





Postconflict Justice and Islam Workshop Participants

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Program Analyst International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP) Department of Justice

Beginning in 2010, Ms. Dana Abro began working as a Program Analyst at the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP) within the Department of Justice, where she is responsible for the coordination, logistics, and financial management for a variety of international law enforcement development programs which include programmatic areas such as, police reform, maritime and border security, gender based violence, and trafficking in persons. In 2009, she completed her Master's in Public Administration at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, and received an Advanced Certificate in Security Studies from the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism (INSCT) at Syracuse University with a focus on international security and development. Additionally, she was worked as a Graduate Research Assistant at INSCT in their new Islam-Humanitarian Law Initiative due to her extensive experience in Morocco. This initiative was developed to address asymmetric warfare and the role of culture and religion in conflict situations, as well as strategies for increasing dialogue on the rule of law in the Muslim world. Ms. Abro also assisted at INSCT in the creation of a certificate program for graduate students in postconflict reconstruction, and conducted primary research and policy analysis on international security issues that ranged from resilience to cross-cultural nation-building strategies. Prior to graduate school, Ms. Abro worked at a non-profit outside of Boston as a Project and Volunteer Coordinator for Earthwatch Institute where she managed a portfolio of social science projects ranging from Archaeology to Public Health. Following Earthwatch, she joined the Peace Corps as a Maternal and Child Health Educator. Living in Morocco, she learned Berber and taught health lessons related to family planning, pregnancy, and hygiene and sanitation. Her projects included a number of infrastructure projects including the implementation of a medical waste incinerator and water chateau at the local hospital as well as organizing a traditional birth attendant training.

Abdullahi Ahmed An-Naim

Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law Emory University School of Law

Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im (from Sudan) is the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law at Emory Law School, Associated Professor in Emory College of Arts and Sciences and Faculty Affiliate at the Emory University Center for Ethics. An internationally recognized scholar of Islam and human rights and human rights in cross-cultural perspectives, Professor An-Na'im teaches courses in international law, comparative law, human rights and Islamic law. His research interests include constitutionalism in Islamic and African countries, secularism, and Islam and politics. Professor An-Na'im directed the following research projects which focus on advocacy strategies for reform through internal cultural transformation: Women and Land in Africa; Islamic Family Law; and, Fellowship Program in Islam and Human Rights. Professor An-Na'im's current research projects include a study of American Muslims and the secular state, and human rights, universality and sovereignty. He continues to further develop his theory of Islam and the Secular State (Harvard University Press, 2008), also published in Arabic and Indonesian. Translations of this manuscript in Bengali, Persian, Urdu, Bengali, Turkish and Russian.

Cecile Aptel

Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow United Institute of Peace (USIP)

Cecile Aptel is an international lawyer with expertise in international criminal justice and human rights, in particular children and women's rights. Her USIP project deals with children and the commission of mass atrocities. She examines the extent of participation (and of victimization) of children (notably child-soldiers and youth militia) in war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide and assess how different demobilization and justice mechanisms have performed in terms of seeking accountability, attributing responsibility, and ensuring that children involved in serious violent acts are reintegrated within their communities and

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society at large. Aptel has worked in international justice, rule of law, human rights and conflict-resolution, in Africa, Europe and the Middle-East, notably in the Balkans, the DRC, Kenya, Lebanon, Rwanda, South Africa and Tanzania. She led the program on children and justice at the International Center for Transitional Justice from 2008-2010. Prior positions include Head of the Legal Section of the UN Independent International Investigation Commission in Lebanon (2007), Legal Adviser to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (2002-2005), and Legal Coordinator in Chambers and Advisor to the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (1996-2001). She has also contributed to the establishment of the State Court of Bosnia-Herzegovina, worked for the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services, the UN Office on Drugs and Crimes, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the European Union. In addition, she has taught at the law school of the University of Caen and at the Centre for Human Rights of the University of Pretoria. She is the co-chair of the War Crimes Committee of the International Bar Association.

Nick Armstrong

Research Fellow Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism (INSCT) College of Law and Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs Syracuse University

Nick Armstrong joined the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism as a Research Fellow in 2008. His research lies in the areas of international security and public management with a focus on postconflict stabilization and reconstruction, security sector reform, and institutional resilience. Before joining INSCT, Nick served for eight years in the U.S. Army as an Airborne Ranger qualified artillery officer (Captain) in the famed 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry). Throughout his tenure, he served in numerous leadership and staff positions, to include Aide-de-Camp to the Deputy Commanding General and Speechwriter to the Commanding General. Armstrong is a veteran with operational experience in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Bosnia spanning the full spectrum of military operations from humanitarian assistance and peace enforcement to counterinsurgency and combat operations. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Nick also earned M.P.A. and C.A.S. degrees in public administration and security studies from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Nick is currently pursuing a security-focused Ph.D. in the Maxwell School's interdisciplinary Social Science Program. His dissertation will center on the sustainability and resilience of security sector reforms in postconflict states.

David Backer

Program Officer in the Grand Program
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David Backer joined the U.S. Institute of Peace in July 2010 as a program officer in the Grant Program. For the previous five years, he was an assistant professor of government at the College of William & Maryand spent time as a visiting fellow at the University of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies (2009-10) and Stanford University's Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law (2005-06). He is conducting ongoing research projects, using original primary data, on victims' responses to transitional justice processes in Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and South Africa. His past publications have examined subjects such as the dynamics of political violence and ethnic conflict and the role of nongovernmental organizations in authoritarian settings. In addition, he is on the board of editors of the International Journal of Transitional Justice and is a co-director of the Constituency-Level Elections Archive. David Backer graduated with a B.A. summa cum laude in interdisciplinary/economics from Amherst College and holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Michigan. He also studied as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Cape Town in 1994.

Jonathan A. Brown

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Jonathan A.C. Brown received his BA in History from Georgetown University in 2000 and his doctorate in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from the University of Chicago in 2006. Dr. Brown has studied and conducted research in Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Indonesia and Iran, and he is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations. His book publications include *The Canonization of al-Bukhari and Muslim: The Formation and Function of the Sunni Hadith Canon* (Brill, 2007),

Hadith: Muhammad's Legacy in the Medieval and Modern World (Oneworld, 2009) and Muhammad: A Very Short Introduction (Oxford University Press, forthcoming). He has published articles in the fields of Hadith, Islamic law, Sufism, Arabic lexical theory and Pre-Islamic poetry and is the editor in chief of the Oxford Encyclopedia of Islamic Law. Dr. Brown's current research interests include the history of forgery and historical criticism in Islamic civilization, comparison with the Western tradition; and modern conflicts between Late Sunni Traditionalism and Salafism in Islamic thought.

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Ms. Jacqueline Chura-Beaver joined the U.S. Army's Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI) in 2009 and supports the Stabilization, Reconstruction, and Transition (STR) branch. She has undertaken significant research projects on topics including leadership in provincial reconstruction teams (PRTs) in Iraq and Afghanistan, governance issues in fragile states, and successes and failures of the Vietnam-era Civil Organization and Revolutionary Development Support (CORDS) program. Ms. Chura-Beaver is currently exploring issues of transition in stability operations. She previously served as an intern and later a Foreign Affairs Officer (FAO) at the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Political-Military Affairs in support of the Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI). Ms. Chura-Beaver holds a B.A. in political science and Spanish from the University of Dayton and a master's degree in public and international affairs, with a concentration in security and intelligence studies, from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs.

John Dempsey

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John Dempsey is the Senior Advisor to Ambassador Richard Holbrooke for the Office of the Special Representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan, focusing on rule of law, governance and the political situation in Afghanistan. He is a frequent media commentator on Afghan politics and U.S. policy in the region. Between 2007 and summer 2010, Dempsey was the Senior Rule of Law Advisor for the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) where he opened and headed their first Afghanistan Office located in Kabul. In 2009 his expertise was utilized in assisting with the draft of the U.S. Government's Rule of Law Strategy for Afghanistan. From 2004 to 2007 he served as the Senior Rule of Law Advisor for USAID, implementing rule of law projects in Afghanistan for the Ministry of Justice and Judicial Reform Commission. In the year prior, Dempsey worked with the International Rescue Committee in Peshawar and Kabul as a Property Law Advisor, assisting returning refugees in Afghanistan with property claims. He was an Associate Attorney for Linklaters LLP in New York City between 2000 and 2003 and is a member of the New York Bar. Dempsey received his Masters degree in international relations and Juris Doctor (JD) from Georgetown University.

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Mohammad H. Fadel joined the Faculty of Law at University of Toronto in January 2006. He received his B.A. in Government and Foreign Affairs (1988), a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago (1995) and his J.D. from the University of Virginia (1999). While at the University of Virginia School of Law, Professor Fadel was a John M. Olin Law and Economics Scholar and Articles Development Editor of the Virginia Law Review. Prior to law school, Professor Fadel completed his Ph.D in Chicago, where he wrote his dissertation on legal process in medieval Islamic law. Professor Fadel was admitted to the Bar of New York in 2000 and practiced law with the firm of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in New York, New York, where he worked on a wide variety of corporate finance transactions and securities-related regulatory investigations. In addition, Professor Fadel served as a law clerk to the Honorable Paul V. Niemeyer of the United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit and the Honorable Anthony A. Alaimo of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia. Professor Fadel has published numerous articles in Islamic legal history.

Muhammad H. Faghfoory

Professorial Lecturer of Religion in Islamic Studies George Washington University Muhammad H. Faghfoory is a professorial lecturer of religion in Islamic Studies. He received his Master's degrees in history and Middle East studies from the University of Illinois, another Master's degree in political science and a PhD in Middle East studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has taught at the University of Tehran and has been a visiting scholar at the University of California-Los Angeles, Islamic Manuscripts Specialist at Princeton University, and at the Library of Congress, and adjunct professor of Middle East History at Mary-Washington University in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Dr. Faghfoory has written, translated, and edited nine books, numerous book chapters, articles, and book reviews. His works have been published by the State University of New York Press, University Press of America, Oxford Encyclopedia of the Muslim World, International Journal of Middle East Studies, the Middle East Journal, and the International Journal of Shi'i Studies. He has lectured extensively in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East, and participated in interfaith dialogue organized by American media. Currently, he is writing a monograph on "War and Peace in Shi'ite Islam," sponsored by Peace Research Institute of Norway to be published by Oxford University Press in 2011.

Elise Groulx Diggs

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A practicing attorney in Canada, member of the Québec Bar for over twenty five years, Elise Groulx is an expert in international criminal law. She was the first elected President of the International Criminal Bar (ICB) in March 2003, in Berlin Germany, and served in this position as co-president with Paul-Albert Iweins, Dean of the Paris Bar. Since December 2005, she has been honorary president of the ICB. She is also the founder and president of the International Criminal Defence Attorneys Association (ICDAA) since 1997, and has been active in the creation of the International Criminal Court (ICC). She has given numerous lectures on various themes of international criminal justice and has led many workshops in international criminal law around the world. She has also been involved in managing rule of law projects in post-conflict settings since 2005, most notably legal aid projects in Afghanistan and Haiti. She has been a practicing criminal defense attorney in Montréal for her entire career and, in recent years, has advised multinational businesses and other organizations in Europe and Canada on issues in international criminal law, including corporate liability. In 2009 she joined a UK Chamber, Perren Building, as an international member. She recently completed a two-year research project on the issue of "business complicity" in war crimes and formulated a due-diligence framework for use by a major multinational corporation in assessing investments in conflict-prone countries. Elise Groulx Diggs was educated in Montréal, where she earned two degrees, a BA in Political Science from UQAM and a law degree, awarded with distinction, from the Université de Montréal. She then pursued graduate studies in criminology and comparative criminal law at the University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas) and earned an advanced degree (LL.M) in these subjects at the London School of Economics (LSE), in the United Kingdom.

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Shireen T. Hunter is a visiting scholar at ACMCU where she directs a project on Reformist Islam funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. She is also a Distinguished Scholar at CSIS where she directed the Islam Program from 1998 to 2005. She is the author of seven books and three monographs and the editor and contributor of seven books and three monographs. She has contributed to more than 35 edited volumes and written forty journal articles. Her latest publications include, *Reformist Voices of Islam:*Mediating Islam and Modernity (M.E. Sharpe, forthcoming in June 2008); Islam And Human Rights: Advancing A US--Muslim Dialogue (edt) (CSIS Press, 2005); Modernization, Democracy And Islam (co edt & contributor) (Praeger, 2004); Islam In Russia: The Politics of Identity And Security (M.E. Sharpe, 2004); Islam: Europe's Second Religion (edt) (Prager, 2002). She received her Ph.D (1983) from the Graduate Institute of International Studies Geneva, Political Science; M.Sc (1971) from London School of Economics and

Political Science, International Relations; and B.A. (1964) from Tehran University, Law and Political Science. She can understand Arabic, Azerbaijani, Farsi, French and English.

Ambassador Feisal Amin Rasoul Istrabadi

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Ambassador Istrabadi focuses his research on the processes of building legal and political institutions in countries in transition from dictatorship to democracy. He brings a mulit-disciplinary approach to studying the emergence of constitutionalism in such societies, including questions of timing and legitimacy, issues of transitional justice, and the political and cultural factors which influence the process of democratization. Ambassador Istrabadi lectures often at universities and think tanks on Iraq-related issues. He appears frequently in national and international media. Prior to his diplomatic appointment, Ambassador Istrabadi served as a legal advisor to the Iraqi Minister for Foreign Affairs during the negotiations for U.N. Security Council resolution 1546 of June 8, 2004, which recognized the reassertion by Iraq of its sovereignty. He was also principal legal drafter of Iraq's interim constitution, the Law of Administration of the State of Iraq for the Transitional Period, and principal author of its Bill of Fundamental Rights. Before contributing to the reconstruction of Iraq, Mr. Istrabadi was a practicing trial lawyer in the United States for 15 years, with approximately 70 civil trials in federal and state courts, focusing on civil rights, employment discrimination, and constitutional torts. He also served a Senior Legal Fellow for Legal Reform and Development in the Arab World at the International Human Rights Law Institute at DePaul University's College of Law in Chicago.

Col. Richard (Dick) Jackson (Ret.)
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Richard B. "Dick" Jackson is a retired Colonel with over 30 years' experience as an Infantryman and Judge Advocate in Panama, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Iraq. Dick Jackson retired from the Army in 2005, having served the previous ten years as a Staff Judge Advocate (the senior legal advisor) at the NATO Joint Forces Command in NATO, the U.S. Army Pacific, Multinational Division North in Bosnia, the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii, and the U.S. Army Special Operations Command in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was also the Chair of the International and Operational Law Department at the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, Virginia. Mr. Jackson has written extensively and has frequently lectured on law of war matters.

Lt. Col. Christopher JenksChief, International Law Branch Office
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Lt. Col. Jenks is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and originally served as an Infantry officer, deploying to Kuwait and Bosnia. Transitioning to the U.S. Army JAG Corps, he has served in South Korea and Iraq as well as the human rights and refugees section of the office of the legal adviser for the U.S. Department of State. He earned his initial law degree from the University of Arizona and additional law degrees from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, where he focused on military law, and Georgetown University, where he focused on human rights law. He has published articles on international criminal law, human rights law, and government contractors. He has also spoken on those same topics at universities in the U.S. and with the Armies of several different African countries. His military awards include the Valorous Unit Award, the Bronze Star Medal, and both the Expert Infantryman and Parachutist Badges.

David Johnson

Assistant Secretary Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs U.S. State Department

David T. Johnson was sworn in as Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs on October 31, 2007. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Johnson served as Deputy Chief of Mission for the US Embassy in London from August 2003 until July 2007. Mr. Johnson, of Georgia, entered the United States Foreign Service in 1977. He served as the Afghan Coordinator for the United States from May 2002 to July 2003. He served as United States Ambassador to the Organization for

Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) from January 1998 until December 2001. Before serving as Ambassador to the OSCE, Mr. Johnson was Deputy Press Secretary for Foreign Affairs at the White House and Spokesman for the National Security Council from 1995 to 1997. Previously, he served as Deputy Spokesman at the State Department and Director of the State Department Press Office; United States Consul General in Vancouver; and Deputy Director of the State Department's Operations Center. Mr. Johnson has also worked in the Department of State on European security issues and as desk officer for Berlin, Austria, and Switzerland; an economic officer at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin; and a vice consul at the U.S. Consulate General in Ciudad Juarez. Before joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Johnson was an Assistant National Trust Examiner with the Treasury Department's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Mr. Johnson earned a B.A. in economics from Emory University in 1976. He attended Canada's National Defense College in 1989-1990. He is married with three children.

John Kelsay

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John Kelsay is a leading religious ethics scholar who focuses on Islamic and Christian traditions. Kelsay's work explores some of the prevailing religious questions of our day. In his latest critically acclaimed book, *Arguing the Just War in Islam*, Kelsay examines the concept of jihad and shows that Islamic thinkers have debated the ethics of war and of specific military tactics going all the way back to the time of the prophet Muhammad some 1,400 years ago. Kelsay has been quoted in *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Christian Science Monitor* and other many other prominent periodicals. Kelsay is Florida State University's Distinguished Research Professor and Richard L. Rubenstein Professor of Religion. He served as department chair for a decade and has recently been promoted to Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. Already the recipient of prestigious fellowships from the Princeton University Center for Human Values and the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, Kelsay spent the 2006-07 academic year in Dublin, Ireland as a Fellow of the Institute for International Integration Studies, Trinity University. He currently serves as the co-editor of the *Journal of Religious Ethics*. Among his current projects are two books, *Religion and the Imperatives of Justice: The Islamic Law of War and Peace* and *Islam and the Political Future: The Doctrine of Jihad and the Practice of Shari'a Reasoning*. Kelsay graduated from Old Dominion University in 1976. He earned a D.Min. in 1980 from Columbia Theological Seminary. In 1985, he finished the Ph.D. in religious studies (ethics) at the University of Virginia.

Isaac Kfir

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Isaac Kfir is a Schusterman Visiting Professor at Syracuse University during the 2009-2011 academic years in the capacity of an Assistant Professor of International Relations and Law and also an Associate Professor at the Interdisciplinary Centre (IDC) Herzliya and a Senior Researcher at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), Herzliya. Prior to coming to Israel, he served as a Research Fellow in International Relations at the University of Buckingham. Isaac received his Ph.D. from the London School of Economics (1999) in International Relations and has a Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) from BPP Law School. Kfir's research centers on terrorism, democratization, and UN peacekeeping and peace-building. He lectures on postconflict reconstruction and reconciliation; how state and non-state actors combat Islamic terrorism; UN peacekeeping operations in Africa and the Middle East; Islamic radicalism; and democratic theory in relation to developing nations (South Asia and Africa). Isaac has published with Studies in Conflict and Terrorism; Middle East Review of International Affairs; Joint Forces Quarterly, etc. and is currently writing a book on Pakistan and democracy.

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Colonel (ret) Anthony S. Lieto became the Professor Governance Planning, PKSOI in September 2008 after completing his tour as the Deputy Commander Task Force 134 (Detention Operations) Multi-National Force -Iraq. He is an armor officer with over 31 years service in armor, cavalry and security assistance leadership positions. He has commanded at every level of command from Lieutenant to Colonel in CONUS, Germany, South Korea, Egypt, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Pakistan, Afghanistan, The Netherlands, Turkey, Italy and Iraq. Col (ret) Lieto has participated in multiple Combat Operations and in Peace Enforcement / Peace Keeping, Stability Operations, and deployed forces to assist with Humanitarian Relief Operations in Rwanda and served in Operation Provide Comfort in Northern Iraq. He has served on the staff and faculty of the Army War College as the Director of National Security Studies. Since the attacks on 9-11 he was deployed to Yemen as the Chief of the Office of Military Cooperation in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; to Pakistan/Afghanistan as the Chief of the Office of the Defense Representative-Pakistan and Afghanistan in the Office of Military Cooperation in Operation Enduring Freedom; twice to Iraq as the Deputy (Pol-Mil) to the Commander Multi National Security Transition Command –Iraq and Deputy Commander TF-134 MNF-I. He also served as the Director of Foreign Intelligence in the Pentagon. COL(ret) Lieto possesses a Master Degree in Business Administration from Webster University; a MMAS from the School for Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) and a MNSS from the Army War College. He is currently a Doctoral Candidate enrolled in University of Phoenix.

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John Linarelli is a Professor of Law at the University of La Verne College of Law. He joined the faculty in August 2002. Professor Linarelli has taught law school in three countries and law courses in many more. Prior to coming to La Verne, he was Senior Lecturer in Law and Director of Graduate Legal Studies at the University of East Anglia Law School in England, a leading British law school. He has served as Visiting Professor of the Common Law at the University of Trier, in Germany. Professor Linarelli practiced law for over ten years before becoming a full-time academic. His practice experience was in Washington D.C., at several law firms including Dickstein Shapiro LLP, Spriggs & Hollingsworth and his own law firm, Braverman & Linarelli. He was also Senior Fellow at the International Law Institute in Washington D.C. When in private practice with his own firm, Professor Linarelli was lead counsel in the Matter of M- K-, one of the first cases in the United States and globally to grant political asylum to a woman on the basis of gender-related persecution. Professor Linarelli has served as a consultant to various international institutions, including the Inter-American Development Bank and International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO). He has served as an observer for the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) project on revising the Model Law on Procurement of Goods, Construction and Services. Professor Linarelli has a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Duquesne University, which he earned magna cum laude. He has a J.D. degree from the American University Washington College of Law, and he obtained an LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center with distinction, having graduated with the best academic record in his graduating class, which earned him the Thomas Bradbury Chetwood S.J. Prize. He has a Ph.D. in Law from King's College, University of London. Professor Linarelli is a member of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia Bars (all inactive). He is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Philosophical Association, and the American Society of International Law.

VADM Bruce MacDonald, USN (Ret.)
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In July 2006, MacDonald became the 40th judge advocate general of the Navy. For two years prior, MacDonald was the deputy judge advocate general and commander, Naval Legal Service Command. He was assigned to the Pentagon as the special counsel to the Chief of Naval Operations from June 2002 through October 200; and prior to that, MacDonald headed the Naval Legal Service Office, Northwest, in August 1999, serving as commanding officer until June 2002. MacDonald is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of California and the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. His military decorations include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the

Navy Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, the Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star and the Navy Achievement Medal with Gold Star. He received his degree of Juris Doctor from California Western School of Law in 1987. He graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, and entered the Navy in May of that year.

Mohamed Y. Mattar

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Dr. Mattar is Adjunct Professor of Law and Executive Director of The Protection Project, a human rights research and training institute at The Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC. His professional expertise is in comparative international law, especially human rights law, with a focus on women's and children's rights, especially international trafficking in persons and the commercial sexual exploitation of children. For over eight years, Mohamed Mattar has worked in more than 50 countries to promote state compliance with international human rights mandates in these fields, as well as to advocate for and build the capacity of civil society organizations to hold governments accountable for human rights violations. He has advised governments on drafting and implementing anti-trafficking legislation, drafted model legislation and national action plans to promote government commitment to combating trafficking in persons, testified before parliamentary commissions to advocate for passage of legislation and its effective implementation, developed and carried out training programs for government officials and members of civil society on international human rights standards to encourage reform, and monitored and reported on human rights violations by conducting fact-finding missions and publishing findings to raise public awareness. Mohamed Mattar is a frequent speaker in international, regional, and national public forums on anti-trafficking legislation, women's and children's rights protection, and comparative perspectives between international human rights standards and domestic human rights legislation in these areas. He has served as a member of various United Nations expert groups focusing on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, as well as the commercial sexual exploitation of children. He teaches courses on international human rights, including "International Human Rights: Theory and Practice," and "International Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children." Mohamed Mattar received his Doctor of Juridical Sciences (S.J.D.) in 1986, and Master of Laws (LL.M.) with Distinction in 1983 from Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana, his Master of Comparative Law (M.C.L.) from the University of Miami School of Law, and his LL.B. from the Alexandria University Faculty of Law, Alexandria, Egypt.

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Ann Elizabeth Mayer is an Associate Professor of Legal Studies in the Department of Legal Studies and Business Ethics at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She has also taught as a visitor at Yale University Law School (1997); at Georgetown University (1992); and at Princeton University (1983). She has taught law courses on subjects including law and policy in international business, globalization and human rights, comparative law, Islamic law in contemporary Middle Eastern legal systems, and introductions to U.S. law. She earned a Ph.D. in Middle Eastern History from the University of Michigan in 1978; a Certificate in Islamic and Comparative Law from the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London in 1977; a J.D. from the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1975; an M.A. in Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (Arabic and Persian) from the University of Michigan in 1966; and a B.A. in Honors German from the University of Michigan in 1964. She has written extensively on issues of Islamic law in contemporary legal systems, comparative law, international law, and the problems of integrating international human rights law in domestic legal systems. A major portion of her scholarship concerns human rights issues in contemporary North Africa and the Middle East. She has published widely in law reviews and in scholarly journals and books concerned with comparative and international law and politics in contemporary Middle East and North Africa. Her book Islam and Human Rights: Tradition and Politics (Boulder: Westview, 2007) is now in its fourth edition. Her interest in international human rights law encompasses the emergence of new ideas of corporate responsibility under international human rights law and the problems that come with transferring what were formerly state obligations to private actors. A member of the Pennsylvania Bar, she consults widely on cases involving human rights issues and Middle Eastern law.

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Prof. Mazrui is an Albert Schweitzer Professor in the Humanities and Director of the Institute of Global Cultural Studies at Binghamton University, State University of New York. He is also Albert Luthuli Professor-at-Large at the University of Jos in Nigeria. He is an Andrew D. White Professor-at-Large Emeritus and Senior Scholar in Africana Studies at Cornell University. Mazrui obtained his B.A. with Distinction from Manchester University in England, his M.A. from Columbia University in New York, and his doctorate from Oxford University in England. He has also been Visiting Scholar at Stanford, Chicago, Colgate, Singapore, Australia, Malaysia, Oxford, Harvard, Bridgewater, Cairo, Leeds, Nairobi, Teheran, Denver, London, Ohio State, Baghdad, McGill, Sussex, Pennsylvania, etc. Dr. Mazrui has also served as Special Advisor to the World Bank, served on the Board of Directors of the American Muslim Council, Washington, D.C., and served as chair of the Board of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy. Washington, D.C. He is also on the Board of the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and is a Fellow of the Institute of Governance and Social Research, Jos, Nigeria. His more than thirty books include Towards a Pax Africana (1967), and The Political Sociology of the English Language (1975). Ali Mazrui is widely consulted on many issues including constitutional change and educational reform. Dr. Mazrui has been involved in a number of UN projects on matters which have ranged from human rights to nuclear proliferation. He is also internationally consulted on Islamic culture and Muslim history. He is editor of Volume VIII (Africa since 1935) of the UNESCO General History of Africa (1993). He has also served as Expert Advisor to the United Nations Commission on Transnational Corporations. Professor Mazrui has served on the editorial boards of more than twenty international scholarly journals.

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Naz Modirzadeh is the Associate Director of the Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research, where she also oversees the international humanitarian law and Middle East portfolios. Ms. Modirzadeh has led HPCR trainings and workshops for humanitarian professionals around the world, including in OPT, Afghanistan, Jordan, and throughout Europe. Ms. Modirzadeh previously worked for Human Rights Watch, and later served as Assistant Professor and Director of the International Human Rights Law graduate program at the American University in Cairo. She has carried out field research in the Middle East and Afghanistan, focusing on the intersections between Islamic law, international human rights and humanitarian law, and postconflict legal reform and speaks regularly in academic and professional circles on these topics. Her publications include policy and monitoring reports on the use of torture, the application of IHL, and Islamic law in post-war Afghanistan. Ms. Modirzadeh received her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley and her J.D. from Harvard Law School. Her publications include, "Taking Islamic Law Seriously: INGOs and the Battle for Muslim Hearts and Minds," in the Harvard Human Rights Journal. Recent lectures and events include "Who's Afraid of Shari'a?: A Conversation about 'War, Law and Humanitarian Intervention' with Naz Modirzadeh and Mahmood Mamdani."

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J. H. (Hank) Nichols is a Professor at the U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI) at the US Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He began his current position in 2004. Prior to that, he was the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) field program officer in the U. S. interagency Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Gardez, Afghanistan 2003-2004. Professor Nichols graduated from the University of Alabama and was commissioned as an army officer when he received his Bachelor of Arts in Communications in 1974. He has a Juris Doctor degree from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Professor Nichols is a retired US Army civil affairs officer. He has stability operations experience on both civilian and military capacities. He worked in military civic action projects in Latin America in the 1980s. Professor Nichols was called to active duty as a reserve officer for service as a NATO plans officer in IFOR in 1996 and seconded to the Organization for Security and Cooperation's (OSCE) Mission to Bosnia. He returned to Bosnia as a civilian on contract with US Department of State and seconded to the OSCE Mission, 1997-2000. He held several positions in the Mission primarily addressing governance/elections issues. He was again recalled to active duty and assigned to PKSOI's predecessor, the Army Peacekeeping Institute (PKI) where he concentrated on civil-military relationships, 2000-2001. Professor Nichols' next assignment was with the Balkans Task Force in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy addressing stability operations issues at the conclusion of which in 2002 he retired from the USAR. Professor Nichols is a member of the state bars of

Alabama, North Carolina and admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama.

Ambassador Donald J. Planty

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Ambassador Planty is a Professor of Practice at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, and former Chair of the International Relations Department. Prior to joining Maxwell, Planty was President of his own international consulting company, Planty & Associates LLC. The Ambassador's 40 year professional career includes 30 years in the Foreign Service of the United States, public service at the local and state levels and extensive private sector experience. Ambassador Planty was Senior Managing Director at ManattJones Global Strategies (2001-2003), an international consulting firm in Washington, D. C. From 2003-4 he was Chairman of the Board of the Worldwide Responsible Apparel Production, an independent organization dedicated to eliminating sweatshop conditions in apparel factories. From 1999-2001, he served as the Executive Director of Caribbean/Latin American Action (C/LAA), a non-profit organization that promotes US trade and investment in Latin America and the Caribbean. From 1996-99, Ambassador Planty was the U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala. As Ambassador to Guatemala, he was instrumental in facilitating the historic 1996 Peace Accords which ended four decades of internal conflict in that country. He is an expert on Latin American affairs and European security issues. In addition to Guatemala, Ambassador Planty also served in Panama, Chile, Mexico, Norway, Italy and Spain at key periods in the modern history of these nations. From 1981-83 and again from 1986-89, Ambassador Planty helped negotiate the Treaty of Friendship, Defense and Cooperation between the U.S. and Spain. In 1982, he was awarded the State Department's Superior Honor Award for his work on the negotiations. Ambassador Planty was Minister-Counselor (Deputy Chief of Mission) of the U.S. Embassy in Norway, 1989-92. During this period, he helped manage NATO's adjustment to the fall of Communism in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. In 1983, Ambassador Planty negotiated the historic agreement to restore diplomatic relations between the U.S. and the Vatican and served as the first US Charge d'Affaires to the Holy See. From 1978-79, he was a legislative assistant to Senator John H. Chafee (R-RI). After his stint in Senator Chafee's office, the Ambassador worked as legislative management officer in the Bureau of Congressional Relations at the Department of State. He was a staff assistant for operations in the Executive Office of the Secretary of State from 1977-78. He was also Director for Brazil and Southern Cone Affairs in the Department of State from 1992-96.

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A scholar and teacher of criminal law and procedure (American, comparative, and Islamic), Professor Reza is a former public defender in Washington, D.C., and award-winning teacher at Harvard in courses on Islam and the modern Middle East. Professor Reza's current scholarship focuses on criminal law and procedure under Islamic law (sharia) and in the countries of today's Muslim world. One of his projects involves identifying rules of criminal procedure in classical and modern Islamic jurisprudence; in 2008 he was named a Carnegie Scholar for this project. Professor Reza has been a visiting scholar at Harvard's Islamic Legal Studies Program and a visiting professor at Boston University School of Law and American University's Washington College of Law. In 2007 he was named New York Law School's Teacher of the Year. While in law school, Professor Reza was an articles editor for the Harvard International Law Journal, a member of the Criminal Justice Institute and Prison Legal Assistance Project clinics, president of the Middle Eastern Law Students Association, and a teaching fellow in Harvard undergraduate courses on Islam and the modern Middle East, for which he received a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching in 1990. Before law school Professor Reza spent two years at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, teaching English and studying Arabic at the Center for Arabic Study Abroad.

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Dr. Shah joined the Law School as a lecturer in November 2006. He obtained his PhD from Queen's University Belfast in 2005. From January 2006, he was a Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge. In 2004, he did internship in the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York. He attended a short course in International Human Rights Law at the University of Nottingham in 2001. He was called to the Bar in 2000 and, in 2002, was admitted as an Advocate of the High Court in Pakistan. He also worked for UNHCR as a Protection Assistant and remained consultant of UNICEF-funded projects on the rights of women and children in Pakistan.

Sylvana Sinha

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Sylvana Q. Sinha is a rule of law officer for the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) in Kabul, working closely with Afghan partners on matters relating to traditional and community-based justice, constitutional interpretation, and transitional justice. She is a U.S.-trained attorney whose work has focused on human rights, rule of law, and governance reform. She earned her JD from Columbia Law School and her master's in international development economics, with an emphasis on fragile states, from the Harvard Kennedy School. After her graduate studies, she practiced law in New York for several years, focusing her work on Alien Tort and human rights litigation in U.S. district and appellate courts and developing her expertise in the burgeoning field of business and human rights. She has also worked for the World Bank and UN agencies Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Qatar, and Thailand, on issues including justice sector reform, gender and economic rights in Islam, and social policy. Her family's experience during Bangladesh's 1971 war for independence from Pakistan informs her perspective on the tragic repercussions of failing to seek accountability for political crimes and mass atrocities.

Charles Tucker

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Major General (Retired) Charles E. Tucker (USAF) is the Executive Director of the International Human Rights Law Institute. For more than 25 years, he has been an international rule of law and humanitarian law practitioner. He was routinely seconded to the US State Department and various International Organizations. He served multiple tours of duty with the United Nations in various countries and served as Economic and Legal Adviser for the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He also served as an International Law Adviser in the Office of the US Secretary of Defense. Additionally, he served as Legal Adviser for the US Ambassador in Iraq, as well as for State Department and DOD missions in Europe, the Middle East, Central Asia, Central and South America. He was named the Air National Guard's Outstanding Judge Advocate. In his civilian capacity, he served as a Senior Field Attorney for the National Labor Relations Board, where he oversaw the NLRB General Counsel's adjudication of complex labor rights cases. Chuck is an accomplished lecturer and has authored numerous manuals on international legal matters. He was an Assistant Professor of Law at the US Air Force Academy, as well as Course Director of the Academy's Comparative International Law Program. He is the founding Co-Editor of the USAFA Journal of Legal Studies. And he served as Adjunct Professor of Management for Bradley University and as an Adjunct faculty member for Wayland College. He is a 1979 graduate of the University of Notre Dame (BA, Government), a 1982 graduate of the DePaul University College of Law (JD) and a 2003 graduate of the US Air War College. Prior to his military retirement, Chuck was Director of Joint Doctrine, Training and Force Development for the National Guard Bureau. He was responsible for developing training and exercise policies/programs to ensure joint units of the National Guard were ready to respond to their homeland defense and homeland security missions. He oversaw the Joint

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Jamie Williamson, a British Citizen, serves as the Legal Advisor for the Washington Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross. In this capacity, he is responsible for legal support to the ICRC activities in the U.S. and Canada, with particular focus on Guantanamo and military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. From 2005 until assuming his present functions, Jamie Williamson was the ICRC Regional Legal Advisor based in Pretoria, South Africa, and assisted Governments and international organizations in Southern & Eastern Africa and the Indian Ocean on the implementation of international humanitarian law, weapons treaties (landmines, biological, chemical, conventional) and criminal repression for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. Jamie Williamson also has extensive experience in the field of international criminal justice, having previously served with the UN ad hoc international criminal tribunals in Tanzania and the Netherlands, and the Special Court for Sierra Leone, where he worked on the first international judgments on the crimes of genocide and war crimes in non-international armed conflicts. From 2002, Jamie Williamson headed the Chambers legal support section of the ICTR Appeals Chamber based in The Hague. He has published numerous papers on repression of war crimes, and international justice.

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Professor William C. Banks is an internationally recognized authority in national security law, counterterrorism, and constitutional law. Banks has helped set the parameters for the emerging field of national security law since 1987, co-authoring two leading texts in the field: *National Security Law* and *Counterterrorism Law*. In 2008, Banks was named the College of Law Board of Advisors Distinguished Professor at Syracuse University, where he has been a member of the faculty for over 30 years. *National Security Law* was first published in 1990 and is now in its fourth edition. Banks and his co-authors published *Counterterrorism Law* in 2007 to help define the emerging field of counterterrorism law. Banks has been quoted extensively in the media, including in *The New York Times, The Washington Post, Christian Science Monitor, Los Angeles Times, Associated Press, TIME Magazine*, and on National Public Radio, as well on camera with appearances on CNN, MSNBC, CBS, C-SPAN, and other networks. Banks has testified before Congress on several occasions, most recently on the subject of targeting suspected terrorists with unmanned aerial vehicles. A graduate of the University of Nebraska (B.A. 1971) and the University of Denver (J.D. 1974, M.S., Law & Society 1982), Banks joined the faculty of the Syracuse University College of Law in 1978. Since 1998, he also has been a Professor of Public Administration in SU's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. He was named the Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor for Teaching Excellence in 1998, a College of Law Board of Advisors Professor in 2005, and he became the founding director of the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism at Syracuse University in 2003.

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M. Cherif Bassiouni is a distinguished research professor of law emeritus at DePaul University College of Law and president emeritus of the law school's International Human Rights Law Institute. He also is president of the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences in Siracusa, Italy, and honorary president of the International Association of Penal Law in Paris, France. Bassiouni has served the United Nations in a number of capacities, including as co-chair of the Committee of Experts to draft the Convention on the Prevention and Suppression of Torture (1977); member, then chairman, of the Security Council's Commission to Investigate War Crimes in the Former Yugoslavia (1992-1994); vice-chairman of the General Assembly's Ad Hoc and Preparatory Committees on the Establishment of an International Court (1995 and 1998); chairman of the Drafting Committee of the 1998 Diplomatic Conference on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court; independent expert for the Commission on Human Rights on The Rights to Restitution, Compensation and Rehabilitation for Victims of Grave Violations of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1998-2000); and independent expert for the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan (2004-2006). In 1999, Bassiouni was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in the field of international criminal justice and for his contribution to the creation of the International Criminal Court. Bassiouni is the author of 32 and editor of 47 books, and the author of 241 articles on a wide range of legal issues, including international criminal law, comparative criminal law and international human rights law.

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Qamar-ul Huda is a Senior Program Officer in the Religion and Peacemaking Program and a scholar of Islam at U.S. Institute of Peace. His area of expertise is Islamic theology, intellectual history, ethics, comparative ethics, the language of violence, conflict resolution and non-violence in contemporary Islam. His forthcoming USIP book, *The Crescent and Dove: Critical Perspectives on Peace and Conflict Resolution in Islam*, provides a critical analysis of models of nonviolent strategies, peace building efforts, conflict resolution methods in Muslim communities. His research is on comparative Sunni-Shi'ite interpretations of social justice, ethics, dialogue, and the ways in which the notion of justice is used and appropriated. Dr. Huda has examined the production of religious

knowledge, the diversity of religious practices, identity, and peacemaking in Striving for Divine Union: Spiritual Exercises for Suhrawardi Sufis (RoutledgeCurzon). He taught Islamic Studies and Comparative Religion at Boston College, College of the Holy Cross and Brandeis University. He earned his doctorate from UCLA in Islamic intellectual history and his B.A. from Colgate University.

Neil Kritz

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Neil J. Kritz is the Institute's first Senior Scholar in Residence in the Center for Mediation and Conflict Resolution, where he is focusing primarily on analyzing and advising on efforts to strengthen the Palestnian Justice system. Previously, Kritz directed USIP's Rule of Law Center of Innovation, which focuses on advancing peace through the development of democratic legal and governmental systems. Kritz conducts ongoing research, writing and consultation on the question of how societies deal with a legacy of past abuses. He has provided advice and organized conferences on questions of war crimes and mass abuses in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and South Africa. From 1990 to 1991, at the request of the Russian Constitutional Commission, Kritz coordinated two expert reviews of the draft Russian constitution. He led Institute working groups on humanitarian law, constitution-making and the administration of justice during peacekeeping operations. Since 1999, he has directed a project on Palestinian-Israeli legal dialogue and cooperation. At the request of the U.S. Department of Defense, Kritz prepared a curriculum on international law and the promotion of democracy for use in training U.S. and foreign military officials. He has studied and written on the advancement of the rule of law through regional organizations such as the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Before coming to the Institute, Kritz served as special assistant to the chairman at the Administrative Conference of the United States. He holds a J.D. from American University's Washington College of Law.

William Taylor

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William B. Taylor, Jr. joined USIP in October 2009 as Vice President, Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations. A graduate of West Point and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, he has served in posts in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Middle East and the former Soviet Union. Most recently, Bill Taylor was U.S. ambassador to Ukraine from 2006 to 2009. Prior to that assignment, he was the U.S. government's representative to the Mideast Quartet, which facilitated the Israeli disengagement from Gaza and parts of the West Bank. He served in Baghdad as director of the Iraq Reconstruction Management Office from 2004 to 2005, and in Kabul as coordinator of international and U.S. assistance to Afghanistan from 2002 to 2003. Ambassador Taylor was also a coordinator of U.S. assistance to the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. As an infantry platoon leader and company commander in the U.S. Army, he served in Vietnam and Germany.

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Scott Worden joined USIP as an adviser in the Rule of Law Center of Innovation in 2007. In 2009 he took leave from the institute to serve as one of the UN appointed international commissioners on the Afghanistan Electoral Complaints Commission for the Presidential and Provincial Council elections. Previously, he served as an adviser to the U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan on human rights and elections issues, as well as to the Afghanistan Joint Election Management Body on the conduct of the 2005 Parliamentary elections. Before serving in Afghanistan, Worden worked with several Cambodian NGOs on legal reform projects, including advocating procedures for the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia to try former Khmer Rouge leaders. He also advised the Cambodian government on drafting its anti-corruption law. An attorney, Worden practiced law for three years with Coudert Brothers in New York, focusing on international litigation. He has received fellowships from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Luce Scholars Program to work in Cambodia. Worden has published several pieces on the transitional justice process in Cambodia and Afghanistan. He has a B.A. from Colgate University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Corri Zoli

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Corri Zoli is an INSCT Research Fellow with research interests in national and international security and humanitarian issues with a focus on the new war, science-technology issues, and gender, culture, and diversity. With her Ph.D. in cultural studies, her work adapts new critical methodologies—a concern for cultural interests (ethnicity, religion, ideology, norms, rhetoric, heritage, identity) in world affairs, for instance—to traditional security topics, whether grand strategy, understanding patterns of global conflict, or transnational security issues. She also has an area specialty in the Middle East and has completed all coursework for the Masters of International Relations and Certificate of Advanced Study in Security Studies from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. Before coming to INSCT, Zoli was a postdoctoral fellow in science-technology and diversity issues at the L.C. Smith College of Engineering & Computer Science, Syracuse University. Her current research focuses on global security issues at the intersection of cultural studies and security policy, with additional interests in gender and identity, terrorism, critical theory, and globalization. She is currently preparing a book on "strategic identity" in the context of the new war, how states and nonstate actors (often unwittingly) create political identities in implementing their security goals and grand strategies. This project looks at how the Arab mujahedeen in the aftermath of the Afghanistan-Soviet wars (1979-1989) became a transnational political identity that was both coherent enough for members to see themselves as brethren but flexible enough to take in recruits across diverse national cultures, tribes, regions, etc. It also explains how, despite most theories of terrorism, the preponderance of empirical evidence suggests that terrorists use these unlawful tactics as part of an identity imperative, to create or maintain strong affective ties with fellow terrorists, and not as an effective strategy motivated by political ends. Among other aims, Zoli's research efforts demonstrate a consistent priority: the value added to "real world" political and international issues and policy analysis by interdisciplinary academic research.

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Whitney Parker

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Whitney Parker is a Research Fellow at the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism (INSCT) at Syracuse University. Prior to joining INSCT, Parker spent four years in Washington, DC, working for non-profit international security research institutions. Most recently, she was Director of Business Relations for the Center for a New American Security (CNAS), a cutting-edge think tank recognized as the premier source for pragmatic national security policy recommendations that bridge Democratic, Republican, civilian and military perspectives. In this role, she managed the production process for all CNAS publications as well as branding and design for web and print purposes. Additionally, Parker coordinated all CNAS fundraising efforts. Prior to joining CNAS, she was Director of Communications at the Center for Defense Information (CDI) and World Security Institute (WSI), where she managed all aspects of public affairs and strategic communications, including media relations, publications, electronic communications, and events. Other work experience in Washington, DC, included work for the Straus Military Reform Project and Space Security Project at CDI, the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, the Security Policy Working Group, and the Economists for Peace and Security. Before working in the national security field, Parker spent two years as a research assistant for The Wilderness Society and Boise State University and several years as a small claims court mediator in Idaho. She has worked as a consultant for numerous non-profits, and for various political campaigns. Parker holds an M.A. in international relations from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University specializing in intercultural communication and negotiation, and a B.S. in political science with a specialization in international relations and certification as a professional mediator from Boise State University.

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Shani Ross is a Research Fellow at the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism (INSCT) at Syracuse University. Her interests center on politics and development in developing nations, post conflict reconstruction specifically in the realm of

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