

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DC Mentoring Fair

February 5, 2007. 6-9 pm.
Copley Formal Lounge,
Georgetown University.

NY Mentoring Fair

March 1, 2007. 6-9 pm.
School of International and
Public Affairs, Columbia
University.

2006-2007 WFPG Membership
directories are now available
for purchase. See page 5 for
more information.

Introducing online registration
for membership and events.
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Annual Event Honors President of Liberia

The Women's Foreign Policy Group honored H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia and the first elected female head of state in Africa, at its 2006 Annual Luncheon Event on October 16, in Washington, DC.

Renee Poussaint, Chief Executive Officer of The National Visionary Leadership Project and former ABC Network Correspondent, was Mistress of Ceremonies for the luncheon program, which featured a special video address by President Sirleaf and a tribute to the president by Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. Participants also enjoyed excerpts from President Sirleaf's historic speech to the Joint Session of Congress and discussed current Liberian priorities and challenges with Liberian Ambassador Charles A. Minor.

At the Luncheon, the WFPG also announced its first international grant awarded to the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Market Fund for Women. Through provision of infrastructure, skills training, and financial tools, this sub-fund of the African Women's Development Fund, will work to strengthen all Liberian market women, a goal of personal importance to President Sirleaf, whose grandmother was a rural Liberian market woman.



H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia.

Attended by many influential members of the international affairs community, the event reflected the WFPG's growing presence and support. Supporters and WFPG members at the event included senior-level women from the U.S. Department of State, numerous ambassadors and other members of the diplomatic community, corporate executives, leaders of non-governmental organizations, and the media.

The WFPG would like to thank the patrons, sponsors, supporters, special friends, host steering committee members, honorary committee members and WFPG board members who helped make the luncheon such a success. The Women's Foreign Policy Group depends on such generous support to continue its mission of promoting women's leadership and voices in international affairs.



Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs.



Gail Leftwich Kitch, Vice Chair WFPG Board.



Renee Poussaint, CEO, National Visionary Leadership Project, former ABC Network Correspondent.



Patricia Ellis, Executive Director, Women's Foreign Policy Group.

2006 Annual Event In Pictures



Renee Poussaint, Liberian Ambassador Charles Minor and Patricia Ellis.



Patricia Ellis greeting luncheon guests.



Attendees from NAFSA: Association of International Educators.



President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf in video address.



Gail Kitch, WFPG Vice Chair with luncheon guests.



Ellen Saubrey, Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration; Julia Taft, InterAction; Dawn Calabria, WFPG Board.



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Welcome Diana Villiers Negroponte



The Women's Foreign Policy Group is pleased to welcome Dr. Diana Villiers Negroponte as the newest member of the WFPG Board of Directors. Dr. Negroponte is currently writing the history of the U.S. Institute of Peace. She has taught at Georgetown University and Fordham

University, practiced international trade law with Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker and written a book on El Salvador's peace process. She holds a doctorate in government from Georgetown University.

As well as serving on the WFPG board, Dr. Negroponte is a member of the Board of Freedom House, Opportunity International and the Global Leadership Council of Habitat for Humanity International. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Council of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Executive Director Update



Amid busy preparations for the 2006 Annual Luncheon Event, Executive Director Patricia Ellis was honored to participate in two events in Washington D.C. aimed at promoting women's leadership in international affairs.

Ms. Ellis gave the keynote address at the Indus Women Leaders' 2006 Leadership Summit and also participated in a panel on careers in international affairs, hosted by the UN Association of the National Capital Area Young Professionals for International Cooperation Women's Issues Committee.

The Summit of Indus Women Leaders, a non-profit forum for

promoting South Asian women leaders, brought together women leaders and mentors to share their expertise and build leadership skills through workshops and speaker events. Ms. Ellis spoke on, "Women and Women's Organizations: Their Ability to Shape the Future," in her keynote address.

The United Nations Association panel, "From the UN to the University: Exploring Careers in International Affairs," held at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Lesotho, featured Ms. Ellis, Ambassador Molelekeng Rapolaki, of Lesotho, and Dr. Ariel King, President and CEO, Ariel Consulting International Inc.

Executive Director Patricia Ellis speaking at the United Nations Association panel at the Embassy of Lesotho. Other panel participants pictured: Ambassador Molelekeng Rapolaki, of Lesotho, and Dr. Ariel King, President and CEO of Ariel Consulting International Inc.

DeYoung Introduces ‘Soldier’

As part of its Author Series, the Women’s Foreign Policy Group held two programs in Washington, D.C. and New York featuring Karen DeYoung, Associate Editor of the Washington Post and author of her recently released first book, *Soldier: The Life of Colin Powell*.

In New York, DeYoung spoke at a breakfast meeting, co-sponsored with the Carnegie Corporation of New York and in Washington, DC, she spoke at an intimate evening program at the Cosmos Club.

Drawing on her extensive research and interviews with Secretary Powell, DeYoung discussed his tenure as Secretary of State, his role in decision-making on the Iraq War – including his speech at the UN – his relations within the Administration and his departure shortly after the 2004 election as well as his political aspirations.

Following the programs, DeYoung met with participants and signed copies of her book. For more details, please refer to the transcript on the WFPG website.



Karen DeYoung speaking at WFPG event in New York .



Susan King welcoming participants to NY event.



DeYoung with WFPG Board Members Donna Constantinople, Patricia Ellis and Gail Leftwich Kitch.

Chayes Describes Rebuilding Effort in Afghanistan

Former NPR correspondent Sarah Chayes spoke to the Women’s Foreign Policy Group about her new book, *The Punishment of Virtue: Inside Afghanistan After the Taliban*, a personal account of her four years spent working with Afghans to rebuild their country following the fall of the Taliban.



Sarah Chayes at WFPG meeting in New York.

Following the 2003 war, Chayes chose to remain in Afghanistan where she served as director of Afghans for Civil Society.

This organization rebuilt a village, established an income-generation project for Kandahar women, launched the most popular

radio station in southern Afghanistan and conducted a number of policy studies.

In 2005, she founded Arghand, a village-level cooperative that works with local farmers to discourage opium production and boost the Afghan economy through legal means.

Chayes shed light on the current situation in Afghanistan, which is now often overshadowed by media attention on Iraq.

She painted a vivid picture of daily Afghan life and described the difficulty of rebuilding a physically and emotionally devastated country. “This is a whole society suffering from post traumatic stress disorder,” she said.

Fall Brings Conclusion of Carnegie Series on Islam

In September 2006, the Women's Foreign Policy Group concluded a six-part series of programs on Islam funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The series featured Carnegie Scholars who had received fellowships to research and expand knowledge about Islam.

The concluding programs in this series featured **Asma Afsaruddin**, University of Notre Dame, **Lawrence Rosen**, Princeton University, **Brian Edwards**, Northwestern University and **Ebrahim E.I. Moosa**, Duke University.

Professor Afsaruddin spoke on, "Islamic Perspectives on Democratic Virtues, Pluralism and the Common

Good," and presented her research on moderate interpretations of Islam throughout history and highlighted many areas in which Islam has proven to be consistent with ideals of pluralism and democracy.

Professors Rosen and Edwards were featured in a joint program entitled, "Where Western Culture and Muslim Values Intersect: Fact and Fiction."

Professor Edwards focused on interpreting American culture from Arabic and Iranian perspectives. Professor Rosen focused on the importance of understanding Islamic cultural concepts and emphasized the need for Westerners to understand the significance of

interpersonal relationships and obligations in the Muslim world.

Professor Moosa spoke on, "Inside the Madrasas: Challenges and Dilemmas." He discussed the history of Madrasas, including his own personal experience at one, and dispelled some of the mystery and misinformation surrounding them.

Transcripts and highlights from these programs will soon be available online at the WFPG website.

The Women's Foreign Policy Group is grateful to the Carnegie Corporation of New York for support of this series and for the opportunity to help promote greater understanding of Islam.



2006-2007 Membership Directories Now Available

The 2006-2007 Women's Foreign Policy Group Directory of Members has been published and distributed to WFPG members.

The directory profiles top women experts and leaders in the field of foreign affairs and has become a sought-after resource for international relations professionals. It is frequently used by the media, universities and organizations when searching for speakers and job

candidates, and is a useful reference tool for career offices and young professionals.

Directories are available for purchase for \$50 plus \$3 for shipping and handling. Members who wish to purchase additional directories may do so for \$25 plus shipping.

If you would like to purchase a directory, please call 202-884-8597 or email membership@wfp.org.

Introducing New WFPG Logo

This year, we are very excited to launch a brand new Women's Foreign Policy Group logo. The new design (pictured below), conveys an innovative interpretation of the WFPG's goals of promoting women's leadership and voices and engaging Americans in global affairs.



The new logo, pictured above, will be featured on our new stationery and signs.

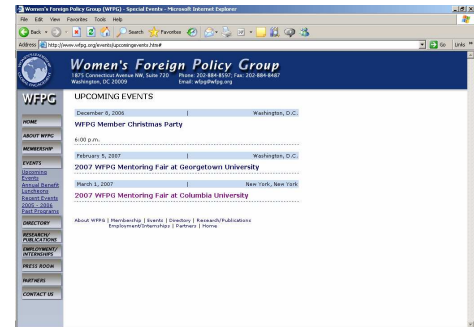


The logo has also been incorporated into a new banner, above.

New Website Feature

The Women's Foreign Policy Group is pleased to announce the introduction of online membership renewal. Online signup and payment will be available soon.

This new website feature presents a fast and efficient way to sign up and pay for WFPG membership and WFPG programs. Now, in addition to finding information about upcoming speakers and events, members and friends can RSVP and pay directly from our website.



New in the Office: New Staff and New Positions

The WFPG welcomes new Assistant to the Executive Director Kimberly Kahnhauser, and announces Emily Harter's new position as Director of Communications and Development.



Kimberly Kahnhauser is the Assistant to the Executive Director. She graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in May 2005 with a degree in International Politics, during which time she studied at the University of Vienna and the Warsaw School of Economics. Prior to joining the WFPG, Kimberly had a Fulbright teaching fellowship in Austria, did research for the Center of Social Justice, and served as the assistant business manager of the *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*. Kimberly has focused her research and writing primarily on human rights, peacekeeping, and U.S. foreign policy.



Emily Harter, former Assistant to the Executive Director is now the new Director of Communications and Development. In her new capacity she will promote the visibility of the WFPG and build partnerships with other international organizations. She graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in May 2005 with a degree in International Affairs. Prior to joining the WFPG, Emily was a full-time staff writer for the *Washington File* at the U.S. Department of State, interned on Capitol Hill, wrote a biweekly column for Georgetown University's newspaper *The Hoy*, and served as assistant editor of the *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*. Emily's areas of interest include public diplomacy, foreign policy, and communications.

Upcoming 2007 Mentoring Opportunities

In spring 2006, the Women's Foreign Policy Group reintroduced mentoring activities with a mentoring fair held at Georgetown University. Following the huge success of this event, two more WFPG Mentoring Fairs have been scheduled for 2007.

Mentoring fairs are wonderful, rewarding opportunities for students and members alike. They provide students with a unique and exciting opportunity to meet Women's Foreign Policy Group members, to speak informally with these experts about their career experiences, and to find out what skills are required to become involved in their given fields.

WFPG members also find the mentoring fairs a great way for busy professionals to connect and give back to the next generation of women leaders. Students will have the opportunity to meet with senior level women leaders in the



WFPG Board Member Dawn Calabria meeting with students at 2006 Mentoring Fair

foreign affairs community, drawn from organizations such as the U.S. government, NGOs, international corporations, the media, international law firms, and academia. Mentoring fairs provide a great chance to make contacts with professionals who can provide practical advice and guidance in career planning.

Mark your schedule to participate in upcoming mentoring fairs:

Washington, DC: February 5th, 2007 at Georgetown University in the Copley Formal Lounge from 6-9pm.

New York, NY: March 1st, 2007 at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), from 6-9pm.

Intern Corner: Fall Interns 2006

Kirsten Gilbert is a sophomore at Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University where she is studying International Affairs concentrating in South Asian Studies. A lover of languages, she studies French and Spanish and hopes to learn Tamil.

Emma Miller is a junior in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University where she is studying International Law and Politics with a minor in European Studies. Born in England, she recently became a US citizen.



WFPG Fall interns, from left: Kirsten Gilbert, Claire Gallagher, Mari Inoue and Emma Miller.

Mari Inoue is a sophomore in the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University studying International Affairs, with an interest in International Development and Politics. She is fluent in Japanese and Spanish and also studies French.

Claire Gallagher is a junior in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, where she is majoring in International Politics with a minor in International Development. She is from Dublin, New Hampshire.

Members in Action: WFPG Member News

Betty Cole Dukert is now serving two years as President of the Public Members Association of the Foreign Service, USA, an organization of people selected by the Department of State to be "public members" of promotion panels, along with departmental personnel, as required by law.

Peggy Hatton recently founded Philanthropic Innovations, an international consulting service for philanthropists eager to enter the NY and Washington worlds of gift-giving in support of non-profits.

Christina Kiel recently assumed the position of Associate, New York, with Independent Diplomat, an independent and confidential source of advice and assistance on diplomatic technique and strategy to governments, international institutions, NGOs and political groups in areas of current or potential conflict.

Dr. Inonge Mbikusita-Lewanika, Ambassador of the Republic of Zambia, was awarded the Ambassador of the Year Award jointly given by Howard University and the Women Ambassadors Foundation, and the 2006 Athena International Award, for improving the lives of others.

Johanna Mendelson-Forman was appointed a Senior Associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies where she will focus on energy security in Latin America. She is also as an adviser to the Special Representative of the UN Mission in Haiti to support the reconstruction efforts.

Sona Pancholy was recently appointed as Executive Director of the World Jurist Association, an international non-profit organization dedicated to fostering the Rule of Law in all countries. Sona will be consulting with the current WJA staff during 2007 and assume the position at the end of that year.

Grace Richardson was appointed to the Business Advisory Council of Women for Women International whose mission is to help women in war-ravaged areas move from victim to self sufficiency.

Linda Rosen, student member, organized an AIDS and hunger panel featuring H.E. Ambassador Molelekeng Rapolaki, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Lesotho for GMU students.

Marilyn Skony Stamm recently became a director of Powmatic, UK Ltd., a mid-sized manufacturer of heating and ventilating equipment, chimneys and flues.

Susan Stautberg has been selected by Civic Ventures as a 2006 Purpose Prize Fellow to invest in Americans over 60 who are inventing new ways to meet society's toughest challenges. She was also recognized in Business Week and Harvard Business School Alumni Bulletin for co-founding On Board Bootcamp.

Roma Y. Stibravy was re-elected in October to another two year term as the Chair of the UN NGO Committee on Sustainable Development. She also serves as the Representative to the UN in New York of the International Solar Energy Society (ISES).

Lee Woodman was recently named Executive Director of The Pluralism Fund, an organization committed to promoting pluralism, tolerance, and respect for rights of women in the Middle East and Asia.

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