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Washington Meetings

Conference on Diversity in International Affairs

Friday, April 27, 2018

12:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. — Conference for Professionals

5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. — Reception and Keynote for Professionals and Students

Saturday, April 28, 2018

9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. — Conference for Students

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PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Friday, April 27, 2018

Registration and Lunch

12:30 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

Plenary One:

Global Hotspots

1:00 p.m.–2:15 p.m.

Speakers

Barbara Demick

New York Correspondent, *Los Angeles Times*

Ayman Mohyeldin

Foreign Correspondent, NBC News

Presider

Romesh Ratnesar

Member, Editorial Board, *Bloomberg View*

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Friday, April 27, 2018

Coffee Reception

2:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

2:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

How to Work on Campaigns

Eighth Floor

Suhail A. Khan

Director of External Affairs, Microsoft Corporation;
Senior Fellow, Institute for Global Engagement

Eric Lundy

Program Director, Inclusv

Laura M. Rosenberger

Director of the Alliance for Securing Democracy and Senior Fellow,
German Marshall Fund of the United States; Former Foreign Policy Advisor, Hillary for America

Making the Transition Between the Public and Private Sectors

Second Floor

Neena Shenai

Principal Global Trade Counsel, Medtronic, Inc.

Zaid A. Zaid

Director of Public Policy and Strategic Response, Facebook

How to Write an Op-Ed

First Floor

Anya Schmemann

Washington Director, Global Communications and Outreach and
Director, Independent Task Force Program, Council on Foreign Relations

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Friday, April 27, 2018

Coffee Reception

4:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Plenary Two:

One Year of Trump: U.S. Image Abroad

4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Speakers

Elmira Bayrasli

Cofounder and Chief Executive Officer, Foreign Policy Interrupted

David Smith

White House Correspondent, *Guardian*

Rachel B. Vogelstein

Douglas Dillon Senior Fellow and Director, Women and Foreign Policy Program,
Council on Foreign Relations

Presider

Guillermo Christensen

Partner, Brown Rudnick LLP

PROFESSIONAL AND STUDENT PROGRAM

Friday, April 27, 2018

Networking Reception

5:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Keynote Address:

A Conversation with Jeh Johnson

6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Speaker

Jeh C. Johnson

Partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP;

Former U.S Secretary of Homeland Security

Presider

María Teresa Kumar

Founding President and Chief Executive Officer, Voto Latino

Networking Reception

7:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

STUDENT PROGRAM

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Registration and Breakfast

9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

Plenary One:

Diversity in Foreign Affairs and Public Service

9:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

Speakers

Nicole M. Bibbins Sedaca

Chair, Global Politics and Security Concentration and Professor in the Practice of International Affairs,
Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service

Ruth A. Davis

Vice President, Association of Black American Ambassadors

Carmen Lomellin

Principal, Lomellin Global Partners;

Former U.S. Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, U.S. Department of State;

Former National Coordinator, Presidential Summit of the Americas

Presider

Jerry L. Johnson

Partner, RLJ Equity Partners, LLC

STUDENT PROGRAM

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Coffee Reception

10:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Acing Your Interview

First Floor

Sandra A. Rivera

Assistant Director, Office of Economics, U.S. International Trade Commission

Patricia Scroggs

Director, Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program,
Howard University

International Opportunities: Fellowships, Graduate School, Internships, and More

Second Floor

Trixie Cordova

Associate Director, Diversity Abroad

Lily Lopez-McGee

Deputy Director, Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program,
Howard University

Navigating Washington

Eighth Floor

Maram Abdelhamid

Founder and President, Liberty and Access for All

Sajit Gandhi

Senior Professional Staff Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs,
U.S. House of Representatives

STUDENT PROGRAM

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Lunch Reception

12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

Plenary Two:

The Status of Immigration Reform

1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Speakers

Theresa Cardinal Brown

Director of Immigration and Cross-Border Policy, Bipartisan Policy Center

Carlos Guevara

Senior Policy Advisor, UnidosUS

Allen Orr

Founder and Immigration Attorney, Orr Immigration Law Firm;

Treasurer, American Immigration Lawyers Association

Presider

Konstantin Kakaes

Fellow, New America Foundation

Speaker and President Biographies

Global Hotspots

Barbara Demick

Barbara Demick is New York correspondent of the *Los Angeles Times*, formerly head of the bureaus in Beijing and Seoul. She is the author of *Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea* and *Logavina Street: Life and Death in a Sarajevo Neighborhood*. Demick has won Britain's Samuel Johnson Award for best nonfiction, the George Polk Award, and the Robert F. Kennedy Award, as well as the Osborn Elliot Prize for Journalism from the Asia Society and the Overseas Press Club, the American Academy of Diplomacy's Arthur Ross Award, and Stanford University's Shorenstein Award for best Asia reporting. She has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. She has been an Edward R. Murrow press fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Ayman Mohyeldin

Ayman Mohyeldin is a foreign news correspondent for NBC News. He has covered the Middle East since the U.S. invasion in Iraq and has reported from more than a dozen countries in the region, including Israel and the Palestinian Territories, as well as Europe and Asia. Prior to joining NBC, Mohyeldin reported for Al Jazeera English and CNN. He has won numerous journalism awards and was named as one of *Time* magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World" for his coverage of the Arab Spring in 2011.

Romesh Ratnesar — presiding

Romesh Ratnesar is a writer for *Bloomberg View* and a fellow in the New America Foundation's international security program. From 2015 to 2017, he served as senior adviser and chief of staff in the office of the undersecretary of state for public diplomacy and public affairs. Prior to joining the U.S. Department of State, Ratnesar was the deputy editor and international editor of *Bloomberg Businessweek*. He is the author of *Tear Down This Wall: A City, A President and the Speech that Ended the Cold War*. A former foreign editor and international correspondent for *Time*, Ratnesar has also written for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Slate*, *New Republic*, *Washington Monthly*, and *Mother Jones*. He has been awarded fellowships by the Hoover Institution, New America Foundation, and the Aspen Institute. He received his MA and BA in history, with distinction, from Stanford University.

Breakout Sessions

Suhail A. Khan

Suhail A. Khan serves as director of external affairs at Microsoft Corporation and a senior fellow at the Institute for Global Engagement. He has served on Capitol Hill, in the second Bush administration, and at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Khan worked with NBC Universal's "Stop the Hate" campaign in 2017. In 2014, he was appointed by Republican National Committee (RNC) Chairman Reince Priebus to serve on the RNC's Asian Pacific American Advisory Council. Khan led delegations of American and global faith leaders to Europe's Nazi concentration camps in 2010 and 2013. He serves on the boards of directors for the American Studies Center and the Children's National Medical Center, and on the board of advisors for the American Jewish Committee. Khan was elected to the board of directors of the American Conservative Union in 2006. He is a recipient of the Secretary of Transportation's Team Award, the Secretary's Gold Medal for Outstanding Achievement, and the Young Conservative Coalition's Buckley Award. Khan earned a BA in political science from the University of California, Berkeley and a JD from the University of Iowa.

Eric Lundy

Eric Lundy is a program director for Inclusv, where he works to remove the structural barriers that have historically prevented political staffers of color from advancing to leadership positions. He is currently spearheading an initiative to create mentoring opportunities for all staffers of color. Lundy has worked in nearly a dozen states and for national organizations such as the Democratic National Committee and MoveOn.org, and began his career interning for then-Senator Barack Obama's presidential campaign in 2007. He is a native of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Laura M. Rosenberger

Laura M. Rosenberger is the director of the Alliance for Securing Democracy and a senior fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF). Before she joined GMF, she was foreign policy advisor for Hillary for America, where she coordinated development of the campaign's national security policies, messaging, and strategy. Prior to that, she served in a range of positions at the U.S. Department of State and the National Security Council (NSC). As chief of staff to Deputy Secretary of State Tony Blinken and later, as then-Deputy National Security Advisor Blinken's senior advisor, she counseled on the full range of national security policy. In her role at the NSC, she also managed the interagency Deputies Committee, the U.S. government's senior-level interagency decision-making forum on pressing national security issues. Rosenberger has extensive background in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly Northeast Asia. She served as NSC director for China and Korea, managing and coordinating U.S. policy on China and the Korean Peninsula, and in a variety of positions focused on the Asia-Pacific region at the Department of State, including managing U.S.–China relations and addressing North Korea's nuclear programs. She also served as special assistant to Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs William Burns, advising him on Asia-Pacific affairs and on nonproliferation and arms control issues. Rosenberger first joined the State Department as a presidential management fellow.

Breakout Sessions

Anya Schmemann

Anya Schmemann is Washington director of global communications and outreach and director of the Independent Task Force Program at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). She recently served as assistant dean of communications and outreach at American University's School of International Service. Previously, Schmemann managed communications at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard's Kennedy School. She coordinated a research project on Russian security issues at the EastWest Institute in New York and was assistant director of CFR's Center for Preventive Action in New York, focusing on the Balkans and Central Asia. She has written on U.S. policy toward Russia in *U.S. News & World Report*, the *Atlantic*, the *National Interest*, *Huffington Post*, *CNN GPS*, and elsewhere. She was a Truman national security fellow and a nonresident senior fellow at the Center for the National Interest. She received a BA in government and an MA in Russian, East European, and Central Asian studies, both from Harvard University.

Neena Shenai

Neena Shenai is principal global trade counsel at Medtronic, where she leads the company's global trade legal team. She is also a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, where she is working on a joint, bipartisan project on "reconceptualizing" globalization with the Brookings Institution. Shenai formerly served as trade counsel for the Committee on Ways and Means in the U.S. House of Representatives. She was involved in the passage of the 2015 Trade Promotion Authority package as well as 2011 legislation implementing the U.S.-Panama free trade agreement and reauthorizing trade adjustment assistance. Previously, Shenai served as banking, commerce, transportation, and trade counsel for the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee and senior adviser in the Bureau of Industry and Security at the U.S. Department of Commerce. She was an attorney in the international trade group of Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP, a professional trainee in the rules division of the World Trade Organization, and a judicial law clerk with the Honorable Evan J. Wallach, then of the U.S. Court of International Trade. Shenai has a JD from Vanderbilt University; an MPhil in international relations from St. Antony's College, Oxford University; and a BA with high honors from Swarthmore College.

Zaid A. Zaid

Zaid A. Zaid is a public policy and response team staffer at Facebook, where he deals with high-profile incidents that affect the business and reputational risk of the platform. Prior to his current role, Zaid most recently served in the Obama Administration as special assistant to the President and associate White House counsel, and before that as senior attorney advisor to the general counsel at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Prior to joining the Obama administration, Zaid was in private practice at Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr (WilmerHale) in Washington, DC, where he served as a grant reader for the Middle East Partnership Initiative at the U.S. Department of State, and as the coordinator for the Columbia Law School in the Washington, DC program. He began his law career with federal clerkships on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First and Second Circuits and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Before his time as an attorney, Zaid was a political officer in the Foreign Service and served in Baghdad, at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, and at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo. Zaid is a Truman national security fellow, and a 2011 International Career Advancement Program (ICAP) participant. He also serves on the Board of Directors of iMMAP and the Board of Governors for the Georgetown University Alumni Association. Zaid graduated from Columbia Law School in 2007 as a Richard Paul Richman fellow.

One Year of Trump: U.S. Image Abroad

Elmira Bayrasli

Elmira Bayrasli is the chief executive officer and cofounder of Foreign Policy Interrupted and a professor at Bard College's global and international affairs program. She is the author of *From the Other Side of the World: Extraordinary Entrepreneurs, Unlikely Places*, a book that looks at the rise of entrepreneurship globally. Bayrasli is a regular contributor on global entrepreneurship for Techcrunch. She also provides analysis on foreign policy, particularly on Turkey. Her work has appeared in Reuters, *Foreign Affairs*, the *Washington Post*, Quartz, *Fortune*, *Forbes*, CNN, NPR, BBC, Al Jazeera, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *New York Times*. She sits on the boards of Turkish Women's International Network and Invest2Innovate. She holds a BA in political science and Middle Eastern studies from New York University and an MA in Middle Eastern studies from Columbia University.

David Smith

David Smith has been a White House correspondent with the *Guardian* since 2015. He has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, NPR, and broadcasts in Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Ireland, and the United Kingdom. Smith was previously an Africa correspondent, based in Johannesburg, and covered the overthrow of Muammar Gaddafi, death of Nelson Mandela, and murder trial of Oscar Pistorius, as well as elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. A graduate of the University of Leeds, Smith was based in the UK for the *Daily Express* and the *Observer* and made several trips to Afghanistan and Iraq to report on the conflicts in those countries.

Rachel B. Vogelstein

Rachel B. Vogelstein is the Douglas Dillon senior fellow and director of the Women and Foreign Policy Program at the Council on Foreign Relations, and a visiting fellow with the Center for Global Legal Challenges at Yale Law School. From 2015 to 2016, Vogelstein served as senior advisor on women's issues to Hillary Rodham Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign. She also served as an advisor to the Clinton-Kaine transition team. From 2013 to 2015, Vogelstein served as the director of Women's and Girls' Programs at the Clinton Foundation, where she oversaw the development of the *No Ceilings* Initiative and provided guidance on domestic and global women's issues. From 2009 to 2012, Vogelstein was director of policy and senior advisor in the Office of Global Women's Issues within the Office of the Secretary of State at the U.S. Department of State. In this capacity, she advised Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton on a range of foreign policy issues related to the advancement of women, and represented the U.S. Department of State as a member of the White House Council on Women and Girls. Vogelstein was previously senior counsel at the National Women's Law Center in Washington, DC, and a clerk for the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. In 2004, she was awarded an Equal Justice Works Fellowship to work on women's health policy. She also served as assistant counsel to then Senator Clinton's first presidential campaign and on the staff of her 2000 U.S. Senate campaign. She is the author of *Ending Child Marriage*, *Women's Participation in Conflict Prevention and Resolution* and *Building Inclusive Economies*. Vogelstein is a recipient of the Secretary of State's Superior Honor Award and a National Association of Women Lawyers Award, and chairs the board of trustees of the National Child Research Center. She graduated from Columbia University's Barnard College and from Georgetown Law School, where she was executive editor of the *Georgetown Law Journal*.

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Guillermo Christensen — presiding

Guillermo Christensen is a partner in Brown Rudnick's white collar crime and investigations group, and chairs the firm's cybersecurity and data protection practice. Prior to becoming a lawyer, he served as an intelligence officer with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) with multiple foreign and domestic assignments. In 2010, Christensen served as science and technology advisor to the U.S. Mission to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris. After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, he spent a year on loan from the CIA to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and went on to help establish several national-level intelligence fusion centers. From 2001 to 2002, he was the CIA fellow to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. Christensen is on the international advisory board to the Reves Center for international studies at the College of William and Mary. He is a 2016 fellow of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity and is active with the Hispanic National Bar Association. He holds a BA from American University, and an MSFS and JD from Georgetown University.

A Conversation with Jeh Johnson

Jeh C. Johnson

Jeh C. Johnson is partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP. He was the U.S. secretary of homeland security from December 2013 to January 2017. He is a nonresident senior fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School and frequently lectures at Harvard and Yale law schools and the Oxford Union in England. Johnson has been affiliated with Paul, Weiss on and off since 1984, and became the firm's first African American partner in 1994. Prior to becoming secretary of homeland security, Johnson was general counsel of the U.S. Department of Defense from 2009 to 2012. In October 1998, he was appointed by President Bill Clinton to be general counsel of the U.S. Department of the Air Force, and served in that position until January 2001. Earlier in his career, Johnson was an assistant United States attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1989 to 1991. Johnson is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is on the board of directors of Lockheed Martin and the Center for a New American Security. At the invitation of Martin Luther King III, Johnson also serves on the board of directors of the Drum Major Institute, the organization devoted to preserving and promoting MLK Jr's legacy. He is a graduate of Morehouse College and Columbia Law School, and the recipient of nine honorary degrees.

María Teresa Kumar — presiding

María Teresa Kumar is the founding president and chief executive officer of Voto Latino and an Emmy-nominated contributor with MSNBC. She has served as co-chair of the Aspen Task Force on Connected Learning. Kumar is a frequent guest analyst on NPR and PBS, a panelist on Bill Maher's HBO show, an opinion writer for national publications, and a sought after speaker at major conferences including GE, Prudential, Intel, SXSW, NetRoots Nation, Personal Democracy Forum, and TEDx. Kumar serves on the national boards of EMILY's List, Planned Parenthood Federation, and the Latino Leaders Network. She is a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader, a Hunt Alternative Fund Prime Mover, and an Aspen Institute Scholar. Fast Company named her among the most "100 Creative Minds in Business." In 2013, *Elle Magazine* named her one of the "10 most influential women in Washington, DC." *Hispanic Business* named her among the "100 Most Influential Latinos in America" and *Hispanic Executive* named her among the "Top 10 Most Influential Latinos" in the country. She started her career as a legislative aide for then-Democratic Caucus Chair Vic Fazio. Kumar received her MPP from Harvard's Kennedy School and BA from University of California at Davis.

Diversity in Foreign Affairs and Public Service

Nicole M. Bibbins Sedaca

Nicole M. Bibbins Sedaca serves as the chair for the global politics and security concentration in Georgetown University's master of science in foreign service (MSFS) program and is a professor in the practice of international affairs in MSFS. Prior to joining Georgetown's faculty, she opened and directed the International Republican Institute's local governance program in Ecuador. Bibbins Sedaca taught at the Universidad de San Francisco de Quito. She also served as the director of the Washington office of Independent Diplomat, a diplomatic advisory group. Bibbins Sedaca served for ten years in the U.S. Department of State. During this time, her positions included: senior advisor to the undersecretary of state for democracy and global affairs; senior director for strategic planning and external affairs in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; and special assistant to the ambassador-at-large for counterterrorism. She serves as chairperson of the board of the International Justice Mission. She has served as the chair of the board of the Institute for Global Engagement, and served on the boards of Georgetown's School of Foreign Service, the William and Mary Fund, and the William and Mary Washington office. Bibbins Sedaca holds a MSFS from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and a BA in international relations from the College of William and Mary, where she was a Presidential and Monroe scholar. She also studied at Humboldt Universitaet in Berlin, Germany, while on a Rotary International Scholarship.

Ruth A. Davis

Ruth A. Davis is vice president of the Association of Black American Ambassadors. She chairs the selection committee for the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship at Howard University's Ralph Bunche International Affairs Center, and has served as chair and founding member of the International Women's Entrepreneurial Challenge since 2009. Davis is also vice president of the Washington Institute of Foreign Affairs, and the president of the International Mission of Mercy, USA. She acts as a senior adviser to the Thursday Luncheon Group and the International Career Advancement Program (ICAP) at the University of Denver, where she serves annually as a counselor and speaker and was honored with ICAP's first Diversity Award for visionary leadership and fostering diversity within foreign affairs. During her forty-year career in the U.S. Foreign Service, she served as chief of staff in the Africa Bureau (2005-2009), distinguished advisor for international affairs at Howard University (2003-2005), director-general of the Foreign Service and director of human resources (2001-2003), director of the Foreign Service Institute (1997-2001), principal deputy assistant secretary for consular affairs (1995-1997), ambassador to the Republic of Benin (1992-1995), consul general in Barcelona (1987-1991), and a consular officer in nations around the globe. Davis has received the U.S. Department of State's Superior Honor Award, Arnold L. Raphel Memorial Award, and Equal Employment Opportunity Award; the Secretary of State's Achievement Award; the Director General's Foreign Service Cup; and two Presidential Distinguished Service Awards. She was recently named to the *Economist's* 2015 Global Diversity List as one of the "Top 50 Diversity Figures in Public Life" and is the recipient of the American Foreign Service Association's Lifetime Contributions to American Diplomacy Award. Davis currently serves on the board of visitors for the Defense Language Institute, the board of directors of the Senior Seminar Alumni Association, and the advisory council of the Foreign Service Youth Foundation. She holds a BA from Spelman College and an MA from the University of California, Berkeley.

Diversity in Foreign Affairs and Public Service

Carmen Lomellin

Carmen Lomellin is currently a principal with the consulting company of Lomellin Global Partners. She is a former U.S. permanent representative to the Organization of American States (OAS) and national coordinator for the presidential-level Summit of the Americas. She was appointed for these roles by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in November 2009. Prior to leading the U.S. Permanent Mission to the OAS, Lomellin was the executive secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) for the OAS from May 1998 until March 2009. During her tenure at the CIM, she introduced the issue of trafficking in persons. During the Clinton administration, Lomellin held the positions of White House liaison for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, and director of that agency's Office of International Affairs. She was an advisor on Hispanic affairs to the White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach, as well as search manager in the White House Office of Presidential Personnel during the 1996 presidential transition, where she worked on subcabinet international appointments in the area. Preceding her international and federal government professional experience, Lomellin worked for the mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley, as director of the Private Industry Council of Chicago. She has worked for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, where she was the director of leadership development and, for Chicago United as director of economic development. In addition, she has extensive experience in the private sector, working for the Chicago-based Inland Steel Company in various sales and marketing capacities. Lomellin holds a BS in business management from St. Joseph's Calumet College and an MBA in international business from De Paul University, Chicago, Illinois.

Jerry L. Johnson — presiding

Jerry L. Johnson joined RLJ Equity Partners from American Capital, a publicly traded alternative asset management company. Prior to joining American Capital, he was a vice president in the financial sponsors and private equity group at Bank of America. He also served as a White House fellow and special assistant to the secretary of defense. Johnson began his career with Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, and prior to that, he was with McKinsey & Company. He received his BS from the University of Tennessee and his MBA from the Harvard Business School.

Breakout Sessions

Maram Abdelhamid

Maram Abdelhamid is founder, president, and director of Liberty and Access for All. She is a political and nonprofit consultant with over ten years of experience in political organizing, government relations, and advocacy. She has worked as the national field organizer for 21st Century Democrats, deputy campaign manager for U.S. Representative Jim Moran, and national field and political director for the Arab American Institute. Abdelhamid began her career as a legislative assistant to Colorado State Representative Renee Sanchez. She holds a BA in political science and economics from the University of Denver.

Trixie Cordova

Trixie Cordova is associate director at Diversity Abroad. Before joining Diversity Abroad in 2014, she worked in the Office of Global Programs at Columbia University, supporting program staff as a graduate assistant. Cordova was previously education director for World Up, a nonprofit music education program in Brooklyn that uses global hip-hop to educate youth about issues affecting their communities. She has also worked with Peace Boat U.S. Early in her career, she taught English in Japan for several years. Cordova holds a BA in sociology and American studies from the University of California, Berkeley, and an MA in international education development and peace education from Columbia University's Teachers College.

Sajit Gandhi

Sajit Gandhi is the senior professional staff member on the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Foreign Affairs, advising the minority on issues related to South Asia. In 2004, he joined the U.S. Department of State as a presidential management fellow and held several South Asia related assignments, including as India desk officer, political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka, and deputy communications director to Richard Holbrooke, the late special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. Gandhi began his career at the National Security Archive, focusing on U.S. foreign policy towards India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. He received an MA in security studies from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and a BA in international affairs from the George Washington University.

Lily Lopez-McGee

Lily Lopez-McGee is the deputy director for the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program at Howard University. She also serves as a co-chair of the Global Access Pipeline. Previously, Lopez-McGee served as manager at Diversity Abroad, where she managed the Diversity Abroad Network, a professional network of higher education institutions; and oversaw the development of the Access, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity in International Education (AIDE) Roadmap, the first assessment tool developed to evaluate diversity and inclusion efforts in study abroad offices at U.S. institutions. Prior to Diversity Abroad, she managed an internationally-focused fellowship for undergraduate students and worked with minority-serving institutions on capacity building efforts related to campus internationalization and grant management at the United College Negro Fund's Special Programs Corporation. Lopez-McGee holds a BA in international relations and an MPA from the University of Washington. She is currently pursuing a doctorate from George Mason University.

Sandra A. Rivera

Sandra A. Rivera serves as assistant director of U.S. International Trade Commission's (USITC) Office of Economics. Her recent work includes "Understanding the Impact of NAFTA on U.S. Latino Employment: an economy wide analysis;" "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon: What is the impact of China's WTO Accession on India's Trade;" and "What Is the Impact of China's Growth on India: An Economy-wide Analysis." In 2008 alone, she trained over 1,100 Latino and African American youth on public speaking. Rivera earned her PhD in international economics from University of Kentucky, her MA from University of New Mexico, and her BA at William Smith College. She is an alumna of the National Hispana Leadership Institute Executive Leadership Program.

Patricia Scroggs

Patricia Scroggs has been director of the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program at Howard University since 2006. She joined Howard University after twenty years of service in Asia, Latin America, and Washington as a Foreign Service officer. Until November 2005, she served as the director of the East Asian and Pacific Bureau's Office of Regional and Security Policy. Her overseas posts included Tokyo, Japan; Seoul, Korea; and Mazatlan, Mexico. During Washington assignments, she was chief of the Asia, Near East, and Africa Division in the Trade Office; special assistant to the assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and an economic officer and a science, technology, and environment officer in the Office of Japanese Affairs. She was awarded four Superior Honor Awards and the Averell B. Harriman Award for outstanding contributions to diplomacy. Scroggs has an MA in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and did considerable training at the U.S. Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.

The Status of Immigration Reform

Theresa Cardinal Brown

Theresa Cardinal Brown is director of immigration and cross-border policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC). She came to BPC from her own consulting firm, Cardinal North Strategies, LLC. Brown has served as director of immigration and border policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and associate director of business immigration advocacy at the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and has worked in the immigration practices of large Washington, DC-based law firms. She also served as a director and of counsel at the Sentinel HS Group, LLC. Brown was a policy advisor in the office of the commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and was on U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff's Second Stage Review of the Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services. In 2005 and 2006, she became a member and later director of the Immigration Legislation Task Force in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Policy. She then served as the first DHS director of Canadian affairs and, subsequently, as the first DHS attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa. Brown is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Delaware with a degree in international relations and economics.

Carlos Guevara

Carlos Guevara is the senior immigration policy advisor at UnidosUS, formerly the National Council of La Raza. At UnidosUS, he focuses on advancing effective and humane federal immigration policies that promote and uphold family unity, protect workers' rights, build on immigrant integration efforts, and improve our current immigration system. Before joining UnidosUS, Guevara served in the Obama administration, where he was involved in the development and implementation of administration immigration priorities from 2014 to 2017. He first began working on immigration issues as an attorney providing direct representation to low income immigrants on family-based, humanitarian, and removal matters.

Allen Orr

Allen Orr is the founder of Orr Immigration Law Firm PC. He is the immigration section chair for the National Bar Association and the national treasurer for AILA. He previously helped to build one of the leading global immigration practices at a large global law firm, where he developed a global network of immigration practitioners, government officials and business leaders. Orr managed an I-9 compliance audit for a Fortune 10, company which involved review and analysis of all immigration records relating to its 250,000 employees. He is a senior editor of the *Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook* and an associate editor of the AILA's *Global Immigration Guide: A Country-by-Country Survey*. He is the recipient of the 2009 Joseph Minsky Young Lawyer Award for contributions made in the immigration law field and specifically for his work with the Young Lawyers Division of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). He is listed in "The International Who's Who of Corporate Immigration Lawyers" and "The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers." Orr received a BA in philosophy from Morehouse College and a JD from Howard University's School of Law.

Konstantin Kakaes — presiding

Konstantin Kakaes is a fellow at the New America Foundation. He is the author of *The Pioneer Detectives*. Before coming to New America, Kakaes was a Knight Science Journalism fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Kakaes was the *Economist's* bureau chief in Mexico City from 2005 to 2009, and before that covered science and technology for the *Economist* from London. He has a BA in physics from Harvard University.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Friday, April 27, 2018

Maria Pinto Carland

First Floor Lounge

Maria Pinto Carland is a career counselor and coach. She serves as a coach and counselor to the International Career Advancement Program (ICAP), the Posse Foundation, and Georgetown alumni. Pinto Carland retired after twenty-four years as associate director and counselor of the master of science in foreign service program at Georgetown University. Prior to joining Georgetown, she was an administrator at the Patterson School of International Commerce and Diplomacy and the University of Toronto Graduate History Department. She began her career as program officer, first at the U.S.-United Nations Association and then at the Foreign Policy Association, with a six-year break as a curatorial assistant at the Metropolitan Museum, the Art Gallery of Ontario, and the University of Kentucky Art Museum before returning to international work. Pinto Carland was the first chair of the Career Officers' Committee of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs. She produced four editions of the book *Careers in International Affairs*. She has served on a promotion and tenure board for the U.S. Foreign Service; on selection panels for the Department of State's Rangel Fellowship and USAID's Payne Fellowship, and provides workshops for all three programs. Pinto Carland holds a BA from Marymount Manhattan College, did graduate work in African Studies at New York University, and received an MA from Georgetown University.

Margaret New

Seventh Floor Board Room

Margaret New is the founder of the Middleburg Group and has been offering career coaching for over thirty years. She was previously an adjunct professor as well as associate director of graduate student career development at the George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs. A mentee of John Krumboltz at Stanford University, New believes in happenstance as a career development theory, with failing as part of the process of development. Her approach is to help clients understand their values and work on skills that come naturally and have high interest. She is particularly interested in building confidence, developing networking, communication, and empathy skills, and building a strategic plan for designing the life you want to live. New has been a career coach at the Foreign Service Institute and the Department of State. She has also developed seminars in salary negotiation for women and designing your life from the inside out. She works easily with small groups or one-on-one coaching.

STUDENT CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Maria Pinto Carland

First Floor Lounge

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David Fletcher

Seventh Floor Board Room

David Fletcher is senior career advisor at American University's School of International Service. He implements career advising programs and services for graduating students and alumni in the School of International Service. He also assists applicants for nationally competitive scholarships through the Office of Merit Awards and represents the School of International Service to prospective and new students. An innate coach, he helps students to clarify their career goals and gain the critical knowledge and skills they need to work toward launching their career. Fletcher draws upon his previous advising experience with Kogod students, as well as his international business experience with multinational corporations, including Continental Airlines, Taylor Made Adidas, and Commercial Plastics and Supply Corporation. He holds a BA in government and politics, an MS in marketing, and an MBA, all from the University of Maryland system.

Marc St. Hilaire*Seventh Floor Small Conference Room*

Marc St. Hilaire is an executive recruiter with the search firm of Isaacson, Miller (IM) where he has completed searches in the university, international education, and advocacy sectors. Prior to IM, he counseled graduate and undergraduate students of the School of International Service at American University on a variety of professional development topics and international career opportunities. He previously held positions at the George Washington University in fellowship, undergraduate research, and study abroad advising. These positions built upon his earlier work at the Institute of International Education (IIE), where he coordinated professional exchange programs on behalf of the U.S. Department of State and supported proposal operations across IIE offices. As an advocate for fellowship and international career opportunities for young leaders, St. Hilaire previously served as a founding board member and chair of Young Professionals in International Education-DC and has presented at the Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program, the National Association of Fellowship Advisors Conference, and the NAFSA/Association of International Educators National Conference Career Center Speakers Series. He is the recipient of an Institute for International Public Policy fellowship and a Fulbright International Education Administrators award to Germany. St. Hilaire completed his MA in international education at George Washington University, where he also earned a graduate certificate in career and workforce development. He obtained his BA in international affairs from the University of Colorado at Boulder.