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Dartmouth College
Doshisha University (Japan)
ESADE (Spain)
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Harvard College
Haverford College
Hofstra University
Howard University
Keio University (Japan)
Kyoto University (Japan)
Long Island University Post
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
New York University
Princeton University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Simmons College of Kentucky
Sophia University (Japan)
Stanford University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
United States Naval Academy
Universidad de las Américas Puebla (Mexico)
Universidad de las Américas Puebla (Mexico)
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University of Kentucky
University of Minnesota

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Rylee Sadler
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Sophia Lu
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Shinnosuke Mochimatsu
Yo Nonoyama
Nicholas Seier
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Gerald (JJ) Briscoe
Isabella Shutt
Silas McClung
Salem Gaines
Karin Owa
Justin Yates
Isobel Dernlan
Robert DeLillo
Christian Dionisio
Thomas Killeen
Morgan McPeak
Evan Warren
Nizarindani Pineda Garcia
Natalia Castrejón Hurtado
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Nicholas Relich
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University of Pennsylvania
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Marshall VandenOever
Neil Kapoor
Nivea Krishnan
Brandon Denley
Alazne Qaisar
Zeeniya Waseem
Lauren Horan
Lindsey Bennett
Salvador Gómez-Colón

Agenda

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

- 3:00-6:30 PM International Fellows arrive
- 7:10 PM Walk to Clyde's
- 7:30 PM Dinner
- Clyde's Gallery Place

Thursday, March 14, 2024 (business casual)

- 6:30-8:30 AM Breakfast
- 8:30-8:55 AM Walk to Future Caucus office
- 9:00-10:00 AM Religion in America
- Reed Howard, Chief Strategy & Public Affairs Officer, Future Caucus
- 10:05-10:25 AM Walk to Lawyers' Committee office
- 10:30-11:30 AM Race in America
- Marcia Johnson, Co-Director Voting Rights Project Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- 11:30-11:45 AM Walk to CSPC office
- 11:30-12:15 PM Lunch
- Catered at CSPC office
- 12:15-12:30 PM Walk to Issue One office
- 12:30-1:30 PM Campaign Finance
- Nick Penniman, Founder and CEO, Issue One
- 1:30-1:45 PM Walk to CSPC office
- 1:45-2:00 PM Break
- 2:00-3:00 PM U.S. Healthcare Policy
- Dr. Aamir Hussain, Dermatologist, Galaria Plastic Surgery & Dermatology
- 3:00-3:15 PM Break
- 3:15-3:30 PM Walk to the National Portrait Gallery
- 3:30-4:45 PM Guided tour of the National Portrait Gallery
- 4:45-5:00 PM Walk to hotel

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- 5:00-7:00 PM Free time
- 7:00-7:25 PM Metro to The Eleanor
- 7:30-9:30 PM Dinner
- The Eleanor followed by an hour of bowling

Friday, March 15, 2024 (business casual)

- 6:30-8:30 AM Breakfast
- 8:45-8:50 AM Walk to CSPC office
- 9:00-10:00 AM Enacting U.S. Foreign Policy
- Arianna Barcham, Watch Officer, U.S. Department of State Operations Center
- 10:00-10:20 AM Break
- 10:25-10:45 AM Uber to Finnish Embassy
- 11:00-12:00 PM Finnish Embassy
- Veera Parko, Counselor, Homeland Security Affairs, Embassy of Finland in the U.S.
 - Lasse-Tapani Ketola, Deputy Defense Attaché, Embassy of Finland in the U.S.
- 12:00-12:25 PM Uber to CSPC Office
- 12:25-1:15 PM Lunch
- Catered at CSPC office
- 1:15-1:30 PM Walk to Migration Policy Institute office
- 1:30-2:30 PM Immigration in the U.S.
- Julia Gelatt, Associate Director, U.S. Immigration Policy Program, Migration Policy Institute
- 2:30-3:00 PM Metro to Holocaust Museum
- 3:15-5:30 PM United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
- 5:30 PM Free time and dinner on own

Saturday, March 16, 2024 (casual AM/ business casual PM)

- 7:00-10:00 AM Breakfast
- 10:25-11:00 AM Travel to Mount Vernon
- 11:30-12:30 PM Enslaved People of Mount Vernon Tour
 - 12:30-1:15 PM Lunch
 - 1:15-1:45 PM Mansion Tour
- 1:30-3:30 PM Domestic Fellows arrive
- Sweet and salty break in hotel
- 3:30-4:30 PM Opening statements and flag icebreaker
- 4:30-6:30 PM Free Time/Poster Time
- 6:30-8:30 PM Career Dinner
- Law
- Stephanie Nguyen, Associate Chief Counsel, FDA
 - Dennis Schmelzer, Antitrust Associate, Dechert LLP
- Public Service- Domestic Policy
- Gunnar Haberl, Policy Aide to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer
 - Kristine Quinio, Senior Advisor, Social Security Administration
- Public Service- Foreign Policy
- Robert Gerber, Course Coordinator, Foreign Service Institute
 - Elizabeth Dent, Gulf Director, Department of Defense
- Private
- Mara Dworkin, Customer & Marketing Senior Consultant, Deloitte Consulting
- Research
- Sarath Ganji, Founder and Research Director, The Autocracy and Global Sports Initiative
- Non-Profit
- Erica Ngoenha, Senior Vice President for Programs & External Affairs, CSPC

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Sunday, March 17, 2024 (business casual)

- 8:30-9:30 AM Breakfast
- 9:30-11:00 AM Civility Workshop
- Rhonda Fitzgerald, Executive Director, Sustained Dialogue Institute
- 11:00-12:15 PM Simulation- Financial Crisis
- Michael Stecher, U.S. Department of Defense
- 12:15-1:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 PM Democracy Townhall
- Erica Ngoenha
- 2:00-3:30 PM Op-Ed Training
- Glenn Nye, President & CEO, CSPC
- 3:30-5:30 PM Offsite Visit *optional*
- 3:30 PM walk to National Museum of African American History and Culture
 - 3:30 PM metro to U.S. Capitol, tour with Glenn Nye
 - 3:30 PM walk to National Mall, tour with Trust for the National Mall
- 5:30-6:00 PM Free Time/Poster Time
- 6:00-6:25 PM Walk to Carmine's
- 6:30-8:30 PM Dinner and Trivia
- Carmine's Italian Restaurant

Monday, March 18, 2024 (business casual AM, business formal PM)

- 8:00-9:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00-10:00 AM Evaluating Biden's Foreign Policy
- Sharon Weinberger, National Security Editor, Wall Street Journal
 - Courtney McBride, Diplomacy and National Security Correspondent, Bloomberg News
- 10:15-11:00 AM Examining the Border: Perspectives from the Presidency
- Thomas F. “Mack” McLarty, Chairman, McLarty Associates
 - Joshua Bolten, CEO, Business Roundtable
- 11:00-11:45 AM Breakout Session
- Tackling Climate Change: The U.S. and the Global South
- Gracelin Baskaran, Research Director, CSIS
 - Paolo Cozzi, Senior Implementation Specialist and Lead on Climate Finance Access Implementation Strategies, Climate Analytics
- The Future of U.S. Alliances
- Anca Agachi, Defense Policy Analyst, RAND
 - Adam Farrar, Foreign Policy Staff, Office of the Vice President
- 11:55-12:40 PM Lunch discussion on Rebuilding Ukraine
- Tyson Barker, Deputy Special Representative for Ukraine’s Economic Recovery
- 12:45-1:30 PM Breakout Session
- Israel-Palestine Conflict & U.S. Domestic Politics
- Felicia Schwartz, US Foreign Affairs & Defense Correspondent, Financial Times
- Anticipating a U.S. Response to an Invasion of Taiwan
- Timothy R. Heath, Senior International/Defense Researcher, RAND
 - Giselle Donnelly, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
- 1:30-4:00 PM External Meetings
- 1:40 PM metro to the Hill

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- 1:40 PM metro to the State Department
- 1:45 PM metro to the Pentagon
- 1:55 PM walk to the Federal Reserve

4:00-5:30 PM	Free Time/Finish up posters
5:40 PM	Walk to The Met Club
6:00-7:30 PM	Alumni and Friends Reception – The Met Club*
	- Poster Presentation
7:30-8:30 PM	Dinner at The Met Club

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 (business casual AM/ business formal PM)

- 8:00-9:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00-9:50 AM 2024 Elections
- Erin Covey, Analyst, U.S. House of Representatives, Cook Political Report
- 10:00-10:45 AM Fireside Chat with Congressman Derek Kilmer on Political Polarization
- Congressman Derek Kilmer, D-WA 6th District
- 11:00-12:00 PM Breakout Session
- Presidential and Congressional Relations
- Dr. David Barker, Professor, American University
 - Sophia Cai, Reporter, Axios
 - Laura Barrón-López, White House Correspondent, PBS NewsHour and CNN Political Analyst
- Public Perception and the Power of the Supreme Court
- Jocelyn Kiley, Associate Director of Research, Pew Research Center
 - Lauren Camera, Senior Writer, U.S. News and World Report
- 12:00-12:45 PM Lunch
- 12:45-1:30 PM 2024 and Beyond: The Economic Outlook of the U.S.
- Michael K. Farr, President and CEO, Farr, Miller & Washington LLC
 - Kate Davidson, Federal Reserve Editor, Bloomberg
- 1:30-1:45 PM Walk to White House
- 2:00-3:00 PM Fireside Chat with Tarun Chhabra on Economic Security in a New Era of U.S. China Competition
- Tarun Chhabra, Senior Director, National Security Council
- 3:00-7:00 PM Free Time
- 7:00 PM Group photo in conference space
- 7:10-7:20 PM Walk to the Willard Hotel
- 7:30-9:00 PM Awards Dinner

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Wednesday, March 20, 2024

8:00-11:00 AM Breakfast, thank you notes, goodbye

12:00 PM Check out

Conference Guidelines

Wear professional attire:

Business Formal - Business suit with tie, business dress, or skirt with blazer.

Business Casual - Khaki or dark pants with collared button-down shirt, professional skirt/slacks with a professional blouse or sweater.

*Please be sure to take note of The Met Club's dress code for the Alumni and Friends Reception: "coat, tie, and appropriate footwear for gentlemen (no white rubber-soled shoes and no dress sneakers), commensurate attire for ladies." *Commensurate means women should wear options that are equally formal to the men.*

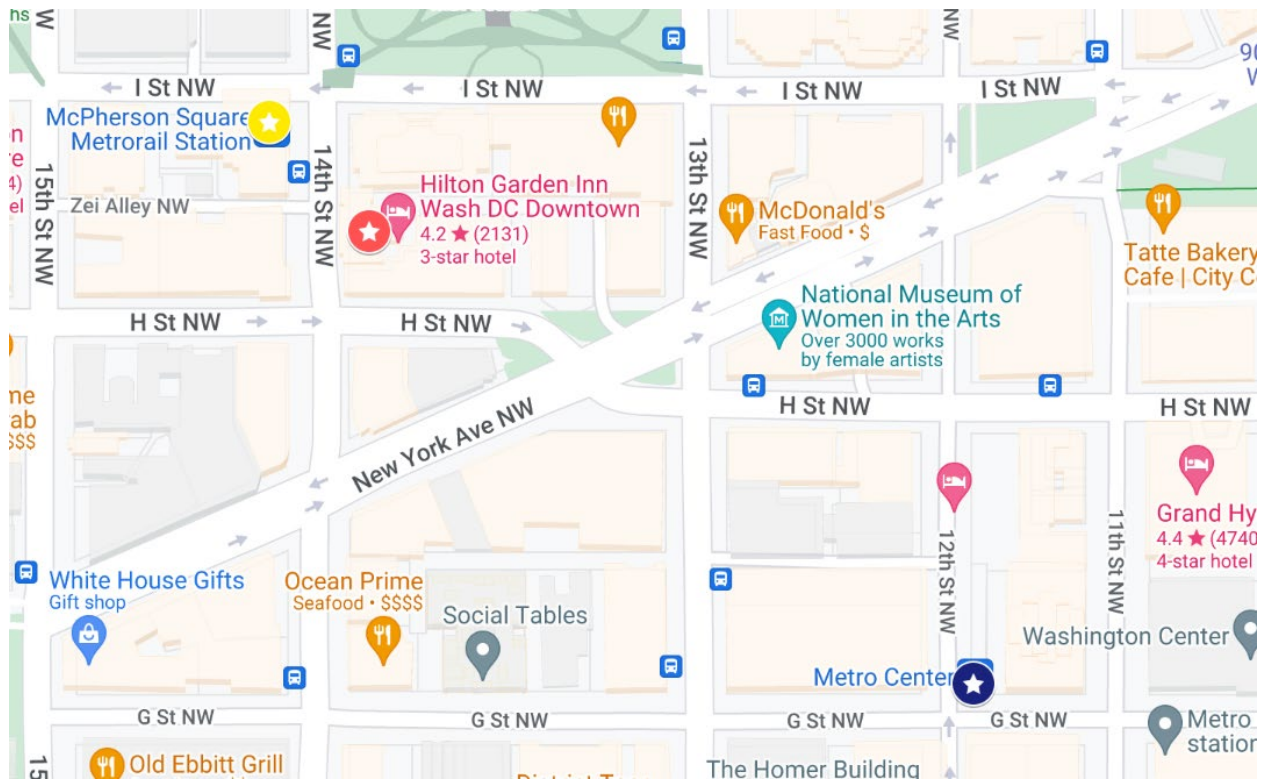
Cadets and midshipmen should consult with their campus advisors on the appropriate uniform or attire for the conference.




As a courtesy to your colleagues:

- ✓ **Please arrive on time** for workshops, mealtimes, and presentations, and stay throughout the entire event. Leaving during a presentation is a distraction to everyone around you. If entering late or leaving early is unavoidable, please wait until there is a break in the program, then enter or leave quietly.
- ✓ **If anything occurs that will cause you to miss a conference activity, please let CSPC staff know as soon as possible.** Fellows should plan to attend all of the conference and should only schedule interviews or appointments that do not conflict with the conference schedule.
- ✓ **Invite someone to sit with you.** Year after year the Fellows tell us that one of their favorite parts of the conferences was meeting other students interested in all things political. The conference is a fantastic opportunity to meet people who share your interest.
- ✓ **Silence cell phones.** Silence your cell phones during workshops, presentations, and meals. If you need to make an urgent call, please quietly excuse yourself and go outside the room. Do not place or answer a call or check your email or text messages when a speaker, panel, or one of your peers is presenting- it is distracting to those around you and rude to those who are speaking.

Accommodations

Hilton Garden Inn
815 14th St NW
Washington, DC 20005
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-  Hilton Garden Inn
-  McPherson Square Station
-  Metro Center

Travel Arrangements and Weather:

You will be arriving at either Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) or Dulles International Airport (IAD). To get from the airport to the hotel (and vice versa) please follow the directions for the metro.

- **Reagan National Airport:** The airport metro stop is located outside the terminals. From Terminals B and C use either of the two enclosed pedestrian bridges on the concourse level which connect directly to the station. From Terminal A, exit the terminal to the streetside curb and board any Airport Shuttle bus. At the stops for Terminal B/C parking Garages B and C, you may access an enclosed bridge which connects you to the Metrorail station. Take the Blue Line towards Largo to the McPherson Square Metro stop. From there, it is a brief walk to the hotel. *Trip time: approximately 25 minutes.*
- **Dulles International Airport:** Accessible from the underground pedestrian tunnel, connecting the station to the baggage claim level of the main terminal and to the airport's adjacent Parking Garage 1. Take the Silver Line towards Largo and get off at the McPherson Square Station. Walk to hotel. *Trip time: approximately 1 hour.*

Weather:

March in D.C. generally experiences mild to moderate winter temperatures with a chance of rain. Please monitor the weather prior to departure to check for unseasonably warm or cold weather patterns.

Biographies:

Reed Howard, Chief Strategy and Public Affairs Officer, Future Caucus



Reed is the Chief Strategy and Public Affairs Officer for Future Caucus, the largest bipartisan organization of young lawmakers in the United States. He provides leadership and oversight of the organization's overall strategy, public relations, policy agenda, and partnerships. He is also a minister-in-residence at Georgetown University and a former local elected official.

Reed served as a political and legislative advisor in the Virginia state senate and was a campaign manager for multiple state and local races. He has provided public affairs consulting for leaders at Harvard Medical School, the largest jail in the Commonwealth of Virginia, churches, and purpose-driven nonprofits. In 2020, he worked with Joe Biden's presidential campaign to reach Republican voters. Before arriving at Future Caucus, he led communications at Georgetown University's Institute of Politics and Public Service at the McCourt School of Public Policy.

He has been featured in outlets like National Public Radio and The Hill, as well as a guest speaker at conferences hosted by the Niskanen Center, The Bulwark, The Hill, George Washington University's School of Political Management, the American Democracy Summit, and the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress. His leadership has been recognized by the American Enterprise Institute, Emory University's Center for Innovation, Georgetown University's Social Innovation and Public Service Fund, and the District of Columbia government.

Reed has a Master of Divinity with a focus on ethics and moral leadership from Emory University and a Bachelor of Science in Culture and Politics from Georgetown University.

Marcia Johnson, Co-Director, Voting Rights Project, Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law



Marcia Johnson is the Co-director of the Lawyers' Committee's Voting Rights Project. She manages the Project's voter engagement programs and advocacy portfolios which include overseeing the work of Election Protection, the nation's largest non-partisan voter protection coalition; promoting engagement in the census and the redistricting process; researching the history of discrimination in voting; advocating for the restoration of the full protections of the Voting Rights Act and promoting national and state-based electoral reform legislation that ensure access to the ballot; and advocating for the restoration of voting rights for those

with felony convictions.

Marcia also coordinates the Lawyer's Committee's international human rights initiatives including monitoring U.S. compliance with its treaty obligations under the Convention for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Marcia is a national speaker on voting rights. She has testified before Congress and has appeared in national media discussing voting rights challenges and solutions. She is featured in the international documentary, *Democracy Maybe*, a series exploring the challenges faced by democracies across the globe.

Marcia is particularly proud of her work organizing two national commissions that researched and documented the record of discrimination in voting. This research has been part of the record used by Congress to support the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act in 2006. Marcia also served as a member of the litigation team defending the 2007 challenge to the constitutionality of the Act.

Her essay on voting rights is part of an exhibit at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta, Georgia.

Marcia has taught as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center. She received her J.D. from Villanova University School of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree in Linguistics from Georgetown University.

Bar Admissions: Admitted in the District of Columbia and New Jersey. Admitted to the US District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Nick Penniman, Founder and CEO, Issue One



Prior to founding Issue One, Nick was the founder and executive director of the Huffington Post Investigative Fund, director of the Schuman Center for Media and Democracy, publisher of the *Washington Monthly Magazine*, director of the Alliance for Democracy, and an editor at various publications, including the *American Prospect* and the *Lincoln Journal*. He is coauthor of “[Nation on the Take: How Big Money Corrupts Our Democracy And What We Can Do About It](#),” published by Bloomsbury in 2016, and writes and appears regularly in various media outlets. He serves on multiple nonprofit boards, including OpenSecrets, and is a trustee of St. Lawrence University.

Dr. Aamir Hussain, Dermatologist, Galaria Plastic Surgery



Dr. Aamir Hussain is a general dermatologist. He has a clinical interest in patch testing, a specialized method of determining substances that cause allergic reactions on the skin. Dr. Hussain enjoys working with diverse patient populations, and speaks English, Spanish, Portuguese, Hindi, and Urdu. He graduated from the Georgetown University Dermatology Residency Program, and completed clinical rotations at the National Institutes of Health, Children’s National Medical Center, Washington Hospital Center, and Georgetown University Hospital.

Dr. Hussain was born and raised in Farmington, CT. After graduating from Georgetown University with a major in Government and minor in Theology, Dr. Hussain completed a combined MD and Master’s of Arts in Public Policy at the University of Chicago. He completed 1 year of internal medicine residency

training at Northwell Health in Long Island, New York, and was awarded Intern of the Year for his work during the initial phase of the pandemic in March 2020. Dr. Hussain moved back to the DMV region for residency, and now lives in Northern Virginia.

Dr. Hussain is an internationally-recognized speaker, writer, and educator on healthcare policy, medical education, and the intersections between spirituality and medicine. He has been interviewed by the New York Times, Al Jazeera, and PBS, and his writings have been featured in medical journals and several online outlets.

Arianna Barcham, Civil Servant, U.S. Department of State



Arianna Barcham is a civil servant at the U.S. Department of State, having worked extensively in counternarcotics and multilateral affairs. She has completed assignments focused on North Korea and UN host country issues and served at Embassy Tunis, the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York, and the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Vienna. Currently, she works as Watch Officer in the Department's 24/7 Operations Center. Arianna holds an MA and BA from American University and hails from New Jersey.

Veera Parko, Counselor, Embassy of Finland



Veera Parko has more than 15 years of experience in international and European Union affairs. She is currently based in Washington, D.C. and on leave from the position of Director, International Affairs at the Ministry of the Interior, Finland. At the Ministry, Ms Parko managed a unit responsible for Finland's international cooperation in the field of civil protection, disaster management and civil preparedness, for example NATO and European Union cooperation, international assistance missions as well as Nordic, Arctic and bilateral cooperation.

Ms Parko has been closely involved in Finland's participation, as a partner country, in NATO's work on civil preparedness and resilience. She is currently 2nd Vice-Chair of the NATO Civil Protection Group. Ms Parko chaired the Working Party on Civil Protection of the Council of the European Union during Finland's EU Presidency in 2019, with a thematic focus on cross-sectoral cooperation and resilience.

An expert in EU affairs, Ms Parko worked on a wide range of EU policy issues during her eight years at the Prime Minister's Office of Finland. She has also held positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Helsinki, New York and Brussels as well as the European Parliament.

Ms Parko holds an MA in social sciences from the University of Helsinki and an MA in European Political and Administrative Studies from the College of Europe, Bruges. She speaks Finnish, English, Swedish and French.

An international affairs enthusiast turned expert in national preparedness, Ms Parko is interested in how nations can enhance their resilience in the face of today's changing threat landscape by working together.

Dr. Julia Gelatt, Associate Director, U.S. Immigration Policy Program, Migration Policy Institute



Julia Gelatt is Associate Director of the U.S. Immigration Policy Program at the Migration Policy Institute. Her work focuses on the legal immigration system, demographic trends, and the implications of local, state, and federal U.S. immigration policy.

Dr. Gelatt previously worked as a Research Associate at the Urban Institute, where her mixed-methods research focused on state policies toward immigrants; barriers to and facilitators of immigrant families' access to public benefits and public prekindergarten programs; and identifying youth victims of human trafficking. She was a Research Assistant at MPI before graduate school.

Dr. Gelatt earned her PhD in sociology, with a specialization in demography, from Princeton University, where her work focused on the relationship between immigration status and children's health and well-being. She earned a bachelor of the arts in sociology/anthropology from Carleton College.

Stephanie Nguyen, Associate Chief Counsel, FDA



Stephanie Nguyen is an Associate Chief Council at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. She previously worked as an Associate at Womble Bond Dickson (US) LLP and Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein, and Fox. Ms. Nguyen earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Florida before attaining her J.D. at the University of Virginia School of Law.

Dennis Schmelzer, Antitrust Associate, Dechert LLP



Dennis S. Schmelzer focuses his practice on antitrust and regulatory matters. He guides clients through all phases of merger reviews and investigations conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), state attorneys general, and international competition and regulatory authorities. Mr. Schmelzer also has considerable experience with civil litigation, including advising clients through multidistrict class action proceedings and defending clients at trial.

Mr. Schmelzer handles matters across a wide range of industries, including aviation, electronics, energy, fashion, food products, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, retail, and travel. Based on more than a decade of experience, *Super Lawyers* has listed Mr. Schmelzer as a "Rising Star" for antitrust litigation in Washington, D.C. from 2015 through 2023.

Mr. Schmelzer is actively involved with the development of the Dechert Antitrust Merger Investigation Timing Tracker (DAMITT), which tracks and reports on U.S. antitrust merger investigation trends. Data from DAMITT has been cited by various antitrust agencies, as well as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Financial Times*, *Fortune*, *Time*, *TheStreet*, *Law360*, *FTC Watch*, *Global Competition Review*, and many

other leading publications. Mr. Schmelzer also is the Associate Chair and co-founder of Dechert's Disability Affinity Group, which aims to build awareness about disability inclusion and advocate for an accessible workplace where all professionals feel valued.

Prior to joining Dechert, Mr. Schmelzer served as an associate at two other international law firms. Before law school, Mr. Schmelzer also held positions at the U.S. Mission to the European Union, the U.S. Embassy in Budapest, the Institute for Social & Economic Research & Policy, and Northrop Grumman.

Gunnar Haberl, Policy Aide to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer



Gunnar J. Haberl serves as a Policy Aide to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer. Gunnar directly advises the Senator's Legislative Director and has worked on many significant pieces of legislation throughout his 4 years on Capitol Hill. Gunnar holds a MPA with a specialization in Education Policy from George Washington University. He attained a B.A. in both Political Science and Legal Studies as well as a minor in Education Leadership and Policy for Equity from the University at Buffalo in 2019. At the age of 18, Gunnar was elected to serve a five-year term on the Iroquois Central School District's Board of Education in

Elma, NY. He is the recipient of numerous academic and professional service honors, including the State University of NY Chancellor's Award for Excellence, the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress Presidential Fellowship and the NYS School Boards Association Level 3: Board Mastery Award. He is a member of both Pi Alpha Alpha and Pi Sigma Alpha. Gunnar grew up in Buffalo, NY and is a proud fan of the Buffalo Bills.

Kristine Quinio, Senior Advisor, Social Security Administration



Kristine Quinio is a senior advisor and speechwriter in the Office of the Commissioner at the Social Security Administration (SSA). She joined SSA as part of the Biden-Harris Administration in April 2022. Previously, Ms. Quinio worked at the National Academy of Social Insurance, where she led external relations, as well as finance and administration, for over 12 years. In addition to advising on communications and messaging strategy, Ms. Quinio tracks developments in disability, health, caregiving, and workforce/labor policy. She began working on social insurance issues in 2005, during the Social Security

privatization debates around President George W. Bush's plan to reform the program. Ms. Quinio has a degree in Political Science from the University of Southern California and a master's in Communication, Culture & Technology from Georgetown University.

Elizabeth Dent, Gulf Director, Department of Defense

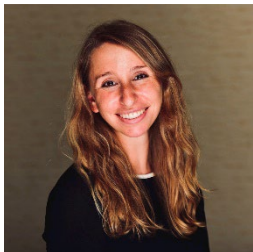


Elizabeth Dent is currently an advisor serving in the Biden-Harris administration at the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Department of Defense. Elizabeth was previously a non-resident scholar with the Middle East Institute's Countering Terrorism and Extremism program, a consultant for NTT Data, and the Chief of Staff of the Biden Foreign Policy volunteer Middle East group. Prior to that, she served as the Special Assistant to the Special Presidential Envoy to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, supporting diplomatic engagements with coalition countries and working with local partners on the ground in Iraq and Syria to

accelerate the campaign against ISIS. Elizabeth worked on ISIS at the Department of State starting in 2014, where she helped coordinate and implement the counter-ISIS messaging strategy, and later covered ISIS in North Africa for the coalition office.

She began her career at the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, where she provided policy guidance and support to bureau leadership regarding best security, strategic, and operational practices. Elizabeth received her M.A. in International Affairs from American University in Washington, DC. She also holds a bachelor's degree in History and Political Science with a focus on Middle Eastern Studies from Miami University.

Mara Dworkin, Customer & Marketing Senior Consultant, Deloitte Consulting



Mara currently works at Deloitte Consulting in their Government and Public Sector practice. She is a part of the Customer & Marketing offering, specializing in strategic communications, advertising, marketing, and event planning. Mara has supported a variety of government agencies in developing and executing internal and external communication plans, events, and associated tactics. Prior to her work at Deloitte, she spent 2 years at DiGennaro Communications, a New York PR agency where she was responsible for aiding publicists in various activities to promote clients in the advertising, media, tech, marketing, and entertainment

space. Before that, Mara worked at The Vanguard Group in their Communication Department, managing ongoing process improvement projects and special projects for high-stakes clients. She graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication. She grew up outside Philadelphia (go Eagles!) and currently resides in the Washington, DC area.

Sarath Ganji, Founder and Research Director, The Autocracy and Global Sports Initiative



Sarath K. Ganji leads the Autocracy and Global Sports Project, an independent initiative launched in 2021 to investigate the role of malign finance in the global sports sector. Before founding the Project, Sarath was a strategy consultant with Guidehouse's National Security practice, where he counseled U.S. Department of State clients, and an analyst-in-charge at the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, where he conducted oversight of over \$1 billion in U.S. aid programs. He has also spent time on the Hill and at think tanks, including as a U.S. Fulbright Scholar with a UAE-based research institute. His work has

appeared in top policy journals, including the Journal of International Affairs and the Journal of Democracy, and his commentary has been featured in media outlets like NPR and Vox.

A native of central Louisiana, Sarath holds degrees from Georgetown University and the Harvard Kennedy School, where he was awarded the Frederick Sheldon Fellowship, one of the university's oldest prizes. He serves as a mentor to the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress's presidential fellows and as a volunteer with the Urban Debate League's youth competitors.

Rhonda Fitzgerald, Executive Director, Sustained Dialogue Institute



As the Executive Director for the Sustained Dialogue Institute (SDI), Rhonda Fitzgerald works to oversee the reach of the Sustained Dialogue model to campuses, workplaces, communities, and countries. Rhonda has been with SDI since 2008 and worked alongside SD founder Dr. Harold Saunders for 8 years until his passing. Under her leadership, she grew the Sustained Dialogue Campus Network's reach from higher education sites by engaging and providing tools for alumni seeking to bring SD to their workplaces, home country governments, and local communities.

Rhonda is a trained mediator and facilitator of multiple processes of restorative justice and intergroup dialogue. She has led over 10,000 hours of difficult dialogues between groups in conflict, especially using the formal Sustained Dialogue 5-stage process about topics including race, hierarchy, ethnic mistrust, disability, religion, and resource and land conflicts. She now supports dialogue and conflict resolution with partners as diverse as technology companies, teaching hospitals, government agencies, foundations, prisons, nonprofits, and more; though she still loves when she gets to work closely with faculty, students, and staff on campuses. She co-built a partnership across Sudan, Sweden, Ethiopia, and Kenya, expanding the work of SD through partners at the Life and Peace Institute. Rhonda is interested in the intersections of cross-cultural trust-building, community organizing, conflict management, and justice.

Rhonda lives in Washington, DC with her partner, Aaron, and their dogs. In her spare time, Rhonda reads, enjoys theater, and does some pro bono personal finance mentoring, especially for young people. Rhonda is an alumna of Princeton University, where she was first introduced to dialogue and transformative deep listening as a first-year participant in an SD group on race, which was the first time she experienced conversations that led to collaboration.

Michael Stecher, U.S. Department of Defense



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Courtney McBride, Diplomacy and National Security Correspondent, Bloomberg News



Courtney McBride is a Diplomacy and Foreign Policy Correspondent for Bloomberg News. With a background in national security and diplomacy reporting, Courtney covers a wide range of topics including US-China relations, conflicts in the Middle East, and global security issues. Her work has been featured in various publications and media outlets, showcasing her expertise in international affairs.

Thomas F. "Mack" McLarty, III, Chairman, McLarty Associates



Thomas F. "Mack" McLarty, III is Chairman of McLarty Associates, which he co-founded in 1998 following a distinguished record of business leadership and public service, including various roles advising three US Presidents: Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush, and Jimmy Carter.

Mr. McLarty is also Chairman of the McLarty Companies, a fourth-generation family transportation business. As President Clinton's White House Chief of Staff, Mr. McLarty helped enact the historic 1993 deficit reduction package, the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Family and Medical Leave law, and the landmark welfare reform legislation that enabled more than 6.8 million people to move from welfare to work. He also organized

the successful 1994 Summit of the Americas in Miami, which ultimately led to his appointment as Special Envoy for the Americas in 1997.

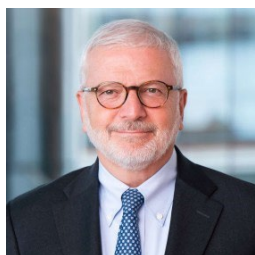
As Counselor to President Clinton, Mr. McLarty advised on a broad range of international and domestic issues. He traveled to the Persian Gulf on the president's behalf to build financial support for the Bosnian peace process, led the US delegation to the inauguration of South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, and signed the peace accords that brought peace to Guatemala for the first time in three decades. Mr. McLarty planned US participation in the 1998 Summit of the Americas in Santiago, and participated in several G-7 and APEC Summits.

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Joshua Bolten, CEO, Business Roundtable



Joshua Bolten is CEO of Business Roundtable, an association of more than 200 CEOs of America's leading companies. Before joining Business Roundtable in January 2017, Bolten was Managing Director of Rock Creek Global Advisors, a consulting firm that he co-founded in 2011. Bolten spent the preceding two years as a visiting professor at Princeton University.

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Bolten received his undergraduate degree from Princeton in 1976 and his law degree from Stanford in 1980. He is a member of the boards of Emerson Electric Co., the ONE Campaign, Princeton University, and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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Paolo Cozzi, Senior Implementation Specialist and Lead on Climate Finance Access, Climate Analytics



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Anca Agachi is a defense policy analyst at the RAND Corporation. Focusing on international security and defense issues, her research interests include transatlantic security, especially NATO's adaptation and transformation; the impact of emerging threats, particularly emerging technologies, on international security; conflict management and transformation; and strategic foresight. Agachi is driven by a desire to understand the long-term transformation of conflict and security, and help devise actionable policy recommendations for managing change. She is also a Nonresident Fellow with the Atlantic Council.

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Ms. Donnelly has testified before Congress and has been widely published in the popular press, including in *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Weekly Standard*. Her many books include “Lessons for a Long War: How America Can Win on New Battlefields” (AEI Press, 2010), coauthored with Frederick W. Kagan and others; “Ground Truth: The Future of U.S. Land Power” (AEI Press, 2008), coauthored with Frederick W. Kagan; “Of Men and Materiel: The Crisis in Military Resources” (AEI Press, 2007), coedited with Gary J. Schmitt; “The Military We Need: The Defense Requirements of the Bush Doctrine” (AEI Press, 2005); and “Operation Iraqi Freedom: A Strategic Assessment” (AEI Press, 2004). She is currently working on “Empire for Liberty: The British Roots of American Strategy-Making.”

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Hannah Thoburn, Senior Professional Staff Member, U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee



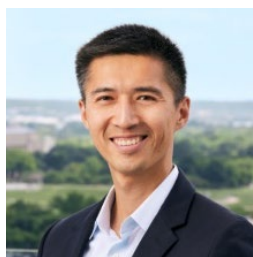
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Gregory Morrison, Director, Office of Central African Affairs, U.S. Department of State



Greg Morrison is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor. He began his current assignment as Director of the Office of Central African Affairs in August 2022. Prior to that, he was the Management Counselor in Accra, Ghana from 2019 to 2022. While in Accra, he served briefly as Chargé d’Affaires, a.i. in three posts: Banjul, The Gambia in 2021; Malabo, Equatorial Guinea January-March 2022; and Accra in July 2022. Prior to Accra, Greg was the Deputy Principal Officer in Erbil, Iraq (2018-19). His other overseas assignments include Political-Economic Officer in Amsterdam, Netherlands (2014-18); Management Officer in Dublin, Ireland (2011-14); Deputy Political Chief and manager of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) programs in Tegucigalpa, Honduras (2008-11); Assistant General Services Officer in Damascus, Syria (2004-06); and a Consular/Political-Economic rotation in Yerevan, Armenia (2000-02).

In Washington, Greg served as a Watch Officer in the State Department’s Operations Center (2004-06), and as a Post Management Officer in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs (2006-08).

Greg is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Morocco, 1994-96). He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Russian from Sewanee: The University of the South and a Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from the University of Alabama. Greg is married and has three sons. He speaks Persian and Spanish, and has spoken Armenian, Arabic (Modern Standard Arabic and Moroccan dialect), and Russian.

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Before joining the Biden Administration, Joy worked in business at the nexus of investment, innovation, and economic development. As the Chief of Staff at a global alternatives investment firm, she championed opportunities to facilitate investment in emerging and frontier markets; she built a groundbreaking multibillion-dollar impact investment platform and served as its global lead for food and agriculture. Ms. Basu started her career as a management consultant; in addition to supporting multinational companies on corporate strategy, she also served international nonprofits investing in economic growth. Joy has helped manage major multi-stakeholder alliances for agricultural development and served as a senior advisor to major public, private, and civil society development institutions, as well as to executives of startup, growth-stage, and established food businesses.

Joy earned her JD and MBA from Stanford University with a Certificate in Public Management and Social Innovation. At Stanford Law, she served as President of the Women of Stanford Law and a leader

of the Afghanistan Legal Education Project (ALEP). Born and raised in Illinois, Joy strives daily to be an active citizen with strong Midwestern roots.

Erin Covey, Analyst U.S. House of Representatives, Cook Political Report



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Erin has appeared on C-SPAN's Washington Journal and Sirius XM, and her analysis has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Bloomberg News and local news outlets across the country. She is a contributing author for the 2024 Almanac of American Politics and was a co-host of the Inside Elections Podcast.

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Congressman Derek Kilmer, D-WA 6th



Derek Kilmer serves as the United States Representative of Washington's 6th Congressional District. Derek was reelected to a sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2022 and serves on the House Appropriations Committee, the Interior and Environment Subcommittee, Defense Subcommittee, and Energy and Water Development Subcommittee. He's a member of organizations like the Bipartisan Working Group which works to bring Democrats and Republicans together to forge greater consensus on a wide variety of issues.

For four years, Derek led the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress to achieve significant strides toward making Congress work better for the American people. In his time in Congress, Derek has been recognized by a wide variety of groups for his effectiveness and advocacy.

- For his work on behalf of military families and civilian defense workers, he was awarded the U.S. Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award, the highest honor a civilian not employed by the Navy can receive from the Secretary of the Navy.
- For his leadership on behalf of military veterans and their families, Derek received the Silver Helmet award from AMVETS.
- Based on his championship of funding for our national parks, he received the Friend of the National Parks award from the National Parks Conservation Association.
- For his leadership in ensuring the federal government meets its trust responsibilities and treaty obligations, he received the Governmental Leadership Award from the National Congress of American Indians.

- In addition, he has received Issue One's Teddy Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to bipartisan political reform and the Bipartisan Policy Center's Legislative Advocacy Award for his commitment to building bridges and making Congress work better for the American people.

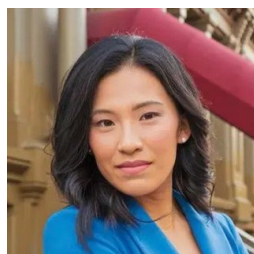
Derek has also been named a Hero of Main Street by the National Retail Federation, an Outstanding New Member by the Voices for National Service, a Conservation Champion by the Nature Conservancy, a Congressional Champion of Youth by the Boys & Girls Club of America, a Medicare Advantage Champion by the Coalition for Medicare Choices, and a Humane Champion by the Humane Society, among others.

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Sophia Cai, Politics Reporter, Axios



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Laura Barrón-López, White House Correspondent, PBS NewsHour and CNN Political Analyst



Laura Barrón-López is the White House Correspondent for the PBS NewsHour, where she covers the Biden administration for the nightly news broadcast. Barrón-López also covers threats to democracy, right-wing extremism, and the 2024 election for NewsHour. She is also a CNN political analyst where she reports on news of the day and offers analysis based on her decade of experience covering government and politics.

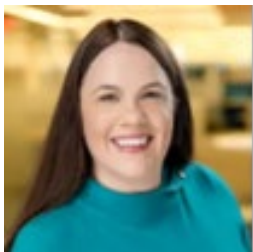
In her time at PBS NewsHour, she's traveled to Lewiston, Maine to cover the devastating impact on residents in and around the town after a shooter killed 18 people. In Taylor and Austin, Texas, she's spoken to residents about Republican efforts to restrict LGBTQ rights. During the 2022 midterms, Barrón-López traveled to Michigan to report on election deniers seeking public office and death threats against election workers. She's questioned President Biden at bilateral press conferences about civilian casualties in Gaza and efforts by Republicans to overturn the 2020 election.

Previously, Barrón-López was a White House reporter for POLITICO. In her time covering the Biden administration for POLITICO, she focused on the power dynamics between the White House and Capitol Hill, covering the president's agenda on gun violence, immigration, voting rights, infrastructure and more. Barrón-López previously covered the 2020 presidential election for POLITICO as a national political reporter, focusing on voter demographics, and policy shifts within the Democratic Party.

Barrón-López previously led 2018 coverage of the Democratic Party for the Washington Examiner. Before that, Barrón-López covered Congress for HuffPost, focusing on policy debates across the House and Senate, including climate change, criminal justice reform, and coal miner pensions.

Early in her career, she covered energy and environment policy for The Hill. Her work has been published in E&E Publishing, The Oregonian, OC Register, and Roll Call. Barrón-López earned a bachelor's degree from California State University, Fullerton.

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Lauren Camera, Senior Writer, U.S. News & World Report



Lauren Camera is a senior writer at U.S. News & World Report. She joined the News team as an education reporter in 2015. She's covered education policy and politics for more than a decade, during which she's dug into the education agendas of the last three administrations, provided expert analysis of federal and state legislation, produced data projects on important topics like Title I funding for poor students and focused on issues of inequality in the early education, K-12 and higher education spaces. Camera has also written for Education Week, The Hechinger Report, Congressional Quarterly, Roll Call and the Chronicle of Higher Education. She was a 2013 Spencer Education Fellow at Columbia University's School of Journalism, where she conducted a reporting project about the impact of the Obama administration's competitive education grant, Race to the Top. She's a frequent guest on C-SPAN, has appeared on PBS "NewsHour," SiriusXM's POTUS channel and others, and has presented her reporting to audiences at SXSW EDU. Camera earned her bachelor's degree from Colby College in Maine, and her master's degree in journalism from Boston University.

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Ms. Davidson previously worked as Bloomberg's U.S. Economy Editor, Politico's Morning Money author, and The Wall Street Journal's economic policy reporter. At The Wall Street Journal, Ms. Davidson covered the Biden administration's economic agenda, the Treasury Department, and U.S. fiscal policy. She previously covered the Federal Reserve, breaking numerous stories about central bank independence and accountability. She's also written extensively about the broader economy including major trends that concern Washington around jobs, growth, and inflation.

Before joining the Journal, Davidson was at Politico covering every major financial regulator, including the launch of the CFPB, and implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act. She previously worked for the American Banker and CQ-Roll Call. Before moving to Washington, Davidson covered politics and business at the Concord Monitor and education at the New Hampshire Union Leader.

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Tarun Chhabra, Senior Director, National Security Council



Before joining the Biden administration as Senior Director for Technology and National Security on the National Security Council, Tarun Chhabra was senior fellow at the Center for Security and Emerging Technology at Georgetown University and a fellow with the Project on International Order and Strategy at the Brookings Institution. He previously served as a speechwriter to the Secretary of Defense from 2013-2015 and assumed a role as Director in Obama's National Security Council from 2015-2017. He has had a close working relationship with many of the Biden administration's high-level foreign policy staff, such as Rush Doshi and Mira Rapp-Hooper.

CSPC Staff Biographies:

The Honorable Glenn C. Nye III, President & CEO



Glenn Nye is the President & CEO of the Center for the Study of the Presidency & Congress (CSPC), a nonpartisan think tank aiming to educate future public policy leaders while serving as an honest broker between the White House, Congress and the Private Sector. He leads discussions on key national security issues and reforming our political system to be more civil and responsive to the American people.

Nye is a former Member of Congress who bridges the public policy and technology communities. He served Virginia's Second Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives where he distinguished himself as a bipartisan legislator, ranking among the top 10 most independent voting members.

Nye served on the Armed Services, Veterans, and Small Business Committees, chairing the Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology. He was commended for consistent bipartisan support of a pro-growth economic environment and a vibrant middle class, strong national security, and support of veterans and military families- earning the endorsements of the VFW, teachers, business groups, and firefighters. He championed structural reforms to enhance the effectiveness of government and civility among citizens, including nonpartisan redistricting and government spending reforms.

After serving in Congress, Nye became an advisor to technology companies, guiding executives and policymakers in the areas of data analysis and personal data privacy. He serves on the board of directors of iMMAP, a data analysis and mapping company serving the international development community, and the board of advisors at FiscalNote, a government data and workflow software company. He served previously as a senior advisor to Palantir Technologies, focusing on military and corporate applications, and Datacoup, a personal data marketplace company.

After graduating from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Nye spent his early career as a U.S. diplomat serving the State Department and USAID in the Balkans, Southeast Asia, Afghanistan and the Middle East. He was recognized with a Superior Honor Award for brokering the release of an American held hostage by insurgents in Macedonia and participated in negotiations for the U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement. He also led economic and political stabilization operations supporting counterinsurgency missions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Nye continues to enhance understanding between branches of government by lecturing about the behind-the-scenes workings of the U.S. Congress to members of the foreign policy community. He remains active in thought leadership on technology and public policy issues.

Nye is a member of the Congressional Leadership Council of the "Fix the Debt" campaign. Nye has written and led discussions on politics, security, and digital technology issues as a Senior Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the U.S., a trans-Atlantic think tank.

Michelle Miller, Executive Assistant to Rep. Mike Rogers



Michelle Miller joins the Center for the Study of the Presidency & Congress as Executive Assistant to former Congressman Mike Rogers. Michelle attended the College of Charleston, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre. Before joining CSPC, Michelle worked for nonprofits in the Carolinas as an Annual Fund Manager.

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Prior to joining CSPC, Ms. Ngoenha served as the Congressional Affairs Program Officer at The German Marshall Fund of the United States where she recruited and managed congressional participation in various programs and events including study tours, major conferences, roundtable discussions, and educational briefings. She began her career as a Grassroots Advocacy Manager at the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. She received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Florida and her M.A. in U.S. Foreign Policy from American University.

Joshua Huminski, Director, Mike Rogers Center for Intelligence & Global Affairs



Joshua C. Huminski is the Director of the Mike Rogers Center for Intelligence & Global Affairs. Founded by former House Intelligence Committee Chairman, Rep. Mike Rogers (R-MI, ret.), the Center focuses on key national security and foreign policy issues such as Euro-Atlantic Security, the trans-Atlantic partnership, U.S.-Russia relations, emerging technology, and intelligence reform.

As part of the Center's research efforts, Huminski chairs high-profile, off-the-record discussions with senior officials from government, the military, intelligence community, diplomatic corps, and academia. He is also the senior national security and foreign policy advisor to Chairman Rogers and his 501c4 advocacy organization, LEAD America. Huminski is a frequent commentator on national security, intelligence policy, and emerging technology issues. He has a weekly book review column for the *Diplomatic Courier*. His research has appeared in *Breaking Defense*, *the Hill*, *Defense One*, *the Cipher Brief*, and with the London-based Council on Geostrategy. He will soon be published by the National Defense University's *PRISM Journal* (expected June 2023). He is also a non-resident fellow at George Mason University's National Security Institute. Originally from Connecticut, Joshua received his graduate degree (with Merit) in War Studies from King's College London after completing a dissertation on energy security and international relations. He earned his undergraduate honors degree from the University of Connecticut in political science following

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His work has been published in POLITICO, the Real Clear family of websites, the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, and the CSPC Fellows Review. He has also contributed to articles in the Wall Street Journal, on the Bloomberg and Xinhua Wire Services, and appeared on several international news channels.

Robert W. Gerber, Senior Fellow



Robert W. Gerber is a former U.S. diplomat who served at U.S. Embassies in Afghanistan, Haiti, the Netherlands, France, and Iceland during a 20-year Foreign Service career. He also has held senior economic policy-making roles in Washington, DC, including at the U.S. Department of State, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and as a professional staff member on Capitol Hill.

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James Kitfield, Senior Fellow, CSPC



James Kitfield is Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of the Presidency & Congress, and a contributing editor at Atlantic Media, publisher of *The Atlantic* and *National Journal*. He was the former senior national security correspondent for *National Journal*, and has written on defense, national security and foreign policy issues from Washington, D.C. for over two decades, publishing hundreds of magazine features and web stories and reporting from dozens of countries in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America and Africa. His reporting from conflict zones such as the Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan has won numerous

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Mr. Kitfield is the only three-time winner of the prestigious Gerald R. Ford Award for Distinguished Reporting on National Defense, most recently for his first-hand reporting on the Afghan War and other conflicts. The Military Reporters and Editors Association and the Medill School of Journalism have awarded Mr. Kitfield their top prize for excellence in reporting an unprecedented six times, most recently in the “Online Journalism” category for his articles in *POLITICO Magazine*, *Yahoo News* and *Breaking Defense*. Mr. Kitfield’s feature article in *POLITICO Magazine* entitled “Afghanistan: The Last Commander” was a finalist in the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) 2022 Dateline Awards, magazine category.

The National Press Club has honored Mr. Kitfield with its Edwin Hood Award for Diplomatic Correspondence to recognize excellence in reporting on diplomatic and foreign policy issues. Citing Mr. Kitfield’s insightful writing on trans-Atlantic issues, the German Marshall Fund awarded him its Peter R. Weitz Prize for excellence in reporting on European affairs, and Mr. Kitfield is also the recipient of the Stewart Alsop Media Excellence Award, sponsored by the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, for his coverage of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and follow-on events. The White House Correspondents Association awarded Mr. Kitfield an honorable mention in the Edgar A. Poe Awards for coverage of news of national significance, citing his coverage of the Taliban resurgence in Afghanistan. Mr. Kitfield is author of four books on national security themes, most recently “In the Company of Heroes: The Inspiring Stories of Medal of Honor Recipients from America’s Longest Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq” (Hachette Book Group 2021). Mr. Kitfield’s other books include “Twilight Warriors: The Soldiers, Spies & Special Agents Who Are Revolutionizing the American Way of War” (Basic Books, 2016); “War & Destiny: How the Bush Revolution in Foreign and Military Affairs Redefined American Power” (Potomac Books, 2005); and “Prodigal Soldiers: How the Generation of Officers Born of Vietnam Revolutionized the American Style of War” (Simon & Schuster, 1995). Mr. Kitfield’s national security reporting and commentary have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, *POLITICO Magazine*, *Bloomberg View*, *National Journal*, *The National Interest*, *Newsday*, *Army Times*, *Air Force Magazine*, *The Stars & Stripes*, *Defense One*, *Breaking Defense*, and other publications. Mr. Kitfield is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations and a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Georgia’s Henry Grady School of Journalism.

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Sydney has previously worked at several local history museums throughout North Carolina. She assisted in exhibit curation, development of educational materials, and grant-writing. She received a B.A. in history from Loyola University Maryland and an M.A. in public history from the University of North Carolina

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Prior to this role, Benjamin gained experience as the Field Operations Assistant at Outreach International, international development non-governmental organization headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri. Additionally, he has held various roles with the Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies at Indiana

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