

WASHINGTON, DC

Conference on Diversity in International Affairs

Friday, April 15, 2016

REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME REMARKS

6:00 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.

Jan Mowder Hughes, *Vice President, Human Resources and Administration, Council on Foreign Relations*

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

6:10 p.m. – 7:25 p.m.

Kalpen Modi, *Actor; Former Associate Director, White House Office of Public Engagement*

Presider: **Reuben Brigety II**, *Adjunct Senior Fellow for African Peace and Security Issues, Council on Foreign Relations; Dean, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University; Former U.S. Representative to the African Union*

NETWORKING RECEPTION

7:25 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 16, 2016

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME MESSAGE

Roma Kaundal, *Deputy Director, Strategic Partnerships, Council on Foreign Relations*

10:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

PLENARY ONE

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Gender and Violent Extremism: The Role of Women as Victims and Perpetrators

This plenary will discuss the increasing occurrence and involvement of female suicide bombers and supporters of terrorist extremist groups across the globe.

John Campbell, *Ralph Bunche Senior Fellow for Africa Policy Studies, Council on Foreign Relations; Former United States Ambassador to Nigeria*

Catherine Powell, *Fellow, Women and Foreign Policy, Council on Foreign Relations; Former Director, Human rights, National Security Council*

Presider: **Shireen Hunter**, *Visiting Scholar, Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University*

LUNCH RECEPTION

12:00 noon – 12:45 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION ONE

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Ebola, Zika, and Public Health Crises: How to Respond

With an increase of global health epidemics, this session questions the role the U.S. should play in health crises. The panelists will discuss how global health diplomacy can be a tool for social change and the best ways to be prepared for or prevent pandemics in the future

Eric Aguiar, *Partner, Aisling Capital*

Kate Schecter, *Chief Executive Officer, World Neighbors*
Presider: **Rosita Najmi**, *Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

Working in International Affairs as a Diverse Professional: Reflections from the Field

While the field of international affairs has diversified over the course of the last decade, the demographic makeup of international affairs professionals is still relatively homogenous when it comes to race, class, and gender. Panelists will reflect on how their personal identities may have influenced their professional experiences working in the field.

Lia Miller-Spicer, *Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State*
Jane Rhee, *Policy Planning Staff, Bureau of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of State*

Advising Political Campaigns

Join panelists who have experience working on local, state, or national campaigns discuss why they became got interested in joining a political campaign, how they joined, what their role was, and the aftermath. Additionally speakers will discuss political shifts and how to adapt to new administration priorities.

Brandon Andrews, *Consultant, Values Partnerships*
Maria Meier, *Senior Advisor, Office of Sen. Harry Reid and Director of the Senate Diversity Initiative*
Cleve Mesidor, *Global Solutions Consultant, The Raben Group*
Kristal Quarker-Hartsfield, *National Director, the Republican National Committee*
Presider: **Morgan McClain-McKinney**, *Program Manager, USAID*

Honing Your Writing Skills for Professional Success

This interactive seminar will focus on identifying and strengthening writing skills, critical to success in international careers. After the initial presentations, the group will break into smaller groups to work on interactive exercises.

Ruth A. Davis, *Former Director General, United States Foreign Service*
Elise Kleinwaks, *Diplomat in Residence, U.S. Department of State*
Erin Skelly, *Associate Director of Admissions, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies*
Patricia Scroggs, *Director, Charles Rangel Fellowship Program*

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Break

PLENARY TWO

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Making A Difference: Opportunities for International Service

This plenary will discuss options for international service, as well as how those experiences can lead to a successful career in public service.

Ruth A. Davis, *Former Director General, United States Foreign Service*
Teresa Chaurand, *Director, Intergovernmental and External Affairs, United States Peace Corps*
Presider: **Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale**, *Senior Vice President, Albright Stonebridge Group*

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Break

BREAKOUT SESSION TWO

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Future of Water

This panel will explore the role of governments in regulating water sources including what international institutions and policies need to be put in place to work towards more sustainable practices in regulating the use of this resource.

Claire Casey, *Managing Director, Garten Rothkopf*
Emily Rand, *Water and Sanitation Specialist at the World Bank's Water Global Practice, Water and Sanitation Program*
Presider: **Kendra Gaither**, *Senior Director, Policy, Americas, U.S. Chamber of Commerce*

Mid-Career Fellowships

This panel will explore some of the mid-career opportunities available to foreign affairs practitioners, including application tips, timelines, and suggestions for a strong candidacy.

Farrah Barrios, Office of the Dep. Admin., Capacity Building and Development, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

Earl Carr, Managing Director, Momentum Advisors

Mariana Yazbek, Program Manager, Seminars, Aspen Institute

Presider: **Lesley Anne Warner**, Professional Staff Member, U.S. House of Representatives, Foreign Affairs Committee; CFR Term Member

Speed Networking

In this session, facilitators will lead participants into an exciting and fruitful exercise intended to expand your network and enhance your networking skills.

Kristin Hayden, Founder, One World Now!

Nicole Rumeau, Senior Project Manager, STARTALK

Virtual Branding and Storytelling

Panelists with expertise in online personal and professional branding will provide best practices on creating an authentic and unique presence online.

Nisha Chittal, Social Media and Community, MSNBC

Jennifer Myers, Vice President, Marketing and Communications, YWCA USA

Teresa Welsh, Foreign Affairs Reporter, U.S. News & World Report

Presider: **Trisha King**, Program Associate, Aspen Institute Business & Society Program

CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

10:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

One-on-one career counseling sessions are available by appointment only. If you are registered to meet with a career counselor, please arrive at the designated room five minutes prior to the start of your session.

David Fletcher

1st Floor Lounge

*Director, Career Development,
School of International Service,
American University*

M. Nickleson (Nick) Battle, Jr.

2nd Floor Small Conference room

*Sr. Human Resources Officer,
German Marshall Fund*

Margaret (Maggie) New

2nd Floor Green Room

President, The Middleburg Group, LLC

Lana Knox

7th Floor Small Conference Room

*Assistant Director of Bridge Programs,
American University*

Maria Pinto Carland

7th Floor Board Room

Senior Advisor and Career Counselor, ICAP