



Change and Continuity in American Leadership

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January 6-12, 2019

Washington, D.C.

Seminar Schedule

Speaker Biographies



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Sunday, January 6, 2019

3:00 p.m.

**Avenue Suites Hotel
2500 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C.**

6 p.m.

Check-in Begins

Student Life Orientation

Meet in first floor large conference room

Note: All academic requirements are determined by your faculty and home institution. If you need additional assistance with meeting certain requirements within the context of this schedule, please check with the Osgood Center staff.

GROUP ONE: 6:00 PM (ESU, VWU, LC)

GROUP TWO: 6:30 PM (Elon)



Monday, January 7, 2019

7:00 a.m.

**Daily Continental Breakfast
Large Conference Room
1st Group: 7-7:30
2nd Group: 7:30-8:00**

8:00 a.m.

**Note: Monday Only: Bus available at Avenue Suites Hotel for transportation to Elliott School. Meet promptly outside hotel for on-time departure at 8:00 a.m
Professional Dress; Comfortable Shoes, Weather-appropriate clothing for visit to the National Mall**

8:30 a.m.

**George Washington University
Elliott School of International
Affairs
1957 E St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20052
ROOM B-17 (TODAY ONLY)**

**Seminar Opening Session
Ice Breaker**

9:00 a.m.

**Welcome to Washington
Staff and Faculty Introductions
Shelton Williams, Ph.D.
President
Osgood Center for International Studies
www.osgoodcenter.org**



**Understanding Washington and Its Culture
Program Orientation**
Eugene J. Alpert, Ph.D.
Vice President
Osgood Center for International Studies

10:15 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.

Keynote Speaker: A Personal Story of Leadership
Cindy Dyer
Vice President
Vital Voices
<https://www.vitalvoices.org/>

12:00 p.m.

Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m.

**Meet bus promptly at 1:30 p.m.
in front of the Elliott School.
Bus will be available for return
or you can spend free time on
your own.**

Tour to Washington Monuments

Tour will include a sweep of the National Mall with drop off at the west end near the Lincoln, Viet Nam, and Korean Memorials. Free time for rest of the afternoon. (See also the Jefferson, FDR, MLK Jr, and WWII Memorials if you have time.) Students are advised to visit the websites in advance to familiarize themselves with the history of the monuments and the National Mall.

<https://www.nps.gov/linc/index.htm>

<https://washington.org/DC-guide-to/lincoln-memorial>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/lifestyle/the-evolution-of-the-national-mall/>

<https://www.nationalmallcoalition.org/mall-history/>

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

PROGRAM MIXER
Avenue Suites Hotel
2500 Penn. Ave. NW
EVENING FREE

Light refreshments

Group One: 6 p.m.

Group Two: 6:30 p.m.



Afternoon

Capitol Visitors Center
U.S. Capitol

Capitol Hill Day (Recommended)

*Visit Congressional Offices
Obtain gallery passess, meet your representatives, Capitol Hill
Tour, etc.*

<https://www.visitthecapitol.gov/>

EVENING FREE



Wednesday, January 9, 2019

8:45 a.m.

**George Washington University
Elliott School of International
Affairs
1957 E St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20052
LINDNER COMMONS (6th Floor)**

Seminar Announcements and Student Reflections

9:00 a.m.

**Leadership in Education: Panel Sponsored by the
White House Fellows Association and Foundation**
<https://www.whff.org/>

Moderator: Col. David Moore (ret.), Executive
Director

Rachel Gleischman

White House Fellow/Acting Chief of Staff to the Under
Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
<https://prhome.defense.gov/>

Jake Steel

Senior Advisor, Office of Planning, Evaluation, and
Policy Development at U.S. Department of Education
<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/opepd/index.html>

10:10 a.m.

Break

10:20 a.m.

**Leadership in Science: Panel Sponsored by the
White House Fellows Association and Foundation**
<https://www.whff.org/>

Moderator: Col. David Moore, Executive Director



Brent J. Cohen
Managing Director
Public Service Consulting Group

Kapil Parakh, MD, Ph.D.
Medical Lead
Google Fit
<https://www.google.com/fit/>

11:40 a.m.

Break

11:50 a.m.

Welcome to the GWU Elliott School of International Affairs: A Diplomat's Perspective
Hon. Reuben E. Brigety II
Dean, Elliott School of International Affairs
George Washington University
<https://elliott.gwu.edu/>

12:15 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

Afternoon

Site Visits and Small Group Meetings

EVENING FREE



Thursday, January 10, 2019

8:45 a.m.
George Washington
University
Elliott School of
International Affairs
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Washington, D.C.
20052
LINDNER COMMONS
(6th Floor)

Seminar Announcements and Student Reflections

9:00 a.m.

Leadership and the Legislative Branch
US Association of Former Members of
Congress Panel

Moderator: *Kimberly S. Adams, Ph.D.*
Professor of Political Science
East Stroudsburg University

Chairman Howard P. "Buck" McKeon (R-CA) (1993-2015)

Chairman and CEO, McKeon Group
Former Chairman of the House Education
and the Workforce Committee

Hon. Earl Pomeroy (D-NPL-ND) (1993-2011)

Senior Counsel, Alston & Bird
Former Chairman of the Oversight and
Investigations Subcommittee, Committee
on Energy and Commerce

10:15 a.m.

Break



10:30 a.m.

Multicultural Perspectives on the News

Ferdous “Danny” Al-Faruque
Senior Reporter

Informa

<https://informa.com/>

Gina Chon

Columnist for Breaking Views

Reuters

<https://www.breakingviews.com/>

Can Mery

North American Bureau Chief

DPA German Press Agency

<http://www.dpa-international.com/>

Moderator: ***Kathy Merlock Jackson, Ph.D.***

Professor of Communication

Virginia Wesleyan University

12:00 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

Afternoon

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EVENING FREE



Friday, January 11, 2019

8:45 a.m.
LINDNER COMMONS
George Washington University
1957 E St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20052

Seminar Announcements and Student Reflections

9:00 a.m.

Following Your Self: Leadership and the Culture of Washington

Brian P. Lamb

Executive Chairman and Founder, C-SPAN

<https://www.c-span.org/>

10:15 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.

Leadership in Strategic Communications

Catherine “Kiki” McLean

Director

Walton Family Political and Communications Office

12:00 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

Afternoon

Site Visits and Small Group Meetings

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Saturday, January 12, 2019

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Check with your faculty leader or Osgood Center staff for any assignments or any required or optional activities

NOTE: IF THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN CONTINUES, SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS MAY BE CLOSED.

Check out these special exhibits in Washington: <https://washington.org/visit-dc/fall-art-museum-exhibits>

Note: The National Museum of African American History and Culture has walk up tickets available in January. But be sure to check their website for updates: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/>

The US National Holocaust Memorial Museum usually requires timed tickets. Plan in advance: <https://www.ushmm.org/online/end-of-year-2018/>

All Smithsonian Museums are free. <https://www.si.edu/museums>

Among those that **require payment** that are worthwhile to see include:

- The Phillips Collection: <https://www.phillipscollection.org/>
- National Geographic Museum <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/events-exhibitions/>
- The International Spy Museum: <https://www.spymuseum.org/>
(CLOSED JAN 1 FOR RELOCATION!)

If Smithsonian is closed see if the National Gallery of Art is open. Its status during the shutdown is unclear as of this writing. <https://www.nga.gov/index.html>

FOR SPECIAL EVENTS, CHECK OUT: <https://www.eventbrite.com/>



Speaker Biographies

(in order of appearance with selected video links)

Monday, January 7, 2019



SHELTON WILLIAMS, PH.D.

President

Osgood Center for International Studies

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shelton_Williams

@saistype

Dr. Shelton (Shelly) L. Williams is President and founder of the Osgood Center for International Studies. His government service includes the Office of the US Trade Representative, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and the Department of State. He has written extensively on nuclear proliferation, diplomacy, and East Asia. He also teaches in the Diplomacy Program at Norwich University on terrorism, counterterrorism and diplomacy. Shelly holds an M.A. and Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.



EUGENE J. ALPERT, PH.D.

Vice President

Osgood Center for International Studies

@svpetwc

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?155976-1/internship-programs>

Eugene Alpert is vice president at the Osgood Center for international Studies. He received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in Political Science and his B.A. from the University of Rochester. He taught political Science for 17 years at Texas Christian University, spending a year of sabbatical working on Capitol Hill for the House and Senate leadership. He then worked for twenty years at a non-profit organization in D.C. that provided educational programs for college students. Since his retirement in 2013, he has continued his involvement in experiential education through work at the Osgood Center and other higher education organizations.



CINDY DYER, J.D.

Vice President

Human Rights

Vital Voices

@VitalVoices

<https://www.vitalvoices.org/people/cindy-dyer/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ecKGUAIAFvo>

<https://www.justice.gov/archive/ovw/farewellmsg09.htm>

Cindy Dyer is the Vice President of Vital Voice's Human Rights team and oversees all program and partnerships related to gender-based violence including domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking and harmful traditional practices. Prior to joining Vital Voices in 2009, Cindy served as the director of the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. Cindy was nominated to this position by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate. As Director, she served as the liaison between the Department of Justice and Federal, State and International governments on crimes involving violence against women.

Ms. Dyer is an experienced prosecutor and a recognized authority on the topic of family violence and sexual assault. Prior to her appointment she was with the Dallas County, Texas, District Attorney's Office. She was the first prosecutor to join the Family Violence Division during its inception in 1994 and became the Chief Prosecutor of that division in 1998. She has received numerous awards and recognition for her service to victims, including the Henry Wade Prosecutor of the Year award from the Greater Dallas Crime Commission, the Equal Justice Award from the Legal Services of NorthWest Texas (Now the Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas), and the Stephen Von Riesen Lecturer of Merit Award from the National College of District Attorneys.

As an active member of her community in Dallas, she has served on the board of the Texas Council on Family Violence, assisted in proposing and drafting legislation to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and volunteered for local organizations, including a non-profit women's shelter.

Cindy has spoken at numerous conferences and professional training sessions before national and international audiences. She was a specialized domestic and sexual violence prosecutor for 13 years and has received numerous awards and recognition for her service to victims. Ms. Dyer graduated from Texas A&M University and Baylor University Law School.



Tuesday, January 9, 2018



SHANE W. HARRIS

Senior National Security Correspondent

Washington Post

@shaneharris

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/cia-director-briefs-senators-on-saudi-role-in-khashoggi-killing/2018/12/04/e6d6498c-f7d5-11e8-8d64-4e79db33382f_story.html?utm_term=.240680dc0317

<https://www.prhspeakers.com/speaker/shane-harris>

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?322895-1/war>

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?429351-3/future-fisa-part-3>

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?420109-1/cato-institute-hosts-forum-privacy-government-surveillance>

Shane Harris is an American journalist and author. He is a senior national security writer at the Washington Post. He specializes in coverage of America's intelligence agencies. He is author of the books *The Watchers: The Rise of America's Surveillance State* and *@War: The Rise of the Military-Internet Complex*, about the impact of cyberspace as the American military's "fifth-domain" of war. *The Watchers* won the Helen Bernstein Book Award for Excellence in Journalism in 2011.

Shane Harris joined the Washington Post on December 22, 2017. Harris joined the Wall Street Journal in May 2017, Harris was the Senior Intelligence and National Security Correspondent for the Daily Beast in 2014 and subsequent contributor, a senior writer for Foreign Policy magazine, a senior contributor for The Washingtonian, and a staff correspondent at National Journal from 2005-2010.

In 2010, Harris received the 24th annual Gerald R. Ford Prize for "Distinguished Reporting on National Defense". He has four times been named a finalist for the Livingston Awards for Young Journalists, which honor the best journalists in America under the age of 35. His work has appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Slate, TheAtlantic.com, National Journal, The Washington Post, The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, and the U.S. Naval Institute's Proceedings. He has provided analysis and commentary for CNN, NPR, the BBC, The History Channel, National Geographic, several foreign media organizations and many local public radio stations.

Many of Shane's stories are about the inner workings of the U.S. intelligence community, and particularly those individuals who've spent their careers on the front lines of national security. He has broken several important stories, including the transfer of the controversial Total Information Awareness program into a secret intelligence agency; foreign penetration of computer networks that control parts of the U.S. electrical grid; cyber espionage directed at American business executives and government officials; classified ties between private security companies and U.S. law enforcement; and key elements of the National Security Agency's domestic surveillance program.



In the course of his journalism career, Shane has written about a range of other topics, including diplomacy, technology, government contracting, and the U.S. reconstruction program in Iraq. Prior to joining *Washingtonian*, in 2010, Shane was a staff correspondent for *National Journal* for five years. Before that post, he was the technology editor and a staff correspondent at *Government Executive* magazine, the premiere publication covering management in the federal government. Shane also was the managing editor for *Movieline* magazine in Los Angeles, for which he covered the film industry and oversaw the work of the publication's editorial staff and its web site.

Shane began his journalism career in 1999, as the research coordinator and a writer for *Governing* magazine in Washington, where he covered issues and trends affecting state and local government officials nationwide. He graduated from Wake Forest University with a B.A. in politics in 1998. He is also a fiction writer. While living in Los Angeles, he helped found and served as the artistic director of a sketch comedy troupe. Shane is a Sundance Film Festival screenwriting finalist. For his work on Chinese cyber espionage, Shane received an honorable mention from the judges of the Edgar A. Poe Award, given by the White House Correspondents' Association for excellence in coverage of news of national or regional significance.



STEVEN V. ROBERTS

**J.B. and M.C. Shapiro Professor of Media and Public Affairs
George Washington University**

<https://smpa.gwu.edu/steven-v-roberts>

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?309737-1/celebrating-life-tip-oneill>

Steve Roberts has been a journalist for almost 50 years, covering some of the major events of his time, from the antiwar movement and student revolts of the 60s and 70s to President Reagan's historic trip to Moscow in 1988 and twelve presidential election campaigns. After graduating from Harvard magna cum laude in 1964, he joined the *New York Times* as research assistant to James 'Scotty' Reston, then the paper's Washington bureau chief. His 25-year career with the *Times* included assignments as bureau chief in Los Angeles and Athens, and as Congressional and White House correspondent. He was a senior writer at U.S.

News for seven years, specializing in national politics and foreign policy. Roberts and his wife, TV journalist Cokie Roberts, write a nationally-syndicated newspaper column that was named one of the ten most popular columns in America by *Media Matters*. In February of 2000 Steve and Cokie published *From This Day Forward*, an account of their marriage, as well as other marriages in American history.

A well-known commentator on many Washington-based TV shows, Roberts also appears regularly as a political analyst on the ABC radio network and was a substitute host on NPR's "Diane Rehm Show." As a teacher, he lectures widely on American politics and the role of the news media. Since 1997 he has been the Shapiro Professor of Media and Public Affairs at George Washington University, where he has taught for the last 23 years. His many honors include the Dirksen Award for covering Congress, the Wilbur Award for reporting on religion and politics, the Bender prize as one of GW's top undergraduate teachers, and four honorary doctorates. He's been named a Father of the Year by the Father's Day Council and received the Public Service Sector Award from the Aspen Institute



Wednesday, January 9, 2019



COL. DAVID MOORE, M.S.

Executive Director

White House Fellows Association and Foundation

[@WHFellows](#)

David Moore is the executive director of the White House Fellows Foundation and Association (WHFFA). Mr. Moore served as a fighter pilot for 25 years in the U.S. Air Force, flying over 3,000 flight hours in the A-10 Warthog and the F-117 Stealth Fighter. During his tenure in

the Air Force he was selected as a White House Fellow in 1996-1997, where he served at the State Department working for the Under Secretary of International Security Affairs. His portfolio included: Latin American arms transfer policy, Taiwan arms transfer policy, and the prevention of arms transfers to North Korea and Iraq.

Following his year as a White House Fellow he returned to flying duty with the Air Force, and in 1999 flew numerous combat missions in the F-117 as part of the Air War over Serbia. Immediately following that conflict, he was selected to command the 8th Fighter Squadron "Black Sheep". He later served for four years in the Pentagon as the Chief of Rated Force Policy, and later as the Director of the Assistant Vice Chief of Staff's CVAS division where he led the team that arranged all aspects of the Corona Conferences for the Air Force Chief of Staff.

In 2005 he returned to flying the F-117 as the Vice Commander of the 49th Fighter Wing, and retired from the Air Force as a Colonel in 2007. After 25 years of military service Mr. Moore then worked for 7 years in the defense industry at CACI Inc. supporting both the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) and Special Operations Command on a number of initiatives.

In 2015 the Board of Directors of the WHFFA selected Mr. Moore to become the Executive Director of the WHFFA. Mr. Moore received his bachelor's degree in English from Duke University in 1979, a master's degree in aeronautical science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1992, and a master's degree in strategic studies from the Air War College in 2001. In 2004 he was selected to participate in a yearlong fellowship with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology "Seminar XXI" studying foreign politics, international relations, and the national interest.



RACHEL GLEISCHMAN, M.A.

White House Fellow/Acting Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

[@rgleischman](#)

Rachel Gleischman is from Farmers Branch, Texas and was chosen as a White House Fellow for the 2017-18 class. She was placed at the U.S. Department of Defense. Rachel was most recently a partner at TNTP, a non-profit organization supporting public school systems. She was responsible for business development and worked directly with districts on a variety of talent management initiatives. Previously, she managed the Arizona Teaching Fellows, a program placing teachers in high-need schools



in Phoenix, Yuma, and the Navajo Nation communities in northeast Arizona. She also led the Oakland Practitioner Teacher Program, a special education certification program supporting Oakland Teaching Fellows and Teach for America corps members in the bay area.

Prior to joining TNTP, Rachel served as a school administrator in San Francisco, a Teach for America recruitment director in the mid-Atlantic region, and a high school English teacher in Baltimore. She was the founding board chair for CASA Academy, a K-3 public charter school in Phoenix, and currently serves on the board for the Capital Pride Alliance in Washington, D.C. In her free time, she volunteers with the Girl Scouts and the Internal Rescue Committee.

Rachel received a B.A. in English literature, Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude, from Texas A&M University and an M.A. in teaching from the Johns Hopkins University.



JAKE STEEL, M.S.
**Senior Advisor, Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy
Development at U.S. Department of Education**

Jake Steel is a White House Fellow from the Class of 2017-2018. He hails from Garden City, Kansas and was placed in the White House Office of the Domestic Policy Council. Jake was most recently a math teacher in inner Oklahoma City, where he served as the math department chair. His focus on closing the achievement gap through the use of one-to-one technology has increased state test scores by over 30 percentage points, which assisted in the school's state report card being increased by two letter grades. Jake is a former Teach for America corps member and contributed to the organization on an alumni board. He served for two years as a full-time humanitarian volunteer in Ohio and volunteered as a community choir director and as an instructor for high school and college level seminary courses. After attending Johns Hopkins University, he was honored by the alumni council for the school of education for his commitment and leadership in his community. He studied in Jerusalem, Israel at Brigham Young University's Jerusalem center, where his academic work focused on ancient and modern near eastern studies and ancient religious texts.

Jake earned a B.S. in communications from Brigham Young University, Idaho and an M.S. in education from Johns Hopkins University.



BRENT J. COHEN, M.P.A.
Managing Director
Public Service Consulting Group, LLC

Brent Cohen is the Managing Director at Public Service Consulting Group, LLC and a part-time faculty member at New York University's Washington, DC campus. Brent is a proven government leader and noted justice reform expert, with senior-level experience at the City and Federal level and a track record of legislative, policy, and operations successes.

Previously, Brent was a Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs at the United States Department of Justice. Among other responsibilities, Brent built a \$40 million government-wide portfolio to more appropriately respond to justice-involved young adults; led the Department's efforts for President Obama's My Brother's Keeper Initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps among boys and young men of color; and, oversaw the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

In 2013, Brent was one of twelve individuals appointed by the President of the United States to the 2013-2014 class of White House Fellows, and was assigned to work with the Director of the Office of Personnel Management. Immediately prior to the Fellowship, he was the Director of Legislative and Government Affairs for the New York City Department of Probation and an Adjunct Assistant Professor at New York University. In his role as Director, Brent successfully developed relationships with state and local elected officials to implement the department's ambitious reform agenda, including the passage of the landmark "Close to Home" legislation, which realigned the state's juvenile justice system.

Brent began his career as a teacher in South Los Angeles. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of California at Berkeley, and a master of public administration from New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service



KAPIL PARAKH, M.P.H., M.D., PH.D.

Medical Lead, Google Fit

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/kapilparakh/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSoGd6_SOHA

Dr. Parakh is a practicing cardiologist who currently serves as the medical lead for Google Fit. He provides strategic leadership to guide product development and research efforts around activity tracking and health. Parakh is also active on Health Search where he has helped launch products to disseminate high quality health information to one billion people. Before joining Google, Parakh was a White House Fellow (class of 2013-14) and served as principal health advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Prior to his fellowship, he was a cardiologist at Johns Hopkins University where he was the Director of Heart Failure at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and Assistant Professor in the Departments of Medicine, Epidemiology, and Health Behavior & Society. He led heart failure quality improvements in collaboration with the Joint Commission's Center for Transforming Healthcare, using entrepreneurial techniques to cost-effectively improve outcomes. His research has focused on understanding the increased mortality in patients with depression after a heart attack.

Passionate about teaching, Dr. Parakh is a clinician-educator and has mentored trainees in award winning research. He is the co-founder of Health for America, a non-profit that mobilizes youth to improve the health of communities through innovation while shaping the next generation of leaders. In recognition of his contributions to public health, he was inducted into the Delta Omega Public Health honor society. He has dozens of scientific publications and serves as a peer-reviewer for a number of journals. Dr. Parakh is board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiology and Advanced Heart Failure and Transplantation. He received a BS and MD from the University of Zambia with honors, as well as a MPH and PhD from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



AMBASSADOR REUBEN E. BRIGETY II, PH.D.

Dean, Elliott School of International Affairs

George Washington University

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?426366-1/university-deans-discuss-future-public-diplomacy>

Ambassador Brigety most recently served as the appointed Representative of the United States to the African Union and Permanent Representative of the United States to the UN Economic Commission for Africa on September 3, 2013. Prior to this appointment, Ambassador Brigety served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of African Affairs from November 14, 2011 until September 3, 2013 with

responsibility for Southern African and Regional Security Affairs.



From December 2009 to November 2011, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration. In this capacity, he supervised U.S. refugee programs in Africa, managed U.S. humanitarian diplomacy with major international partners, and oversaw the development of international migration policy.

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Ambassador Brigety previously served as Director of the Sustainable Security Program at the Center for American Progress from January 2008 to November 2009 and as a Special Assistant in the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance at the U.S. Agency for International Development from January 2007 to January 2008. From November 2008 to January 2009, he also served as a senior advisor for Development and Security to the U.S. Central Command Assessment Team in Washington and in Doha, Qatar.

Prior to his work in the policy arena, Ambassador Brigety served as an assistant professor of government and politics at George Mason University and at the School of International Service at American University between August 2003 and April 2009. In addition, Ambassador Brigety was a researcher with the Arms Division of Human Rights Watch (HRW) from August 2001- May 2003, where he conducted research missions in Afghanistan and Iraq. Before joining HRW, Ambassador Brigety was an active duty U.S. naval officer and held several staff positions in the Pentagon and in fleet support units.

Ambassador Brigety is a 1995 distinguished midshipman graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, where he earned a B.S. in political science (with merit), served as the Brigade Commander and received the Thomas G. Pownall Scholarship. He also holds an M.Phil. and a Ph.D. in international relations from the University of Cambridge, England. Ambassador Brigety is a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, a Life Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a recipient of the Council's International Affairs Fellowship.



Thursday, January 11, 2018

KIMBERLY S. ADAMS, PH.D.

**Professor of Political Science
East Stroudsburg University**



Dr. Kimberly S. Adams is a professor of political science at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania and the president and managing director of Adams Political Research & Consulting. A longtime political activist and youth leader, Dr. Adams worked as an intern on Capitol Hill in two Congressional offices in the mid-1990's. She has participated in intensive campaign training seminars on women and politics and grassroots mobilization. She has served as a part-time, senior research and issues consultant for the Mississippi Policy Forum and is a veteran of numerous federal, state and local candidate and issue campaigns. In January 2010, she was named as an MLK Ambassador of Service by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Her frequent writing and research centers on agenda setting behavior of non-traditional legislators (i.e. – women and African-Americans). She has presented academic papers on women and politics at the state, national and international levels.

Dr. Adams received her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Political Science at the University of Southern Mississippi and her Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Mississippi..



**CHAIRMAN HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON (R-CA)
(1993-2015)**

**Chairman and CEO, McKeon Group
Former Chairman of the House Education and Workforce
Committee**

Howard Philip "Buck" McKeon attended Brigham Young University where he earned his bachelor's degree in animal science. He married Patricia Kunz August 25, 1962 and they have six children, thirty-one grandchildren and two great-grandchildren with two more on the way.

After his fourth child was born Buck went into the western wear business with his father, Howard C. McKeon. He orchestrated getting a small business loan from the bank, locating a site and opening their second store, Howard & Phil's Western Wear. His four brothers joined the business and together they expanded the chain to 63 retail locations in California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona. They were the largest western wear retailer in the nation at the time.



Besides being an astute businessman Buck has always been concerned about his community. He ran for and was elected to the William S. Hart Union High School Governing Board. He was also Chairman of the Board of the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital. As the City of Santa Clarita was incorporated, he ran for the city council. Since he received the most votes he was elected by his fellow council members as the first Mayor.

Buck was instrumental in organizing Valencia National Bank, a community bank in the Santa Clarita Valley for community members to have access to small business loans. This allowed local business to flourish and also increased jobs in the community. Buck was named the first Chairman of the Valencia National Bank.

Following his first term on the city council Buck ran for the House of Representatives. With the support of his family, friends and the community, Buck was elected to Congress in November 1992.

Buck was elected by his peers as the president of the Freshman Republican Class of the 103rd Congress. He was appointed the Sub Committee Chair of Higher Education and Workforce Issues, and Chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee in 2006 where his priorities were school choice, teacher quality, and greater access to higher education. He was elected Chairman of the Armed Services Committee in 2009. He built on the bi-partisan tradition of the committee and successfully led the Congress to pass the National Defense Authorization Act each year as Chairman. Buck retired from Congress as Chairman in 2015.

Chairman McKeon is continuing his fight for education and our military in the private sector. With his team at McKeon Group, Chairman McKeon is doing all he can to work with the decision makers in Washington DC to ensure that all who desire an education can achieve that goal and that our men and women in uniform will have all the tools necessary to accomplish their mission and return home safely.



EARL POMEROY, J.D. (D-ND) (1993-2011)

Senior Counsel

Alston & Bird

Former Member of House Agriculture and Ways and Means Committees / Subcommittee Chair on Social Security

Former Congressman Earl Pomeroy brings 26 years of regulatory and legislative experience to his present position as senior counsel at Alston & Bird.

Congressman Pomeroy focuses his practice on matters before the legislative and executive branches of government at the federal level as well as work before financial regulators at the state government level. He has been an influential participant in financial services regulation as it has evolved over the last quarter century. More than 20 years ago, as president of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, he advanced reforms to strengthen solvency oversight in state insurance departments that were widely adopted, substantially improving the quality of state insurance regulation. Pomeroy was the only

Insurance Commissioner in the House during most of his tenure. He applied this unique background as an influential leader on the Ways and Means Committee regarding tax and regulatory issues involving the financial services industry. Drawing upon his background as North Dakota Insurance Commissioner, president of the National



Association of Insurance Commissioners, nine-term Member of Congress, and senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee, Pomeroy's current practice areas include financial services regulation, health care policy, pensions, tax policy, energy, and agriculture. He chairs Alston & Bird's Washington Pro Bono Committee and serves on the Boards of The National Job Corps Association and the National Academy of Social Insurance.

Congressman Pomeroy attended Valley City State University and later transferred to the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and went on to do graduate research in legal history at Durham University in England. Pomeroy returned to North Dakota to attend the University of North Dakota School of Law, having received his Juris Doctor law degree in 1979. In 2011, he received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from the University of North Dakota.



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Mr. Al-Farouque is the son of a diplomat. Born in Bangladesh, he lived in Sweden, Poland and a number of other places. He speaks English, French, German, Swedish and Bengali, and has a grasp of several other languages, including Japanese. Known to his friends as Danny, he specializes in reporting on new medical device technologies such as mobile health, combination products, unique device identifiers, and issues surrounding interoperability and cyber security. He is also his company's resident podcast expert, and has brought listeners the voices of top FDA officials as well as industry leaders. Danny is a big sci-fi fan, especially *Battlestar Galactica* and *Star Trek*.



He reports for the medical device trade publication Medtech Insight, which is part of the Informa media group and has more than 6,000 people working from around the globe covering regulations. Prior to that, he was a journalist for The Hill newspaper, Time Magazine, ABC News and other major media outlets. He attended the Illinois Institute of Technology and has a bachelor's degree in journalism and in political science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is currently a member of the board of directors of the National Press Club.



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Gina joined Breakingviews in 2016 from the Financial Times, where she was the enforcement and regulatory correspondent in Washington, most recently focused on white-collar crime and cyber security. Before that, Gina was the corporate reporter for Quartz and spent seven years at the Wall Street Journal in New York, Baghdad and Detroit, covering M&A (mergers and acquisitions), war and cars. She also has written a book about the Khmer Rouge, trained journalists in Iraq and written from her native Seoul.

The book, *Behind the Killing Fields*, was based on more than 1,000 hours of interviews with the top surviving Khmer Rouge leader, Nuon Chea. The book follows the journey of a man who began as a dedicated freedom fighter and wound up accused of crimes against humanity. Known as Brother Number 2, Chea was Pol Pot's top lieutenant. He is now in prison, facing prosecution in a United Nations-Cambodian tribunal for his actions during the Khmer Rouge rule, when more than two million Cambodians died. The book traces how the seeds of the Killing Fields were sown and what led one man to believe that mass killing was necessary for the greater good.

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Mr. Merrey was born the son of a Turkish father and a German mother. His father's job took the family to Tehran, Singapore and Cairo, among others. After studying social work in Aachen, Can Merrey switched to journalism. He then worked as a freelance journalist in Istanbul, before he started a traineeship at the Deutsche Presse-Agentur

(dpa) in 1999. He worked as an editor in the Political Department in Berlin and went to New Delhi in 2003, where he became head of the DPA's South Asia office. In particular, reported on the conflict in Afghanistan.

In 2013, he moved to Istanbul, where he became dpa office manager for the Middle East focusing on Turkey reporting. He received special attention at this time with a written interview with journalist Deniz Yücel, who was in custody in Turkey at that time. As a journalist in Turkey, he encountered serious risks to himself and his family.

As of July 1, 2018, Merrey took over the management of the DPA office in Washington.

His recently published book *The Eternal Guest*, was received positively by critics. "The ruthlessness with which father and son describe their conflict, their alienation, astonished, their openness makes the two-generation report worth reading," judged Christiane Schlötzer in the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. And Jürgen Gottschlich said in the *taz*: "Can Merrey wrote on the one hand a very personal account of his family, his father and himself. At the same time he provides a very accurate analysis of the German-Turkish relations of recent years, a report on his own youth in Germany and describes his confrontation with the new German right "

Can is pronounced like "John"

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Brian Lamb is an icon of journalism, a genius and visionary of media and communication in control of each action, movement creating small, precise media masterpieces. Lamb is the founder, executive chairman, and now retired CEO of C-SPAN, the cable network that provides coverage of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S.



Senate as well as other political and public events, both in D.C. and in many parts of the U.S. He has been a regular on-air presence at C-SPAN from its earliest days. Over his distinguished career, Lamb has interviewed Presidents Clinton, George H. W. Bush, Carter, Reagan, and Nixon and several global leaders such as Margaret Thatcher and Mikhail Gorbachev. Since 1989, he moderated *Booknotes*, a Sunday night author interview program, interviewing over 800 non-fiction authors.

He graduated from Purdue with a degree in communication. Its alma mater has proudly named its School of Communication after Lamb for his outstanding work in the field. Lamb's journey in the world of communication is rich on many levels. He joined the Navy, worked at the White House during the Johnson Administration, and had a stint in the Pentagon public affairs office during the Vietnam War. In 1967, once he completed his service in the Navy, Brian returned home to Lafayette, Indiana but it was not long before he returned to Washington, D.C. where he worked as a freelance reporter for UPI radio. Later, he served as a press secretary on Capitol Hill, and worked for the White House Office of Telecommunications Policy at a time when a national strategy was being developed for communications satellites.

In 1974, Brian returned to journalism, publishing a biweekly newsletter called *The Media Report*. He also covered telecommunications issues as Washington bureau chief for Cablevision Magazine. It was from this vantage point that C-SPAN began to take shape. Congress was about to televise its proceedings; the cable industry was looking for programming to deliver to its customers by satellite. Brian brought these two ideas together with C-SPAN, which launched with the first televised House of Representatives debate on March 19, 1979. Today, C-SPAN employs 275 people and delivers public affairs programming on three television channels to most of the nation's cable and satellite customers; to internet users via C-SPAN.org; and to radio listeners through C-SPAN radio—an FM station in Washington that's also heard on the XM and Sirius satellite services. Brian Lamb currently hosts *Q and A*, an interview program on Sunday evenings.

Over the course of his career Lamb has received numerous honors and awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest award given by the President of the United States to a civilian.



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Catherine "Kiki" McLean is the chief spokesperson for the Walton Family in their political and communications office in Washington, D.C. Prior to this, she served as counsel for the Washington, DC, office of Porter Novelli and the agency's global public affairs efforts. She assumed that role after four years leading the Washington, DC, and global public affairs practices and serving as a member of Porter

Novelli's Executive Committee. One of the top public affairs strategists in the country, she appears frequently on national television as a commentator on politics and current events.



A veteran of six presidential campaigns including the historic 1992 Clinton-Gore campaign, McLean has more than 25 years of experience leading strategic communications initiatives

McLean served as communications director and national spokesperson to Senator Joseph Lieberman's vice-presidential campaign during the 2000 presidential general election. She was also press secretary to Vice President Al Gore's presidential campaign in Washington, D.C. She was communications director for the Denver Summit of Eight, the 1996 Democratic National Convention in Chicago and the Democratic National Committee.

In 1992, McLean was press secretary and advisor to Tipper Gore during the general election. Her experience in the private sector includes service as a public relations consultant with the Washington offices of Ogilvy and Mather Public Affairs where she gained broad experience in the issue areas of taxation, international trade, labor and the environment. During the 2008 election season, she served as a senior advisor to the Hillary Clinton for President campaign and frequently appeared as an on-air surrogate for the Obama for America campaign. She is also a co-founder of No Labels, a nonpartisan organization dedicated to finding bipartisan solutions to the nation's problems.

Kiki McLean is a native of San Antonio, Texas, and received her bachelor of liberal arts degree in communications from Austin College in Sherman, Texas.

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