Mel is a graduate of Macalester College, St. Paul Minnesota. In 2006, he was honored with their Distinguished Citizen award. He also holds a MA from the University of Creation Spirituality. He splits his time between St. Paul and, New York City. He and his wife, Georgia, have eight children and twelve grandchildren.

Melanie Greenberg

**President & CEO, Alliance for Peacebuilding**

Melanie is President and CEO of the Alliance for Peacebuilding. Before joining the AfP, she was the President and Founder of the Cypress Fund for Peace and Security, a foundation making grants in the areas of peacebuilding and nuclear nonproliferation. From 2003 to 2004, she was a visiting scholar at the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies, focusing on issues of justice in post-conflict peacebuilding. From 2000 to 2002, Melanie was director of the Conflict Resolution Program at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. She previously served as associate director of the Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation and deputy director of the Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation. In her work on international conflict resolution, Melanie has helped design and facilitate public peace processes in the Middle East, Northern Ireland, and the Caucasus. She has taught advanced courses in international conflict resolution, multi-party conflict resolution, and negotiation at Stanford Law School, Georgetown University Law Center and the Elliott School of George Washington University. She was lead editor and chapter author of the volume Words over War: Mediation and Arbitration to Prevent Deadly Conflict (Rowman & Littlefield, 2000), and co-editor of Civil Society, Peace and Power (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016). Melanie is a frequent writer, lecturer, teacher, and trainer in a broad range of areas related to international law, international security, and peacebuilding. Melanie holds an AB from Harvard and a JD from Stanford Law School. She lives in Washington, DC with her husband, with occasional sightings of her two college-age children.

Melissa Nozell

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Melissa is a senior program specialist for religion and inclusive societies at the U.S. Institute of Peace. Prior to joining USIP in August 2014, Melissa spent seven months in Amman, Jordan, volunteering with several organizations, including NuDay Syria and Mercy Corps, to help Syrian refugees through humanitarian aid efforts and mediation. She has experience conducting research on religious trends in the U.S. and Middle East through the Jordanian Interfaith Coexistence Research Center, where she focused on Arab Christian-Muslim relations and faith-based diplomacy, and the Pluralism Project at Harvard University, where she updated and composed reports for the online edition of On Common Ground: World Religions in America. She also worked as an educator in Abu Dhabi. Her interest areas include the implications of religious identity in pluralistic societies, and the ways in which religion can be used as a tool through which to teach human rights in conflict-prevention and reconciliatory capacities, particularly in the Middle East. Melissa holds a Bachelor’s degree in Religion and Asian Studies from Colgate University, and a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard University.
Michael Niconchuk
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Michael works as Project Coordinator for the Peace Initiative Network. Founded in 2004, the Peace Initiative Network is a Nigerian peacebuilding organization conducting a range of peace education, advocacy, and training activities in schools and through extracurricular programs in several northern Nigerian states. Michael has spoken widely on the role of civil society organizations in promoting peace among diverse youth populations, including at conferences in Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Jordan, and the United States. Michael has also travelled with graduates of the Peace Initiative Network programs, including to a youth parliamentary debate in the UK House of Commons.

Michele Giffllan
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Michele leads the Foundation and Corporate Engagement Team at Catholic Relief Services (CRS). She works closely with private institutions and CRS country teams on innovative programming to meet the needs of the communities CRS serves around the globe. Michele has nearly 20 years of experience in program development and fundraising in the global nonprofit sector. She served in a leadership position at the Institute of International Education (IIE), one of the world’s largest international scholarship, training and exchange organizations. Michele also served as the Executive Director of a small nonprofit based in NYC that engaged volunteers with social service organizations in the US and Latin America. Michele holds a Masters in Nonprofit Management from Notre Dame of Maryland University and a BA in Philosophy and Political Science from the University of Scranton.

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Monica Curca
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Myla is Interreligious Peacebuilding Program Director at Catholic Relief Services. This global project supports interreligious dialogue and action initiatives in Mindanao, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt and some countries in West Africa. She is a trained peacebuilding and development practitioner with 27 years’ experience in Mindanao, Philippines. Her engagement in peacebuilding involved supporting local groups and organizations in peace education, interreligious dialogue, grassroots peacebuilding, conflict resolution, peace governance and civil society peace advocacy. She completed her Masters in International Peace Studies from the University of Notre Dame, Kroc Institute of International Peace Studies (USA) in 2010. Myla holds the distinction as being one of the 1,000 women collectively nominated for the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize.

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Natko is a Program Officer at Promundo, where he focuses both on research related to men and gender equality and on men’s engagement in post-conflict and high-violence settings. He coordinated projects related to violence prevention, including the Young Men’s Clubs Against Violence in Kinshasa, as well as the International Men and Gender Equality Survey (IMAGES) in the Middle East, North Africa, and Afghanistan. He also managed the Peacebuilding Initiative with USIP in Afghanistan. Prior to working with Promundo, Natko served for seven years as director of the Status M Centre, a Zagreb-based NGO working with young men on the promotion of nonviolence, health, and gender equality and on creating a more equitable Croatian society through deconstruction of rigid norms related to masculinity. At the Status M Centre, he coordinated the Program H-based program “Young Men Initiative” for the prevention of gender-based violence and the "Be a Man – Change the Rules" campaign, working with young men aged 14 to 18 in cooperation with Care International in Southeast Central Europe. Natko is a medical doctor, finalizing his MPH and PhD in the field of masculinity and men’s health at the Andrija Stampar School of Public Health, University of Zagreb School of Medicine.

**Nancy Lindborg**

**President, US Institute of Peace**

Nancy has served since February 2015, as President of the US Institute of Peace, an independent institution founded by Congress to provide practical solutions for preventing and resolving violent conflict around the world. Nancy has spent most of her career working in fragile and conflict-affected regions around the world. Prior to joining USIP, she served as the assistant administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA) at USAID. From 2010 through early 2015, Nancy led USAID teams focused on building resilience and democracy, managing and mitigating conflict and providing urgent humanitarian assistance. She led DCHA teams in response to the ongoing Syria Crisis, the droughts in Sahel and Horn of Africa, the Arab Spring, the Ebola response and numerous other global crises. Prior to joining USAID, Nancy was president of Mercy Corps, where she spent 14 years helping to grow the organization into a globally respected organization known for innovative programs in the most challenging environments. She started her international career working overseas in Kazakhstan and Nepal. She has held a number of leadership and board positions including serving as co-president of the Board of Directors for the US Global Leadership Coalition; co-founder and board member of the National Committee on North Korea; and chair of the Sphere Management Committee. She is a member of Council on Foreign Relations. She holds a BA and MA in English Literature from Stanford University and an MA in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.
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Professor of Practice, Human Security and Peacebuilding, University of San Diego

Necla is Professor of Practice in Human Security and Peacebuilding at the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies at the University of San Diego. A native of Turkey, Necla’s international career has spanned research, policy analysis, teaching at the intersection of security and development. Prior to joining the Kroc School in September 2010, she served as in-house consultant/Senior Policy Advisor with the Peacebuilding Support Office at the United Nations (2007-2009); Vice President of the International Peace Academy in New York (2001-2006); and head of the Peacebuilding and Reconstruction Program at the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa (1997 to 2001). Her recent publications include: Development and Security in the Oxford Handbook on International Security (forthcoming) and Rebuilding War-torn Societies: A Critical Review of International Approaches in Managing Conflict in a World Adrift, edited by Chester Crocker, Pamela Aall and Fen Hampson (USIP, 2015).

Nell Bolton

Senior Technical Advisor, Justice & Peacebuilding, Catholic Relief Services

Nell serves as Senior Technical Advisor for Justice & Peacebuilding at Catholic Relief Services. Prior to this, she supported Catholic Relief Services’ peacebuilding and governance programming in Asia, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe, as well as working and consulting in sub-Saharan Africa beginning in 2001. She has worked on social cohesion and the promotion of equitable democratic governance with several organizations. Following a return to her native New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, she led a variety of advocacy initiatives and headed Episcopal Community Services of Louisiana. She holds Master’s degrees from the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at Notre Dame and from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, where her thesis focused on the intersection of religion, gender, and peacebuilding.

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Nichali received his MA from the program for Sustainable Peacebuilding at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. His most recent research has explored the roles of conflict transformation, collective memory, and intergroup contact theory in spaces of reconciliation along the Turkish-Armenian borderlands. He served as research associated with the Alliance for Peacebuilding’s “Rewiring the Brain for Peace: Neuroscience, Peacebuilding and Spirituality” initiative. His current research interests include non-violent action and civil resistance, the role and limits of reconciliation and forgiveness in (post)conflict societies, the application of systems and complexity tools to peacebuilding efforts.

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Nick is a program assistant with the Program on Nonviolent Action, where he focuses on research and training and education for nonviolent action in Sudan and South Sudan. Prior to this role, Nick supported USIP’s Learning, Evaluation, and Research team as a research assistant. Before coming to USIP, Nick worked for the Kaizen Company in Liberia as a program officer for a project called Mitigating Local Disputes in Liberia and managed a large pool of NGO clients to support their research and grant development needs with Hanover Research. Nick’s research interests exist within the broader field of conflict transformation. He most recently conducted field-based research on the integration of religious minorities in Malta with George Mason University’s School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution. Additionally, he has conducted research for USAID on external interventions to foster social cohesion in post-conflict states. Nick holds a Master’s degree in Conflict Resolution from Georgetown University and a certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies from Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service. Nick received his Bachelor’s degree in Government from the College of William & Mary.
Nick Oatley
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Nick is the current Special Adviser on Learning and Evaluation with AfP. Nick brings a wealth of experience in the evaluation field, as he was instrumental in the creation of the Peacebuilding Evaluation Consortium. Nick has previously served with the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office and was the Chief Operating Officer at PartnersGlobal.

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Novita is a Governance Specialist for WRI Indonesia’s Forests Program in Jakarta. She focuses on the legal perspective of one map initiative, restoration, forest governance and sustainable commodity supply chain. She also provides internal legal analyses and supports for WRI Indonesia. Previously, she worked for Indonesia National REDD+ Agency specifically under Planning and Funding Deputy, where she mainly assisted the research and analysis of Funding Instrument and the implementation of Small Grants program in 3 provinces. Before joining REDD+ Agency, she worked as an Associate at one of the first-tier independent corporate law firms in Indonesia for more than four years. Novita holds a LLB from Atma Jaya University in Jakarta and has passed the Indonesian Bar Exam in 2011. She currently is a member of Indonesia Advocates Association (PERADI). She is actively involved in several voluntarism projects i.e. being a volunteer at a recycle and community empowerment community called SiDalang - short for Kreasi Daur Ulang. In addition, she is also a core team of a newly established initiative which provides pro-bono legal corporate services for non-profit and impact organizations in Indonesia called SocIoS (Social Corporate Lawyers Society).

Dr. Oliver Kaplan
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Oscar Fernández-Taranco
Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, United Nations

Oscar assumed his position as Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support on 1 November 2014. Prior to this he has worked for 5 years as Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs. He was responsible for overseeing the Department’s divisions dealing with the Americas, Asia and Pacific, Europe, Middle East and West
Asia, and the Decolonization Unit and Division for Palestinian Rights. He has worked in the United Nations system for over 30 years, both at Headquarters and in the field. He has served in various capacities during that period, including Deputy Special Representative of the Administrator in the West Bank Gaza Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Haiti, and Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Regional Bureau for Arab States. He also served as Resident Coordinator in Tanzania where he led the UN reform initiative of “Delivering as One.” He is a graduate of Cornell University and MIT.

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Oskari is Senior Manager at Crisis Management Initiative (CMI). He is heading CMI’s Programme Management Office, organizational support unit responsible for management of CMI’s global program, including planning, monitoring, evaluation and learning and development of effective methodologies for mediation. He has 12 years of experience in international conflict management and peace mediation and is specialized in quality assurance, measurement of results and learning. In addition, he has lengthy experience on methodological development of mediation and organisational aspects of peacebuilding work as well as sound knowledge of international development and security policy frameworks. Prior to joining CMI, he served as Adviser for Security and Development at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and as Senior Researcher both in Crisis Management Centre Finland and Defense Forces International Centre. He has also been deployed to Northern Afghanistan on the ISAF mission. Oskari holds a Master of Social Sciences with a major in Political Science.

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Pamela is Senior Program Officer for North Africa at the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), a non-governmental democracy and governance organization that seeks to foster the development of independent business associations, think tanks and chambers of commerce abroad, and support their advocacy efforts for market-oriented and democratic reforms. She manages a range of projects with local partners in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. Pamela is also one of CIPE’s main curriculum designers and workshop facilitators in advocacy and organizational capacity. Prior to her position at CIPE, she worked at the World Bank for five years, supporting implementation of post-conflict ex-combatant demobilization and reintegration projects in Burundi, Rwanda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Earlier, she spent several years at a non-profit that advocates for women’s health. She speaks several languages, including fluent French and intermediate Arabic. She holds a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University, where she concentrated in International Security Studies, and Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, with a thesis on military-humanitarian relationships in conflict and post-conflict settings. Her undergraduate degree in Cultural Anthropology is from the University of Pennsylvania.

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Pamina is an Assistant Professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University. Her main research interests surround the study of the international accompaniment of communities affected by mass violence, primarily in sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America. In this vein, her work focuses on the design, monitoring and evaluation of transitional justice, reconciliation and peacebuilding interventions. Since 2013, she has been developing and piloting an inclusive and participatory measurement system called the Everyday Peace Indicators. This participatory measurement system is used to make claims about the effectiveness of local level interventions after war in her forthcoming monograph, Reclaiming Everyday Peace, which is under contract with Cambridge University Press. Pamina has published in several journals, including The International Journal of Transitional Justice, International Studies Review, Human Rights Review, Journal of Human Rights Practice, Journal of Peacebuilding & Development, Politics and International Studies Perspectives. She is also the editor of Practical Approaches to Peacebuilding: Putting Theory to Work. She has received support for her research from the US Institute of Peace, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Rotary Foundation, the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the University of Geneva. She was recently a Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow at USIP and serves as a consultant to various international peacebuilding organizations, including USIP. Pamina earned her PhD from the Graduate
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Patrick is a Senior Policy Advisor in the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (CSO) at the US Department of State. In this capacity, he leads CSO analysis, research, and planning efforts focused on political transitions, stabilization, and governance. Patrick regularly advises senior US officials on how to mitigate instability risks in countries that are strategically important to the United States. Concurrent to serving in CSO, he is an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University, teaching courses on stabilization and political violence. Before joining State, Patrick was a Research Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, where he drafted recommendations for the State/USAID 2014-2018 Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review (QDDR) and examined the role that rising powers play as foreign aid providers. Prior to joining GMF, Patrick was a senior manager at Creative Associates International, where he led risk assessments for the U.S. government, managed democracy assistance and conflict prevention programs in East Africa and the Middle East, and was responsible for business development. Patrick’s analysis has appeared in Foreign Policy and the Baltimore Sun, among other publications. His book, Great Powers, Weak States, and Insurgency: Explaining Internal Threat Alliances, was published in early 2017. He co-authored USAID’s Best Practices in Electoral Security, a Guide for Democracy, Human Rights and Governance Programming and is the lead author of CSO’s Electoral Violence Assessment Framework assessment methodology. Patrick holds a PhD in Political Science from Johns Hopkins University and a BA in History/Political Science from Bates College.

Patricia Anton
Muslim Chaplain, University of Pennsylvania

Patricia is the new Muslim Chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania. She has come into chaplaincy with a background of working with Muslim, interfaith, academic and peace-building institutions, including: the International Interfaith Peace Corps, Islamic Society of North America, Islamic Relief, Pillars of Peace, and American University, among others. Patricia’s studies and work have taken her to Egypt, Jordan, Maldives, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Turkey, the UAE, Yemen and Senegal. Patricia received her BA in International Relations from the Ohio State University, her MA in Islamic Studies from the Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences, A Graduate Fellowship in Non-Profit Management and Governance from Indiana University, additional graduate studies at George Mason University’s Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, and currently is completing a certificate in Islamic Chaplaincy with Hartford Seminary.

Peter Koechley
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Peter solves problems with words, video, technology, and passion. He’s been making important ideas irresistible for the last 15 years, first as managing editor of The Onion and co-creator of The Onion News Network, then through youth-vote outreach and viral video strategy at MoveOn.org, and most recently by co-founding and scaling Upworthy to touch hundreds of millions of people every month with meaningful, surprising stories. Because we’re all part of the same story.

Peter Quaranto
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Peter works as the Senior Advisor for Peace and Security in the Office of US Foreign Assistance Resources at the US Department of State. In this capacity, Peter leads analytical, research, and planning efforts to shape the strategic direction of US foreign assistance toward addressing violent conflict and promoting security. Prior to this position, Peter worked as the Deputy Director of the Office of Strategy, Plans, and Initiatives in State’s Bureau of Counterterrorism from 2014 to 2016. In that capacity, Peter led the development of the State-USAID Joint Strategy on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) and oversaw the planning effort for the $175 million Counterterrorism Partnerships Fund (CTPF). Peter worked in the Bureau of African Affairs from 2011 to 2014, and
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**Peter Woodrow**

**Executive Director, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects**

Peter is the Executive Director of CDA Collaborative Learning Projects. He joined CDA in 2003, and became CDA’s Executive Director in 2013, after ten years as Co-Director of the Reflecting on Peace Practice Program (RPP). His areas of professional expertise include peacebuilding effectiveness, conflict analysis, the application of systems thinking tools to peacebuilding, and the development of strong peacebuilding programs through utilization of the RPP lessons and tools. As Executive Director, Peter provides general oversight, administration and fundraising for CDA’s programs. He is most directly involved with our program in Myanmar, application of systems thinking to anti-corruption efforts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and development of a framework for collective impact in peacebuilding in cooperation with Humanity United. Prior to joining CDA, Peter was a Partner at the mediation organization CDR Associates in Boulder, Colorado, and is an experienced mediator, facilitator, and conflict resolution trainer. He has facilitated issue resolution within organizations, as well as multi party environmental and public policy disputes. He has also developed and implemented international programs in consensus building, problem solving, decision-making and inter-ethnic conflict resolution in Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. He holds an MA from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and a BA from Oberlin College.

**Rachael Holt**

**Director of Strategy, Propper Daley**

Rachael Holt is the Vice President of Strategy at Propper Daley, a social impact agency based in Los Angeles that operates at the nexus of philanthropy, public policy, and entertainment. She brings extensive experience in strategic analysis, communications, and policy negotiations to the Propper Daley team, and previously served as Director of Social Impact.

Rachael has a background in global economic and development policy and has worked closely with many international institutions, including the IMF, World Bank, G20 and United Nations. Prior to joining Propper Daley, she worked for the Intergovernmental Group of Twenty-Four (G-24) in Washington, D.C., supporting policymakers in emerging markets and developing countries as they collectively advocated for common priorities within global forums. Rachael has lived and worked in many developing countries and holds a steadfast commitment to social good. She is the Founder and President of the Kichwamba Children’s Foundation in Uganda, which provides housing, education, job training, and medical care for 40 orphans, and also funds social entrepreneurship programs to support the local community. Rachael received her Masters in Global Health Policy from the George Washington University, and both her law degree and political science degree from the University of Queensland.

**Rachel LaForgia**

**Program Director, Peace and Security Funders Group**

Rachel is a program director at the Peace and Security Funders Group (PSFG), where she manages the Peace and Security Funding Index and PSFG’s Annual Meeting. Prior to joining PSFG in 2014, Rachel served as the Program Assistant for the Peacebuilding and Western Balkans programs at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. Before entering the philanthropic sector, she managed the Community Service Center at Ramapo College of New Jersey. She also moonlighted as a high school Spanish teacher and spent a year teaching English in Spain as a Fulbright scholar. She holds an MS in Global Affairs from NYU and a BA in History and Spanish from Franklin and Marshall College. She is based in Dallas, Texas.
Rachel Locke
Director of International Interventions, National Network for Safe Communities

Rachel is the Director of International Interventions at the National Network for Safe Communities. Rachel brings the National Network’s expertise in violence reduction to the international space through practical applications as well as policy discussion and research development. Rachel provides direct technical assistance and support for National Network partner jurisdictions, developing strategic advising to sites implementing strategies to reduce violence and community disorder. Prior to joining the National Network, she worked as a Senior Peacebuilding and Policy Advisor at the United States Agency for International Development where she was responsible for developing and representing Agency-wide policy on issues concerning conflict, violence and fragility. She also led USAID research and policy on crime, conflict, and fragility. Prior to joining USAID, Rachel served as a Technical Advisor and Economic Development Coordinator with the International Rescue Committee where she was based in Kenya and Uganda. Rachel holds a BA in International Relations with a concentration in Africa and Latin America. She also holds a MA in International Affairs from Columbia University, Graduate School of International and Public Affairs with a concentration in political development and humanitarian intervention and a regional focus on Africa. She has also published a variety of articles and other works focusing on humanitarian aid, conflict and transnational organized crime.

Ramesh Sharma
National Coordinator, Ekta Parishad

Ramesh works as the National Coordinator of Ekta Parishad. Ekta Parishad is a nonviolent peoples’ movement focus on land & livelihood rights with an active membership of 250,000 landless households and is regarded as one of the biggest people’s movement in India with an iconic status globally. Ramesh is actively engaged in mobilizing and training rural youth on nonviolent direct actions. In 2012, Ekta Parishad was responsible for organizing and leading a foot march of more than 100,000 landless people for over 300 Km (from Gwallor to Delhi) to demand land rights. As the Campaigner, Ramesh is one of the chief architects and leaders of such nonviolent mass struggles which finally secured ‘land rights’ to the thousands of landless & homeless deprived. In the last 18 years, Ramesh has played an instrumental role in strengthening and expanding Ekta Parishad as one of the most significant nonviolent people’s movement. Ramesh has been part of several land reforms committees of the Government of India and state governments. Ramesh is closely engaged with various international institutions on the issues of nonviolent actions for land reforms. Ramesh has also traveled and works in solidarity with land rights movements in Latin Americas, North America, Africa, Europe and Asian countries. He is also an active member of various global and national alliance working on nonviolence and mass actions. Ramesh is Campaign Coordinator for a mass action ‘Millions can Walk’ in October 2018 in India. Ramesh along with other key members having plan for a global walk for ‘Peace & Justice’ (New Delhi to Geneva) in 2020.

Rebecca Herrington
Developmental Evaluator, Social Impact

Rebecca is the Developmental Evaluator for the USAID Global Development Lab with Social Impact. She is currently designing, implementing, and testing a developmental evaluation focusing on what works and active adaptation of scaling, integration, and acceleration of innovative programming to improve development outcomes. Before working at Social Impact, Rebecca was the Senior Program Manager for the Institutional Learning Team at Search for Common Ground, managing and providing technical expertise for all externally-facing design, monitoring, and evaluation (DM&E) projects; including four USAID R&D awards, an expanded UNICEF partnership, and further development of fundraising strategies. As part of these efforts, she worked with 14 countries to provide technical DM&E support to UNICEF’s 150 million-Euro Peacebuilding, Education, and Advocacy program, including publication of the Emerging Practices Guide. She is a monitoring, evaluation, and learning technical specialist with 10 years of experience and a conflict specialization that encompasses work in complexity aware monitoring, peacebuilding and education, strategies for shared societies, and preventing violent extremism. Rebecca has field and academic experience throughout Central America, MENA, and East Africa, with over 5 years living and working abroad in rural, conflict-affected and transitional communities. Her
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**Rob Ricigliano**

**Systems and Complexity Coach, The Omidyar Group**

Robert is a systems and complexity coach at The Omidyar Group where he supports and guides teams within organizations and initiatives in efforts to better understand and effectively engage with dynamic systems. The systems practice at The Omidyar Group is built on Robert’s pioneering work using systems and complexity tools in peacebuilding and social change. This foundational work is captured in his recently published book, Making Peace Last: a systemic approach to sustainable peacebuilding (2012). Prior to joining The Omidyar Group, Robert served as an adjunct professor and co-director of the Master of Sustainable Peacebuilding degree program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), a non-resident fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute of Johns Hopkins University, and consulted on peacebuilding in complex environments. He has worked with the US Agency for International Development, the Department of Defense, and the Department of State, as well as with non-governmental organizations, foundations, leaders of armed groups, and political parties in the US and in conflict zones around the world.

**Robert Berg**

**Chairman, Alliance for Peacebuilding**

Robert founded the Office of Evaluation at the US Agency for International Development and was founding chair of evaluation for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development’s Development Assistance Committee. He was the first Senior Fellow of the Overseas Development Council. He was President and Chair of the International Development Conference, the largest forum on international development in the United States with a board of 120 leaders of development. In preparation for the Rio Summit he advised the leaders of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature on the implications of public administration on the environment. He authored the main US background paper of the World Summit on Sustainable Development. He helped train the top 300 UN officials in strategic planning and human resource management. He was senior advisor for various UN groupings, including the World Summit for Children (the first summit on development), the World Education Forum consisting of the world’s education ministers, and the UN Economic Commission for Africa (1995-2005), where he helped in the most thorough reform of any part of the United Nations. He proposed and assembled the United Nations’ first system wide substantive initiative, the second being the Millennium Development Goals. He is Advisor to the Board of the World Academy of Art and Science.

**Dr. Robert Groelsema**

**Cross-Sectoral Development Expert and Independent Consultant**

Robert has been the Africa Justice and Peacebuilding Working Group (AJPWG) Team Leader for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) since November 2014. He supervises a team of four peacebuilding and governance professionals, who provide technical assistance for CRS programs and projects across sub-Saharan Africa. The team is focused on strategic programming, development of CRS’ signature methods and approaches to peacebuilding and governance in Africa, and the application of these to cross-sector integration. He has devoted his career to relief and development, serving as a Peace Corps teacher in Zaire; UNHCR field officer in the Philippines; USAID social scientist and civil society analyst; and a Chief of Party for conflict early warning in West Africa, and for resilience strengthening in northern Kenya. He has published on African history, religion and culture, geography and politics. He holds a MPIA in Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh, and a PhD in Political Science from Indiana University.

**Ruth Allen**

**Senior Advisor on Resilience, Governance and Partnerships, Strategy and Learning, Mercy Corps**

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Ruth has a passion for fostering community resilience in the face of inevitable social, political, and environmental change. She is adept at bringing out the best in diverse teams and networks as they tackle systems-level challenges in humanitarian and conflict-affected contexts. From 2004-2013, Ruth served in multiple positions at Mercy Corps, including as Director of Governance and Partnerships. Her teams designed large-scale assistance programs and brokered cross-sector partnerships in every global region, ensured technical strength of staff and partners through publications and direct collaboration, and conducted action research for policymakers. Ruth also helped launch and manage agency-wide initiatives now core to Mercy Corps’ identity, including gender mainstreaming. Earlier in her career Ruth worked with Human Rights Watch and Conflict Management Group, where she co-founded the Humanitarian Negotiators Training Initiative with Conflict Dynamics International (CDI). She teaches and guest lectures at Brandies University’s Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Tufts University’s Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and Clark University’s International Development, Community and Environment program where she earned her MS. Ruth has lived in Kenya, where she was a Rotary Foundation Scholar at the University of Nairobi and researcher at Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai’s Greenbelt Movement, and in South Africa as an international observer for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Saba Ismail

Executive Director, Aware Girls

Saba is a feminist, peace activist, and is working for the empowerment of young women. Saba co-founded Aware Girls with her sister when she was 15 years old. She firmly believed that change must come through the younger generation. She has completed her Masters in Biotechnology from COMSATS University Abbottabad, completed the Hurford Youth Fellowship with National Endowment for Democracy in 2013, and has the honor of speaking at George Masson University in Virginia and the University of Maryland. She is an alumna of the International Visitors Leadership Program USA. Saba has been awarded the “Chirac Prize for Conflict prevention” in recognition of her work for peace, non-violence, and conflict prevention in Pakistan. Her bravery and activism was acknowledged by Foreign Policy Magazine, which honored her as one among 100 Leading Global Thinkers of 2013. She is also at the Steering Committee of UNOY and represents Asia in the World Youth Movement for Democracy. She has done research on “Role of Young women in Emerging Democracies”. She is the co-founder of South Asian Regional Feminists Forum on Women’s Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. She has worked as Youth Ambassador for Asia Pacific Youth Network (APYN: 20120-2013). She joined Aware Girls as Executive Director in September 2011.

Dr. Sabrina N’Diaye

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Sabrina is an integrative psychotherapist and founder of the Heal Nest Wellness Center in Baltimore, where she lovingly serves women, couples, and other healers. She also provides therapeutic guidance for addictions professionals, recovering addicts and the people who love them. Her approach to healing is a blend of wisdom, science, and ancient spiritual practices. Sabrina received her PhD in Mind-Body Medicine from Saybrook University, where she studied the use of complementary and alternative interventions for physical, emotional, and spiritual growth. Her dissertation study focused on the use of guided imagery as a healing tool for African-American women with chronic STIs. Sabrina is a guest lecturer for the Maryland University of Integrative Health, and adjunct faculty at Saybrook University. She is also a proud faculty member of the Center for Mind-Body Medicine, where she teaches the art of self-care to healthcare professionals around the globe and guides Jordanian healthcare professionals who are in service to Syrian refugees. Sabrina is a highly-respected member of the treatment community, and frequently lectures on cultural diversity, spirituality, stress management, self-care for healers, addictions, and the “magic” of connection. She is currently writing her first book, The Laugh of Love, based on her maternal grandmother’s ability to transcend multiple traumas and chronic illness. She is a devoted wife, mother, daughter, and life-long learner, who remains humbled by the healing power of compassion, love and forgiveness.

Sahana Dharmapuri

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Samedin Kadić

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Sara Reckless

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Sara is a Transition Advisor with the US Agency for International Development’s Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI). Her portfolio includes advising on OTI’s countering violent extremism programs and interagency representation and coordination. Prior to this position, Sara spent three years as a Desk Officer on the USAID Syria Desk, and was based in Afghanistan working the USAID/OTI program in Southern Afghanistan between 2011-2012. After beginning her career covering foreign affairs and defense in the US Senate, she worked with The
German Marshall Fund of the US and with USAID legislative strengthening projects focused on Morocco and Iraq. She earned her Master’s degree in International Relations from The Fletcher School at Tufts University, and holds a BA from DePauw University.

**Sarah Cechvala**

**Senior Program Manager, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects**

Sarah is a Senior Program Manager at CDA Collaborative Learning Projects. Her learning and advisory service focus is on conflict-sensitivity, accountability and feedback loops, and conflict-sensitive business practice and corporate social impacts. She has facilitated collaborative learning processes and field research in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. She has technical expertise in corporate social responsibility, stakeholder engagement, social impact and conflict risk assessments, and sustainable development in contexts of weak governance and state fragility. She has conducted field site assessments for companies in Myanmar, Argentina, and the Philippines. Currently, she manages CDA’s collaborative learning project focused on the role of business in peacebuilding, and has developed case studies, desk-based research, and guidance documents and frameworks for the project. Prior to joining CDA, she conducted field research and trainings focused on humanitarian response, displacement, and gender-based violence in conflict zones. She holds an MA in Conflict Resolution from Georgetown University and a BA in International Relations from Boston University.

**Sarah Cooper**

**Program Manager, Election and Political Processes, National Democratic Institute**

Sarah is a program manager with the National Democratic Institute (NDI)’s Election and Political Processes team, where she provides technical expertise to citizen observers on advanced statistics-based observation methodologies, data analysis, long-term observation strategies and the prevention of electoral violence. She first joined NDI in 2009, supporting election and governance programs in Central and West Africa. She has since carried out field work in more than 15 countries in Africa and Eurasia, including as a program officer with the NDI Nigeria office from 2014 to 2015, where she helped to pilot and served as the lead analyst for NDI’s work to gather systematic nation-wide data on early warning signs of electoral violence in partnership with the Transition Monitoring Group. Sarah has also worked as an external researcher for the United Nations (UN) Department of Political Affairs, identifying recommendations and lessons learned on political transitions and conflict mediation from the UN Political Office for Somalia mission. She has published research on the role of political institutions in peace processes in Somalia and Nagorno Karabakh. She holds an MA in International Relations and Economics from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and a BSFS in International Politics from Georgetown University.

**Samy Boukaila**

**President and Managing Director, BKL Industries, Algeria**

Samy is President and Managing Director of BKL Industries, a family-owned company that specializes in window fabrication as well as industrial production of double glazing. For decades, he has used his private sector expertise to be a strong advocate for the development and diversification of Algeria’s economy. His company partnered with the International Finance Corporation and the Algerian government to establish a franchisee network as part of BKL Industries’ downstream production line, providing financing and coaching to 60 entrepreneurs across Algeria. An active member of civil society, he is a founding member of the Algerian think tank, CARE (Cercle d’action et de réflexion autour de l’entreprise), which seeks to foster economic discussion and support initiatives that will contribute to Algeria’s sustainable economic and social development. In addition, he is an active member of NABNI, another non-profit that channels citizen recommendations for Algeria’s growth and development to the country’s decisionmakers. During his work with both organizations, he has partnered with the Middle East Partnership Initiative, the African Development Bank and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, among others. He is currently a Mediterranean Basin Fellow at the Graduate Center for Transatlantic Relations at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University. He has a BA in Business Administration and Economics from the University of Richmond in the United Kingdom, and a Master’s degree of Business Administration from the University of Toronto Rotman Management School.
Sarhang Hamasaeed
Director, Middle East Programs, US Institute of Peace

Sarhang is the director of Middle East Programs at the US Institute of Peace (USIP). He joined USIP in February 2011 and works on program management, organizational development, and monitoring and evaluation. His areas of focus include political and policy analysis, conflict analysis, dialogue processes, reconciliation and post-conflict stabilization, and ethnic and religious minorities. Sarhang has more than 15 years of strategy, management, and monitoring and evaluation experience in governmental, nongovernmental, private sector, and media organizations. As a deputy director general at the Council of Ministers of the Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq (2008-2009), Sarhang managed strategic government modernization initiatives through information technology with the goal of helping improve governance and service delivery. As a program manager for the Research Triangle Institute International (2003-2004), he managed civic engagement and local democratic governance programs in Iraq. Sarhang has worked as a planning and relations manager at Kurdistan Save the Children (1997-2002). He has also worked for the Los Angeles Times and other international media organizations. He holds a Master’s degree in International Development Policy from Duke University (2007) and is a Fulbright alumnus.

Sawssan Abou-Zahr
Journalist and Local Peacebuilding Expert, Lebanon

Sawssan is a Lebanese journalist, editor and consultant. She covers issues related to the Arab Spring, women, Syrian and Palestinian refugees, radical Islamist movements, and Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. She has written features on human rights issues and peacebuilding based on field research in Afghanistan and Libya, and has also worked on assignments in Switzerland, Bahrain, Oman, Poland, Algeria, Brazil, Germany, Morocco, Kuwait and Turkey, covering high profile events and interviewing prominent political figures. She has contributed to editions of the IREX report on media freedom in Lebanon.

Dr. Sebastian Ssem pijja
Owner, Sebastian Family Psychology Practice

Sebastian is a licensed psychologist and Clinical Director of Sebastian Family Psychology Practice, LLC (SFPP), in Glendale, Wisconsin. A graduate of Marquette University, and immigrant from Uganda, he has utilized his transcultural education and experiences to treat clients of diverse cultural backgrounds. He has served highly distressed, underserved, and traumatized communities who have resettled in Wisconsin. His interest in ethnopsychotherapy propelled his work to expand from a solo practice to co-founding a Behavioral Health Clinic, known as SFPP. In partnership with Yvonne Ssem pijja, he co-owns and manages this clinic with a cross-cultural team of multidisciplinary professionals. He has deep interest in Global and Mental Health issues, especially in reference to Uganda and Eastern Africa. His work with the Medical College of Wisconsin staff and students led to his appointment as the Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, to assist in student placement and education.

Seema Patel

Seema is the Chief of Innovation Design in the U.S. Global Development Lab at USAID. For the past decade, she has been leading efforts to advance the Agency and its partners’ results by fostering a culture and capacity for innovation in the development industry, strategic leadership and a deep understanding of how to design and implement collaborative, adaptive and outcomes-driven approaches for social impact across diverse set of global challenges. She pioneered USAID’s Open Innovation experience with the launch of the DevLab 2.0 Challenge in 2008 and helping to build it over time into a portfolio of Innovation Programs and Collaborative Design Labs across the Agency and across wide range of issues from Wildlife Trafficking to Palm Oil Deforestation to Global Malnutrition. She current works to foster an institutional enabling environment at USAID around innovation and aid effectiveness. Prior to her social innovation work, Seema was a Policy Advisor and Public Speaker for the Center for Strategic and International Studies and an investment banker.
Shady El Damaty

PhD Candidate, Georgetown University

Shady is a PhD candidate interested in the fusion between computer science, neurobiology, and biomedical engineering for the advancement of human society. He has received extensive training in neuroscience, beginning with a BS in Neuroscience from the University of Rochester, an MS in Biomedical Science from Drexel University, and now continuing into his PhD studies at Georgetown University. Shady is currently focused on completing his Department of Justice-funded dissertation on the identification of neuro-developmental factors predictive of violent outcomes during adolescence. He also collaborates in the field of artificial intelligence and neural network modeling for advancing pattern recognition algorithms. Ultimately, Shady seeks to harmonize scientific and technological advancement with social transformation in order to sculpt a more peaceful, just, and collaborative global culture.

Dr. Sheherazade Jafari

Director, Point of View International Retreat and Research Center School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR), George Mason University

Sheherazade is a practitioner and scholar of conflict resolution and international relations, with particular expertise in gender, religion, and human rights in peacebuilding and development. She is Director of the Point of View International Retreat and Research Center at George Mason University’s School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR), where she works with partners within the international peacebuilding community, students, and faculty to develop programming that facilitates conflict resolution and reconciliation processes, trains a new generation of students and practitioners, and advances research to support the development of theory and practice in the field. She has worked in the Middle East, South Asia, and Southeast Asia with both large and small civil society organizations, and is an educator and experienced facilitator of group dialogues, workshops, and trainings, including in taking a more inclusive approach within conflict resolution processes. Her research has examined how women’s rights activists in Muslim-majority societies are engaging religion and working across religious-secular divides in response to rising politicized religion and extremism. Her previous experiences also include overseeing a high-level interfaith youth summit with USIP and the Office of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and leading the Religion and Conflict Resolution Program at the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding, where she worked with religious peacemakers from armed conflict zones around the world. She received her PhD in International Relations from American University, MA in International Affairs from The George Washington University, and BA in Sociology and Women’s Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Stephen Gray

Director of Adapt Research and Consulting

Director of Adapt Research and Consulting with thirteen years of peace, security, and government policy experience across four continents. Based in Myanmar between 2012 and 2017, Stephen conducted peacebuilding, research, and political advisory roles for multiple United Nations agencies, the United States Institute of Peace, Columbia University, the Myanmar Peace Support Initiative, international NGOs, and private technology companies. Stephen specialises in systems approaches to conflict analysis and peacebuilding.

Susan G. Hackley

Managing Director, Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School

Susan has been Managing Director of the Program on Negotiation (PON) since 2001. PON, a consortium program of Harvard, MIT, and Tufts University, has for 30 years played a leadership role in developing the field of negotiation and dispute resolution. As chief administrative and financial officer for PON, Susan oversees all operations and activities, which include a wide range of public events, educational programs, research seminars, publications, and executive education courses. A graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School, Susan has taught negotiation and communication in China, Singapore, Italy, Slovakia, Denmark, Spain, and the United States. Before joining PON as Managing Director, she worked in politics as a policy analyst and speechwriter for numerous campaigns, and served as Communications Director of the Massachusetts Democratic Party. Susan’s article, “In the Global Village,
Can War Survive?”, published in Marquette Law Review, examines the role of journalists in reporting on wars and how the often-overlooked work of conflict management professionals is an important part of the “back story.” In “Negotiation and Nonviolent Action: Interacting in the World of Conflict,” published in the Negotiation Journal, she and her co-author demonstrate the intersection of these two important fields. She is currently working on a film, “Veteran Children”, about the impact of war on America’s children and families. Susan co-founded an Internet company, Givenation.com, an philanthropy portal dedicated to helping people connect to causes they care about, and she served as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Alliance for Peacebuilding. She currently is a board member of Trustees for Alaska, an environmental law firm.

**Tabatha Thompson**

**Program Assistant, Program on Nonviolent Action, US Institute of Peace**

Tabatha is a program assistant with the Program on Nonviolent Action, where she works on applied research and programming related to nonviolent movements. Prior to joining USIP, Tabatha spent four years managing leadership development programs at the Partnership for Public Service, a nonpartisan nonprofit focused on making the federal government work more effectively. During this time, Tabatha also led DC’s largest all-volunteer anti-human trafficking nonprofit, DC Stop Modern Slavery, where she worked to raise awareness and promote community action to combat trafficking in the greater Washington area. Tabatha’s interests focus on community engagement and empowerment in emergency and conflict settings. She most recently conducted research with the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations in New York and Liberia, with a focus on community engagement and inclusivity in the peacekeeping process. Tabatha holds a Master’s degree with a focus on human rights, humanitarian policy, and conflict resolution from Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs and a Bachelor’s degree in international affairs and modern languages from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

**Dr. Teresa Dumasy**

**Director of Policy and Learning, Conciliation Resources**

Teresa is Director of Policy and Learning at Conciliation Resources, which she joined in November 2010. She worked for a number of years in the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department for International Development, including as a research analyst, as a political officer at the British Embassy Paris and four years managing the UK Government’s Russia-CIS Conflict Prevention Pool. She has also worked as a consultant to NGOs working in the field of peacebuilding, advising on monitoring and evaluation and conducting project reviews. In July 2015 Teresa was appointed Senior Research Fellow within the Conflict Analysis Research Centre (CARC) at the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Kent. Teresa has a PhD in History and a Masters in International Relations from the University of Cambridge, and a BA in European Studies (French and Russian) from the University of Bath.

**Theo Sitther**

**Legislative Secretary for Peacebuilding Policy, Friends Committee on National Legislation**

Theo directs the peacebuilding program at FCNL and oversees the work of the peacebuilding team. He also currently serves as the adviser to the Alliance for Peacebuilding of Directors on local peacebuilding and diversity. Theo lobbies to change and reform militarized counterterrorism policies with a focus on military assistance. Theo’s writing has appeared in The Hill and US News and World Report. He has also been interviewed by CCTV and RT. As part of his work with FCNL, Theo has traveled to Kenya and Burundi. Theo is listed as a security assistance expert by the Forum on Arms Trade. He serves on the board of directors of the Latin America Working Group and on the advisory board of the Charity and Security Network. Theo received his MA in Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation from Eastern Mennonite University’s Center for Justice and Peacebuilding. His graduate studies focused on the intersection between conflict, development, and peacebuilding. He also holds a BA in Biblical Studies from Eastern University. Prior to joining FCNL in April 2014, Theo worked for Mennonite Central Committee as the Senior Legislative Associate for International Affairs, where he led advocacy efforts related to Haiti, Colombia, Afghanistan, and North Korea. As part of his work with MCC, Theo has traveled to Afghanistan, Cambodia, Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, Laos, Mexico, North Korea, South Korea, and Vietnam. Before joining MCC in 2006 Theo worked at the Center on Conscience & War as the lobbyist for conscientious objector rights and as a counselor on the GI Rights Hotline.
Todd Shuster
Managing Partner, Aevitas Creative Management

Todd is a managing partner of Aevitas Creative Management ("ACM"), one of the largest independent literary agencies in the country. He co-founded the Peace Studio with his ACM colleague Jennifer Gates and legendary peace scholar, author, and advocate Maya Soetoro-Ng. Following college at Yale and law school at Northeastern University (where he subsequently taught on the adjunct faculty), Todd practiced publishing and entertainment law at the law firms of Palmer & Dodge and Ropes & Gray. As a literary agent, Todd represents both fiction and nonfiction. His nonfiction list primarily focuses on current affairs, politics and civil rights, health and wellness, memoir, business, and history. In addition to representing books to publishers, Todd places film and television rights on behalf of agency clients, dealing directly with producers, studios, and networks. Films he has helped shepherd to the big screen include Wild starring Reese Witherspoon, Black Mass, starring Johnny Depp, and The Pursuit of Happyness, starring Will Smith. Todd also oversees ACM’s strategic partnership with Anonymous Content, the producers of such films as The Revenant and Spotlight, winner of Best Picture at the 2016 Oscar Awards. Authors Todd is particularly proud of representing include James Hirsch, who wrote the New York Times best-selling Hurricane about the life of middle weight champion Rubin "Hurricane" Carter and penned the authorized biography of baseball icon Willie Mays; Oscar-nominated actress Taraji P. Henson, who recently published a bestselling memoir entitled Around the Way Girl; Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist Dan Barry who wrote the critically-acclaimed The Boys of the Bunkhouse, and Deval L. Patrick, former Governor of Massachusetts and author of the New York Times bestseller, A Reason to Believe: Lessons From an Improbable Life.

Dr. Timothy Ehlinger
Director and Co-founder, Master of Sustainable Peacebuilding, UW-Milwaukee

Tim is the Director and Co-founder of the Master of Sustainable Peacebuilding at UW-Milwaukee and professor of Systems Ecology in the Center for Global Health Equity. He is an evolutionary ecologist, receiving his PhD from the Kellogg Biological Station of Michigan State University where his research explored the complex ways that individuals, populations and communities adapt to disturbance and changing environments. Since arriving at UWM, he and his students have carried out numerous projects in aquatic restoration ecology, using the principles of social-ecological resilience theory to engage communities in holistic planning, strategic design, project implementation and adaptive management. He has worked in Wisconsin, Costa Rica, Romania and the Balkans/Black Sea region, and more recently with MSP Partners in Kenya, Guatemala and Ecuador. His published work spans topics including adaptive learning, risk management, stressor-response relationships, community engagement, environmental governance, and implications of policy interventions on ecosystem services, conflict transformation and environmental health.

Todd Walters
Founder and Executive Director, International Peace Parks Expeditions

Todd is the founder and Executive Director of International Peace Park Expeditions, which applies experiential learning within transboundary protected areas to foster an interdisciplinary approach to leadership and collaboration, to build a network dedicated to the advancement of cross-border environmental collaboration, and to support community participation in local development. He is the author and producer of several case studies and documentaries on transboundary conservation issues. Todd holds a Master's degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from the School of International Service at American University, where his research focused on environmental peacebuilding and global environmental policy. While at American University, he received the Petra Kelley Memorial Award for activism on environmental and peace issues. Todd is an NOLS-(National Outdoor Leadership School) certified adventure guide with wilderness first responder emergency medical training and has led expeditions in dozens of countries around the globe.

Turhan Canli
Associate Professor, Department: Psychology; Associate Professor, Department: Radiology; Director, SCAN (Social, Cognitive, and Affective Neuroscience) Center
Turhan is an internationally-known expert in psychology, neuroscience, and genetics. His current research focuses on gene-environment interactions, specifically the molecular genetic and epigenetic mechanisms that regulate gene expression across the human genome, which is applied to studies of individual differences in social stress reactivity, traits, and emotional behavior. He also uses cutting-edge methodologies, including functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) and magnetic brain stimulation in his research. His work has been featured by numerous national and international media outlets.

Vasu Mohan

Regional Director for Asia Pacific, International Foundation for Electoral Systems

Vasu currently serves as Regional Director for Asia Pacific at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES). Vasu has 20 years of experience in democracy, governance and human rights programming with a focus on post-conflict elections and democratic inclusion. He has been with IFES since 2001 in the headquarters and the field and has supervised programs and field offices in over 22 countries in Europe and Asia, partnering with a wide variety of international donors and local stakeholders. Vasu also serves as IFES’ technical lead on electoral security, providing thought leadership on innovative programs and tools to prevent and mitigate violence throughout the electoral cycle. Vasu led the development of E-PEACE, (Enabling a Peaceful Environment for Administering Credible Elections) IFES’ flagship training program for electoral institutions and security providers. He co-authored Gender Equality and Election Management Bodies: A Best Practices Guide and Sehr: A New Dawn Breaks, a book highlighting IFES’ Muslim Women’s Initiative in India. He is also working on a translation of vignettes of the history of Sri Lanka from Tamil into English.

Yana Sasina

Program Officer, USAID, Office of Transition Initiatives, Ukraine Confidence Building Initiative

Yana is a program development officer on USAID/OTI’s Ukraine Confidence Building Initiative implemented by Chemonics International, where she develops innovative programming in eastern Ukraine to support conflict-affected communities. Yana is a journalist by background, with a Master’s degree in Journalism and 7 years of experience working in TV journalism at Zaporizhzha, a regional broadcasting station in Ukraine. With the start of the Donbas conflict in 2014, she moved to work with the NGO “Right to Protection” as a data manager, collecting information on IDPs needs and monitoring and analyzing the situation regarding their rights. Yana has been with the Ukraine Confidence Building Initiative since 2015.

Ylva Sköndahl

Intern, Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers.

Ylva is a Swedish MA candidate enrolled at the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies at Uppsala University, Sweden. She is currently interning at the New York office of the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers. She has previous experience from interning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Stockholm and from directing international summer camps promoting international understanding.

Yvonne Sempipija

Director of Operations, Sebastian Family Psychology Practice

Yvonne is currently the Director of Operations at Sebastian Family Psychology Practice, LLC, where she has worked for over 20 years. She is also Co-Founder and Co-Owner, of this Behavioral Health Practice. By profession, she is an Accountant and MBA, skills that she has used expertly towards the Clinic’s operations, as well as in other areas where she volunteers in the community. She is the Co-Founding member of Grandmothers Beyond Boarders, (GBB), a non-profit entity, and the current term Chairperson for the GBB Board. As a Ugandan American, she has remained attached to the needs of her native county, Uganda, where along with her colleagues on the GBB Board, she travels and interfaces with the grandmothers in Uganda and in the US. In such a role, she has traveled and visited with these grandmothers several times over the last 10 years, to witness the efficiency of the psychosocial purposes of the grandmothers’ various activities. Her interests include fictional and non-fictional reading, philosophy, and self-enrichment readings and watching movies.
SPECIAL FEATURES

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

The Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP) proudly welcomes the election of the following new AfP Board Members: Maj. Gen. Charles Bolden, former Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); Joel Braunold, Executive Director at the Alliance for Middle East Peace; Marie Dennis, Co-President at Pax Christi International. We look forward to working with you and learning from your diverse and extensive experience.

Congratulations,

Bob Berg
Chairman of the Board

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INSTITUTE FOR INTERGROUP UNDERSTANDING

The Institute for Intergroup Understanding has generously sponsored the 2017 Annual Conference as an integral AfP partner. George C. Halvorson, Chair and CEO of the institute, has also donated a limited number copies of his book, *The Art of Intergroup Peace*, for conference participants. Find Mr. Halvorson at his booth in the Exhibit Hall during break times!

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FHI 360 is a nonprofit human development organization dedicated to improving lives in lasting ways by advancing integrated, locally driven solutions. FHI 360’s staff includes experts in health, education, nutrition, environment, economic development, civil society, gender, youth, research and technology — creating a unique mix of capabilities to address today’s interrelated development challenges. FHI 360 serves more than 70 countries and all U.S. states and territories.

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American Friends Service Committee is a Quaker organization that promotes lasting peace with justice, as a practical expression of faith in action. Drawing on continuing spiritual insights and working with people of many backgrounds, we nurture the seeds of change and respect for human life that transform social relations and systems. They have been an indispensable AfP Member and Partner, and as well as generously sponsoring the 2017 Annual Conference.
ABOUT THE ALLIANCE FOR PEACEBUILDING

The Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP) is the institutional home for the peacebuilding community—a network of over 100 organizations working to resolve conflict and create sustainable peace in 153 countries. Our members include some of the world’s largest development organizations, most innovative academic institutions, and the most powerful peacebuilding groups—and our partners span a range of sectors including environment, education, unarmed citizen protection, business, media, the arts, and more—all working toward the shared goal of peace. AfP amplifies the voices of peacebuilders worldwide, tackling issues too large for any one organization to address alone.

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