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ABDOU, Ehaab

Ehaab Abdou is co-Founder and Board Member of the Egyptian youth-led NGO Nahdet El Mahrousa, the first incubator for innovative social enterprises in Egypt and the Middle East. In 2004, Mr. Abdou became one of the first social entrepreneurs in the Arab region to be selected as an Ashoka fellow.

He is also co-Founder and former chairperson of the Egyptian Federation of Youth NGOs. Previously, Mr. Abdou served as president of Fat'het Kheir, an Egyptian youth-led voluntary organization. In 2007, as a singer-songwriter, he helped found the Ana Masry (I'm Egyptian) musical band, which aims to promote the values of tolerance and diversity, national unity and citizenship in Egypt and across the region through a unique fusion of Sufi chanting, Christian hymns, Nubian singing as well as Mr. Abdou's own lyrics and music. He joined the Middle East Youth Initiative at the Brookings Institution in July 2009 as an advisor to develop and lead an action-oriented social entrepreneurship program.

Mr. Abdou is co-author of the report "Social Entrepreneurship in the Middle East: Toward Sustainable Development for the Next Generation," (Silatech, Dubai School of Government and the Wolfensohn Center for Development at the Brookings Institution, April 2010) and author of "A Practitioners Guide for Social Entrepreneurs in Egypt and the Arab Region," (Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement at the American University of Cairo, October 2010).

ABDULLE, Habon D.

Habon D. Abdulle works for Hennepin County in Minneapolis. Prior to Hennepin County, she worked for UNICEF as a Consultant and Immigration Law and Trainer in Padua, Italy.

Ms. Abdulle is one of the members of Internally Displaced Somali Advisory Council. The Council is made up of 11 Somali-American professionals - five women and six men. The Council has taken a leadership role in reaching out to the larger Somali community with the Neighbors for Nations program.

Ms. Abdulle holds a Bachelor's degree in political science from University of Padua, Italy and a Master's degree in health and human service administration from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

AIKINS, Kingsley

Kingsley Aikins was born and brought up in Dublin and educated at The High School, Dublin and Trinity College, Dublin, from which he graduated with an honors degree in economics and politics. He also has a post-graduate diploma in international marketing and has studied and worked extensively in France and Spain. For five years he was the Sydney, Australia-based representative of the Irish Trade Board and the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) of Ireland. He then ran his own marketing consultancy company. Mr. Aikins was also a founding director of The Australian Ireland Fund, and for two years served as Executive Director responsible for the growth of the Fund in Australia and setting up The Ireland Fund of New Zealand.

In January of 1993, Mr. Aikins moved to Boston to take over as Executive Director of The American Ireland Fund. The Fund was set up in 1976 and since then The Worldwide Ireland Funds have raised over \$350 million for projects of peace, culture, community development and education throughout the island of Ireland. In June 1995, he was appointed Chief Executive of the Worldwide Ireland Funds, now active in 12 countries including Ireland. He is a member of the Institutes of Marketing, Export and Linguistics. He was also responsible for the successful five-year Hope and History Campaign to raise \$100 million. Mr. Aikins writes and speaks on philanthropy and diaspora issues extensively and has produced three publications as follows: "A Global Diaspora Strategies Toolkit for the Hillary Clinton Global Diaspora Forum" (May 2011), "Philanthropy and Fundraising Toolkit" (2010), and "An International Review of Global Diaspora Strategies" (2009).

Mr. Aikins represented Trinity College, the Irish Universities and Leinster at rugby. In 2009 he was awarded the rank Commander of the British Empire for his work in Northern Ireland.

ALEMAYEHOU, Addis

Addis Alemayehou currently serves as Chief of Party of the Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA) Ethiopia AGOA+ project in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The project is a three-year USAID-funded private sector support program with offices in the Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and working in partnership with the Ethiopian Ministry of Trade and Industry, the Ethiopian-American Chamber of Commerce and other stakeholders. The VEGA Ethiopia AGOA+ program aims to develop and promote Ethiopia's export market to the United States and other international markets.

Mr. Alemayehou previously worked as a consultant and as an agent for various telecom companies within the East Africa region. He currently serves on the Ethiopian Board of Connect Ethiopia, an Irish business charity changing the way poverty is tackled in the developing world. Focusing the efforts of the Irish business communities, institutions and sectoral associations, the organization assists in the creation of a multitude of linkages between Ireland and Ethiopia, aimed at assisting the country's economic development.

Mr. Alemayehou is also the Managing Partner of Paconet Media PLC, a privately held media and IT firm. Paconet is the principle partner in the first privately held English FM Radio station (105.3 AFRO FM).

ALEMAYEHOU, Mimi

Mimi Alemayehou was nominated as the Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) by President Barack Obama on March 10, 2010 and confirmed unanimously by the full Senate on September 16, 2010.

Previously, Ms. Alemayehou served as the United States Executive Director at the African Development Bank (AfDB) where she was responsible for executing Board decisions on behalf of the United States government. Ms. Alemayehou served as the most senior US Treasury official in Africa and was instrumental in pushing for reforms to make the AfDB more transparent and to engage more broadly with outside stakeholders.

Prior to the AfDB, she was Founder and Managing Partner of Trade Links, LLC, a development consulting firm that worked with clients on emerging markets issues and promoting African exports under the African Growth and Opportunity Act. Previously, Ms. Alemayehou was with the International Executive Service Corps where she managed a multi-country trade project in Africa. She also served as a Director of International Regulatory Affairs at WorldSpace Corporation, an emerging market focused satellite telecommunications company. Earlier in her career, Ms. Alemayehou worked as a Legislative Staffer in the United States Congress.

Ms. Alemayehou holds a Master's degree in international business and international law and development from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. She currently serves on the Board of the United States African Development Foundation, a post she was nominated to by President Obama and confirmed unanimously by the full Senate. Ms. Alemayehou is a naturalized US Citizen; she was born in Ethiopia and spent her early years in Kenya before immigrating to the United States.

ANONUEVO, Estrella

Estrella Mai Dizon Anonuevo is the Executive Director of Atikha Overseas Workers and Communities Initiatives, an NGO involved in addressing the social cost of migration and tapping the development potential of Filipino migrants. She received her Master's in degree in entrepreneurship for social and development enterprises at the Asian Institute of Management. Ms. Dizon Anonuevo worked in Germany for seven years on the research staff of the Frankfurt Institute for Women Research,

where she had the chance to study the situation of migrant women in Europe and craft programs and services for migrants in Germany.

Ms. Anonuevo was involved in organizing various migrant organizations in Europe and also various NGOs, cooperatives and networks in the Philippines working on migration and development. She is currently the chairperson of the Philippine Consortium on Migration and Development. Ms. Anonuevo participated in various research projects on the social cost of migration of women and diaspora philanthropy. She co-authored the books, "Coming Home: Women Migration and Reintegration," "Children's Responses to the Challenge of Migration Training Manual," and "Financial Literacy Trainers Training Manual." She is currently leading projects funded by the European Union and United Nation Joint Migration and Development Initiatives (EC-UN JMDI) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) on Mobilizing Migrant Investment Towards Agri-based Cooperatives and other migration and development initiatives.

ANTOUNIAN, Suzy

Suzy Antounian is Vice-President for Management and Philanthropy Services at the Global Philanthropy Forum. She has extensive nonprofit management experience, with a focus on strategic planning, institutional development, and program design. She was the Forum's Vice President in its early years as well as the Vice President for Public Programs at the World Affairs Council of Northern California. In the 1990's she helped establish the American University of Armenia, holding various roles as Vice-President, Director of Policy and Planning and Dean of Extension Programs. She has also served as an Advisor to the Foreign Minister of Armenia helping establish a diplomat training program for the ministry. As a consultant she provided advisory services to individual donors and organizations including The Elders and the Aspen Institute's Philanthropy and Social Innovation Program.

Prior to joining the nonprofit sector, Ms. Antounian worked as a tax associate for Howard, Rice et. al. and Ernst & Whinney. She holds a Juris Doctor from the University of California Hastings College of the Law and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

ARAIA, Semhar

Semhar Araia is the Horn of Africa Regional Policy Advisor for Oxfam International and founder of the Diaspora African Women's Network (DAWN), an organization whose mission is to develop and support talented women and girls of the African diaspora focused on African affairs. Ms. Araia has an international law background with emphasis in conflict resolution, international human rights, development and peacebuilding in Africa. She was the founder of African Diaspora for Obama and served on the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team with the USAID Agency Review Team and the Office of Public Engagement. Prior to that, she served as the Africa analyst for The Elders, an organization created by Nelson Mandela, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and eleven other world leaders, and a foreign policy legislative assistant in the House of Representatives. From 2002-2005, Ms. Araia worked on the implementation of the Eritrea-Ethiopia peace agreement and served as an attorney on the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission hearings.

Ms. Araia is a frequent guest speaker and lecturer on US policy towards Africa and effective organizing and advocacy strategies. She has been featured in the Voice of America, Huffington Post, The Root, Arise Magazine, Straight Talk Africa and CNN.com. Ms. Araia earned her law degree from Marquette University Law School, with studies at Tel Aviv University and American University's Washington College of Law.

ARNAVAT, Gustavo

Gustavo Arnavat was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed unanimously by the Senate in November 2009 to represent the United States on the Executive Board of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Investment Corporation and on the Donors' Committee of the Multilateral Investment Fund, both affiliates of the IDB. As the US Executive Director for the IDB, he is a senior member of the Treasury Department's International Affairs team.

Prior to assuming the position, Mr. Arnavat acted as Director and Senior Legal Counsel of Citigroup Private Bank in New York, where he was Legal Co-Head of the Latin America market region. Mr. Arnavat also spent several years as an investment banker, focused on the origination and execution of public offerings and private placements by Latin American issuers, and provided strategic advice relating to Mergers and Acquisitions and joint ventures. He also served as a Presidential Management Fellow with the U.S. Departments of Justice and State, and worked at the National Security Council as a regional analyst for Latin America following a wide range of economic, political, and security issues for the region.

Mr. Arnavat serves on the Boards of the Drug Enforcement Administration Museum Foundation, the Westchester Community Foundation, and TeatroStageFest. Mr. Arnavat received a Bachelor's degree from Cornell University and a Master's degree in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. In addition, he received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as the editor of the Law Review.

AUSTIN, Magalie (Maggie)

Maggie Austin currently serves as the Executive Director of Konbit for Haiti. Prior to joining the Konbit for Haiti team, Ms. Austin enjoyed a career in higher educational administration, having served as the Dean of Admission at the University of Illinois College of Law, the Dean for Career Planning and Placement at Florida International University College of Law and the Director of Judicial Clerkships at the University of Miami School of Law.

Ms. Austin graduated with a Juris Doctor from Tulane University School of Law in 1995. Upon graduation, she clerked for the Honorable Okla Jones in the Eastern District of Louisiana until she relocated to Champaign, Illinois in August 1996.

BAJUK, Natasha

Natasha Bajuk is a Senior Associate at the Multilateral Investment Fund (FOMIN), a member of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) group in Washington DC. She coordinates the FOMIN agenda to bank the unbanked through payments and transfers, including through international remittances, domestic transfers and government payments. She is responsible for the identification, design and implementation of projects that link payment recipients with savings and other financial products and services and that encourage an enabling regulatory environment. Ms. Bajuk has worked since 2007 to set FOMIN's strategy to improve awareness of international remittances in the financial sector of the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region and of their development impact potential. She represents the FOMIN/IDB in international task forces. She is a frequent guest speaker on remittances and access to finance, both in global and regional conferences, as well as other international press and media outlets.

Prior to her service in the FOMIN, Ms. Bajuk worked in the Operations Policy and Country Services Vice Presidency of the World Bank where she was responsible for analyses of development aid effectiveness. She also worked in the Development Effectiveness and Strategic Planning Department of the IDB. She holds a DEA in Transition Economics from the Doctoral School of Political Economy at the Université de Paris I – Panthéon Sorbonne (2001), she graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris ("Sciences-Po") in 2000, and holds a license from INALCO in Paris. She completed her Bachelor's degree at Georgetown University.

BALDERSTON, Kris

Kris M. Balderston serves as the Special Representative for Global Partnerships at the Global Partnership Initiative (GPI) within the Office of the Secretary of State. Prior to his role at the U.S. Department of State, Mr. Balderston was Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's first Legislative Director in January 2001 before serving as her Deputy Chief of Staff from 2002-2009. As Deputy Chief of Staff, Mr. Balderston accomplished numerous successful private-public partnerships under the direction of then Senator Clinton with multiple stakeholders in the State of New York.

At GPI, Mr. Balderston leads global public-private partnerships in support of the Secretary's priorities, including two flagship initiatives launched in 2010, the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves and Partners for New Beginning, as well as two new endeavors in 2011 on diaspora engagement and investing with impact.

Mr. Balderston began his career with the National Governors' Association and later ran the Massachusetts State Office for Governor Michael Dukakis from 1987-1991. He then became Senior Policy Advisor to Majority Leader George Mitchell at the U.S. Senate Democratic Policy Committee from 1991-1993. From 1993-1995, he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of Labor under Secretary of Labor Robert Reich. He served in the White House from 1995-2001, as Special Assistant for Cabinet Affairs to President William Jefferson Clinton and then later as the Deputy Assistant to the President and the Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet.

Mr. Balderston received a Bachelor's degree in political science from LeMoyne College and a Master's degree in government from Georgetown University.

BANATAO, Diosdado

Diosdado Banatao is Chairman of PhilDev and the managing partner of Tallwood Venture Capital, a firm focusing on semiconductors and semiconductor related technologies. Mr. Banatao provides Tallwood with a unique perspective with his past experiences as a successful engineer and entrepreneur. He is credited with developing several key semiconductor technologies and is regarded as a Silicon Valley visionary.

Prior to forming Tallwood, Mr. Banatao was a venture partner at the Mayfield Fund. He also co- founded three technology startups and held positions at National Semiconductor, Seeq Technologies, Intersil, and Commodore International. In 1997, he was honored with the prestigious Master Entrepreneur of the Year Award sponsored by Ernst & Young, Inc. Magazine, and Merrill Lynch Business Financial Services. Dado also serves as Chairman for SiRF Technology (SiRF) and current Tallwood portfolio companies. He also served as Chairman and led investments in various technology related companies.

On a personal capacity, Mr. Banatao contributes his time and expertise to companies and various institutions in the Philippines. He provides counsel to new and established corporations in identifying opportunities and formation of technology companies. Dado and his family also established the Banatao Filipino American Education Fund that provides scholarship grants to young Fil-am students, as well as support to his alma mater, the Malabbac Elementary School, in the Philippines.

Mr. Banatao holds a Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, *cum laude*, from the Mapua Institute of Technology in the Philippines and a Master's degree in electrical engineering and computer science from Stanford University.

BAO, James

James Bao is the co-Founder of OneVietnam Network, a Ford Foundation funded project to foster diaspora giving using social networking. Mr. Bao and his team built OneVietnam.org to be a social network where expatriates can take deliberate actions to build their communities at home and abroad. It is more focused than Facebook and more lasting than Twitter. Mr. Bao hopes to apply the same technology platform created for OneVietnam in other diaspora communities.

Previously, Mr. Bao worked in corporate finance with a focus on technology, media, and telecommunications. He was born in Da Lat, Vietnam, and grew up in California. He graduated as a Regent's and Chancellor's Scholar from the University of California, Berkeley with a degree in business administration.

BARHYDT, Bill

Bill Barhydt is a veteran of the Internet and mobile industry, with over 25 years of experience in building new technologies and launching innovative products internationally. Mr. Barhydt is the Chief Executive Officer and co-Founder of m-Via, a mobile banking and remittance company that helps people without bank accounts throughout the world to become part of the traditional financial system, using their mobile phones. Mr. Barhydt has become a recognized expert on mobile banking and financial inclusion in the Americas.

In the early days of the web, he was part of the team at Netscape helping develop the first commercial browser and arguably kick-starting the Web, as we know it today. At Netscape and later at leading start-ups including Plaxo and Sennari, Mr. Barhydt designed Internet banking systems, web hosting systems, e-mail services, mobile phone games, group collaboration software and viral marketing software. He has also worked at Goldman Sachs in the Fixed Income Trading Group and for the US government, first with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and then at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) where he worked in the Computer Graphics and Scientific Visualization Lab at NASA's Ames Research Center.

BASTON, Amie

Amie Batson joined USAID as Deputy Assistant Administrator for Global Health and the USAID Deputy of the Global Health Initiative (GHI). Her 20-year career in global health has included positions in the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and most recently, the World Bank.

As one of the original members of the GAVI Alliance, she led the World Bank's efforts in vaccine financing, including the establishment of new financing mechanisms like the Advance Market Commitment and the use of donor financing to "buy-down" loans from the International Development Assistance program. Together these efforts have provided billions of dollars of new funding for global health and helped to vaccinate millions of children against polio, pneumonia, diarrhea, and other vaccine preventable causes of death.

More recently, her leadership efforts have been directed toward improving health systems through the use of results-based financing mechanisms. Prior to joining the World Bank, Ms. Batson was a joint WHO/UNICEF staff member in the WHO Global Program for Vaccines, where she led efforts to develop public-private partnerships for vaccines and to further investment in vaccine manufacturing and development.

BRAHMBHATT, Rahul

Rahul Brahmhatt brings 10 years of professional experience to Magic Bus. Before entering the Sport for Development sector, Rahul spent seven years as a chemical engineer, focusing on international sales, marketing, and project management. Since then, Mr. Brahmhatt has worked for the NFL's Washington Redskins and conducted research for USA Football, Nike and Ashoka's Gamechanger's competition, and the Center for Sport Management at George Mason University. He recently completed a year-long Indicorps Fellowship in India utilizing sport as a development tool. Mr. Brahmhatt is proud alumnus of both The University of Texas (chemical engineering) and George Mason University (sport management).

CALVELLI, John F.

John F. Calvelli is Secretary of the National Italian American Foundation and Executive Vice President for the Public Affairs Division of the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), a global conservation organization headquartered at the Bronx Zoo dedicated to saving wildlife and wild places. Mr. Calvelli oversees the work of WCS in the areas of government and community affairs, public policy, communications and marketing.

Prior to joining WCS in 2000, Mr. Calvelli served as a senior staff person to Congressman Eliot Engel (D-Bronx). As Administrative Assistant/Counsel, he had oversight responsibility for Congressional administrative office functions and oversaw, directed and supervised all legislative initiatives of Rep. Engel during his tenure on the House Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, Science and Education and Labor Committees. Prior to his work in Washington, D.C., Mr. Calvelli was chosen to participate in a clinical program with the Civil Division of the Office of then U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani and subsequently served as Associate Counsel to the New York State Assembly.

On October 15, 1999, the Republic of Italy bestowed the honorific title of Knighthood in the Order of Merit to Mr. Calvelli for his work promoting stronger U.S.-Italy relations. Mr. Calvelli graduated from Salesian High School, Fordham University and went on to earn a law degree from Fordham Law School.

CAMPOAMOR, Diana

As president of Hispanics In Philanthropy (HIP) for close to 20 years, Diana Campoamor's commitment to national and international Latino communities continues to strengthen the reach of philanthropic dollars and the organizations they fund.

In the late 1990's, Ms. Campoamor pioneered The Funders' Collaborative for Strong Latino Communities, an award-winning funder-driven initiative that pools dollars from foundations, corporate, government and individual donors to support capacity building among small Latino-led nonprofits in the United States and Latin America. The Funders' Collaborative was the first Latino-focused re-granting program of its kind in the United States. Through this program, HIP and its partners have provided capacity-building grants and trainings to 348 grassroots organizations in 15 different regions in three countries. These grants have helped recipients expand their work and develop leadership opportunities in their communities. Ms. Campoamor's vision has been to connect grassroots organizations with philanthropy, and foster the next generation of Latino leaders through support for Latino community organizations. Her leadership will continue to guide HIP as they expand their work to new communities in the United States and Latin America, including a recent partnership with the Inter-American Development Bank for a program that engages diaspora communities in economic development in six countries in Latin America.

Ms. Campoamor is the author or co-author of numerous publications. A recipient of the Latino Business Leadership Award from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in the fall of 2005, Ms. Campoamor was ranked 10th in *Latino Leaders 2006*, "The List: 101 Top Movers & Shakers in America."

Previously, Ms. Campoamor held leadership positions with the Shalan Foundation, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the United Way and the YWCA. She has served as a director for BRAVA Women in the Arts, HACR, the Hispanic Association for Corporate Responsibility, Independent Sector, the Council on Foundations, and as a governor for KRON TV. Currently, Ms. Campoamor is an Advisory Director for International Planned Parenthood Federation, Horizons Foundation and an Advisory Committee Member for New Ventures with the Regional Association of Grantmakers. Ms. Campoamor earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and a Master's degree in communications from the University of Miami.

CAPRARA, David

David Caprara is project Director and Nonresident Fellow overseeing The Brookings Institution's Initiative on International Volunteering and Service. The Initiative has four strategic elements: public policy development, assessment, global corporate volunteering, and civic engagement through the Building Bridges Coalition with over 160 nongovernmental organizations and universities.

Mr. Caprara also serves as director for the Global Peace Service Alliance. He formerly directed Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, D.C. and Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), promoting mentoring programs, asset development, homeland security and other initiatives to strengthen children and families throughout the country. Mr. Caprara conceived of and co-directed the International Roundtable on Volunteering and Service with Points of Light Foundation, USAID, and Corporation for National and Community Service. In 2006, he co-directed the International Conference on Faith and Service with former USA Freedom Corps Director John Bridgeland, and the National Conference on Citizenship. In the spring of 2006, over 25 interfaith youth services projects were launched through this initiative in the United States, Africa and the Middle East, during Global Youth Service Day.

Mr. Caprara formerly served as Deputy Assistant Secretary and Director, Office of Resident Initiatives, under Secretary Jack Kemp at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Subsequently, he served as Director of the Virginia Governor's Commission on Citizen Empowerment and as Director of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. He conceived of and launched the Hands-Across-Virginia initiative, overseeing disaster volunteer efforts following severe flooding in the mountain region.

CARSON, Jon

Jon Carson is the Director of the Office of Public Engagement. Previously, he served as the Chief of Staff at the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). Before joining the Administration, Mr. Carson was the National Field Director for President Barack Obama's campaign in 2008 and worked on the Obama transition team. Mr. Carson also managed Tammy Duckworth's 2006 general election campaign in Illinois' 6th Congressional District and has worked on many political campaigns over the last decade, including Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign. He served in the Peace Corps in Southern Honduras for two years, building water systems for rural villages.

Mr. Carson graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a Bachelor's degree in civil and environmental engineering and received a Master's degree in geography from the University of California, Los Angeles.

CHEEMA, Tariq

Tariq H. Cheema is a renowned social innovator and philanthropist who has devoted his life to making the world a peaceful, equitable, and sustainable place for all. He is the founder of the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, a global network of affluent individuals, foundations, and socially responsible corporations established to promote efficient and accountable giving. He received his M.D. from the University of Istanbul, and earned a Certificate of Advanced Study in Philanthropy at Loyola University Chicago. He is one of the Rockefeller Foundation's prestigious Next Generation Leadership Fellows. His professional experience lies in the areas of strategic philanthropy, corporate giving, nonprofit governance and crisis management. Dr. Cheema ranks among the 500 most influential Muslims impacting the world today.

Dr. Cheema has co-founded several notable initiatives such as Doctors Worldwide, a disaster response agency; Network of Islamic Activists Against Tobacco (NIAAT), a Geneva-based advocacy group formed to seek the support of UN member states for WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC); Diversity Forums, a project to encourage dialogue and understanding across critical social divides; Indo-Pak Peace Network, a people-to-people movement to promote goodwill among the two rival nuclear nations; and National Network for Diaspora Giving, a capacity-building resource and clearinghouse for diaspora philanthropic initiatives.

Dr. Cheema is the former Associate Director of the Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA) and the former Executive Director of the Association of Physicians of Pakistani-descent of North America (APPNA). In addition, he is the principal shareholder of Southeast Business Group (SBG), a unique commercial and industrial coalition dedicated to promote commerce among the emerging markets. He has received numerous public recognitions including the 2004 Northwestern University's Kellogg Entrepreneurship Award, the 2004 Asian American Coalition of Chicago Award, the 2005 YMCA South Asia Peace Award, and the 2010 Louis T. Delgado Social Justice in Philanthropy Award.

CLINTON, Hillary R.

On January 21, 2009, Hillary Rodham Clinton was sworn in as the 67th Secretary of State of the United States. Secretary Clinton joined the State Department after nearly four decades in public service as an advocate, attorney, First Lady, and Senator.

Secretary Clinton was born in Chicago, Illinois and attended local public schools before graduating from Wellesley College and Yale Law School, where she met Bill Clinton. In 1974, Secretary Clinton moved to Arkansas, a year later married Bill Clinton and became a successful attorney while also raising their daughter, Chelsea. She was an assistant professor at the University of Arkansas School of Law, and after working to strengthen the local legal aid office, she was appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1977 to serve on the board of the Legal Services Corporation, which she later chaired.

In 1992, Governor Clinton was elected President of the United States, and as First Lady, Hillary Clinton became an advocate of health care reform and worked on many issues relating to children and families. She led successful bipartisan efforts to improve the adoption and foster care systems, reduce teen pregnancy, and provide health care to millions of children through the Children's Health Insurance Program. She also traveled to more than 80 countries, winning respect as a champion of human rights, democracy and civil society. Her famous speech in Beijing in 1995 -- when she declared that "human rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights" -- inspired women worldwide.

In 2000, Hillary Clinton made history as the first First Lady elected to the United States Senate, and the first woman elected statewide in New York. In the Senate, she served on the Armed Services Committee, the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, the Environment and Public Works Committee, the Budget Committee and the Select Committee on Aging. She was also a Commissioner on the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

As a Senator, Clinton worked across party lines to build support for causes important to her constituents and the country, including the expansion of economic opportunity and access to quality, affordable health care. After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, she was a strong advocate for funding the rebuilding of New York and the health concerns of the first responders who risked their lives working at Ground Zero. She also championed the cause of our nation's military and fought for better health care and benefits for wounded service members, veterans and members of the National Guard and Reserves. She was also the only Senate member of the Transformation Advisory Group to the Department of Defense's Joint Forces Command.

In 2006, Senator Clinton won reelection to the Senate, and in 2007 she began her historic campaign for President. In 2008, she campaigned for the election of Barack Obama and Joe Biden, and in November, she was nominated by President-elect Obama to be Secretary of State.

CLOSE, Sandy

Sandy Close is Executive Director of New America Media, the country's first and largest national collaboration and advocate of 3,000 ethnic news organizations, headquartered in San Francisco, which she founded in 1996.

Since 1974, Ms. Close has served as Executive Director of Pacific News Service (now known as New America Media), where she founded YO! Youth Outlook, a monthly magazine of youth writing and art in 1991; and co-founded in The Beat Within, a weekly writing journal by incarcerated youth, in 1996. A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Ms. Close was formerly China editor of The Far Eastern Economic Review (Hong Kong), and founder of the Oakland-based Flatlands newspaper. Among her many awards and recognitions, in 1995, Ms. Close received a MacArthur Foundation "Genius Award" Fellowship; and in 1997, she co-produced the Academy Award-winning short documentary, Breathing Lessons. In 2011, she received the George Polk Career Achievement Award for her pioneering work in journalism over forty years, including giving visibility to thousands of ethnic media outlets for over two decades.

COLE, Johnnetta

Johnnetta B. Cole was appointed the Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art (NMAfA) in March, 2009. Since the mid-1980's, Dr. Cole has worked with a number of Smithsonian programs. She currently serves on the Scholarly Advisory Board for the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, the construction of which will be completed on the National Mall by 2015.

Dr. Cole is President emerita of Bennett College for Women and Spelman College. Dr. Cole made history in 1987 when she became the first African American woman to serve as president of Spelman College. During her presidency, Spelman was

named the number one liberal arts college of the South. During her presidency at Bennett College for Women, an art gallery was opened and programs were initiated in women's studies and global studies. She is also Professor emerita of Emory University from which she retired as Presidential Distinguished Professor of anthropology, women's studies and african american studies.

Dr. Cole has conducted research in Africa, the Caribbean and the United States, and she has authored and edited several books and scores of scholarly articles. She is a fellow of the American Anthropological Association and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She is also a member of the American Association of Museum Directors. Dr. Cole has been awarded 55 honorary degrees and she is the recipient of numerous awards, including the TransAfrica Forum Global Public Service Award, the Radcliffe Medal, the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal, the 2001 Alexis de Tocqueville Award for Community Service from United Way of America, the Joseph Prize for Human Rights presented by the Anti-Defamation League, the Uncommon Height Award from the National Council of Negro Women, the John W. Gardner leadership Award from The Independent Sector, and the Lenore and George W. Romney Citizen Volunteer Award from the Points of Light Foundation.

From 2004 to 2006, Dr. Cole was the Chair of the Board of United Way of America, the first African American to serve in that position. She has served on the corporate boards of Home Depot, Merck, and Nation's Bank South. She was the first woman to serve on the board of Coca-Cola Enterprises. Dr. Cole currently chairs the board of the National Visionary Leadership Project, and she is a member of the board of TransAfrica Forum and The Johnnetta B. Cole Global Diversity and Inclusion Institute, and she is on the Advisory Committee of America's Promise. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and The National Council of Negro Women.

After beginning her college studies at Fisk University and completing her undergraduate studies at Oberlin College, Dr. Cole earned a Master's degree and a Ph.D. in anthropology from Northwestern University.

DEBASS, Thomas

Thomas Debass serves as a Director at the Global Partnership Initiatives in the Office of the Secretary of State, responsible for economic growth, global finance, and entrepreneurship; as well as leading the Secretary's global diaspora engagement efforts.

Prior to joining the State Department, Mr. Debass was Lead Economist in the Office of Investment Policy with the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) in Washington, DC. At OPIC he was responsible for economic evaluation and monitoring of private investment projects in emerging and frontier markets. Mr. Debass also served as a senior technical advisor in USAID's Global Development Alliance (GDA) and Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade (EGAT) teams. In this dual role, Thomas designed and launched new and innovative partnerships; and also coordinated USAID's work on microfinance's transition to private capital, loan guarantees, mobile banking, and broader financial sector partnerships.

Prior to his development finance career, Thomas worked as a consultant for agricultural research project in East Africa; and served as research associate for USAID-supported Integrated Pest Management – Collaborative Research Support Program (IPM-CRSP) in Bangladesh and Uganda. Thomas is a graduate of Virginia Tech with a Master's degree in applied economics and a Bachelor's in economics. He also has an Executive Certificate in international business management from the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University.

DEHGAN, Alexander

Dr. Alex Dehgan is the Science and Technology Adviser to the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, and heads the Office of Science and Technology within the new Bureau of Policy, Planning, and Learning. As the S&T Adviser, Dr. Dehgan serves as the key focal point for implementing the Administrator's vision to restore science and technology to its rightful place within USAID and ensure that USAID is the global leader on employing science, technology, and creativity to help solve traditional and persistent development challenges in novel ways.

Prior to coming to USAID, Dr. Dehgan worked at the Department of State. He most recently served as a Senior Scientist and Policy Adviser to the Science Adviser to the Secretary of State, where he worked on science diplomacy issues with the Muslim world, including Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Dr. Dehgan was a Senior Adviser to Amb. Dennis Ross, the Special Adviser for the Gulf and South West Asia, where he developed a science diplomacy engagement strategy with the Islamic Republic of Iran, advised on internal political dynamics, and served as the liaison to Amb. Holbrooke and the Office of the Special Representative to the President for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Dr. Alex Dehgan also was the founding Afghanistan Country Director for the Wildlife Conservation Society's Afghanistan Biodiversity Conservation Program. During his tenure there, WCS conducted the first comprehensive biological surveys of the country in 30 years in Nuristan, Herat, Wakhan, and Hazarajat Plateau, wrote much of Afghanistan's biodiversity conservation legislation and policies, helped end illegal wildlife trade on U.S. airbases, assisted in the development of Afghanistan's national park system, including the creation of Afghanistan's first national park at Band-e-Amir in Bamiyan Province.

Dr. Dehgan holds a Ph.D. and Master's degree from The University of Chicago's Committee on Evolutionary Biology, where he focused on extinction and adaptation of 12 lemur species during environmental change in tropical forests in Madagascar;; a Juris Doctor from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law; and Bachelor's degree in zoology and political science from Duke University. He was chosen as an "Icon of Science" by Seed Magazine in 2005, and has received international recognition for his research and professional work.

DEMERJIAN, Fr. Hovnan

Fr. Hovnan Demerjian earned his Bachelor's of Arts from Boston College, Master's of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School and a Certificate in Armenian studies from St. Nersess Seminary.

From 1996 to 1998 Fr. Hovnan spent two years teaching in the public schools of Armenia as a member of the U.S. Peace Corps. This experience motivated him to establish the Armenian Volunteer Corps in 2000, an organization which continues to bring scores of diaspora Armenians to live and work in Armenia each year.

Returning to the U.S. in 2003 with his newly-wed wife, Anna, Fr. Hovnan joined the Diocese of the Armenian Church, heading a new program to find Armenian college students and promote their spiritual growth. In June of 2007, he was ordained a priest and assigned pastor of St. Hagop Armenian Church in Pinellas Park, Florida, where he serves today.

DISSANAYAKE, Manjula

Manjula Dissanayake, the Founder and President of Educate Lanka Foundation (www.educatelanka.org), is currently a graduate student at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University focusing on international development. Born and raised in Sri Lanka, Mr. Dissanayake moved to the United States at the age of 19. After completing his undergraduate studies in finance at the University of Maryland, College Park in 2005, Mr. Dissanayake worked as a financial analyst at CapitalSource Finance for five years.

Mr. Dissanayake founded Educate Lanka in 2007 with a mission of empowering underprivileged students in Sri Lanka by providing them with greater access to education. Educate Lanka operates primarily on a unique web-centric scholarship model that targets mainly Sri Lankan expatriates to financially sponsor students for their full educational cycles. Mr. Dissanayake has since been able to successfully engage the Sri Lankan expatriate community in the United States, especially in the Greater Washington area to carry out fundraising and awareness initiatives for his charitable endeavors. Mr. Dissanayake will be working in the education sector of the International Finance Corporation in Washington, DC during the summer 2011.

ELKOUSTAF, Hisham

Hisham Elkoustaf is Executive Director and General Counsel of the Los Angeles Futbol Club Foundation where he conceptualizes and implements "sports for development" programs for underprivileged children in the United States and abroad. Mr. Elkoustaf has partnered with members of the Clinton Global Initiative, academic and healthcare institutions, sports and media celebrities, corporate entities, and non-profit organizations to deliver, via soccer, essential healthcare and educational services to underserved communities.

Prior to joining the LAFC Foundation, Mr. Elkoustaf was an international development and corporate lawyer with experience in the public, private and NGO sectors. As Senior Counsel with the US Department of Commerce, he traveled to more than fifteen developing countries to implement technical assistance programs on commercial and investment law reform, rule of law and institutional capacity building. Hisham was an associate with the New York law firm of Morrison Cohen Singer and Weinstein LLP. He also worked with Sullivan & Cromwell LLP and NBC Universal. His NGO experiences include work with the National Endowment for Democracy, the Ford Foundation, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the USA-Morocco Council on Trade and Investment.

Born and raised in Casablanca, Morocco, Mr. Elkoustaf received his law degree in 2002 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was Staff Editor of Hybrid: The Journal of Law & Social Change. He also holds a Master of Arts in law

and development from Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy. Mr. Elkoustaf earned his Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, in political science from Columbia University, where he was a member of the men's varsity soccer team.

ENDO, Isaku

Isaku Endo is Financial Sector Specialist in the Payment Systems Development Group (PSDG) of the World Bank. Since he joined the group in 2010, he leads and participates in a number of policy development projects, technical assistance programs, and assessment programs of payment and remittances systems. He also plays a key role in the Secretariat of the Global Remittances Working Group.

From 2004 to 2010, Mr. Endo worked at the Financial Market Integrity Unit in the World Bank, where he led technical assistance programs and policy development and research projects on Anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT), access to finance and remittances issues, and participated in an AML/CFT assessment program as part of the World Bank/IMF Financial Sector Assessment Program. He was also a coordinator of the AML/CFT work for the Latin America and the Caribbean region and represented the World Bank at international forums in the region.

Mr. Endo has published a number of World Bank working papers on remittances as well as policy papers on access to finance issues. Prior to joining the World Bank, he worked at a law firm as an international trade and privatization specialist, and as a research scholar at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC. He holds a Master's of Public Administration and a Master's in international relations from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University.

EZEKWESILI, Obiageli (Oby)

Obiageli (Oby) Ezekwesili, a Nigerian national, was appointed Vice President for the World Bank's Africa Region in 2007. She oversees more than 1,600 staff and is responsible for the delivery of projects and economic and sectoral work in 47 Sub-Saharan countries.

Ms. Ezekwesili joined the Bank from her most recent position as Minister of Education in the Government of Nigeria, where she led a comprehensive reform program within the education sector. She also introduced the Public-Private Partnership models for education service delivery; revamped the Federal Inspectorate Service as an improved quality assurance mechanism and introduced transparency and accountability mechanisms for better governance of the budget. Ms. Ezekwesili led the establishment of the Innovation and Vocational Enterprise Institutions initiatives which focuses on the development of skills for economic competitiveness and--in conjunction with the Nigerian Stock Exchange-- launched the "Adopt-A-School" program, an initiative that fosters philanthropy by corporations, community groups and individuals.

Ms. Ezekwesili began her career with Deloitte & Touche, where she worked as an auditor, management and financial services consultant. She has also worked with Professor Jeffrey Sachs as Director of the Harvard-Nigeria Economic Strategy program. Ms. Ezekwesili is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Master's in international law & diplomacy from the University of Lagos, a Master's in public policy and administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Nigeria. In 2006, Ms. Ezekwesili was given the national award of Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic (CFR).

FARAH, Fatumo

Fatumo Farah has served as the Director of the Himlo Relief and Development Association (HIRDA) foundation since January 2007. HIRDA foundation is one of the leading migrant development organizations in the Netherlands focusing on linking migration and development. HIRDA has become a counter partner with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands through the IMPACT alliance with Oxfam Novib. During the five years that Ms. Farah has been the Director of the organization, she has been a devoted advocate of the contribution of migrants to the development of their home countries. Before joining HIRDA, Fatumo worked for four years as a trainee accountant with KPMG. With that experience she has set up a social enterprise which focuses on the capacity building of migrant organizations in the Netherlands in the fields of financial administration, financial literacy and migrant investment at home.

Ms. Farah received a Master's degree in business administration at the Vrij Universiteit in Amsterdam. She specialized in financial controlling at the university. For her professional activities, she was awarded by the Dutch Migrant Organization (SMS) for the best migrant idea in the Netherlands in 2006.

FARNSWORTH, Eric

Eric Farnsworth is Vice President of the Council of the Americas and the Americas Society, heading the Washington office since 2003. The organization is the leading voice on the hemisphere, where the public and private sectors meet to discuss and promote an agenda based on democratic governance, open markets, and the rule of law.

Mr. Farnsworth is a recognized expert on hemispheric affairs and US foreign and trade policy, having given Congressional testimony numerous times. He is a frequent commentator in print, visual, and new media, and has authored or co-authored articles in American Interest, Americas Quarterly, Current History, Journal of Democracy, and Latin American Policy, and is a columnist for PODER magazine and a blogger for Huffington Post, National Journal, and AQ Online. His opinion pieces have appeared in Barron's, Financial Times, Los Angeles Times, Miami Herald, Folha de Sao Paulo, and numerous others.

Prior to joining the Council, Mr. Farnsworth was Managing Director of Manatt Jones Global Strategies LLC, a Washington and Los Angeles-based strategic advisory and business facilitation firm. From 1995-1998, he oversaw policy and message development for the White House Office of the Special Envoy for the Americas. He served at the US Department of State beginning in 1990, and was awarded the Superior Honor Award three times and the Meritorious Honor Award once.

Mr. Farnsworth holds a Master's in public affairs in international relations from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School. He is a Truman Scholar and an alumnus of the Leadership America, Young Leaders of the (NATO) Alliance, and the US-Spain Young Leaders programs.

FELIX, Katleen

Katleen Felix chairs the Haitian Hometown Associations Resource Group, and is Project Director of Haitian Diaspora Liaison for Fonkoze, where she is responsible of research and development of new remittance products or initiatives, financial literacy programs for new immigrants, training and capacity-building for Haitian Hometown Associations (HHTAs), project reporting and donor relations. She has assembled a database of nearly 350 Haitian Hometown Associations and support groups in the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa and the Caribbean. She has spoken at international conferences in Belgium, Costa Rica, Haiti, Israel, El Salvador and the United States. Her work with the Haitian Diaspora includes organizing capacity-building programs, informational and networking activities for the HHTAs in New York, Miami and Boston.

Ms. Felix has 10 years of experience as a senior financial officer for major corporations in North America. She holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in finance and international business from HEC Montreal, an accredited international business school. She speaks French, English, Creole, Portuguese and basic Spanish.

Ms. Felix is well integrated in the business scene and in the Haitian Diaspora community and is the recipient of many awards: 2006 Young Professional Excellence Award of HEC Montreal for her accomplishments and community involvement, 2009 Young professional of the year award and People's Choice award by the Young Chamber of Commerce from Montreal, 2009 Community Leadership Award from HABNET, 2009 Citation from the President of the Brooklyn Borough Hall, 2010 Pioneers of Prosperity Award of Mattapan Technology in Boston and in 2011 FANM and City of Miami recognition.

FELLAHI, Khalid

Khalid Fellahi has been appointed as Senior Vice President of E-channels as of January 1st, 2011, and is in charge of Western Union's global strategy and operations for the web, mobile and Account Based Money transfers channels. In 2009, Mr. Fellahi was heavily involved in shaping Western Union's strategy in Mobile Money and since January 2010, took global responsibility for the Mobile Transaction Services division of Western Union along with heading the Africa division. He joined Western Union in October 2002 and for many years served as Head of Africa. He has more than 20 years experience working in different industries, such as Paribas / Groupe Compagnie Bancaire, and Price Waterhouse Management Consultants, and has held positions of CFO and MD in SMEs in the service industry before joining Western Union. Mr. Fellahi has an engineering degree from the National Institute of Applied Sciences in France (INSA-Lyon) with a major in Information Technology, and an MBA from INSEAD.

FERNANDEZ, Jose

Jose Fernandez serves as the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Energy and Business Affairs. He leads the Bureau that is responsible for overseeing work on international trade and investment policy; international finance, development, and debt policy; economic sanctions and combating terrorist financing; international energy security policy; international telecommunications and transportation policies; and support for U.S. businesses and the private sector overseas.

Nominated by President Obama on August 6, 2009, Mr. Fernandez was sworn in as Assistant Secretary on December 1, 2009. Mr. Fernandez came to the State Department after having served as a partner in the New York office of Latham & Watkins, and Global Chair of the firm's Latin America practice. For nearly three decades, his practice has focused on Latin America, Europe and Africa, advising clients on international mergers and acquisitions, financings, trade and other matters as the economies of these regions have evolved.

Mr. Fernandez was named one of the "World's Leading Lawyers" by Chambers Global for his M&A and corporate expertise, an "Expert" in International Financial Law Review's "Guide to the World's Leading Project Finance Lawyers", and one of the "World's Leading Privatization Lawyers" by Euromoney Publications. He is recognized as a leading Corporate Finance attorney in the Latin American market in the Chambers Global 2008 legal guide and a leading Latin America attorney in the Chambers U.S. 2008 legal guide. He was featured by Hispanic Business Magazine in its "100 Influentials List" for 2006 and 2007.

A lifelong supporter of education, the arts and commercial engagement, prior to his appointment at the State Department Mr. Fernandez served on the Board of Trustees of Dartmouth College and on the Board of Directors of Accion International and the Council of the Americas. He has been chair both of the American Bar Association's Inter-American Law Committee and the Committee on Inter-American Affairs of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and co-chair of the Cross Border M&A and Joint Ventures Committee of the New York State Bar Association. He recently headed the Latin American and Caribbean division of the ABA's Rule of Law Initiative. He has also served on the boards of NPR-station WBGO-FM, Ballet Hispanico of New York and the Middle East Institute. He was a co-Founder of TeatroStageFest, a 2-week Latino theater festival in New York City, and was appointed a Commissioner of New York's Latin Media and Entertainment Commission. Mr. Fernandez is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations.

Mr. Fernandez graduated *magna cum laude* with high honors from Dartmouth College, earning a Bachelor's degree in history. He also received an honorary degree from the college. He earned a Juris Doctor from the Columbia University School of Law, where he received the Charles Evans Hughes Prize and a Parker School Certificate of International Law with Honors.

FINE, Patrick

Patrick Fine is Vice President for Compact Implementation for the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Previously, Mr. Fine served as a Senior Vice President at the Academy for Educational Development (AED) and Director of the Global Education Center where he oversaw education development programs in countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia. Prior to working at AED, Mr. Fine served at USAID as the senior Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Africa Bureau and a member of the Senior Foreign Service. Mr. Fine served as the USAID Mission Director in Afghanistan in 2004/05 where he oversaw rapid expansion of US assistance for reconstruction and development.

Mr. Fine is a frequent guest lecturer on development topics and a senior consultant on education in developing countries and on delivering development assistance in conflict and post conflict settings. His areas of expertise include: international education, private sector and livelihood development, development finance, donor coordination, decentralization, community development, and fostering public-private partnerships. He has lived in Pakistan, Swaziland, Lesotho, Uganda, Senegal, South Africa and Afghanistan and worked in over 20 countries.

Mr. Fine has a Master's degree in international education from the University of Massachusetts and a Bachelor's degree in education from Missouri State University. In 2004, the Government of Senegal awarded him the Ordre Du Merite for outstanding contributions to education. He received numerous awards while working with the U.S. Government, including the Distinguished Career award.

FORMAN, Leona

Born in China, Leona Forman grew up in Brazil and has lived most of her life in the United States. She founded BrazilFoundation in June 2000 after retiring from a 20-year career at the United Nations with the Department of Public Information (DPI) where she worked with media and NGO representatives from all over the world.

BrazilFoundation is a diaspora philanthropy bridging individuals and corporations in the United States interested in social investments that bolster the efforts of grassroots social entrepreneurs in all regions of Brazil. The foundation raised over \$14 million dollars making 208 grants to NGOs working in the fields of education, health, human rights, participatory development and culture. The foundation also made 294 grants recommended by donors. Currently Ms. Forman is concentrating her efforts on the establishment of the Carioca Fund, an initiative of BrazilFoundation which aims to raise resources for Rio de Janeiro-based NGOs working to provide youth with skills to enter the expanding job market.

Before joining the UN, Ms. Foreman was a journalist working with Rio de Janeiro's newspapers *Jornal do Brasil* and *O Globo*. She was a contributor to the magazines *Realidade* and *Claudia*. She studied journalism at the Institut Français de Presse, University of Paris; she received her Master's degree from Columbia University School of Journalism; and Bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro. She is fluent in English, Portuguese and Russian.

GARCHITORENA, Victoria

Victoria Pineda Garchitorena is the President of Ayala Foundation, Inc. (AFI), the social development arm of the Ayala Group of Companies, and the Philippine Development Foundation (formerly Ayala Foundation USA), a diaspora philanthropy foundation that aims to be a "Bridge of Hope Across the Seas", linking Filipinos in the US to social development initiatives in the Philippines. She is also a Managing Director and member of the Management Committee of Ayala Corporation, the oldest, largest, and most diversified business conglomerate in the Philippines. She joined AFI in 1989 and has transformed it into a dynamic foundation that innovates social technologies, integrates these for a holistic approach, and forms partnerships or consortia to pool resources for strategic social development initiatives. Organized in 1961, AFI is committed to eradicating poverty through programs in education, youth development, information technology, environment, and art and culture.

Ms. Garchitorena has served as Head, Presidential Management Staff and Secretary to the Cabinet as well as Senior Consultant on Poverty Alleviation and Good Governance to the Office of the President of the Philippines. She is Founding Chairperson for the League of Corporate Foundations and the Philippine Council for NGO Certification, Metro South Cooperative Bank, Makati NGO Network, the Philippine Association for Volunteer Efforts, and the International Center on Innovation, Transparency, and Excellence in Governance. She served on the Board of the Council on Foundations (USA), the Global Foundation Leaders Advisory Group of the World Economic Forum and was Senior Adviser to the Asia Pacific Advisory Council Against Corruption – World Bank,. Ms. Garchitorena has served on the board of various universities, professional associations, and non-profits such as the Management Association of the Philippines, Gifts & Graces as well as PinoyME, a social consortium established by former President Corazon Aquino to support the growth and development of the microfinance industry in the country. She graduated from the College of the Holy Spirit with a Bachelor's degree in physics, *summa cum laude* and took post-graduate degree courses at the Asian Institute of Management and Harvard University.

GARCIA, Hilda

Hilda Garcia is the Vice President of Multiplatform Content and Information for ImpreMedia, the leading Hispanic news and information company in the United States.

Previously, Ms. Garcia was the Deputy General of El Universal, the top news site in Mexico. She also worked as the Managing Editor of the digital division for Grupo Editorial Expansión, a Time Warner company where she launched www.cnnexpansion.com, www.quien.com and www.chilango.com by leading a collaborative effort between print and digital platforms. Prior to joining Time Warner in Mexico, Ms. Garcia spent seven years working outside of Mexico. She was the Deputy Director of Multimedia at the Puerto Rican newspaper El Nuevo Dia. She also worked for America Online (AOL) as the Regional Content Director for Latin America. Later she led AOL's efforts in Puerto Rico.

Ms. Garcia is a pioneer in online journalism. In 1998 she founded what is recognized to be the first online newspaper in Latin America, www.mexis.com, with the support of CompuServe. The portal later evolved into Todos.com (To2.com) and was the benchmark for print media companies in Mexico and the United States. She was previously Foreign Affairs Editor at Reforma newspaper, was the anchor for TVC news (cable television station in Mexico) and worked with Observador Internacional Magazine

Ms. Garcia studied journalism at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) and obtained a Master's degree at the University of Miami. She also has a Bachelor's degree in history from the Universidad Iberoamericana. Ms. Garcia belongs to the National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ) and was a member of the Board of the International Women's Media Foundation (IWMF). She has two awards from the Society for News Design (SND). She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

GOMEZ, Jorge

Dr. Jorge Gomez received his medical training at the University of Guadalajara and his Ph.D. at the University of Arizona in immunology with a minor in pharmacology. His postdoctoral training led him to the National Institutes of Health at NIAMS in 1992. The Grant Associate Program gave Dr. Gomez with a larger view of the NIH and it is from this experience that he began to develop his vision and unique approach to advance and support research for the benefit of all people.

As a Medical Officer in the National Cancer Institute, he learned from the ground up about developing new concepts and building solid infrastructures to support innovative research programs. In 1998, Dr. Gomez was given the stewardship of the Specialized Programs of Research Excellence (SPORE) Program, a translational cancer research program committed to rapidly move new scientific findings from the bench to clinic. Under his management, the SPORE Program expanded rapidly. Under his leadership, gifted young investigators were given the opportunity to move into unknown territories in research called 'high risk, high impact'; research advocates worked in tandem with investigators to move new findings into early phase clinical trials; public-private partnerships and collaborations were created to support early treatment trials; and, transdisciplinary teams of scientists were able to interact and network to bring about progress in cancer research.

A longstanding interest of Dr. Gomez is the inclusion of the U.S. Hispanic population into clinical research. With his experience as a "voice" of the NCI at many speaking engagements, especially when communicating with Spanish-speaking audiences regarding cancer and health-related issues, in 2008 Dr. Gomez launched the Office of Latin American Cancer Program Development. This new program is a result of NCI's initiative to globalize basic and clinical research. In particular, the program recognizes that research conducted in Latin America will benefit those not only those countries, but the United States as well. In partnering with the Fogarty International Center, the program will enhance the capabilities of Latin American researchers to conduct high quality translational and clinical research. These countries will have the ability to address their specific cancer issues and design effective strategies; every project affords the opportunity to enhance their research infrastructure and research capacity through science and technology.

GUICHARD, Eric-Vincent

Eric-Vincent Guichard is currently the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GRAVITAS Capital Advisors, Inc. He is the founding member of GRAVITAS Capital (1996-current). Mr. Guichard advises global and sovereign institutional assets. He runs the Sovereign Solutions Practice which includes innovative macro solutions such as the Sovereign Debt Redemption Fund Ltd and the Pension Support Fund Ltd. Eric also manages GRAVITAS's Tactical Allocation Fund, LLC.

He received a 2009 Risk Innovator Award for Finance from Risk & Insurance Magazine. In 2010, Mr. Guichard founded Homestrings.com, an electronic investment platform that caters to members of the diaspora. Homestrings.com showcases vetted investment projects and funds that focus on development objectives chosen by the diaspora. These projects and funds range from infrastructure to healthcare. Prior to GRAVITAS Capital, Mr. Guichard was Portfolio Manager at the World Bank (1990-1996) where he also served as technical adviser to sovereign and multilateral institutions worldwide.

Mr. Guichard is a graduate of the University of Dakar Senegal, of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and of the Harvard Business School where he earned his MBA (World Bank Scholar and Harvard Fellowship award). He serves on several non-profit boards, including: the Center for Financial Policy, Capital Partners for Education, and OIC International – an initiative that encourages economic self-reliance in Africa.

Mr. Guichard lectures internationally on investment, risk management, entrepreneurship and Corporate Strategy. He has published articles on global financial markets and regulation, corporate incentives and human behavior; and on the U.S. sub-prime mortgage crisis.

GULASEKARAM, Pratheepan (Deep)

Pratheepan (Deep) Gulasekaram is professor of law at Santa Clara University School of Law, where he teaches constitutional law and immigration law, and publishes on the topics of immigration federalism, citizenship, and the Second Amendment. Prior to joining the Santa Clara Law faculty, he served as Acting Assistant Professor at New York University School of Law and Visiting Assistant Professor at Loyola University Law School in New Orleans. He has practiced law with O'Melveny & Meyers LLP and Susman Godfrey LLP, both in Los Angeles. He also previously clerked for the Honorable Jacques L. Wiener Jr. on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans.

In addition, Mr. Gulasekaram is the co-Founder and Vice-President of the World Children's Initiative, Inc. (WCI), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving health and educational systems for children in developing areas around the world. WCI recently completed its maiden project, developing a pediatric hospital in post-tsunami southern Sri Lanka, and is currently focusing on project addressing childhood heart disease in Uganda.

GUTIERREZ, Jose Luis

Jose Luis Gutierrez is a community activist and educator with over 22 years of experience working as a community leader in several different agencies and organizations. He played an active role in the campaign for the Mexican vote abroad, was elected member to the Advisory Council of The Institute of Mexicans Abroad (CC-IME), President of the Federation of Michoacanos in Illinois (FEDECFMI), and President of the Board of Directors for the Latino Progress Institute.

Mr. Gutierrez is a founding member of The National Alliance of Latin-American and Caribbean Communities (NALACC) and the Confederation of Mexicans Hometown Federations (CONFEMEX). His work and commitment has been recognized through several awards including the Jose Maria Morelos Award given by the City Council of Morelia, Michoacán for active participation in the defense of migrants' rights. In addition, he is a member of the International Committee for the First Latin American Migrant Community Summit celebrated in Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico in 2007; a member of the advisory committee for the Illinois Hispanic Employment Plan and the Community Board of the Triton College; and a member of the International Committee of the World Social Forum on Migration. He served as Director of the Office of New Americans Policy and Advocacy in the Office of the Governor of Illinois from March 2006 to August 2009.

Currently Mr. Gutierrez is the co-Director for Transnational Affairs of the National Alliance of Latin-Americans and Caribbean Communities.

HASHEMI, Noosheen

Noosheen Hashemi, President and co-Founder of The HAND Foundation, is a philanthropist with a passion for entrepreneurship and economic development. Since 2003, she has led HAND Foundation's efforts to prevent child sexual abuse, strengthen the global middle class and advance the philanthropic sector through educational and research grants. The HAND Foundation's strategy in furthering the philanthropic sector has focused on diaspora philanthropy - and to this end Ms. Hashemi and the HAND Foundation founded PARSIA Community Foundation, the first Persian community foundation in the U.S. Ms. Hashemi and the foundation have also conducted extensive research on the topic of diaspora philanthropy, focusing on how it can be institutionalized and combined with the business, civic and cultural integration in order to help diaspora groups achieve their full potential.

Between 1997 and 2003, Ms. Hashemi was an independent investor and advisor in the software industry. In 1996, she joined Quote.com, a profitable personal finance pioneer, as Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Between 1985 and 1995, Ms. Hashemi held various management positions at Oracle Corporation where she took active part in software's meteoric rise as an industry. She was appointed Director of Finance and Administration in 1988 and named Vice President in 1990. In 1991, she won Oracle's "Against All Odds Award" for her role in the company's financial turnaround. In 1993, she led expansion of Oracle services as Vice President of Marketing and Business Development for Oracle's Worldwide Education.

Ms. Hashemi serves on the board of New America Foundation. Previously, she served on the board of MIT's Iranian Studies Program as well as the advisory board of Forum for Women Entrepreneurs and Executives. In 2008 she was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. She holds a Bachelor's degree in economics from San Jose State University and a Master's degree in management from Stanford's Graduate School of Business where she was a Sloan Fellow.

HEGAZY, Ashraf

Ashraf was raised internationally as the son of a senior Egyptian diplomat. He graduated from Harvard College with a psychology degree focused on leadership traits. He went on to work in the financial services industry, then in management/strategy consulting and technology project management. In 2001, he founded a strategy consulting firm, providing end-to-end business and technology services to the not-for-profit sector, with a focus on Arab-American community and political organizations. He also co-founded the Harvard Arab Alumni Association in 2001 to build an active network of Arab leaders educated at Harvard.

Mr. Hegazy earned his Master's in public administration degree from the Harvard Kennedy School, where he was the head teaching assistant for the School's flagship course: Adaptive Leadership. He was awarded a Lucius N. Littauer Fellowship for "exemplary academic achievement, public service and potential for future leadership," and was a Presidential Management Fellow. He sits on a number of boards, including as a Director of the Harvard Alumni Association and the Chairman of the International Board of Advisors of United Planet, a global peace corps. He is a member of the National Policy Council of the Arab American Institute and a Co-Chair of the Somerville Human Rights Commission. His research interests are in adaptive leadership and negotiation frameworks in the Middle East. Mr. Hegazy has spoken at over 30 major public forums on Middle East politics, youth movements, and transformative challenges.

HOCHBERG, Fred

Fred Hochberg is Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States and one of the highest ranking business leaders in the Obama Administration.

Under his leadership, in FY 2010 Ex-Im Bank approved more authorizations to support U.S. exporters than any year in its history. This included \$24.5 billion in export financing – a 70 percent increase over the past two years -- which supported \$34.4 billion worth of exports and 227,000 American jobs at more than 3,300 U.S. companies. Of these authorizations, more than \$5 billion was for small businesses – a record for the Bank. The Bank also tripled its renewable energy export financing.

As head of Ex-Im Bank, Mr. Hochberg plays an essential role in President Obama's plan to double U.S. exports in five years. During Mr. Hochberg's tenure, the Bank has increased its focus on customers, both foreign buyers and U.S. exporters. It is seeking new markets for U.S. goods and services in emerging economies with growing infrastructure needs. Mr. Hochberg has also worked to expand the global footprint of key domestic industries in which U.S. exporters have a comparative advantage. These include renewable energy, construction and farm machinery, medical technology, agriculture, and avionics. In addition, he has streamlined processes, cut transaction times and introduced innovative new financial products.

From 2004 to 2008, Mr. Hochberg was dean of Milano, The New School for Management and Urban Policy in New York, N.Y. From 1998 through 2001, he served as deputy, then acting administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA), where he quadrupled lending to minority- and women-owned small businesses. Prior to his service at SBA, Mr. Hochberg was the long-time President and Chief Operating Officer of the Lillian Vernon Corporation, where he led the transformation of a small, family mail order company into an international, publically traded direct marketing corporation.

Mr. Hochberg received his undergraduate degree from New York University and his MBA from Columbia University.

HRYNKOW, Sharon

Dr. Sharon Hrynkow is the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans, Environment and Science (OES), U.S. Department of State. In this position, she works to advance science diplomacy and global health, with a particular focus on women's health and advancement of women and girls in all fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Prior to joining OES, Dr. Hrynkow served in leadership positions at the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the United Nations Foundation. She served as Acting Director (2004-2006) and Deputy Director (2000-2007) of the Fogarty International Center, NIH and had responsibility for a Congressionally appropriated budget of \$60 million and a staff of 70. Among her achievements at Fogarty were the development and launch of the Framework Programs for Global Health and the Global Health Research Initiative Program (GRIP), unique programs geared at supporting the next generation of global health researchers in the United States and in poorer nations. As Associate Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH (2008-2009), she launched an Institute-wide effort to address climate change and health.

Dr. Hrynkow holds a Ph.D. in neuroscience from the University of Connecticut and a Bachelor's degree in biology from Rhode Island College. She conducted postdoctoral work at the University of Oslo using retroviruses to study clones of cells in the developing brain. She serves on numerous advisory boards, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science; Medical Missions for Children; Canadian Institute of Gender and Health; Institute of Medicine's Roundtable on Environmental Health Sciences, Research and Medicine; and, the Society for Neuroscience. Dr. Hrynkow has received many awards and honors for her contributions to global health and science, including the Presidential Merit Award for Senior Executives, the King of Norway's Order of Merit Award, and the Association for Women in Science/Bethesda Chapter Excellence in Mentoring Award. She is an elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Council on Foreign Relations.

JHA, Satish

Satish Jha is President and CEO of One Laptop Per Child India. He has worked at the intersection of technology and management both in global markets and the social space. He has served as a global information management executive with two of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies and as CEO of a consulting firm.

A former Editor with The Times of India and the India Express Groups in India, Mr. Jha also founded, mentored and seeded a couple of dozen social projects with a focus on technology, business strategies and public policy in the areas of universal access to education, healthcare and bridging the digital divide. He is a member of the United Nations Global Alliance for ICT and Development, Special Advisor to the Kofi Annan Center and co-chairs the World IT Forum.

Mr. Jha studied international affairs at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and has an MBA from EDHEC/Thesues in France. He co-edited work with Leon Strous on "ICTs for Development and Prosperity," which was published by IFIP Press in late 2007.

KALAV, Ozlenen Eser

Özlenen Eser Kalav is a Founding Partner and the President and CEO of Turkish Philanthropy Funds (TPF), the first transnational community foundation of Turkish-Americans. Established in 2007 and headquartered in New York City, TPF's work involves aligning U.S. donors' philanthropic interests with high impact social projects in Turkey and with charitable causes in their local communities.

Ms. Kalav's professional life began at Citibank's MENA Division in Athens in 1976. Over the following twenty years, as a Citibank executive, she lived and worked in Istanbul, New York, Manila, and Tokyo. She served as CFO and Division Chief Administrative Officer for North East Asia; as Strategic Planning Officer for Asia, Australia, Africa and the Middle East Group; and also as Director of Recruiting for Citibank's Investment and Institutional Banks. Following a brief partnership in a solar energy start-up company, in charge of business development, in mid 1990's, she set up her own advisory business for foreign investments into Turkey.

Ms. Kalav was born and raised in Istanbul, Turkey. She graduated from Robert College of Istanbul and holds an Master's degree in biochemistry from Smith College and an MBA from Columbia Business School. She was a Fulbright grantee from Turkey in 1967 to study in the United States.

KATHWARI, Farooq

Farooq Kathwari is the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ethan Allen Interiors Inc. He has been president of the company since 1985, and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since 1988. In 1989, he formed a group to purchase Ethan Allen; following a restructuring period, he took the company public again in 1993. Under Mr. Kathwari's leadership, Ethan Allen has been transformed into a leading interior design company whose vertically integrated business model feeds its success.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in English literature and political science from Kashmir University and an MBA in International Marketing from New York University.

Mr. Kathwari is a member of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; director and former chairman of Refugees International; a director of the International Rescue Committee; director of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University and the Henry L. Stimson Center; chairman of the Kashmir Study Group, an organization he founded in 1996; member of the Council on Foreign Relations; a director and former chairman of the National Retail Federation; a director and former chairman and president of the American Home Furnishings Alliance; and a board member of ArtsWestchester. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Strategic and International Studies; the Advisory Board of the New York University Center for Dialogues: Islamic World—U.S.—The West; the Advisory Board of the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence at James Madison University; the Distinguished Advisory Council of the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada; the Western Connecticut State University Foundation board; and the Sound Shore Medical Center board in New Rochelle, NY.

Among his many industry and humanitarian honors, he has been inducted into the American Furniture Hall of Fame; recognized by the U.S. Government as an Outstanding American by Choice; the recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal and the National Retail Federation gold medal; named one of Worth magazine's "Best CEOs in the United States"; and honored by the International Center in New York and ArtsWestchester. He has also received honorary degrees from Western Connecticut State University and Sacred Heart University.

KEFALE, Giorgis

Giorgis Kefale is a neonatologist working at the INOVA Fairfax hospital in Fairfax, Virginia. Dr. Kefale is originally from Ethiopia and came to the United States after completing medical school in Ethiopia. He began his thirty year career with a Pediatric residency at the Brooklyn hospital in New York, followed by a Neonatal-Perinatal Fellowship at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. Dr. Kefale returns regularly to visit Ethiopia and is involved in volunteering for the Vermont Oxford-Addis Ababa University Black Lion hospital project at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. He is also involved in working with the Ethiopian embassy in Washington, DC in a voluntary advisory capacity.

Dr. Kefale was also the chairman of an ad hoc committee of Ethiopian professionals involved in writing up a Diaspora Policy proposal for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

KHAN, Awais

Awais Khan joined the American Pakistan Foundation as its first President and CEO.

Prior to joining the foundation, Awais was a partner at an investment bank specializing in early stage venture capital, private placements, and cross border joint ventures. In this capacity, he was working on innovation and commercialization of alternative energy in the emerging economies, with a focus on Pakistan. Mr. Khan has also held senior positions with the Venture Capital Practice at KPMG, Dimension Data and Hewlett-Packard.

Mr. Khan has been featured in the international media discussing the need and urgency to utilize the abundant natural resources of Pakistan to solve the energy crisis, create jobs and drive towards a clean energy driven economy. He is also a board advisor to several alternative energy companies and to the Cleantech Jobs Fund, an economic development fund in Silicon Valley.

Mr. Khan obtained a Bachelor's degree in computer engineering from California State University and is pursuing his Global Executive MBA from London School of Economics, HEC Paris and Stern School of Business at New York University.

KRESS, Carl

Carl B. Kress is Regional Director for the Middle East, North Africa and Europe Region of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA). As Regional Director, Mr. Kress is responsible for developing and implementing the USTDA economic development program throughout the region.

Prior to taking responsibility for this region, Mr. Kress served as Regional Director for the previous Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia Region. Before joining the agency, he held legal and legislative positions in government and the private sector. His previous experience includes serving as counsel at the U.S. International Trade Commission and as an attorney with the law firm McDermott, Will & Emery where he focused on international trade matters.

A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Mr. Kress received his Juris Doctor from the University of California, Los Angeles. He also holds a Master's degree in German law from the University of Hamburg, Germany.

KOSS, Fabian

Fabian Koss is currently the Youth Program Coordinator in the Office of External Relations of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). He was appointed Youth Liaison immediately following the 1995 IDB-Israel Youth Forum, which was the first time that a multilateral Bank brought together young leaders from around the world to discuss youth development issues. Through the Youth Development and Outreach Program, the IDB supports outreach, advocacy and project development activities.

Mr. Koss is one of the founders and coordinators of the Inter-American Working Group on Youth Development, a consortium of international donor agencies which seek to increase resource support and promote learning around effective youth development programs in the hemisphere. He has addressed the World Youth Forum of the United Nations in Vienna, Austria in 1996 and in Braga, Portugal in 1998. In 1997, Mr. Koss was awarded the CEMECA award for his continuing commitment to the youth of Central America and the Caribbean. In 2000, the IDB Youth Program received the United Nations World Youth Award for their achievement in implementing the UN World Program of Action for Youth.

Mr. Koss has served as the International Outreach co-Chairman for the National Capital Chapter of the Red Cross and is on the Board of Directors of the StarMedia Foundation and Identity Foundation.

KUMAR, Maria Teresa

In Maria Teresa Kumar's work as a corporate and political consultant, she noticed that Fortune 500 companies and nonprofit organizations alike were failing to connect with the fastest-growing demographic in the United States: young Latinos. Believing that Latinos can improve their quality of life by understanding the electoral process and electing leaders who have their best interests in mind, Ms. Kumar co-founded Voto Latino in 2004 to increase this population's involvement in civic life. Ms. Kumar expanded Voto Latino from a public service announcement campaign to a full-fledged organization that leverages new media,

technology, and celebrity spokespeople to mobilize Latino voters, encourage civic participation, and change negative cultural stereotypes.

For the 2008 presidential election, Voto Latino registered over 30,000 voters in five states, reaching millions through platforms such as MySpace, YouTube, iTunes Latino, and MTV. Their work has received several accolades for its innovative use of technology, including two selections as a Webby Award honoree. Through these mainstream outlets, Ms. Kumar and Voto Latino have reached youth organizations, progressive groups, private individuals, and the media, thereby bringing Latino issues into the national political conversation.

Prior to her work at Voto Latino, Ms. Kumar served as a legislative aide for former Democratic Caucus chair Vic Fazio, was associate director for new business development at Advisory Board Company, and founded Petersen Advisory, a political consulting firm. Named one of *Hispanic* magazine's Top 60 Hispanic Women in Government and Politics in 2004. Ms. Kumar is a founding Board Member of the Latino Leaders Network and PODER PAC and was a fellow at the National Hispana Leadership Institute in 2004. She earned a Master's degree in public policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and a Bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of California-Davis.

LE, Duy-Loan

Duy-Loan Le is currently responsible for technology readiness and product execution for Texas Instruments' (TI's) multibillion-dollar business. In this capacity, she oversees the definition of technology requirements for the businesses, leads technology qualifications with the development teams, and directs execution to achieve functionality, performance, power, yield, quality, reliability and capacity goals to enable successful product launch and ramp. These teams span multiple countries, disciplines, businesses, and organizations across TI.

Prior to this role, Ms. Le also held leadership positions throughout TI. In 1982, Ms. Le started her career with TI as a Memory Design Engineer at the age of 19. She was responsible for bringing up TI memory devices, a multibillion-dollar product line, with joint venture partners on three continents for the first time in TI's history. One of TI Digital Signal Processor (DSP) products under her leadership was recognized in the 2004 Guinness World Records and this one single product generated over \$1Bil of revenue for TI.

In 2002, Ms. Le became the first Asian-American and the first woman to get elected as a TI Senior Fellow. Today, she continues to be the only woman to hold this title in TI's 80 year history and as only one of four Senior Fellows worldwide. She has also been featured in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers SPECTRUM as well as Asian Enterprise trade journals, the book "The Pride of Vietnamese", and numerous local and international newspapers. In 2002, Ms. Le became the first woman elected to the board of directors at National Instruments. Ms. Le is a registered Professional Engineer (PE), a sought after keynote speaker, and has received Stanford's Director Consortium Certificate of Participation as part of Director's continuing education in 2011.

Ms. Le received an MBA from the University of Houston. She also earned her BSEE degree from the University of Texas in Austin, where she graduated with High Honor and was recognized as a 'Scholastic Wonder' by the Houston Chronicle. In addition, Ms. Le holds 24 patents with six additional pending applications. She received Patent Incentive Awards for 1992, 1995, 1998, 1999 and 2001. Several of these patents are classified as 'pioneering patents' for TI as they had a direct and significant impact on TI's revenue and profit.

Throughout her career, Ms. Le's achievements have been recognized with prestigious awards, including Pink's Top 15 Women in Business, Women of Vision: Leadership, Women In Technology International (WITI) Hall of Fame, National Technologist Of The Year, Science Spectrum Trailblazer, Asian American Engineer of The Year, Who's Who in the World, VANG's Golden Torch with United States Congressional Recognition for Civic Leadership.

Ms. Le's service to the community is extensive. Among many of the things that she does in America and internationally, she enjoys most providing education assistance for children and supporting social economic developments projects in 12 different countries through two 501c3 foundations: Mona Foundation and Sunflower Mission.

LEGESSE, Nini

Born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Nini Legesse has been president of the non-profit organization Wegene Ethiopian Foundation (WEF) for the past 10 years. Ms. Legesse founded WEF in 2000 with the support of friends and family to provide assistance to disadvantaged children in Ethiopia through vocational training and small business start-up grants. WEF has supported 28 families and enrolled over 75 homeless children in schools as a result of local fundraisers, community bake sales, and sales of Ms. Legesse's poetry books and handmade clay figurines and doll designs. Each year, Ms. Legesse spends countless hours

knocking on doors throughout her community sharing her vision and passion while making her dream of eliminating poverty through education a reality.

Visiting the remote Abelti Jimma area of Ethiopia in 2006, Ms. Legesse noticed that the only local school had been abandoned and that the area's children had to walk over two hours each way to the nearest school. In response, she spearheaded a project to build an elementary school for the area, raising money by running the 2007 Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. In addition to her professional and personal responsibilities, she joined a "boot camp" to train, waking up at 5:00 am each day for 40 weeks. Ms. Legesse was able to raise \$15,000 for the school. Her efforts inspired others who in total were able to raise \$42,000. A new school in the Abelti Jimma region, which will enroll over 150 children starting in September 2011, was inaugurated on February 26, 2011.

In addition to her commitment to WEF, Ms. Legesse works full time and is the mother of three school-aged children. She arrived in the United States at age 17 and is a naturalized US citizen. She received her Bachelor's degree from Berea College in Kentucky and her graduate degree from Ball State University in Indiana. She worked in the semi-conductor industry as a mechanical engineer and has worked as a patent examiner in the US Patent and Trademarks Office since 2001 where she earned the Bronze Medal Award from the US Department of Commerce.

LUDIN, Rafaat

Rafaat Ludin was born in Kabul, Afghanistan, in 1963. He moved with his family to Germany in 1977 where he studied electrical engineering at the University of Applied Sciences in Darmstadt, Germany. He later completed his MBA at the University of California in Irvine. Mr. Ludin started working in the context of developmental aid to Afghanistan in 1993, when he was appointed by his employer, the German Agency for Technical Cooperation, GTZ, as Managing Director of their offspring Agency for Rehabilitation and Energy Conservation in Afghanistan (AREA). Following his return to Germany in 1999, he decided to migrate to the United States. Rafaat and his family have been living in the United States since March 2000.

Following six years of employment as department head in global engineering companies in California and Colorado, in 2007 Mr. Ludin established the International Home Finance and Development, LLC (IHFD). IHFD is involved in renewable energy, environmental technologies, construction material manufacturing, and real estate development. IHFD's signature project is a 10,000 unit mixed use housing development in the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan. IHFD is a prime contractor of the US government and large multinational corporations in Afghanistan. IHFD's projects are presently in Afghanistan with possible expansion to other developing countries in the horizon.

MALDONADO, Alvaro

Alvaro Maldonado is the founding Director of the Ballet Teatro Internacional (BTI), using the power of dance to transform young people. Alvaro is also a producer, teacher, choreographer and professional performer of ballet and contemporary dance. His expertise stems from his years of training in dance, strength training, yoga and Pilates.

As a dancer, Maldonado began his training at the age of 8 in El Salvador and honed his skills over the next several years training at the prestigious National School of Ballet in his native El Salvador. Alvaro began his professional international career at the age of 14 for the National Dance Company of El Salvador and has since performed classical ballet, ballroom, jazz and contemporary dance in over 30 countries. He studied at The Washington School of Ballet and at dance schools in Spain, Mexico and Argentina. Alvaro has also studied with the world-renowned Alvin Ailey dance company in New York City where he was cast in *Jardi Tancat*, a piece by internationally celebrated choreography Nacho Duato.

In 2002, Alvaro was one of fifteen dancers who performed at the opening of the Latin American Olympic Games with an audience of 85,000 people at the National Soccer Stadium in San Salvador. In the United States, he has performed at the Kennedy Center, with El Teatro De Danza Contemporanea de El Salvador, Rincones and Company, and the American Ballet Theater among others. In addition, he has worked in partnership with the youth symphony orchestra of El Salvador and the US Embassy in El Salvador to produce shows such as "Circo Sinfonico" and "Rock Sinfonico".

MANZOOR, Tariq

Dr. Manzoor Tariq, M.D., is an interventional cardiologist with a private practice in St. Louis, Missouri. He arrived in the United States from Pakistan almost 26 years ago. In 2011, he was elected President of the Association of Pakistani Physicians of North America (APPNA).

APPNA is a non-profit, professional, educational, and charitable organization representing over 16,000 Pakistan-American physicians residing in North America. It is the second largest group of international medical graduates in the United States. APPNA's recent charitable efforts include building villages and health clinics for flood victims in Pakistan, fundraising for the victims of the 2011 earthquake in Japan and the victims of recent tornadoes in the Southern United States.

MAYOR, Rosario (May)

Rosario (May) Mayor migrated to the United States in 1971 and worked in various staff nurse positions in private and public health care establishments, predominantly in the intensive care unit settings for 12 years prior to assuming a management and leadership position with a focus on performance improvement and patient safety. Ms. Mayor was Director of Performance Improvement/Quality Management at the Department of Veterans Affairs – James J. Peters Bronx Veterans Affairs Medical Clinic, retiring in October 2010 after 27 years of service.

Her volunteerism and outreach to the community started in 1991 when she joined the Philippine Nurses Association of America (PNAA). She held various positions including PNAA Board Member, National Secretary, Chair of various national committees within PNAA prior to her induction as PNAA President on July 1, 2006. As President of the national organization she was able to institute and implement projects such as the PNAA Nurse Balik Turo, formally launched at the international nursing conference in January 2008. She also participated as a participating author in the formulation of The Code, a set of guidelines in the recruitment of foreign educated nurses. Ms. Mayor also participated as a panelist at the Global Forum on Migration and Development in Manila in 2008. Under her leadership, PNAA was awarded the Presidential BANAAG Award, a national service award bestowed by the president of the Philippines.

Presently, she is the Executive Director of PNAA and coordinator of the Balik Turo Volunteer Program. She received her nursing education at the University of the Philippines and at Columbia University in New York.

McHALE, Judith

Judith A. McHale is Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, helping lead America's engagement with the people of the world. Appointed by President Obama, she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on May 21, 2009 and sworn in on May 26.

The daughter of a U.S. Foreign Service Officer, Ms. McHale was born in New York City and grew up in Britain and apartheid-era South Africa. Her upbringing inspired a life-long commitment to social justice and engagement with development issues, especially in Africa. During these formative years, Ms. McHale's family home was constantly under police surveillance and was wire-tapped; family friends were detained and mistreated; and she became close with key anti-apartheid activists, including Felicia Kentridge, who founded South Africa's Legal Resource Centre, and her husband Sidney Kentridge, the noted civil rights lawyer who went on to represent slain anti-apartheid activist Steven Biko.

Ms. McHale graduated from the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom and Fordham University School of Law in New York. In 1987, Ms. McHale became General Counsel at Discovery Communications, then a small company with a single U.S. cable channel. She went on to serve as Chief Operating Officer, Chief Executive Officer, and President, helping to grow Discovery into one of the most successful media companies in the world, with more than 100 channels available in 35 languages and distributed to more than 1 billion subscribers in over 170 countries.

At Discovery, Ms. McHale launched innovative education and development initiatives in the United States and around the world, including the Discovery Channel Global Education Partnership, which provides free educational programming and technological support to more than a half million students at 200 schools and community centers throughout rural Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. Before setting up the Discovery Channel Global Education Partnership, Ms. McHale led a "listening tour" into villages in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Uganda, meeting with teachers and local leaders, building trust, and better understanding the particular educational content and technological resources that would best serve those communities.

In 2006, after nearly 20 years at Discovery, Ms. McHale started a new phase of her career in partnership with the Global Environment Fund, a private equity firm based in Chevy Chase, MD. Ms. McHale worked to launch the GEF/Africa Growth Fund, an investment vehicle intending to focus on supplying expansion capital to small and medium-sized enterprises that provide consumer goods and services in emerging African markets. Ms. McHale spent considerable amounts of her time visiting key African markets, meeting with entrepreneurs from Lusaka to Dar es Salaam, as she assessed investment opportunities.

Ms. McHale has also provided leadership to a range of organizations engaged in global affairs and development. She served on the boards of the Africa Society of the National Summit on Africa, Africare, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the National Democratic Institute, and Vital Voices. In 2008, she was the co-chair of the Platform Committee of the Democratic National Convention.

MEINS, Robert

Robert W. Meins is the Remittances Specialist at International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) headquarters in Rome. Mr. Meins has been an integral part of IFAD's Financing Facility for Remittances (FFR) since his work as a Remittances Specialist at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). After representing the IDB as a donor on the FFR's Steering Committee for two years, Mr. Meins moved to IFAD in June of 2009.

In charge of the development of the FFR's new projects in Asia, the monitoring of global remittance flows and the FFR's research program, Mr. Meins has testified before the Organization of American States (OAS), speaks regularly at think-tanks and academic institutions, and has been widely quoted in the international press.

As a Remittances Specialist at the IDB, Mr. Meins was responsible for broad range of activities including quantification and analysis of remittance flows to Latin America and the Caribbean, dissemination, and project development. He led a technical cooperation with the African Development Bank focused on sharing MIF experiences with the AfDB and was responsible for the development of line of activity on improving remittance services through new technologies.

Prior to joining IFAD and the IDB, Mr. Meins began his focus on the role of the private sector in enhancing the development impact of remittances at the Institute of International Finance (IIF) in Washington, and was Founder and Chairman of the Foundation for International Migration and Development (FIMD) in the Netherlands.

Mr. Meins holds a Dutch "Doctoraal" degree in international relations from the University of Groningen with a specialization in international political economics and specifically on remittances, anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT).

MODI, Kalpen

As Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, Kalpen Modi is the Obama Administration's Liaison to Young Americans. He previously served as the White House Liaison for the Arts, and Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. He has a background in the arts, education, and Asian American organizing. His educational background includes the University of California, Los Angeles, and Stanford University.

Mr. Modi previously worked in the private sector as an artist and actor in Los Angeles and New York, and as an Adjunct Lecturer in Asian American studies, film studies, and sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. He also worked on the Obama Campaign in a variety of roles, including the National Arts Policy Committee. He is originally from New Jersey.

MORENO, Luis Alberto

Luis Alberto Moreno assumed the presidency of the Inter-American Development Bank on October 1, 2005. He was re-elected to a five-year term during a special meeting of the Bank's Board of Governors on July 6, 2010. As President of the Bank, Ambassador Moreno also serves as Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC) and Chairman of the Donors' Committee of the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF).

Previous to joining the IDB, Moreno served as Colombia's Ambassador to the United States for seven years. Ambassador Moreno oversaw a dramatic improvement in Colombian-U.S. relations during his tenure in Washington. Previously, Ambassador Moreno was Executive Producer of "TV Hoy" news program. During his tenure, "TV Hoy" received the "King of Spain Prize" for journalistic excellence, the Spanish language equivalent of a Pulitzer. Throughout his career, Ambassador Moreno has received some of the highest decorations and distinctions awarded by the Colombian state and the country's private sector, including the "Orden de Boyacá en el Grado de Gran Cruz"—the highest distinction given by the Colombian state—, awarded by the President of Colombia on August 2, 2002.

Ambassador Moreno obtained bachelor's degrees in business administration and economics from Florida Atlantic University in 1975, and an MBA from the American Graduate School of International Management at Thunderbird University in 1977. For his distinguished work in the field of journalism, he was awarded a Neiman Fellowship by Harvard University to undertake studies at that institution from September 1990 to June 1991.

MORI, S. Floyd

S. Floyd Mori was born in Murray, Utah, of immigrant parents from Japan. He grew up in the Salt Lake Valley and graduated from Jordan High School in Sandy, Utah. He was active in sports and was an All State baseball player. After high school, he joined the United States Army Reserves and spent six months on active duty at Fort Ord, California.

Mori attended the University of Southern California and Santa Monica City College. He interrupted his studies to serve a two year mission in Hawaii for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon). He later attended Brigham Young University from which he received a Bachelor's degree with a double major in economics and Asian studies and a Master's degree in economics and political science.

He taught economics at Chabot College in Hayward, California, for ten years. He was elected City Councilman for the City of Pleasanton, California, and became Mayor Pro Tem and then Mayor of Pleasanton. Mr. Mori was elected to the California State Assembly in 1975 and served for six years in the Assembly. He worked on civil rights, agricultural, and business issues, and worked with many Asian American, civil rights, and government organizations. He was Director of the Office of International Trade in California. He has spent over twenty years in private business and as an international business consultant.

Mr. Mori is currently the National Executive Director/CEO of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil and human rights organization. He served eight years on the National JACL Board with four of those years as National JACL President. He has served on many boards and committees, including chair of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA), Utah Governor's Advisory Board, National JACL Credit Union, President and Board Member of Alpine Country Club, among others.

MUOTO, Kasia

Kasia Muoto is a former competitive athlete and the founder and President of We Play to Win. Founded in 2007, We Play to Win is a nonprofit organization that uses sports to inspire, empower, educate and develop youth in the most disadvantaged areas of Africa, with a particular focus on young women.

Drawing on her own experiences, Ms. Muoto founded We Play to Win to inspire and enable young people to overcome life obstacles, discover their potential, make positive lifestyle changes, and act to enhance the health and welfare of their communities. Several of the organization's programs are delivered in partnership with elite athletes from various professional leagues and national teams including the National Football League (NFL), USA Track and Field (USATF), the National Basketball Association (NBA), the Nigerian Football Federation (NFF), and the Liberian Football Association (LFA), amongst others.

Through her efforts with We Play to Win, Ms. Muoto also serves as an advocate for girls and women in Africa, challenging their traditional roles in sports and society and stressing the need to create and sustain more equitable opportunities for women in education, sports and society. When she is not delivering We Play to Win's programs, Ms. Muoto is a Director at one of the nation's largest nonprofit healthcare systems, Kaiser Permanente. Prior to Kaiser, Ms. Muoto spent ten years as a business strategy consultant and manager with Ernst & Young LLP, and subsequently with BearingPoint, Inc.

Ms. Muoto is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania where she earned her Bachelor's degree in communications from the Annenberg School, with a concentration in business management from the Wharton School.

NAGY, Eleanor

Eleanor Nagy is the acting Deputy Coordinator for Diplomacy for Feed the Future, the U.S. government's Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative. Feed the Future is a three-year, \$3.5 billion assistance program to advance food security by accelerating economic growth, raising incomes, and reducing poverty through greater agricultural productivity, market access for the rural poor, and by enhancing nutrition. The State Department coordinates the diplomatic aspects of the Initiative, including relationships with donors, policy coordination, advancing regional trade, and engagement with bilateral and multilateral partners and with International Organizations.

From 2008-2010, Ms. Nagy served in the Department of State's Bureau for Refugees, Population and Migration as Director of International Refugee Assistance for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas, focusing on refugee and displaced person populations in the Balkans, Caucasus, Colombia, the Caribbean, and South Asia (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran). From 2006-2008, she served as Deputy Director in the Office of Mainland Southeast Asia, and oversaw U.S. policy and bilateral relations

with Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Burma. She served as Acting Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Timor-Leste in March – May 2007 during that country's Presidential Elections. From 2004-2006, she was detailed from the State Department to the U.S. Congress, where she served as Director of Policy for the House International Relations' Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations. From 2001-2004, Ms. Nagy served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Skopje, Macedonia. She has also completed assignments with the State Department involving the coordination of U.S. foreign assistance programs in Eastern Europe and work as the Country Desk Officer for the Slovak Republic, as well as service as a Watch Officer in the Emergency Operations Center. From 1992-1994, she served at the U.S. Embassy in Paris as a Special Assistant to the U.S. Ambassador and Vice Consul, and from 1989-1991 as an Administrative Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Lagos, Nigeria. Ms. Nagy received a Bachelor's degree from Wheaton College (IL) and Master's in international public policy from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

NAVARRO, Victoria

Ms. Victoria Navarro is a Senior Nurse Consultant at Johns Hopkins Medicine International and is responsible for accreditation and clinical oversight programs for all Johns Hopkins Medicine International affiliates and works in collaboration with their nurse leaders. Ms. Navarro also has a faculty appointment with the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing.

Ms. Navarro was the Director of Nursing for The Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins for 17 years. The Wilmer Eye Institute has long been a designated state trauma center. Ms. Navarro oversaw nursing related to a broad spectrum of care scenarios: pre- and post-op care for same-day surgeries, operating rooms, a first-stage post-anesthesia care unit (PACU), inpatient care, and emergency care. She also directed nursing functions at an additional free-standing multi-specialty ambulatory surgery center. Prior to being Director, Ms. Navarro held positions as Assistant Director, Nurse Manager and Clinical Nurse in numerous clinical settings in both adult and pediatric care.

Ms. Navarro earned her Bachelor's of Science in nursing at St. Paul College in Manila, her Master's of administrative science at the Johns Hopkins University Carey School of Business, and her Master's of Science in nursing at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing.

She serves as an officer in professional organizations and foundations at state and national levels and is currently President-Elect for the Philippine Nurses Association of America (PNAA) and Commissioner of the Migrant Heritage Commission. She has published articles in peer-reviewed journals, textbooks, and presented at national and international meetings/conferences on topics including: clinical issues, leadership, quality improvement, patient safety and diversity. She is also involved with civic and community health programs and served as PNAA Line Officer for the Gawad Kalinga/Kalusugan (to give care/health), a Philippine-based poverty alleviation and nation-building movement with shelter building and new culture of health consciousness sustained by the community.

NEWLAND, Kathleen

Kathleen Newland is co-Founder and a trustee of the Migration Policy Institute (MPI), where she directs MPI's programs on Migrants, Migration, and Development and on comprehensive protection for refugees and internally displaced people. Her work focuses on the relationship between migration and development, governance of international migration, and refugee protection.

Previously, at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Ms. Newland was a Senior Associate and then co-Director of the International Migration Policy Program. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the International Rescue Committee, the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, and the Foundation for the Hague Process on Refugees and Migrants. Ms. Newland has worked as an independent consultant, advising such clients as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the World Bank, and the office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. She was a member of the faculty of the London School of Economics and has taught refugee law and policy at the Georgetown University Law Center and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. She also co-founded (with Lord David Owen) and directed Humanitas, an educational trust dedicated to increasing awareness of international humanitarian issues.

Ms. Newland is author or editor of seven books and many shorter monographs, as well as numerous articles and book chapters. Most recently she edited *Diasporas: New Partners in Global Development Policy*, which was co-published by MPI and the US Agency for International Development in 2010. She is a graduate of Harvard University and the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, and did additional graduate work at the London School of Economics.

NIANG, Thione

Thione Niang is a mentor, political activist, community leader and consultant who was born and raised in a humble family of 28 in Senegal, West Africa. With \$20 in his pocket, no family and very limited English Mr. Niang arrived in New York in July 2000 where he took a job as a busboy.

After campaigning for various local and state political candidates, he campaigned for President Barack Obama during the 2008 presidential election. He also served as the Chair of the Cuyahoga County Young Democrats, National Chair of the Young Democrats of America College Caucus and currently serves as the Chair of the International Affairs Committee for the Young Democrats of America where he seeks to empower young people and encourage political participation around the world.

Currently, Mr. Niang travels the world speaking to youth about the importance of leadership, service and civic participation. He is also the CEO/Founder of TN Consulting Group, which aims to improve communications and relations among domestic and international governments and leading world organizations, and the Give1Project, a global non-profit organization dedicated to engaging and empowering young men and women to strive for greater social, economic and political participation in their communities. Mr. Niang also is the creator and host of the Thione Niang Show, an online social forum dedicated to engaging in socially conscious dialogue about the arts, society, business and politics.

Mr. Niang has also been recognized for his activism and leadership. In 2009, he was awarded the Call and Post 2009 Most Influential Person of Northeast Ohio and in February 2011 was recognized as one of Ten of America's Most Daring Young Black Activist.

NWANZE, Kanayo F.

Kanayo F. Nwanze began his term as the fifth President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) on April 1, 2009. A Nigerian national, Dr. Nwanze brings to the job over 30 years of experience across three continents in poverty reduction through agriculture, rural development and research.

Under Dr. Nwanze's leadership, IFAD has stepped up its advocacy efforts to ensure that agriculture is a central part of the international development agenda, and that the concerns and needs of smallholders and other poor rural people are recognized by governments around the world. In recognition of Dr. Nwanze's intellectual leadership on issues of food security, he was asked to chair the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Food Security in 2010.

Dr. Nwanze served as IFAD's Vice-President for two years before taking the organization's helm. Prior to that, he was Director-General of the Africa Rice Center for a decade. Dr. Nwanze was instrumental in introducing and promoting New Rice for Africa (NERICA), a high-yield, drought- and pest-resistant rice variety developed specifically for the African landscape. He also transformed the Center from a West African association to an Africa-wide organization with an international reputation for excellence. In addition, Dr. Nwanze has held senior positions at a number of research centers affiliated with the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) in Africa and Asia, and he was instrumental in the establishment of the Alliance of CGIAR Centers.

Dr. Nwanze earned a Bachelor's degree in agricultural science from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria and a Doctorate in agricultural entomology from Kansas State University. He has received numerous honors and awards from governments and international institutions, including Commander of the National Order of Merit of Côte d'Ivoire and Officer of the National Order of Benin.

NWARIAKU, Fiemu

Dr. Fiemu Nwariaku is the Associate Dean for Global at UT Southwestern Medical Center, and holder of the Malcolm O Perry Professorship in Surgery. He is also the current President of the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas (ANPA), a non-profit organization committed to improving health in Nigeria and Africa. He received his medical degree from University College Hospital, Ibadan, Nigeria and completed his surgical residency at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Under his leadership, ANPA began a USAID-funded initiative to revise the curriculum of medical schools in Nigeria, in collaboration with in-country partners including the Federal Ministry of Health. Between 2007 and 2008, Dr. Nwariaku served as President of the Association for Academic Surgery during which time he created the global affairs committee for that association. The group has since organized workshops to build health sector capacity in West Africa, South America and Asia.

OBEIDALLAH, Dean

Born in New Jersey, Dean Obeidallah's comedy comes in large part from his unique background of being the son of a Palestinian father and a Sicilian mother. Mr. Obeidallah, an award winning comedian who was at one time a practicing attorney, has appeared on "The Axis of Evil" Comedy TV special which aired in the United States on Comedy Central and in the Middle East on Showtime Arabia. He is the co-creator of Comedy Central.com's critically acclaimed Internet series "The Watch List" featuring a cast of all Middle Eastern-American comedians performing stand up and sketch comedy. Mr. Obeidallah has appeared twice on ABC's "The View," on the nationally syndicated TV series "Comics Unleashed with Byron Allen" and was one of five comedians profiled in the recent one hour TV Special entitled: "Stand Up: Muslim-American Comics Come of Age" which aired in the United States on PBS and internationally on BBC World and Al Jazeera.

Mr. Obeidallah is the co-creator and co-producer of the New York Arab-American Comedy Festival which held its 7th annual festival in New York City May 2010. He is also proud to serve as the Executive Director of The Amman Stand-up Comedy Festival – the first stand-up comedy festival ever held in the Middle East which took place in December 2008. He has appeared on numerous international and national television and radio programs. In addition, he has been featured in various publications including Time magazine, Newsweek, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal and The Los Angeles Times and he frequently writes for The Huffington Post.

Mr. Obeidallah is proud to have received the first annual "Bill Hicks Spirit Award" for "thought provoking comedy" (named after the late comedian Bill Hicks) from the NY Underground Comedy Festival and the Hicks' Family. He also co-created the comedy show "Stand up for Peace" along with Jewish comic Scott Blakeman which they perform at colleges across the country in support of peace in the Middle East and as a way of fostering understanding between Arab, Muslim and Jewish-Americans. In addition to performing comedy throughout the US, Mr. Obeidallah has performed in the Middle East in Jordan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon, Oman, Israel, Qatar, and Dubai.

OBEROI, Dolly

Dolly Oberoi is the founding CEO of C² Technologies, Inc, established in 1989, with 300 employees in 26 locations in the United States. She has been instrumental in C² Technologies rapid growth and in positioning it as the fastest-growing company in the Washington, DC, area, as well as in establishing what many industry analysts recognize as the leading provider of enterprise-wide strategic solutions for federal, defense and corporate clients. She is responsible for the company's overall business strategy, and spends her time in business development, client relations, strategic partnerships, and spearheading funding initiatives.

Ms. Oberoi serves on several academic and corporate boards. She serves as a trustee on George Mason University's board. Ms. Oberoi is frequently quoted in newspapers and magazines, and is also featured on major television networks. She is the recipient of several international awards including the "Women Who Mean Business," and "Pride of India" awards. Under Ms. Oberoi's leadership, the company won Govcon's prestigious "Contractor of the Year" award.

Ms. Oberoi holds a Master's degree from Harvard University, Cambridge, and a Master's degree from the Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, Delhi, India.

O'BRIEN, Denis

Denis O'Brien is Chairman and principal shareholder of the privately-owned Digicel Group, one of the fastest growing cellular companies in the world. Mr. O'Brien founded Digicel in 2001 when the company launched a GSM cellular phone service in the Caribbean. The Digicel Group has extended its operations to 32 markets with over 10.75 million subscribers in the Caribbean, Central and South America region.

Digicel Pacific recently launched businesses in Fiji and Nauru and operates in Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Vanuatu and Tonga. Digicel Central America successfully acquired licenses in Honduras and Panama and launched the businesses in 2008.

Mr. O'Brien is one of Ireland's leading entrepreneurs with extensive investments across several sectors including international telecoms, radio, media, property, aircraft leasing, golf and other leisure interests. He also founded Communicorp Group which owns and manages a portfolio of media and broadcasting-related companies in Ireland and seven other European countries. He founded the Esat Telecom Group PLC and built it throughout the 1990's until its sale to British Telecom PLC.

Outside of his extensive business interests, Denis chaired the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Ireland. It was the first time the Summer Games were staged outside the US with teams from 160 countries and over 30,000 volunteers, the 2003 Summer Games were the most successful ever. He serves as a Director on the US Board of Concern Worldwide.

In addition, Mr. O'Brien is the Chairman and co-Founder of Frontline, the International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders. Based in Dublin, Frontline is working to ensure that the standards set out in the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, adopted in 1998, are known, respected and adhered to worldwide. Frontline's work consists of research, advocacy, communications/technical assistance and emergency evacuation of human rights activists.

In 2000 he established The Iris O'Brien Foundation to identify and assist projects in Ireland and internationally which aim to alleviate disadvantaged communities.

Denis holds a Bachelor's degree from University College Dublin and an MBA from Boston College.

OROZCO, Manuel

Manuel Orozco is Senior Associate and Director of Remittances and Development at the Inter-American Dialogue. He has conducted extensive research, policy analysis and advocacy on issues relating to global flows of remittances, and migration and development worldwide. Dr. Orozco is chair of Central America and the Caribbean at the U.S. Foreign Service Institute. He is also adjunct professor at Georgetown University, where he is senior researcher at the Institute for the Study of International Migration. He frequently testifies before Congress and has spoken before the United Nations. Formerly, he was chair of Central America and the Caribbean at the U.S. Foreign Service Institute.

Dr. Orozco has published widely on remittances, Latin America, globalization, democracy, migration, conflict in war torn societies, and minority politics. His recent publications include reports for the U.S. Agency for International Development and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. His books include *Remittances: Global Opportunities for International Person-to-Person Money Transfers* (London: Lafferty Group, 2005) and *International Norms and Mobilization for Democracy* (London: Ashgate Publishers, 2002).

Dr. Orozco holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master's in public administration and Latin American studies, and a Bachelor's degree in international relations from the National University of Costa Rica.

OTERO, Maria

Maria Otero was sworn in as Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs on August 10, 2009. She oversees and coordinates U.S. foreign relations on a variety of global issues, including democracy, human rights, and labor; environment, oceans, health and science; population, refugees, and migration; and monitoring and combating trafficking in persons. She also serves as the Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues.

Ms. Otero was formerly the president and CEO of ACCION International, a pioneer and leader in microfinance working in 25 countries around the globe. Under Ms. Otero's tenure, ACCION's network of microfinance institutions expanded its reach from serving 460,000 people to over 3.7 million, through a combined portfolio that grew from \$274 million to nearly \$3.6 billion. She is a leading voice on sustainable microfinance, publishing extensively on the subject and speaking throughout the world on microfinance, women's issues and poverty alleviation.

Prior to ACCION, Ms. Otero was the Economist for Latin America for the Women in Development office of USAID. She also served for five years at the Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA). In June 2006, Ms. Otero was appointed by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to the UN Advisors Group on Inclusive Financial Sectors. She has chaired the board of Bread for the World, and also served on the boards of the Calvert Foundation, Public Welfare Foundation, the Inter-American Foundation and BRAC Holding of Bangladesh. Born in La Paz, Bolivia, Ms. Otero is currently the highest-ranking Hispanic official at the State Department, and the first Latina Undersecretary in its history.

Ms. Otero is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She was appointed by Newsweek as one of the United States' 20 most influential women in October 2005 and was one of Hispanic Business Magazine's 'Elite Women of 2007.' Notre Dame University honored her with the Distinguished Service in Latin America Award, and she has also received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Ms. Otero holds a Master's degree in literature from the University of Maryland, a Master's degree in international relations from Johns Hopkins' Nitze School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS), in Washington, DC, and an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Dartmouth College.

PASQUARELLI, Demian

Demian Pasquarelli began working for the Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas (FAVACA) in 2002. Prior to assuming the position of Executive Director, Pasquarelli held various responsibilities including Director of Programs.

Before joining FAVACA, Mr. Pasquarelli worked with Strategic Staffing Solutions in San Francisco recruiting in the technology and financial management fields. From 1999-2000, he was President of Interactive Multimedia Products and Computer Technologies Inc., relocating the company to San Francisco where he secured venture capital funding. In 1998, Mr. Pasquarelli launched Mailhaus, a successful volume mail service company, which continues to be one of the most successful and reputable mailing companies in Tallahassee. He also worked for two years with United States Senator Bob Graham's constituency service office. He holds an Associate degree from St. John's River Community College and a Bachelor's degree in social science from Florida State University.

PIERRE-PIERRE, Garry

Garry Pierre-Pierre is a producer and co-host of Independent Sources on CUNY TV in New York City. He is also an adjunct at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism where he is the director of a Ford Foundation funded program to train local and ethnic journalists in New York City.

In 1999, Mr. Pierre-Pierre left the New York Times to start the Haitian Times, which he has edited and remains on the staff as a consulting editor and publisher. During his tenure with the newspaper, he managed a staff of a dozen reporters and sales staff. Under his leadership the Haitian Times earned a reputation as one of the best ethnic newspapers in the United States, winning awards from the New York Press Association and the New York Community Media Alliance.

PINS, Danny

Danny Pins directs JDC-Israel's Immigrant Integrations Division, a position in which he turns vision into practice enabling vulnerable immigrant populations from such places as Ethiopia and the Caucasus Mountain Region (Kavkaz) to integrate more fully into Israeli society.

His division was the driving force behind the creation of Masad Klita, a partnership of JDC-Israel and five government ministries, leveraging their professional capabilities and financial resources. The partnership focuses on programmatic development in the areas of young adults, language acquisition and community development, while simultaneously engaging in capacity building for professionals who work with immigrant communities. Flagship programs such as Independence (Atzmaut) for Ethiopian Families and Young Adult Centers, promote individual achievements within community frameworks.

Mr. Pins has over 20 years of experience in resettlement, including extensive fieldwork in and outside of Israel: he was involved in planning the Operation Solomon rescue of Ethiopian Jews, and with aiding in the absorption of special groups, such as Jews from Buchara, Ethiopia, Syria and Yemen, into Israeli society.

Before joining JDC, Mr. Pins was Director of Finance for the Jewish Agency's Immigration Absorption Department, where he was responsible for a \$140 million budget. He helped establish the presence of the Jewish Agency for Israel in Russia, and serves on the boards of Israel's Association of Community Centers, of JDC-ELKA and the World Union of Jewish Students program in Arad.

Chicago-born, Mr. Pins has lived in Israel since 1973. He has a Master's degree in forced migration from the Refugee Studies Centre at Oxford University, a Bachelor's degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in political science and Jewish History, and is a former teaching assistant at Tel Aviv University. He lives near Rehovot with his wife and their three children.

POLLACK, Molly

Molly Pollack is Executive Director and Founder of ChileGlobal, an international network of successful Chilean entrepreneurs and professionals living abroad, who have an interest in contributing to Chile's economic development. At present, this network is part of Fundación Imagen de Chile.

An economist, Dr. Pollack has studied at the Universidad de Chile, the University of California at Los Angeles and Georgetown University. She has served as a consultant to international organizations and governments on issues related to labor economics, competitiveness and productive development. She has also worked at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the International Labor Organization and has provided advice to Latin American governments and international agencies on issues related to labor market, poverty, social policies, gender perspective and industrial policies.

Dr. Pollack has also served as a consultant to the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and several agencies of the United Nations, in addition to conducting research and academic work at the Brookings Institution and the Faculty of Economics of the Universidad de Chile.

RAHMAN, Rasheq

Rasheq Rahman is the founding president of the Network of Young Bangladeshi American Professionals (NYBAP), a leadership development organization for Bangladeshi American professionals with more than 1300 members worldwide. He also serves as the Director of New Business Development for Akash Solar, a Bangladeshi solar energy company, where he leads the firm's marketing and partnership development initiatives.

Mr. Rahman was previously a founding Vice President of the Insurance Derivatives business at KBC Financial Products in New York where he managed operational teams to build a multi-billion dollar structured lending business and closed life insurance transactions exceeding US \$150 million. While at KBC, he also led strategic projects for the firm's Structured Credit and Convertible Bond trading desks. Rasheq began his career on Wall Street as a data analyst in the Fixed Income division at Goldman Sachs. He graduated cum laude from the University of Chicago with a B.A. in Economics and Environmental Studies and is currently pursuing an MBA at the Yale School of Management.

RAJAN, Sujeeet

Sujeeet Rajan is Editor of The Indian Express North American edition, based in New York, and an anchor for Eye on South Asia, on Crossings TV, broadcast by Time Warner Cable and Comcast. He has worked in the past for The Times of India in New Delhi and The Sag Harbor Express in New York.

Author of a collection of poems titled "Voices Everywhere," Mr. Rajan has a Bachelor's degree in English literature (Hons.) from Delhi University, and a Master's degree in communication, journalism and public affairs from American University in Washington, DC.

RAMAMURTHY, Pradeep

Pradeep Ramamurthy is USAID's Deputy Counselor for Innovation. Pradeep joined USAID in March 2011 from the White House where he served as the first ever Senior Director for Global Engagement and Strategic Communications at the National Security Council from 2009-2011. In this position, Mr. Ramamurthy helped coordinate the implementation of the President's call in Cairo for 'A New Beginning' in America's relationship with Muslim countries, international science engagement, public diplomacy and strategic communications, and domestic radicalization. Prior to the White House, Mr. Ramamurthy served in a number of policy and analytic roles at the White House, the Department of Justice, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. He has a Bachelor's degree in international politics from Georgetown University and a Master's degree in social science from the University of Chicago.

RIDDLE, Liesl

Liesl Riddle is the Associate Dean for MBA Programs, co-Director of the Diaspora Research Program, and Associate Professor of international business and international affairs at The George Washington University (GW). Dr. Riddle has written extensively about diasporas and development, international entrepreneurship, and trade and investment promotion. Having examined diaspora investment and entrepreneurship for over fifteen years, Dr. Riddle has conducted research among 16 different diaspora communities in the United States and Europe originating from countries of origin in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Middle East. She currently spearheads a multidisciplinary research team, the GW Diaspora Capital Investment Project, which aims to generate and disseminate learning about diaspora investment and its role in development to assist policymakers, diaspora organizations, diaspora entrepreneurs, and researchers.

Dr. Riddle teaches courses at the undergraduate, graduate, and executive levels, including courses on identity, migration, and entrepreneurship; managing in developing countries; international management; and international consulting. In her role as Associate Dean, she directs and manages five MBA programs, including the full-time, accelerated, part-time, executive, and online health care MBA programs. Dr. Riddle holds a BA and MA in Middle Eastern Studies, a MBA in marketing/international business, and a PhD in sociology from the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to her appointment at GW in 2001, she worked in the field of market research and held the position of the Director of Research for an international market research firm.

RODEN, Mark

Mark Roden was an early director of Esat Telecom, a competitor to the former state-owned telephone company in Ireland, eircom plc. In Esat, his responsibilities included the establishment and development of Esat's commercial division including sales, marketing and customer care which he managed until 1997. In 1995 Esat won the 2nd GSM cellular license in Ireland and listed on NASDAQ in 1997 and was sold to BT in 2000.

In September 2001 Mr. Roden founded easycash, a retail cash ATM operator, which pioneered the development of in-store cash ATMs in Ireland, particularly SPAR and ESSO retail chains. In eighteen months easycash became the largest independent ATM operator in Ireland with 500 ATMs and was subsequently acquired in 2004 by the Royal Bank of Scotland. Mr. Roden has an honors degree in marketing from Trinity College Dublin and an MBA from IMD, Lausanne, Switzerland.

RUGE, TMS (Teddy)

TMS (Teddy) Ruge was born in Masindi, Uganda and grew up in Uganda, Kenya and the United States. Capitalizing on his understanding of different cultures and markets, Mr. Ruge has become a successful global social entrepreneur

Through Project Diaspora — an organization he co-founded in 2007 to motivate, engage and mobilize the African diaspora to take an active role in Africa's development — he is an investor in Uganda Medicinal Plants Grower's Ltd., an indigenous farmers' business specializing in value-addition and export of medicinal plants in Masindi, Uganda. He is also an advisor for a women's jewelry making co-operative (Women of Kireka) in Kampala, Uganda.

A technology enthusiast, Mr. Ruge writes and speaks extensively on Africa's current renaissance driven by technology, youth and the diaspora. He is a frequent contributor to several online publications, including CNN, PopTech, The Globe and Mail, The Guardian, and the Project Diaspora blog. Mr. Ruge also serves as an advisor for OpenAction.org, an online platform that allows development organizations to richly engage their online audience.

Mr. Ruge is also a founding Board Member for Hive Colab — an open, collaborative, community-owned, work environment for young Ugandan tech entrepreneurs to focus on projects. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in communication design from the University of North Texas.

SAVADOGO, Lamine

Since his graduation from the University of Massachusetts in 1984, Lamine Savadogo has dedicated his entire professional career to the development of trade and investment relations between Africa and the United States. He has held positions in government, the private sector and academia. His government service includes a seven-year tenure with the Massachusetts Port Authority, where he was instrumental in establishing the first ever New England-based program dedicated to the promotion of trade with Africa. In recognition of his effectiveness, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts awarded him a citation for Outstanding Performance.

Mr. Savadogo founded Marison International in 1990 to provide commercial, financial and technological intermediation services between the United States and Africa. Marison International Corporation has since established a record of achievements and has a roster of past and current clients ranging from small firms to Fortune 100 companies, as well as Federal Government Agencies, multilateral institutions and African Government entities. To reflect its current focus on the energy sector, the company was renamed Marison Energy Systems in 2001.

Mr. Savadogo also taught African languages at both Boston University's African Studies Center and Harvard University's Dubois Center for African and African American Studies. In 1993, World Trade Magazine inducted him in the World Trade Hall of Fame as "One of 11 Americans changing the way the World does business". Mr. Savadogo has served on the boards of several institutions, including three terms as a member of the Sub Saharan Advisory Committee of the Export Import Bank. In 2001, Mr. Savadogo was elevated to the rank of Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mali, by the President of the Republic of Mali (Knighted). Mr. Savadogo is a native of Mali. He is fluent in Bambara, French and English with a working knowledge of German and Portuguese.

SCHWARTZ, Eric P.

Eric P. Schwartz was confirmed by the Senate as Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration on June 19, 2009, and took the oath of office on July 8, 2009. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Schwartz served as Executive Director of

the Connect U.S. Fund, a foundation/NGO partnership focused on foreign policy and international affairs. From 2005 to 2007, he served as the UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's Deputy Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery. In that role, he worked under the UN's Special Envoy, former President Bill Clinton, to promote coordination, accountability to donors and beneficiaries, and best practices in the recovery effort. Before that appointment, Mr. Schwartz served as a lead expert for the congressionally-mandated Mitchell-Gingrich Task Force on United Nations Reform.

In 2003, Mr. Schwartz served at the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, after then-High Commissioner, Sergio Vieira de Mello asked him to join the organization. In the year following Vieira de Mello's 2003 assassination in Baghdad, Mr. Schwartz served as second-ranking official at UNHCHR headquarters, overseeing a variety of planning and budget activities during an exceptionally difficult transition period. From 2001 through 2003, Mr. Schwartz held fellowships at the Woodrow Wilson Center, the U.S. Institute of Peace and the Council on Foreign Relations, completing articles and book chapters on peace operations, humanitarian issues, and refugee policy. As a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, he directed the Independent Task Force on Post-Conflict Iraq, working closely with Ambassador Thomas Pickering and Dr. James Schlesinger, co-chairs of the Task Force.

From 1993 to 2001, Mr. Schwartz served at the National Security Council, ultimately as Senior Director and Special Assistant to the President for Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs. He played a central role in managing Administration responses on a range of peacekeeping, humanitarian and refugee issues, including U.S. support for and involvement in the international, UN-mandated deployment in East Timor, the U.S. train and equip program for West African troops in Sierra Leone, the rescue of Kurdish refugees from Northern Iraq, the resettlement of Vietnamese boat people, the safe haven program for Haitian refugees and U.S. relief efforts in Central America and Kosovo.

From 1989 to 1993, Mr. Schwartz served as Staff Consultant to the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs. Prior to his work on the Subcommittee, he served as Washington Director of the human rights organization Asia Watch (now known as Human Rights Watch-Asia). He holds a law degree from New York University School of Law, where he was a recipient of a Root-Tilden Scholarship for commitment to public service through law; a Master's degree (with a specialization in international relations) from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University (where he also taught periodically between 2001 and 2009); and a Bachelor's degree, with honors, in political science from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

SHAH, Rajiv (Raj)

Dr. Raj Shah was sworn in as the 16th Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on December 31, 2009. USAID, a U.S. government agency, has provided economic and humanitarian assistance worldwide for almost 50 years.

Previously, Dr. Shah served as director of Agricultural Development in the Global Development Program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. In his seven years with the Gates Foundation, Dr. Shah served as the Foundation's director of Strategic Opportunities and as deputy director of policy and finance for the Global Health Program. In these roles, he helped develop and launch the foundation's Global Development Program, and helped create both the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, and the International Finance Facility for Immunization - an effort that raised more than \$5 billion for child immunization.

Prior to joining the Gates Foundation in 2001, Dr. Shah was the health care policy advisor on the Gore 2000 presidential campaign and a member of Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell's transition committee on health. He is the co-Founder of Health Systems Analytics and Project IMPACT for South Asian Americans. In addition, he has served as a policy aide in the British Parliament and worked at the World Health Organization.

Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Shah earned his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and his Master of Science in health economics at the Wharton School of Business. He has attended the London School of Economics, is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and has published articles on health policy and global development. Dr. Shah previously served on the boards of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), the Seattle Public Library, and the Seattle Community College District. In 2007, he was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.

SHAH, Roopal

Along with her sister Sonal and brother Anand, Roopal Shah co-founded Indicorps a decade ago with a vision to connect young, Indian diaspora to their homeland by serving in year-long, community-based development projects. Through cultivation of both personal and societal transformation, Indicorps subscribes to a more holistic theory of change.

Prior to Indicorps, Ms. Shah had a distinguished eight-year legal career as a clerk to a federal judge in Honolulu, Hawaii, an associate at Shearman & Sterling in Washington DC, and a federal prosecutor in San Diego CA. Ms. Shah is a graduate of Harvard '91 and the University of Michigan Law School '95.

SHAKIR, Saad A.

Dr. Saad A. Shakir, M.D., is a neuro-psychiatrist in the San Francisco Bay Area. He is board-certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and also a distinguished fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Shakir founded a group practice, Saad A. Shakir, M.D. and Associates, Integrated Clinical Neuro-Sciences. The group provides an integrated model for a full range of services in behavioral medicine, from diagnostic to interventional therapeutic options, providing services for the full range of age groups from childhood to geriatrics. He has a team of clinicians including medical professionals, psychology professionals, counselors, mid-level providers (nurse practitioners, physician assistants), nursing, nutritional, and other ancillary health professionals.

Dr. Shakir, helped found the Iraqi Medical Sciences Association (IMSA-USA), and currently serves as president of that group. The group includes over 150 health care professionals who are committed to educational, humanitarian, and other missions to help the plight of the peoples in developing countries, including Iraq. He is currently spearheading the development of an International Internet University (IMSA Internet International University) to deliver the latest advances in the medical sciences to health professionals in developing countries utilizing technology to the best way possible.

Dr. Shakir is also a national and international expert and speaker in a variety of topics involving mood and anxiety disorders, bipolar disorders, ADHD, and other topics in neuro-behavioral medicine. He graduated from Baghdad University medical school in Baghdad, Iraq, did an internship and residency in medicine and neurology in Baghdad Medical City teaching hospital; his psychiatric Residency training was at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital and medical Center in New York followed by Stanford University medical Center in Palo Alto, California where he also served as chief resident.

SHERINIAN, Aaron

Aaron Sherinian serves as the Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs of the United Nations Foundation. He leads the foundation's public relations efforts, media relationships, strategic outreach, and online presence.

Before joining the UN Foundation, he served as Managing Director of Public Affairs for the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a U.S. government development assistance agency administering poverty reduction grants totaling over \$7 billion in 40 partner countries around the world. In this capacity, Mr. Sherinian oversaw the agency's strategic communications portfolio, media relationships, and global public relations agenda. He oversaw the agency's transition into the Obama Administration and helped re-position the poverty reduction agenda for the new set of U.S. government leadership.

His professional background includes a decade of service as a Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. Department of State, serving under Presidents Clinton and Bush. During that time, he was posted as Press Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Quito, Ecuador, a tour as Deputy Political and Economic Chief at the U.S. Embassy in Yerevan, Armenia, in the Political and Consular Sections of the U.S. Embassy in Costa Rica and in the Office of Policy Planning in Washington under two Assistant Secretaries of State for the Western Hemisphere. His experience also includes service at U.S. Missions in Colombia and the Holy See (Vatican).

Previously, Mr. Sherinian worked at the Washington International Trade Association (WITA). He also held positions as a marketing consultant for the Italian distributors for Apple Computer and as a freelance interpreter and writer in Italy. He is a member of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) and the National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC). He was named in 2010 as one of Washington, DC's "40-under-40" leaders in international development. Mr. Sherinian is a native of Pasadena, California. He holds degrees from Johns Hopkins University (School of Advanced International Studies – SAIS) and Brigham Young University. In addition to Spanish, he speaks Italian, Armenian, and limited French.

SINHO, Sanjay

Sanjay Sinho joined the American India Foundation in April 2008 as its Chief Executive Officer based out of New York. Dr. Sinho brings 21 years of experience in the field of primary health care.

Prior to joining AIF he spent 13 years with CARE, one of the largest private voluntary organizations, working in more than 40 countries in the field of poverty eradication. He held various positions in CARE, the latest of them being the Director of Health programs for CARE USA based out of Atlanta. Dr. Sinho is a pediatrician and a sociologist by training and has over 14 years of experience in managing health programs across the globe: this includes managing an overall portfolio of more than 250 projects in over 50 countries, and being the Director for Health programs in CARE India. He also has significant experience working with government agencies like USAID and CDC and multilateral groups like WHO and UNICEF, as well as private foundations.

Dr. Sinho received his Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in pediatrics from Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal and a Master's degree in sociology from Bhopal University.

SKROBISZEWSKI, Francis J.

Francis J. Skrobiszewski is Director of the US-Polish Trade Council and Director of the Afghan-American Chamber of Commerce.

In the course of Mr. Skrobiszewski's 30 years experience in fund management, law, strategy development and public affairs, working in the United States, Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East, he has engaged extensively with diaspora communities. With the collapse of Communism in Poland in 1989, Mr. Skrobiszewski was called to The White House by President Bush to privately discuss strategies for the redevelopment of the Polish economy and later to meet Lech Walesa. He drafted the business plan for the pioneering Polish-American Enterprise Fund (PAEF), created to provide unprecedented equity and debt financing to "jump-start" Polish private sector businesses. As PAEF's Vice President, Mr. Skrobiszewski served as the Fund's key spokesman to the Polish-American community encouraging their engagement in Poland.

He was also Senior Vice President of Hungarian-American Enterprise Fund (HAEF) and engaged in similar outreach to Hungarian Diaspora. As Managing Director of HAEF's high-tech venture capital fund, Mr. Skrobiszewski built extensive connections in Silicon Valley, where he is now a Director of the US-Polish Trade Council, promoting trade and investment between the United States and Poland. Concurrently on the Investment Committee of Polish National Capital Fund, an approximately \$300 million fund-of-funds financing Polish venture capital firms, Mr. Skrobiszewski continues to build bridges with the Polish diaspora.

His established network has also accrued to the benefit of the Armenians and others engaged in development of innovative technologies, as Mr. Skrobiszewski has worked with the Armenian diaspora to help Armenian technology SMEs access Silicon Valley, and he encourages other diaspora groups to engage there through the annual Global Technology Symposium. Drawing on his experiences and lessons learned in the transformation of Central and Eastern Europe, Mr. Skrobiszewski has promoted the application of the "Enterprise Fund model" in reconstruction of Haiti and in "conflict-affected" countries of South Central Asia, Middle East and Africa. He was recruited to the Afghan-American Chamber of Commerce and elected to its Board, where he works closely now with Afghan Diaspora – and through that vantage point, he has become engaged as well with Pakistani Diaspora.

Following his US military service, Mr. Skrobiszewski started his career as an attorney at Bank of America, and among other positions, he has worked at Booz Allen Hamilton in developing a business initiative to help strategic investors access markets in developing countries. Mr. Skrobiszewski studied at U.S. and European universities and holds a Juris Doctorate, a Master's degree in systems management and a Bachelor's degree in economics.

SMITH, James

James Smith is a co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the American International Health Alliance (AIHA) which has supported more than 165 health system strengthening projects globally including more than 150 volunteer driven "twinning" partnerships between US communities, hospitals, health systems, and universities and their counterparts in 22 countries throughout Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia and 11 countries in Africa. The HIV/AIDS Twinning Center was established by AIHA in 2004 through a cooperative agreement with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the US Department of Health and Human Services. Since then, it has established and managed 45 twinning partnerships in 11 African nations and the Russian Federation, and placed more than 80 highly skilled longer term volunteers to strengthen systems and human resource capacity building in support of PEPFAR and the President Obama's Global Health Initiative.

Prior to co-founding AIHA in 1992, Mr. Smith held a number of senior policy-making and advocacy positions in the US private, public and governmental health sectors. He served as Vice President for Federal Government Relations for Hospital Corporation of America (HCA); as special projects director with the National Association of Public Hospitals; as deputy director for the US Government's Inter-Agency Task Force on Cuban-Haitian Refugees; as Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary of the

US Department of Health and Human Services; and as a Senior Health Policy Coordinator in the Office of the Secretary of the US Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

SPAN, Barbara

Barbara Span is Vice President of Global Public Affairs for Western Union, based in Washington, DC. She has responsibility for policy, regulatory and consumer issues, advocacy programs, and conducting issues research analysis. Ms. Span's focus for Western Union is on a spectrum of issues, ranging from migration, financial inclusion, immigrant integration and economic development to consumer fraud, alternative financial services and underbanked/underserved consumers. She also plays a key role in Western Union initiatives that focus on diaspora-driven development and job creation, financial literacy and small business entrepreneurship programs.

Prior to Western Union, Ms. Span's work addressed a myriad of innovation and consumer protection issues, including consumer privacy, identity theft, financial account aggregation, authentication in Internet purchasing, check electronification, payments fraud, natural disasters, and Y2K. She is a Northwestern University alumna.

SZYMANSKI, Mike

Mike Szymanski joined the State Department in 2009 and currently serves as the Director of Policy for the Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs. In that role, he helps coordinate the State Department's broad international economic, development, economic engagement and commercial priorities. Most recently, he helped coordinate the Building Remittance Investment for Development Growth and Entrepreneurship (BRIDGE) Initiative – launched last year by Secretary Clinton and spearheaded by Assistant Secretary of State Jose W. Fernandez.

Prior to joining the State Department, Mr. Szymanski served as Senior Economic and Telecommunications Policy Advisor on the Senate staff of then Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton which followed his service as a Legislative Assistant managing the Senate Finance Committee portfolio for Senator Robert Torricelli. Mr. Szymanski has also served at the state government level as the Deputy Federal Liaison for the State of New Jersey.

A native of Buffalo, New York, Mr. Szymanski earned a Bachelor's degree from Middlebury College.

STEINBERG, Donald

Deputy Administrator Donald Steinberg previously served as Deputy President for Policy at the International Crisis Group.

During three decades with the US diplomatic service, he served as Ambassador to Angola, Director of the State Department's Joint Policy Council, Special Representative of the President for Humanitarian Demining, Special Haiti Coordinator, Deputy White House Press Secretary and NSC Senior Director for Africa.

Other diplomatic postings include South Africa, Mauritius, Malaysia, Brazil and Central African Republic. His awards include the Presidential Meritorious Honor Award and the Frasure Award for International Peace. He holds Master's degrees in journalism from Columbia University and political economy from University of Toronto, and a Bachelor's degree from Reed College.

TADROS, Sherine

Sherine Tadros is a Middle East-based correspondent for Al Jazeera English who has reported for Al Jazeera from Europe, the United States and the Middle East. Highlights of her reporting include the 2007 Hamas takeover of Gaza, the last US presidential race, the seizure of Beirut by Hezbollah and the 2008/ 2009 War on Gaza, where she was one of the only foreign journalists reporting from inside the territory. Before joining Al Jazeera in 2005, she worked for Al Arabiya as an executive producer. Her work reporting on the Gaza war was nominated for an International Emmy in 2010.

Ms. Tadros holds two degrees in Middle East politics and previously taught undergraduate politics at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

TAHERIPOUR, Mori

Mori Taheripour is the Senior Advisor for Sports in Development for the US Agency for International Development (USAID). In this role, she serves as the lead technical advisor for all Agency programs related to sports in development, and lead relationship manager for the Agency in its engagement of the US professional sports leagues and related player organizations. She also will provide strategic direction and facilitate coordination within the Agency for partnerships with organizations that focus on sports in international development.

Ms. Taheripour is a faculty member in the Legal Studies and Business Ethics Department at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She teaches Negotiations and Dispute Resolution in the Undergraduate and Executive Education programs. Ms. Taheripour is also a lead faculty member in the Goldman Sachs-funded 10,000 Women Initiative and the 10,000 Small Businesses Initiative. The 10,000 Women Initiative was a partnership between the Wharton School and the American University in Cairo, which sought to build the business skills of women entrepreneurs in the Middle East. The 10,000 Small Businesses Initiative seeks to unlock the job-creation potential of 10,000 small businesses across the United States.

At the Wharton School, Ms. Taheripour helped launch and is a member of the senior leadership team of the Wharton Sports Business Initiative, a partnership among top level business leaders, faculty and students that generates and disseminates knowledge about the sports industry through educational programs, strategic corporate partnerships, high-level student consulting assignments, global forums, and research associated with the professional sports industry. Her areas of focus include maximizing sports philanthropy, new media opportunities, building profitable sports organizations and inclusion in the business of sports. She is a faculty member and coordinator for the NFL/NFL Players Association Business Management and Entrepreneurship Program, an annual business education program for NFL athletes.

Ms. Taheripour previously served as the Vice President of Corporate Diversity for the American Red Cross. In this role, she developed and executed the corporate-wide strategy for diversity and inclusion to ensure that the Red Cross reflected the communities it served in its people, programs, policies and services. Ms. Taheripour was credited with more than doubling the funding for high profile diversity initiatives through strategic alliances with key corporate partners including State Farm, the Home Depot, and Verizon Foundation. Ms. Taheripour earned her MBA from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (Honored Scholar) and received her Bachelor's degree from Barnard College.

VASCONCELOS, Pedro de

Pedro de Vasconcelos joined IFAD in 2007 as Programme Coordinator of the multi-donor Financing Facility for Remittances composed of the European Union, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Government of Luxembourg, the Government of Spain, the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor, and the United Nations Capital Development Fund.

From 1998 to 2000, Mr. de Vasconcelos served at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Geneva under the project MicroBanks in cooperation with the Banque International du Luxembourg. The same year, he joined the Multilateral Investment Fund of the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C., and was responsible for launching and coordinating the remittance program for Latin America and the Caribbean until early 2007.

Mr. de Vasconcelos holds a Bachelor's degree in international business from the University of Toulouse-France and a Master's degree in international business and management of the University of Paris IV, La Sorbonne.

VERA, Mauricio

Mauricio Vera is a career member of the Senior Executive Service and serves as the Director of the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU). In this role, Mr. Vera leads USAID's efforts to provide maximum opportunities for small, disadvantaged, women-owned, service-disabled veteran-owned, and HUBZone small businesses to participate in USAID contract awards through outreach, education, and creative procurement initiatives. OSDBU also oversees USAID's efforts to increase the participation of Minority Serving Institutions of Higher Education in USAID-sponsored programs and activities. Since October 2009, Mr. Vera has also served as Chair of the Federal OSDBU Directors Interagency Council.

From 2001 to 2008, Mr. Vera managed the Small Business Program at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Under Mr. Vera's leadership, the NRC became one of only three Federal agencies to be awarded the Gold Star Award by the Small Business Administration for its exemplary performance and commitment to contracting with small businesses in Fiscal Year 2005. In 2007, the NRC awarded Mr. Vera the distinguished Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his accomplishments in the small business program area.

From 1993 to 2001, Mr. Vera established and managed the Smithsonian Institution's Supplier Diversity Program. Prior to this, he served as a Senior Financial Analyst at the Small Business Administration. Mr. Vera, a native of Chile, has an MBA from George Mason University and a Bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from the University of Maryland.

WANDA, John

John Wanda was born in Bumwalukani Village, Bududa district in Uganda in 1964. He attended local schools in eastern Uganda, eventually graduating from Makerere University in 1988. Later he obtained an MBA from the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa and after moving to the United States, qualified as a CPA.

Moving to the United States provided the inspiration for Mr. Wanda and his wife Joyce to start the Arlington Academy of Hope (AAH). Mr. Wanda vividly remembers a tough school life – classrooms with over 120 children, sometimes with no teachers, no school supplies, no textbooks, and no lunch at school. He and his wife wanted to change that. Once they settled in the United States, they began raising resources to build a new school in their village to give the children a better education. That school was completed in 2004. Today, AAH has an enrollment of 340 students and has established a reputation as the best performing school in Eastern Uganda. More than 200 graduates from AAH and surrounding schools have been given scholarships to attend secondary school. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Wanda, through AAH, have built two medical clinics, one in Bumwalukani village, the other in Bupoto village where Mrs. Wanda was born. In 2010, these clinics had more than 25,000 patient visits.

WARD, Mark S.

Mark S. Ward is the Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA) at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in Washington, DC and a Career Minister in the Senior Foreign Service. He focuses on disaster preparedness and response and civil-military cooperation.

Prior to his current assignment in USAID's DCHA Bureau, Mr. Ward was Acting Director of the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance at USAID. Before returning to Washington, DC, Mr. Ward was the Special Advisor on Development to the head of the United Nations Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), based in Kabul, from October 2008 until July 2010. Mr. Ward led UNAMA's effort to better coordinate donor assistance to Afghanistan behind Government priorities and aid effectiveness principles. Prior to the position in Kabul, Mr. Ward was Acting Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Asia at USAID, where he had principal responsibility for the USAID programs in South, Central and East Asia. He chaired the Agency's Tsunami, Pakistan Earthquake and Lebanon Reconstruction task forces.

Mr. Ward was the 2006 winner of the Service to America Medal for international affairs for his work on the Tsunami reconstruction effort. His most recent overseas post with USAID was in Pakistan as the Mission Director, serving from July 2002 through December 2003. Prior to that, he was the Director of USAID's Office of Procurement in Washington, D.C. Mr. Ward joined the Foreign Service in 1986 and has served in Pakistan (twice), Egypt, the Philippines, and Russia.

Mark is a native of San Francisco, and received his Bachelor's degree in political science and Juris Doctor from the University of California at Berkeley. He was headmaster of a girl's high school in rural Kenya before law school, and practiced law in Washington for four years before joining USAID.

WARN, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Warn is a Specialist in Labor Migration and Development in the Labor and Facilitated Migration Division of the Department of Migration Management at the International Organization for Migration (IOM), headquartered in Geneva. Ms. Warn has worked for IOM since 2001. She provides technical and policy guidance and training to Governments, IOM offices worldwide, and other stakeholders on issues related to migration and development and labor migration.

WATKINS, Alfred

Alfred Watkins is the Science and Technology Program Coordinator for the World Bank and head of the World Bank's Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Global Expert Team. He is responsible for designing, developing and helping to implement the World Bank's global STI capacity building programs and for helping to maintain the World Bank's STI capacity building dialogue with G-8 governments, bilateral donors, foundations, NGOs, and various multilateral and UN agencies.

Under his leadership, the World Bank convened a Global Forum on STI Capacity Building Partnerships for Sustainable Development in December 2009 and subsequently prepared an Action Plan that discussed how the ideas discussed at the Forum could be converted into specific policies and programs that could be financed and implemented by the World Bank, in collaboration with other development partners. In February 2007, Dr. Watkins organized the World Bank's first Global Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation Capacity Building for Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction. In February 2005, he organized a High Level Expert Seminar in Moscow, Russia that was co-chaired by the Prime Minister of Russia and the President of the World Bank.

In addition, Mr. Watkins has helped to design and organize World Bank STI capacity building programs in Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia. Prior to assuming his current assignment, Dr. Watkins helped to develop the World Bank's S&T program in the former Soviet Union and produced S&T policy reports and project documents for Kazakhstan, Latvia, and Russia. Dr. Watkins also led the World Bank team that designed and implemented an innovative World Bank non-commercial risk guarantee package for the Sea Launch Commercial Space Launch project in Russia and Ukraine.

Prior to joining the Bank, Dr. Watkins was an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at Austin and served as an economic advisor to several Members of Congress.

WEISENFELD, Paul

Paul Weisenfeld serves as Assistant to the Administrator, directing the Bureau for Food Security, which leads President Obama's Feed the Future Initiative. In this capacity, he is responsible for overseeing the Agency's technical and regional expertise focused on improving food security and reducing persistent rural poverty. The Bureau works with host government and private sector partners to address the needs of smallholder farmers and agribusinesses, emphasizing the empowerment of women; the establishment of an environment for strong agricultural markets; the promotion of research and innovation for agricultural development; and increase our investments in nutrition, while maintaining our support for humanitarian food assistance.

A Minister-Counselor in the Senior Foreign Service, Mr. Weisenfeld has served for nearly twenty years at USAID in four overseas posts and in Washington, DC. From October 2010- March 2011, Mr. Weisenfeld served as Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for USAID's Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean. Prior to this assignment, from January- September 2010, he was the Coordinator of USAID's Haiti Task Team, reporting directly to the USAID Administrator and responsible for coordinating the Haiti post-earthquake recovery effort from Washington as it supported recovery and reconstruction efforts in the field.

From 2006 to January 2010, Mr. Weisenfeld served as USAID's Mission Director in Peru. In this position, he oversaw programs addressing education, health, economic growth, environment, democracy, alternative development, regional trade capacity building, and development of the Peru-Ecuador border region. From 2002-2006, he served as Mission Director in Zimbabwe, overseeing programs in the areas of HIV and AIDS, democracy and governance, small enterprise development, and humanitarian assistance. His extensive career with USAID includes serving as Senior Regional Legal Advisor in Egypt, from 1999-2002, Regional Legal Advisor in South Africa from 1995-1999, and Legal Advisor in the USAID Office of the General Counsel in Washington, DC. from 1991-1995.

Mr. Weisenfeld worked in the private sector as an attorney with the law firms, Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge from 1989-1991, and White & Case from 1987-1989. A New York City native, Mr. Weisenfeld earned his Bachelor's degree from Queens College and his Juris Doctor from The Harvard Law School, where he was an editor on The Harvard Law Review.

WIKTOROWICZ, Quintan

Quintan Wiktorowicz is a specialist on Muslim communities, Islamic movements, and radicalization, publishing four books and dozens of journal articles and book chapters. He currently serves as the Senior Director for Global Engagement at the National Security Council, where he is responsible for President Obama's agenda for a new beginning with Muslim communities, countering violent extremism, and strategic communications for national security issues. Prior to joining the National Security Council, he was posted at the U.S. Embassy in London, where he piloted a field-based approach to partnering with Muslim communities at the grassroots level to counter violent extremism.

Mr. Wiktorowicz has served as chair of the Interagency Intelligence Subcommittee on Radicalization and was a senior analyst at the National Counterterrorism Center. He received his Ph.D. in political science from American University, studied Islam in Cairo with an al-Azhar shaykh, and conducted fieldwork on violent extremism in Jordan and the United Kingdom, where he witnessed radicalization first hand. Dr. Wiktorowicz taught at Rhodes College, Dartmouth College, and Shippensburg University before joining government in 2005.

WILLIAMS, Madieu

A native of Sierra Leone, Madieu Williams moved with his family to Maryland at age nine.

Mr. Williams was a Prep standout center back in football at Duval High School in Lanham, Maryland where he also lettered in track and baseball. He began his collegiate career at Towson State (1999-2000) before transferring to the University of Maryland as a walk-on player. He was a full-time starter for the Terps during his final two seasons (2002-03), opening 27 games and helping Maryland rise in the rankings. The Team went 21-6 during his tenure and outscored West Virginia (41-7) and Tennessee (30-3) in the Gator Bowl and Peach Bowl respectively.

During the 2004 National Football League Draft, Mr. Williams was selected by the Cincinnati Bengals. Over the next four years he played in nearly 50 games for the team, finishing his first season with 103 tackles, 11 pass deflections, two sacks and three interceptions. In 2007 he signed with the Minnesota Vikings.

In 2005, Mr. Williams founded the Madieu Williams Foundation, which focuses on health, wellness, nutrition, fitness and education. Through his foundation, he reaches out to youth and teaches them at an early age the importance of a healthy lifestyle. In 2009, Mr. Williams received the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award in 2011.

WRIGHT, Rahama

Rahama Wright was introduced to shea butter production in 2002 when she worked as an intern for the Department of State at the US Embassy in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. During her assignment, she met and interviewed shea butter producers and discovered the challenges they had in bringing their products to market. Soon after this, she committed to a two year Peace Corps service in Mali, where she helped to create the first shea butter cooperative in her village.

As a first generation Ghanaian American, Ms. Wright truly connected to the struggles of many of the women in her village community. She felt that she could assist these women in maximizing their local resources to become entrepreneurs in the global marketplace. When Ms. Wright returned to the United States in 2004 she started the process of creating Shea Yeleen International, and in 2005 she officially launched Shea Yeleen International, a 501c3 that helps women in West Africa organize cooperatives, provides training on quality assurance and micro enterprise development, and brings shea butter products to market. Ms. Wright is responsible for overall management of each area of the organization including program development, marketing and sales, product development, fundraising, and partnership development.

As well as working as the Executive Director of Shea Yeleen, Ms. Wright has been focused on youth development through mentorship as a volunteer for BUILD, a nonprofit that instills entrepreneurship skills in Washington, DC. high school students. Ms. Wright received her degree in international relations from the State University of New York at Geneseo and has worked for Aguirre International, Georgetown University, and the Department of State.

XIAOQUING, Rong

Rong Xiaoqing is a reporter for the Chinese language newspaper Sing Tao Daily New York, covering various stories from health issues, immigration issues, politics to business and social services. She also contributes to some English and Chinese language publications in the United States and in Asia, such as the New York Daily News, The New York Times, the New York Magazine, and the South China Morning Post in Hong Kong, the Global Times and the China Newsweek in mainland China.

Ms. Xiaoqing won many professional awards and fellowships including the National Ethnic Media Award issued by the New America Media, the New America Award issued by the Society of Professional Journalists, the Ippies awards issued by the New York Community Media, and the Dennis A Hunt Grant for health journalists from the California Health Endowment. She holds a Master's degree in business journalism from Baruch College/CUNY and a Bachelor's degree in Chinese language and literature from Nanjing University in China.

YOHANNES, Daniel

Daniel Yohannes is the Chief Executive Officer of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). A philanthropist from Englewood, Colorado, Mr. Yohannes has more than 30 years experience in banking and economic development. He was nominated as Chief Executive Officer of MCC by President Barack Obama on September 18, 2009, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on November 20, 2009.

Prior to his confirmation, Mr. Yohannes was the President of M&R Investments, a firm specializing in financial services and the renewable energy sector. Before launching M&R Investments, Mr. Yohannes was a leader in the financial services industry, working in various roles throughout his career including as Vice Chairman and member of the Management Committee of U.S. Bank, President and CEO of Colorado National Bank, and as the Executive Vice President of Security Pacific Bank (now Bank of America).

Passionate about protecting the environment and creating practical methods for implementation, in 2006, Mr. Yohannes co-founded the New Resource Bank in San Francisco, California to invest in green projects and environmentally sustainable businesses in the community. He also served as chairman of the Greenprint Council, a leadership group established by the Mayor of Denver focused on improving the environment of cities and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Mr. Yohannes is active in his community and has served on various boards and civil organizations, including the Board Project C.U.R.E (Commission on Urgent Relief & Equipment), the National Jewish Hospital, the Denver Art Museum's Board of Trustees, the Smithsonian National Board, the Board of Directors of Media One (now Comcast), University of Washington Michael G. Foster School of Business, Pacific Coast Banking School, Boy Scouts of America, First Western Trust Bank, New Resource Bank, and the Board of Advisors for the University of Colorado Medical School.

Mr. Yohannes graduated from Claremont McKenna College with a Bachelor's degree in economics and earned an MBA from Pepperdine University. Born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, he is fluent in Amharic.

ZAK, Leocadia

Leocadia I. Zak serves as the Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency where she leads an agency dedicated to encouraging economic growth in emerging markets and the export of U.S. goods and services to those markets. After being nominated by President Obama in November 2009, Ms. Zak was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on March 10, 2010. She had served as Acting Director of the agency since January 20, 2009 and before that was the General Counsel (2000 – 2006) and Deputy Director (2006 – 2009) of USTDA.

Prior to joining USTDA, Ms. Zak was a partner in the Washington, DC and Boston offices of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. practicing in the areas of corporate, municipal and international finance. She served as counsel in connection with a variety of project finance transactions for energy, transportation, health care, telecommunications and tourism projects.

Ms. Zak was also an Adjunct Professor of Law and has taught "International Project Finance" at the Boston University School of Law, Morin Center for Banking and Financial Law Studies and at the Georgetown University Law Center.

Ms. Zak received her Bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College and her Juris Doctor from Northeastern University School of Law.

ZAMBRANO, Patricia

Patricia Zambrano is a Senior Research Analyst at the International Food Policy Research Institute, where she has been working for the past 11 years. Her current work focuses on the economic and impact assessment of biotechnology, biosafety and emerging technologies. Ms. Zambrano earned an undergraduate degree in economics and did post-graduate studies at Universidad de Los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia. She holds a Master's degree in economics from University of California, Davis.

ZAVALA, Jorge

Jorge Zavala is CEO of TechBA Silicon Valley. In January 2005, Mr. Zavala opened the first office of TechBA in the Silicon Valley with the purpose of assisting Mexican technology enterprises discover new opportunities, find the knowledge to explore new markets, and to expand their business to the United States and beyond through mentoring, marketing strategies, effective management, business development and financial processes. TechBA Silicon Valley has provided services to more than 300 small and medium size Mexican companies over the last six years.

Mr. Zavala is also involved in the Mexican Talent Network (Red de Talentos), an initiative of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME by its Spanish acronym). The Network currently has nine chapters around the world.

Mr. Zavala received a Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Universidad La Salle, Mexico, and a Master's degree in mathematics from the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. His interests include innovation and adoption, knowledge management, seed and angel investment, executive leadership, and global entrepreneurship. From 2001 to 2004, he was a Guest Speaker at the prestigious Graduate Business School IPADE in Mexico City on topics such as creating virtual communities for business environments, enabling innovation within organizations, deployment strategy, the knowing and doing gap and collaborative learning. He is bilingual in Spanish and English.

ZECHA, Alden

Alden Zecha serves as CFO and Strategist of Sproxil, a U.S.-based company that provides world-class brand protection in emerging markets through software and services that work anywhere there are mobile phones. Responsible for the overall strategy, finance and administration of the company, Mr. Zecha brings to the role more than 20 years of broad-range executive expertise in operations, strategy and finance, and vast experience from work in more than 20 countries.

Prior to joining Sproxil, Mr. Zecha co-founded and served as CFO of an ultra-luxury travel company PrivatSea and as CFO of Rethos, a sustainability and corporate social responsibility social media website. Mr. Zecha received his MSE and BSE with honors in chemical engineering from Princeton University, where he was a United Technologies Scholar. He also holds a certificate in finance from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business.

ZOGBY, James

Dr. James J. Zogby is the Founder and President of the Arab American Institute (AAI), a Washington, DC-based organization which serves as the political and policy research arm of the Arab American community. Since 1985, Dr. Zogby and AAI have led Arab American efforts to secure political empowerment in the United States through voter registration, education and mobilization, AAI has moved Arab Americans into the political mainstream.

For the past three decades, Dr. Zogby has been involved in a full range of Arab American issues. A co-founder and chairman of the Palestine Human Rights Campaign in the late 1970s, he later co-founded and served as the Executive Director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. In 1982, he co-founded Save Lebanon, Inc., a private non-profit, humanitarian and non-sectarian relief organization which funds health care for Palestinian and Lebanese victims of war, and other social welfare projects in Lebanon.

In 1993, following the signing of the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord in Washington, Dr. Zogby was asked by Vice President Al Gore to lead Builders for Peace, a private sector committee to promote U.S. business investment in the West Bank and Gaza. In his capacity as co-president of Builders, Dr. Zogby frequently traveled to the Middle East with delegations led by Vice President Gore and late Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown. In 1994, with former U.S. Congressman Mel Levine, his colleague as co-president of Builders, Zogby led a U.S. delegation to the signing of the Israeli-Palestinian agreement in Cairo. Zogby also chaired a forum on the Palestinian economy at the Casablanca Economic Summit in 1994. After 1994, through Builders, Zogby worked with a number of US agencies to promote and support Palestinian economic development, including AID, OPIC, USTDA, and the Departments of State and Commerce.

A lecturer and scholar on Middle East issues, U.S.-Arab relations, and the history of the Arab American community, Dr. Zogby appears frequently on television and radio. He has appeared as a regular guest on all the major network news programs. In 1975, Dr. Zogby received his doctorate from Temple University's Department of Religion, where he studied under the Islamic scholar Dr. Ismail al-Faruqi. He was a National Endowment for the Humanities Post-Doctoral Fellow at Princeton University in 1976, and on several occasions was awarded grants for research and writing by the Knight Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Defense Education Act, and the Mellon Foundation. Dr. Zogby received a Bachelor's degree from Le Moyne College. In 1995, Le Moyne awarded Zogby an honorary doctoral of laws degree, and in 1997 named him the college's outstanding alumnus. In 2007 Temple University's College of Liberal Arts named him its Distinguished Alum.