

Secretary Rice Speaks at Annual Luncheon

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice Delivers Keynote Luncheon Address



Secretary Condoleezza Rice

Washington, DC – On December 10, 2007, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice gave the keynote address at the Women's Foreign Policy Group's Annual Luncheon, which was held at The Ritz-Carlton, Washington, DC. The event was attended by over 400 guests, including senior officials from the government, corporations, and NGOs, as well as numerous ambassadors. A lively Q&A session, moderated by NBC News Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent, Andrea Mitchell, followed the Secretary's remarks.

This year's luncheon highlighted the Women's Foreign Policy Group's commitment to promoting the next generation of women leaders and included many students and young professionals at each table. The program also included former intern, Carly Rush, who shared her WFPG internship and mentoring experiences with the audience.

In her keynote address, the Secretary highlighted chief areas of concern for the U.S. around the world and called for "American realism" – which joins pragmatism to idealism – in U.S. foreign policy, pointing out the distinct character of the U.S. as a country united by ideals. She then discussed how free trade and foreign assistance serve as tools that support stability and foster democratic institutions. Dr. Rice also noted that a prerequisite for a successful country is respect for women and referred to a t-shirt she received from a group of Kuwaiti suffragettes, with the inscription: "Half a democracy is not a democracy".

The Secretary explained how the U.S. is using all elements of its power—from sanctions to full military muscle to diplomacy—in order to help states transform into stable

democracies, and noted current efforts in Darfur, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Pakistan.

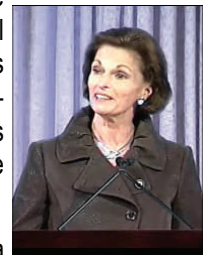
The Secretary said she was confident of the United States' ability to renew itself contrary to the mood of American decline often heard in media stories about the rise of countries, such as India and China. She pointed to her personal journey from a childhood in the segregated South to the office she currently holds, ". . . despite all these challenges, I stand before you as America's 66th Secretary of State, something that my first predecessor, Thomas Jefferson, undoubtedly could not have imagined."

The Secretary then joined Andrea Mitchell for an informative Q&A session. Ms. Mitchell led off the discussion with pressing issues of the day, such as the intelligence issues surrounding the destruction of CIA tapes and Iran's disputed nuclear program. She then incorporated numerous questions from the audience on topics, ranging from the recent Annapolis Conference on the Middle East to U.S. relations with Russia, Pakistan, and North Korea.

The program concluded with the presentation of a certificate of appreciation to Secretary Rice for her leadership in international affairs and her contribution as a role model for future women leaders by Maxine Isaacs (WFPG Board Chair), Ann McLaughlin Korologos (Luncheon Chair and Former Secretary of Labor), and Patricia Ellis (WFPG President).



Andrea Mitchell



Ann Korologos



Maxine Isaacs



Carly Rush

ANNUAL LUNCHEON



Secretary Rice and Andrea Mitchell with the WFPG Board



WFPG President Patricia Ellis and Board Chair Maxine Isaacs welcome Secretary Rice



Secretary Rice and Andrea Mitchell during the Q&A



Board Vice Chair Gail Leftwich Kitch speaking to Secretary Rice



Asst. Sec. Ellen Saubrey, Patricia Ellis, Consul General Alenka Suhadonik of Slovenia, and Board Secretary Donna Constantinople



Board Member Tracey McMinn with luncheon guests and Ambassador Abdulwahab Al-Hajjri of Yemen



Chargé D'Affaires Jacob W. Pasgo of Burkina Faso meets Board Members Susan Rappaport and Theresa Loar



Patricia Ellis, Board Member Diana Villiers Negroponte and Staff Member Sara Barker



Former intern Carly Rush and Board Treasurer Dawn Calabia with Helen Thomas of Hearst News

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Shirin Tahir-Kheli, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Women's Empowerment, Maxine Isaacs, Ambassador Hawa Olga Ndilowe of Malawi, Amber Simco, and Melinda Blinken



Janet Langhart Cohen of Langhart Communications, Margaret Warner of The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, and Event Chair and Board Member Ann McLaughlin Korologos



Consul General Trie Edi Mulyani of Indonesia, Board Member Ponchitta Pierce, and Ambassador Josefina Pitra Diakite of Angola



Ambassador Carolina Barco of Colombia with Patricia Ellis



Carly Rush, Patricia Ellis, Helen Thomas, Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan of Mexico, and Cynthia Helms



Jendayi E. Frazer, Special Assistant to the President & Senior Director for African Affairs speaks with other luncheon guests



Andrea Mitchell, Nancy Rubin, Patricia Ellis, with Beverly Kirk of News Channel 8



Ambassador Zamira Sydykova of Kyrgyzstan with Patricia Ellis



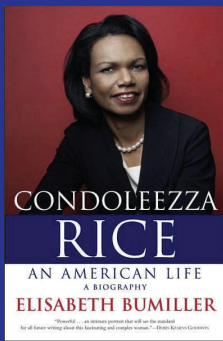
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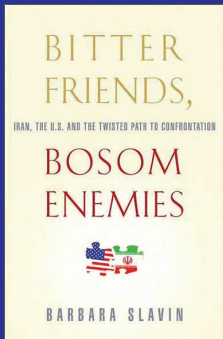


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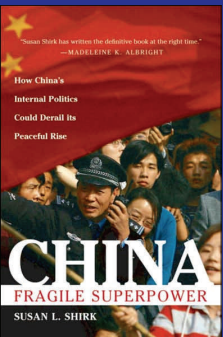




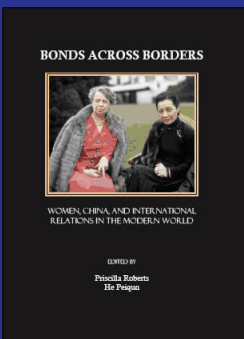
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WFPG Authors Series Spotlight: Elisabeth Bumiller

CONDOLEEZZA RICE: An American Life

In January, 2008, Elisabeth Bumiller, *The New York Times* White House Correspondent from 2001 to 2006, discussed her new book, *CONDOLEEZZA RICE: An American Life*, at two WFPG programs: one in Washington, DC, hosted by WFPG Board Chair, Maxine Isaacs, and the other in New York, hosted by Austrian Consul General, Brigitta Blaha, at the Austrian Consulate. Both evening programs included a reception, remarks by the author, an engaging Q&A session, and concluded with a book signing.



Ms. Bumiller's talk covered Secretary Rice's background, childhood, education, and professional life, including her tenure as National Security Advisor and Secretary of State. Ms. Bumiller wrote this comprehensive biography while she was a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars and a Transatlantic Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States. She described the genesis of the idea to write the book, as well as her writing process, which included over 150 interviews in Washington, DC, Birmingham, Denver, and at Stanford. She also had eight face-to-face, hour-long interviews with Secretary Rice.



The Q&A at both sessions covered a wide range of issues including how the Secretary's upbringing in Birmingham and Denver, and her education at the University of Denver—especially under Madeleine Albright's father, Joseph Korbel—influenced her life and prepared her to take on the leadership roles she subsequently held at Stanford, the National Security Council, and the State Department. Ms. Bumiller also discussed the nature of the close friendship and bond between Secretary Rice and President Bush, as well as her rocky relationship with Dick Cheney. Other questions concerned the Secretary's leadership and decision-making style, how she is viewed within the State Department and abroad, and how her policies on Iraq and current efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict might affect her legacy. These two stimulating events were a perfect follow-up to the WFPG December 10th Annual Luncheon Event with Secretary Rice, and provided an opportunity for WFPG members and friends to develop a better understanding of the first African-American woman Secretary of State.

About the WFPG Author Series

WFPG Author Series Events provide a forum for women authors to discuss major international issues, such as those surrounding Iran, China, Iraq, Africa, and foreign policy leaders. Previous authors have included Andrea Mitchell, Karen DeYoung, Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Martha Raddatz, and Ayaan Hirsi Ali. Highlights, transcripts and photos of WFPG Author Series Events are available on the WFPG website: www.wfpg.org.

WFPG Authors Series Spotlight on Iran: Barbara Slavin

Bitter Friends, Bosom Enemies: Iran, the U.S., and the Twisted Path to Confrontation



Barbara Slavin, Senior Diplomatic Correspondent for USA Today, on leave as Senior Fellow, United States Institute of Peace, spoke about her book, *Bitter Friends, Bosom Enemies: Iran, the U.S., and the Twisted Path to Confrontation*, to WFPG members and guests at programs in Washington, DC and New York. Her remarks focused on how the complex love-hate relationship between Iran and the United States has evolved in recent years. Ms. Slavin described how, in 2006, after her sixth visit to Iran, she noticed the Bush administration beginning to “build the same case against Iran as it did against Iraq”. This impression led to her desire to write a book for Americans that explains Iran, its recent diplomatic relations with the U.S., and the many missed opportunities for reconciliation. Ms. Slavin mentioned some poignant examples including a failed attempt to meet in 1990, directly

following Iran’s assistance in the release of the last of the American hostages in Lebanon, as well as the apology to Iran by then Secretary of State Madeleine Albright for the U.S. backing of Iraq during the Iran-Iraq war. In the apology the Secretary referred to the Supreme Leader of Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini, and his appointees as “unelected hands”. Ms. Slavin also pointed out the missed opportunity for a strategic realignment directly following September 11th.

Given all the interest in Iran today, a spirited Q&A period ensued, and guests felt they had learned a great deal about current U.S.-Iranian issues, especially about the future of U.S.-Iran relations, sanctions, as well as Iran’s nuclear program and capacity.



WFPG Authors Series: China’s Internal Politics: Susan Shirk *China, Fragile Superpower: How China’s Internal Politics Could Derail Its Peaceful Rise*



On October 4, 2007, Dr. Susan L. Shirk, Director of the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation at the University of California, San Diego, spoke to the Women’s Foreign Policy Group in Washington about her new book, *China, Fragile Superpower: How China’s Internal Politics Could Derail Its Peaceful Rise*. Ms. Shirk is a well-known

China expert and a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the East Asia and Pacific Affairs Bureau. Her remarks focused on the dangers caused by the increasing insecurity of China’s leadership, which she described as part of a communist regime desperate to survive new economic realities and afraid of its own people. Dr. Shirk talked about the precarious position of the current Chinese government and the public acknowledgement in the country that this weakness among the leaders seems to be signaling the impending fall of the Communist “dynasty”. She also discussed how the country’s leaders lack the respect of the public and their peers. In addition, Dr. Shirk stated that efforts attempting to stave off unrest with a new kind of populism—which she terms “compassionate communism”—are not adequate to stem the increasing number of protests.

Spotlight on Women’s Leadership in China: Dr. Priscilla Roberts *Bonds Across Borders: Women, China and International Relations in the Modern World*



In September, 2007, Dr. Priscilla Roberts, Associate Professor of History and Honorary Director of the Centre for American Studies, at the University of Hong Kong, spoke on the book she edited, *Bonds Across Borders: Women, China and International Relations in the Modern World*, at WFPG programs in Washington, DC and New York. Ambassador

Julia Chang Bloch, President, U.S-China Education Trust and co-founder of the WFPG, authored the “Women in Diplomacy” chapter of the book and also spoke at the Washington, DC program about women in diplomacy, including her own experiences.

Dr. Roberts said the book asks—but does not necessarily answer—questions such as if women are intrinsically more peace-loving and whether a higher participation in international relations by women would lead to a more peaceful world. She noted that, historically, some women have risen to informal political power through birth or marriage and others have played international diplomatic roles as activists and missionaries. Dr. Roberts added that Chinese women are confronting many of the same problems previously confronted in the West a generation or two ago and noted that, in China, the “power of the purse” is easier for women to achieve than political power.

Foreign Minister Gisladottir on Women in Leadership and their Impact on World Affairs

On October 19, 2007, Iceland's Foreign Minister, Ingibjorg Solrun Gisladottir, addressed WFPG members and guests at the fall Embassy Series event hosted by Albert Jonsson, Ambassador of Iceland to the U.S., at his residence in Washington, DC. A true role model for women's leadership, Ms. Gisladottir became Foreign Minister of Iceland in May 2007 after an impressive career in Icelandic politics as a founding member of "Kvennalistinn," Iceland's Women's Party, an MP, and a twice-elected mayor of Reykjavik.



Minister Gisladottir spoke about women in leadership, their impact on world affairs, and the effect "women power" has on the international community. She explained that formal rights do not, on their own, secure equality and that engagement and participation are necessary for true political power for women, as well as for any group, idea, or country. She went on to discuss how Iceland's economic rise over the last century from poverty to prosperity corresponds to the emancipation of its women and their high participation in the labor market: the percentage of Icelandic mothers participating in the labor market has been over 70% for the last 30 to 40 years.

During a lively Q&A, Minister Gisladottir spoke of the international role of small countries, which, like Iceland, are often very active in such organizations as the European Union and the United Nations. Specifically, she argued that Iceland's comparative smallness should not rule out Security Council candidacy. She also spoke about the country's contribution to the issues of climate change and energy, particularly in the context of geothermal energy, which is abundant in the country. In conclusion, Minister Gisladottir likened Iceland to women, stating that, "as an independent and sovereign state, Iceland should never shrink from participating where decisions are made".

Consul General Neelam Deo on The Indian Economy: Changes and Challenges

On November 12th, 2007, Ambassador Neelam Deo, the Consul General of India in New York, spoke to WFPG members and guests about changes and challenges in the Indian economy. Ambassador Deo, a career diplomat in India's Foreign Service, discussed the rapid growth of India's economy, attributing it to the country's recent moves to "unleash" entrepreneurial abilities through removing and simplifying restrictions on trade and business.

Ambassador Deo explained that the main differences between the Indian and Chinese growth models relate to India's higher rates of domestic consumption, savings, and investment, while exports lead China's growth. These differences make the Indian economy less vulnerable to global instability and globally-generated problems. She also noted that India's government is more democratic and that its population is younger and has more English speakers than China. She described the "virtuous cycle" of India's IT revolution that enables Indians to afford better education, which in turn produces higher skilled workers and growth revolutions in other industries.

Ambassador Deo answered questions about India's increased need for oil and the effect of economic growth on the country's poverty problem. She explained that, in order to curb India's dependence on foreign oil, the government is focusing on increasing the country's alternative sources of energy, including nuclear, coal-based, as well as non-conventional sources, such as wind energy. In terms of poverty, she noted that though the percentage of people below the poverty line has been reduced from 51% in 1970 to just below 20% in 2007, approximately 460 million Indians are still below the poverty line. To combat poverty and continue the country's economic rise, Ambassador Deo said that the government is undertaking "inclusive growth" policies, such as investing in agricultural infrastructure—e.g., irrigation, roads, and technology upgrades—and doubling its spending on health and education, as well as working on ways to increase school enrollment and quality of education.

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Mentoring the Next Generation of Leaders

The WFPG hosts Annual Mentoring Fairs in New York and Washington, DC to encourage and promote the next generation of leaders. WFPG members and friends share their career expertise with young women and men interested in international affairs. Mentors discuss careers in fields including the Foreign Service, international law and business, NGOs, and national security. WFPG Mentoring Fairs give busy professionals the opportunity to give back to the community, and the WFPG would like to thank the mentors who participated and encourage all of its members to take the time to mentor a student or young professional this year.

The first 2008 mentoring fair was held at Georgetown University in January. The event drew over 140 students and young professionals from the Washington, DC area. Universities represented include Georgetown, George Washington, American, Johns Hopkins, and Howard. The fair was co-sponsored by Women in International Security (WIIS) and Georgetown's School of Foreign Service Career Development Center.

This year's New York Mentoring Fair will be held on February 27th at New York University and will be co-sponsored by the International Public Service Association, the NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, and the NYU Wasserman Center for Career Development.



Donna Constantinople, a founding partner of KMA Communications and WFPG Board Secretary talks to students about consulting with international corporations



Tracey McMinn, Manager, International Government Relations, Shell and WFPG Board Member, speaks to students about her career in International Business

"It was extremely helpful. The mentors gave great advice and were willing to answer any and all questions regarding their position and how they got to their position."

*-Raechel Hazlett, student
George Washington University*



Mentors counseling students during the 2008 DC Fair



Will Davis, United Nation's Information Center, talks to students about UN careers

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"I have been to several similar events but I think that this was the best."

-Rachel Duran, Business Development Manager, Agrifood Consulting International

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WFPG Board Welcomes New Board Members

Ann McLaughlin Korologos & Tracey McMinn

Ms. Korologos was United States Secretary of Labor from 1987 to 1989. She currently is the chair of the RAND Corporation and serves as a member of the Board of Directors of AMR Corporation (and its subsidiary, American Airlines), Harman International Industries, Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc., Kellogg Company and Vulcan Materials Company and is a member of the governing boards of a number of civic, non-profit organizations including the Board of Overseers of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She is married to Tom Korologos and lives in Washington, DC.



Ms. McMinn is a Government Relations Manager for Shell. She began her career in Washington, DC, with Pennzoil Company and then the U.S. Department of Energy. After 9 years, Ms. McMinn relocated to France with the International Energy Agency, and then to Australia as Government Relations Manager for Shell. In 2003, she returned to the U.S. with Shell, first in Houston and now in Washington. Ms. McMinn has a BA from Cornell University in International Relations, and an MA from The American University's School of International Service.

Reflections on China

by Board Member Diana Villiers Negroponte

I traveled to Beijing and Huighou in early January as part of the U.S. China Strategic Dialogue. The Foreign Affairs Office (FAO) accepted the request to visit factories, sites for migrant workers, and an NGO: the Huighou Highland Development Fund. The Fund advocates for the rights of miners and migrant workers, both numerous and victimized in Huighou province, which is among the poorest of China's western states. The dialogue took place with FAO officers taking copious notes and I was worried that the director of the Development Fund and his staff would be subject to additional scrutiny after my visit. We therefore were careful in both questions and answers, focusing on access to medical care for black lung disease and housing/health care for migrant workers. However, despite the tameness of the dialogue, I was impressed that civil society exists and employs some 10 young people, many of them students of journalism. What remains in doubt is the capacity of NGOs to engage the state on political issues and their capacity to defend those citizens, considered harmful. The overall impression of this visit was the speed of change and openness to western ideas. Not only are building soaring up and new ring roads constructed around Beijing, but people no longer feel isolated from the rest of the world. Openness to change and new ideas exists. Teachers and students at a technical training school for migrant workers asked me about our Presidential election campaign, as well as the kind of trains we had. Young workers at the semi-conductor plants sought comparisons with workers in their industry in the States. Students at the University were interested in a U.S. curriculum. Within this context, it is difficult to believe that the state can continue to suppress debate on sensitive social issues. The capacity to repress becomes weaker as the means of communication improves. Even in Huighou, young people are talking on their cell phones while walking down the street. Rapid communication was evident all around us. Only freezing rain and snow suppressed the rate of change and forced us to slow down, if not postpone our departure.

Members in Action: WFPG Member News

Barbara Barrett received a Doctor of International Law (Honoris Causa) from Thunderbird School of Global Management.

Yvonne Captain delivered a paper, "The New Diaspora: West African Immigrants in Spain" at the 4th Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD) in Barbados.

Marjorie Chorlins joined Lockheed Martin's Government & Regulatory Affairs team in mid-December where she'll focus on defense trade and export policy.

Barbara Crossette is in Phnom Penh through January, 2008, running seminars for Cambodian journalists on how to report the forthcoming trials of the remaining Khmer Rouge leaders. In the fall of 2007 Ms. Crossette designed and taught a course for Bard College on the United Nations system and wrote online columns for The Nation.

Susan Davis received the 2007 Flax Trust Award for outstanding contributions towards peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. The Flax Trust is committed to reconciliation of a divided Northern Ireland through economic and social development.

Lauri Fitz-Pegado became a partner in The Livingston Group (TLG). She joined TLG five years ago and is currently the Director of the International Practice Group.

Henrietta Holsman Fore was nominated on May 7, 2007, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on November 14, 2007 as the new Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Acting Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance.

Ivy Lindstrom Fredericks will speak at a conference, "China Private Equity" in Shanghai in March sponsored by Management Global Information.

Kathy Gest has joined The National Democratic Institute (NDI) as Director of Public Affairs.

Ann D. Greenberg left her position as Director of the State Department's Family Liaison Office in January and became a Foreign Service Officer. After about six months of training, she will be posted to Abuja, Nigeria for her first assignment.

Nadine B. Hack contributed to the book *Oliver Tambo Remembered*. Ms. Hack was interviewed for *Bella Abzug: How One Tough Broad from the Bronx Fought Jim Crow and Joe McCarthy, Pissed Off Jimmy Carter, Battled for the Rights of Women and Workers Against the War and for the Planet, and Shook Up Politics Along the Way*. She is also featured in an article on women and philanthropy in the January 2008 issue of *PINK*.

Vera Jelinek was promoted to Divisional Dean and Director of the Center for Global Affairs at New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

Judith Kaufmann is a Visiting Scholar at the Global Health and Foreign Policy Initiative, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University.

Suzanne Kindervatter was promoted to Vice President of Strategic Impact at InterAction. She now oversees the coalition's work on program effectiveness and impact, as well on expanding InterAction's external partnerships and furthering the organization's long-standing commitment to gender integration and women's empowerment.

Maria Montanez was appointed VP of Wealth Management Smith Barney, where she manages investment portfolios for high net worth clients.

Colette Mazzucelli was a participant in the 2007 German Studies Seminar, "Germany in a Changing Europe: Transatlantic Ties, Transatlantic Challenges" organized by the German Fulbright Kommission in Brussels and Berlin. She is a contributing author and editor, along with Derek Beach, of *Leadership in the Big Bangs of European Integration*, which has gone into a second printing.

Susan Rappaport, WFPG Board Member, now serves on the board of the Rothko Chapel in Houston, dedicated to human rights, founded by the de Menil family, and the Advisory Board of the Washington, DC Environmental Film Festival.

Jeannine B. Scott received an International Community Service Award from the Black United Fund of Texas. Additionally, she served as an NGO delegate on Assistant Secretary of State Ellen Saurbrey's mission to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

WFPG: President's Activities and Office Visitors

On February 13, 2008, **WFPG President Patricia Ellis** spoke at the National Summit on Citizen Diplomacy in Washington, DC on a panel on The Nexus of Media and Citizen Diplomacy.

On October 17, 2007, Maria de los Angeles Fernandez R., Executive Director of Fundación Chile21 and Professor of Political Science, University of Chile, visited the WFPG to meet with Patricia Ellis and WFPG staff and interns. She discussed women's participation in politics in Latin America and compared the differences in cultural perceptions of women in power in the U.S. with those in Latin America.

In June, 2007, Ghazala Amin, Executive Fellow at the Center for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA) and a producer for Indian television, visited the WFPG and discussed the media in India and nonprofit organization management.

In April, 2007, a delegation from South Korea visited the WFPG to discuss women and political leadership building. Delegation members included the President of the Korean Women's Trade Union, a director in the Seoul District Prosecutor's Office, and professors.



Maria de los Angeles Fernandez R.
with WFPG staff and interns

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Staff Changes at the WFPG



In early September, 2007, Sara Barker joined the WFPG staff as the Communications & Development Coordinator. Her responsibilities include the WFPG website, print publications, press relations and fundraising outreach. Ms. Barker has worked in communications and editing at a variety of companies and organizations, including the Cato Institute, McKinsey & Company, Altria

Group, Inc., and Fannie Mae. She is a graduate of St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland where she completed the Great Books Program, a classical liberal arts study of original texts of the Western World. Ms. Barker also studied communications at the American University in Paris for eight months. Prior to joining the WFPG, she pursued a professional theatre career in New York City for three years. Ms. Barker's areas of interest include U.S. foreign policy, trade, and international commerce.



In December 2007, Kimberly Kahnhauser, formerly the Assistant to the President, was promoted to the position of WFPG Director of Operations, where she oversees programs, membership, mentoring activities, Board relations, and overall office operations. Ms. Kahnhauser 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, Ms. Kahnhauser 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*. Ms. Kahnhauser's areas of interest include U.S. foreign policy, human rights, peacekeeping, and international economics.

Fall & Winter Interns

Fall, 2007



Helene Genetos
Junior
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Sarah Trumble
Junior
University of
California,
Santa Barbara



Rebecca Schevitz
Recent Graduate
American
University

"You allowed your interns to take on a role in the organization so we feel like we are a part of something rather than another no-name in the background."

-Helene Genetos

"The one-on-one conversations and handshakes with the women changing the realm of international politics were inspiring. The influential women whom I heard speak and had the pleasure to work with have shown me the strength and power of women around the world."

-Sarah Trumble

"The WFPG provides a wonderful work environment where assignments, and therefore the interns, are taken seriously. Equally important, each employee was warm and welcoming . . . I think what I was most impressed by was the fact that I was always busy at the WFPG. I felt that every moment of every day I was working on a worthwhile project."

-Carly Rush, senior, Brown University

Winter, 2008



WFPG Winter, 2008 interns, from left: Lauren March, a senior at Hope College, Namara Smith, a recent graduate of St. John's College, Laiqah Al-habsy, a senior at George Mason University, Ainab Rahman, a junior at the College of William & Mary

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