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In January of 2021, the College of Charleston and its School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs formed a partnership with the EastWest Institute (EWI), and through this collaboration, launched the John Edwin Mroz Global Leadership Institute (Mroz Institute). Since its founding, the Mroz Institute has enhanced and built several student leadership programs, a speakers-series, the legacy group “EWI Society,” the EWI Archives and Oral History project, and a Visiting Fellows program. In March 2022, we organized a 3-day Inaugural Convening to celebrate the world-wide impact of EWI over its 40-year history and the launch of the Mroz Institute and its vision of preparing today’s students to be tomorrow’s global leaders. This programming intends to take international experiential learning and make it systemic across the college curriculum so that no matter the career choice or major, students will gain the international skills they need.

We had a productive first year as we launched and expanded the Mroz Institute’s programming. We continue building the legacy society, complemented by the archive and oral history project. We have had amazing speakers for the World Affairs Colloquium Series both on-campus and via Zoom. During the spring break, we took students to Washington, D.C., and visited the National Endowment for Democracy, the Belgium Embassy to the U.S., the office of Der Spiegel, the Observer Research Foundation of America, the Stimson Center and the U.S. State Department. We recruited a cohort of International Scholars and Global Ambassadors for the next academic year. The first Mroz Institute Visiting Fellow, Damon Wilson, was active on campus throughout the spring semester. He gave several talks, met with students and faculty, and participated in the Inaugural Convening. In fall 2022, Caroline Croft will spend two weeks on campus as our next Mroz Institute Visiting Fellow.

This report gives an overview of the Mroz Institute’s programs and engagements during the 2021-2022 academic year. We have been fortunate to benefit from generous gifts from the EWI and the Bennett Family. We are thankful for all the support from President Hsu’s office, the administration, faculty members and the School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs. Through the Mroz Institute, the EWI spirit continues inspiring future generations to make a better world.

Sincerely,

Max Kovalov, Ph.D.
Instructor, International Studies Program
Bennett Director, Mroz Global Leadership Institute
College of Charleston
2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR AT A GLANCE

World Affairs Colloquium Series - 504 participants

- Deborah Lee James, 23rd Secretary of the U.S. Air Force – fireside chat on international security and global challenges


- Ambassador Allan Rock, former Ambassador of Canada to the UN and Senior Adviser at the World Refugee and Migration Council - talk on “The Forcibly Displaced: Global Response to Refugee Crises”

- Damon Wilson, President and CEO of the National Endowment for Democracy – talk on “Forging a Coalition in Favor of Freedom Around the World,” co-sponsored with the World Affairs Council of Charleston

- Ambassador Jean-Arthur Régibeau, Belgium Ambassador to the U.S. - talk on “U.S.-EU Relationships and Security Challenges,” co-sponsored with the College’s Department of German and Russian Studies and LCWA

Student leadership and professional development program – meetings and discussions with diplomats, foreign service officers and international leaders

- Lt. General Ben Hodges, former Commanding General of the U.S. Army Europe, and Colonel Ivo Schneider of the German Navy - informal discussion

- Peace Corps Recruiter Harrison Welshimer - information session

- Andrew Segars, Foreign Service Officer working with USAID Moldova – professional development discussion

- David Firestein, President and CEO of the Bush Foundation for US-China Relations – informal discussion about foreign service careers

- Jon Gundersen, former Foreign Service Officer - discussion about the foreign service and national security policy

- Danny Jones, former CofC faculty, current Foreign Service Officer serving at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico - discussion about the foreign service

- Allan Rock, former Canadian Ambassador to the UN - informal discussion about the UN, foreign service and national interests

- Frank Emerson, lawyer and former Foreign Service Officer - discussion about international courts and tribunals

- George Sibley, Diplomat in Residence Mid-Atlantic, U.S. Department of State - discussion about opportunities at the State Department and embassy work
Field trip to Washington, D.C., with the Global Ambassadors - seven students

- **Belgium Embassy** - meeting with Deputy Chief of Mission Jan De Pauw and Consul General Michael Cerulus
- **Human Rights Watch (HRW)** - meeting with Jose Miguel Vivanco, former HRW Director
- **National Endowment for Democracy (NED)** - meeting with Damon Wilson, President and CEO and Assistant Program Officers Sereen Tahir, Micaela Cole and Andrea Blazanovic
- **Der Spiegel** - meeting with Chief Correspondent Roland Nelles
- **Observer Research Foundation America** - meeting with Anneleen Roggeman, Senior Program Manager for the Cyberspace Cooperation Initiative; Dhruva Jaishankar, President and CEO; and Michael Depp, Program Coordinator for the Cyberspace Cooperation Initiative
- **Stimson Center** - meeting with Brian Finlay, President and CEO
- **U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)** - meeting with Mattito Watson, Senior Technical Advisor, Children in Adversity
- **U.S. Department of State** - meetings with Diane Price, Program Officer, and MaryAnn Robinson, Senior Program Manager

**Inaugural Convening - 470 unique participants**

- 16 invited speakers, including five faculty members from the College of Charleston
- 17 formal and informal events:
  - Two keynote addresses
  - Two featured talks
  - Five breakout sessions
  - Five roundtable discussions
  - Three receptions including two events held by President Hsu and First Lady Chen
- More than 60 guests from out of town. Many international guests from:
  - Serbia, Turkey, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, the Czech Republic and the UK
- Each panel or talk was attended by 85-110 guests
- One panel discussion had standing room only with about 190 in attendance
- Estimated 250-300 students in attendance at events
- Remote webinar access:
  - 130 guests registered
  - 70 unique visitors in attendance on both days
  - Guests from Armenia, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Hong Kong, Serbia and the U.S.
- EWI participants included staff, fellows, four former executive assistants of John Mroz and former board members covering 30 years of EWI. Among the board members attending:
  - Bob Campbell, Bill Ide, Stephen Heintz, Joel Cowen, Tom Meredith, Bob Bernstein, Peter Castenfelt, Matt Bross, Hilton Smith
  - Consultant to the Board Jonathan Fanton has agreed to serve for a second year on the Mroz Institute Steering Committee
- The entire Marshall Bennett family attended and honored Marshall’s legacy bequest leading to the head of the institute being named the Bennett Director. The gift was just under $500,000, and his grandson, Theo, serves on the Mroz Institute Steering Committee
• Emily Whalen, author of the EWI book, which is in its final stages for publication, conducted numerous legacy interviews with attendees for the EWI history archives and secured commitments for virtual interviews

Award Presentation: Mroz Institute Distinguished Global Impact Honoree: Marshall Goldsmith, Founder: 100 Coaches

Inaugural Convening events in brief:
• **Regenerative Leadership:** How Leadership Must Change for a Sustainable Future with John Izzo, renowned business leadership expert and community builder
• **International Energy Perspective:** A Regional Insight into the Middle East with Randa Fahmy, President of Fahmy Hudome International
• **The Business of Non-Profit** with Stephen Heintz and John Fanton. Stephen Heintz is President and CEO of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. Jonathan Fanton is a Special Adviser to the World Refugee & Migration Council, former President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and president of the McArthur Foundation
• **Mentoring Leaders** with Marshall Goldsmith and David Allen. Marshall Goldsmith is a New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestselling author, and one of the world’s prominent leadership thinkers and executive coaches. David Allen is one of the world’s most influential thinkers on personal and organizational productivity
• **Roundtable: Leadership through Difference and Change** with Marshall Goldsmith, Randa Fahmy, John Izzo and David Allen
• **Stakeholder Centered Leadership** - keynote address by Marshall Goldsmith
• **EWI History Project:** Of Archives, Memory and Oral Histories with John White, Dean of Libraries, CofC; Emily Whalen, postdoctoral fellow at the Clements Center for National Security; and Karen Linehan Mroz, Honorary EWI Alumna and member of the Mroz Global Leadership Institute Steering Committee and LCWA Advisory Board
• **Democracy as Strategy in an Age of Authoritarian Resurgence** with Damon Wilson, President & CEO of the National Endowment for Democracy
• **COVID, Climate Change and Conflict: Who’s in Charge?** with Brian Finlay, President and CEO of the Stimson Center, and Bruce McConnell, Distinguished Fellow at the Stimson Center
• **Migration and the State: Securitization, Citizenship and Vulnerability** with CofC faculty Sarah Koellner, Assistant Professor of German Studies; Amy Malek, Assistant Professor of International Studies; and Briana McGinnis, Assistant Professor of Political Science
• **Ukraine and Russia: What’s Driving the Conflict?** with Damon Wilson; Max Kovalov, Instructor of International Studies and Bennett Director of the Mroz Institute; and Frank Emerson, former Foreign Service Officer with more than 25 years of experience in U.S. national security and foreign policy.
• **Around the World with Mroz Institute Affiliates** with David Firestein, President and CEO of the George H. W. Bush Foundation for US-China Relations; Brian Finlay; Anneleen Roggemann, Senior Program Manager for the Cyberspace Cooperation Initiative, the Observer Research Foundation America; and Bruce McConnell
• **Bringing East and West Together: The Legacy of John Edwin Mroz.** Keynote Address by Rose Gottemoeller, former Deputy Secretary of NATO and lead negotiator of the nuclear arms control treaty with Russia (New START)
ABOUT MROZ INSTITUTE

THE FOUNDING

The John Edwin Mroz Global Leadership Institute is a collaborative partnership between College of Charleston’s School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs (LCWA) and the EastWest Institute (EWI). Since 1980, EWI has facilitated candid discourse among world leaders to form sustainable solutions for major political, economic and its operations to several strategic partners, chief among them was the College. The formation of the Mroz Institute came with a more than $2 million gift from the EWI Board of Directors and nearly $500,000 gift from longtime EWI supporters, the late Marshall and Arlene Bennett through the Bennett Family Foundation.

LCWA has a special connection to EWI, as John Mroz was instrumental in the school’s creation at the College. One of the key initiators, local entrepreneur Hilton Smith, tapped the expertise of his friend, John Edwin Mroz, founder of the New York City-based EWI. With the help of Mroz’s international vision, LCWA opened its doors in 2006. Now, to preserve the legacy of EWI’s visionary leader, who passed away in 2014, Mroz will be honored as the namesake of the new John Edwin Mroz Global Leadership Institute (Mroz Institute) housed within LCWA.

THE MISSION

The mission of the John Edwin Mroz Global Leadership Institute is to promote essential skills for global fluency and prepare students to become future global leaders through experiential learning, international mentoring programs and study abroad opportunities. Our comprehensive and inclusive approach prioritizes global fluency as a part of each student’s academic work and honors the legacy and values of EWI and its founder, John Edwin Mroz, a fiercely independent champion of conflict prevention and resolution. To promote conflict avoidance and resolution, the Mroz Institute seeks to educate new generations about Track II diplomacy methods and benefits and promote research and scholarship on EWI’s history and impact, with a special focus on the forty years of work by EWI.

The programming, colloquia and archival projects at the heart of the Mroz Institute’s mission ensures every College of Charleston degree is an asset in the international marketplace and every student is a potential leader in a tightly networked global village.

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

The College inherited the EWI legacy alongside four highly respected foreign policy organizations: the Atlantic Council, the George H. W. Bush Foundation for US-China Relations, the Observer Research Foundation America and the Stimson Center.

EWI’s Middle East and North Africa work moved to the Stimson Center, an independent research center promoting international security, shared prosperity and justice. Stimson has three decades of experience with Track 2 and Track 1.5 diplomacy. Its well-recognized work on water and energy issues will be enhanced by the addition of the hydro-diplomacy project. Stimson also took on the U.S.-China and the U.S.-Russia military-to-military dialogue.
EWI’s U.S.-China High-Level Political Party Leaders Dialogue is now hosted by the George H. W. Bush Foundation for US-China Relations, which has extensive experience organizing Track 2 discussions between current and former government officials from the U.S. and China. EWI’s Global Cooperation in Cyberspace work encouraging countries in the Global South to participate in international efforts to moderate the use of cyber weapons and research to improve the security of the technology supply chain transitioned to Observer Research Foundation America, the new Washington-based center of India’s leading think tank, the Observer Research Foundation. EWI’s Balkan Dialogues initiative migrated to the Future Europe Initiative at the Atlantic Council, complementing the initiative’s existing work on the Western Balkans, which seeks to further Euro-Atlantic political and economic integration.

Rose Gottemoeller’s keynote address at the Inaugural Convening

PROGRAMMING FOR THE 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR

INAUGURAL CONVENING

The Mroz Global Leadership Institute held its Inaugural Convening on March 20-22, 2022. More than 60 domestic and international guests came to the College of Charleston for two full days of talks and panel discussions on leadership, diplomacy and international security. The Inaugural Convening was an opportunity to celebrate EWI’s world-wide impact over its 40-year history and the launch of the Mroz Institute and its vision of preparing today’s students to be tomorrow’s global leaders.
We organized two keynote addresses, two featured talks, five breakout sessions and five roundtable discussions. The convening was the highlight of the spring semester and was attended by Charleston Mayor Tecklenburg; CofC President Hsu; Provost Austin; Hilton and Catherin Smith; LCWA board members; and many faculty, staff, students and members of the Charleston community. We hosted sixteen speakers, including five CofC faculty members, who shared their insight on migration, COVID and climate change, global governance, the challenges of democratic governance and the threat of authoritarianism, and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Each panel or talk was attended by 85-110 guests, and one panel discussion had standing room only with about 190 in attendance. We offered an opportunity for our off campus guests to connect remotely from Armenia, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Hong Kong, Serbia and many U.S. states.

We hosted the leaders of our partner organizations – David Firestein from the George H. W. Bush Foundation for US-China Relations; Brian Finlay and Bruce McConnel from the Stimson Center; and Anneleen Roggeman from the Observer Research Foundation America – for a panel discussion. These organizations, along with the Mroz Institute, continue the legacy of John Edwin Mroz and the EastWest Institute. Among the speakers were world-renowned experts on leadership, executive coaches, and leaders of non-profit organizations, think-tanks and international organizations. The highlights of the convening were the keynote addresses by Marshall Goldsmith, best-selling author of books on leadership and mentorship, and Rose Gottemoeller, former Deputy Secretary-General of NATO.

The participation of the EWI colleagues energized the convening, and student engagement increased the impact of the sessions. The talks, discussions, panels, small-group interactions and individual conversations were challenging, thought-provoking and inspiring.

For those who did not have an opportunity to join the convening, recordings of all panels and talks can be found on the Mroz Institute Youtube channel.
International Security and Global Challenges with Deborah Lee James.

James served as the 23rd Secretary of the U.S. Air Force. She spent 11 years at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in North Charleston as a government technology contractor working on cyber security and technological innovations. She is the author of *Aim High: Chart Your Course and Find Success*. James discussed the security challenges related to the rise of Russia and China, as well as the specific challenges faced by the Air Force during the evacuation from Afghanistan. James had refreshing advice to students not to be afraid of failure when choosing career paths because her own career path started with a failure, when she didn’t pass the foreign service test. The students asked her about the challenges of being a woman in a male-dominated field, regulations of private endeavors in space and the disconnect between the roles of the Air Force’s soft power and the goals of the U.S. State Department.


Firestein focused on U.S.-China relations, disputes about trade, human rights in Hong Kong, technological competition, security concerns in the South-China Sea and the status of Taiwan. As president and CEO of the George H. W. Bush Foundation for US-China Relations, Firestein was in a unique position to discuss U.S. policy towards China. He argued that the framing of China as a competitor rather than as an enemy should be key to the U.S. China policy. The two superpowers have many issue areas on which they won’t be able to agree, such as human rights or the Hong Kong policy; however, it is critical to find common language in other areas, such as climate change, security on the Korean peninsula and trade.
The Art and Value of Diplomacy in an Interconnected World with Richard Haass.

Haass connected remotely for a Zoom fireside chat about the interconnected world, most pressing challenges to global stability and order, and the role of diplomacy in addressing global challenges. His preferred tools of foreign policy are democracy promotion programs, foreign aid and diplomacy. Haass argued that events outside our borders affect all of us and shape our understanding of the world. He highlighted the importance of additional resources needed for training of career foreign service officers at the U.S. State Department and expressed concerns that the U.S. is too quick to jump to military solutions in pursuit of foreign policy objectives.

The Forcibly Displaced: Global Response to Refugee Crises with Canada Ambassador Allan Rock.

Rock discussed the role of individual countries, international organizations and the international community in protecting the lives and the rights of displaced people. He paid particular attention to the importance of evacuating and resettling Afghan refugees. While praising Canada's government in admitting and resettling Afghan refugees, Rock argued that not enough has been done for vulnerable groups, such as female judges, journalists, LGBTQ+ individuals and human rights advocates, who have been in danger after the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan.

Forging a Coalition in Favor of Freedom Around the World with Damon Wilson.

This hybrid guest talk was co-sponsored by the Mroz Global Leadership Institute and the World Affairs Council of Charleston. Wilson argued that authoritarian practices in Russia and China posed a threat not only to citizens of these countries but also to freedoms and democratic institutions abroad. China and Russia protect authoritarian practices at home and normalize authoritarianism abroad, making it an appealing form of development for others. Wilson identified Ukraine and Taiwan as key fights for democracy today and suggested that Russia’s military aggression against Ukraine was in fact linked to concerns about how democratic reforms in Ukraine pose a danger to Russian authoritarianism.


Régibeau discussed the role of smaller European states, like Belgium, in shaping European Union policy, U.S.-EU relations and transatlantic security challenges. He highlighted the uniqueness of Belgium to deal with mediating negotiations in the EU and how its federal structure and the presence of the Flemish, French and German communities helped Belgians respect and appreciate different languages, cultures and perspectives. Régibeau argued that Belgium’s domestic environment was conducive to becoming a prominent voice in negotiations at the EU level.
GLOBAL AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

In spring 2021, we recruited a group of eight students for the Global Ambassadors Program. This student leadership program is designed for students interested in international service organizations, civil service and foreign service. During the 2021-22 academic year, the Global Ambassadors met weekly with the Mroz Institute’s Bennett Director to learn about the U.S. foreign service, foreign policy and the international agenda of U.S. agencies. Students worked on practical skills required to function effectively in the foreign policy environment and interacted with guest speakers to learn about foreign service and diplomatic work.

Brief Profiles of 2021-22 Global Ambassadors

Jocelyn Bellomo is a junior double majoring in political science and international studies and minoring in Italian studies. She is interested in Italian politics and hopes to work at the UN.

Liza Malcolm is a sophomore in the Honors College double majoring in international studies with a concentration in Latin America and the Caribbean and public health and double minor in political science and data science. She is interested in international work and public health and hopes to work at the World Health Organization.

Zoe De Luca-Parker is a junior majoring in political science and minoring in film studies. She is fluent in Italian and studied Spanish in Buenos Aires, Argentina and Salamanca, Spain. She is interested in pursuing a career as a U.S. foreign service officer and working at an embassy.

Maddy Landa is a sophomore double majoring in international studies and political science with minors in Spanish and Women’s and Gender Studies. She wants to serve in the Peace Corps and then pursue a graduate degree. She is interested in working with nonprofit organizations that focus on women’s education or going into the foreign service.

Jack Watson is a sophomore in the Honors College triple majoring in international studies, political science and French & Francophone studies and a minor in economics. He is interested in international development, food security and urban farm initiatives. He interned with the U.S. Embassy in Bern, Switzerland in summer 2022, where he focused on refugee movement. His fall 2022 semester will be in France and his spring 2023 semester will be in Egypt.

Kate Coffey graduated in spring 2022 with a psychology degree. In 2019, she spent her summer interning with the Grassroots Reconciliation Group in Uganda where she visited refugee settlements and observed
mental health training and reconciliation dialogues with community members. She will serve as a Health Extension Volunteer for the Peace Corps in Togo in 2022-23.

Richie Carchia graduated in spring 2022 with a degree in political science after spending his last semester abroad in France. He is interested in international work with service organizations.

Ainsley Gossett is a junior in the Honors College double majoring in international studies and communication. She interned with Evan Guthrie Law Firm, where she engaged in legal research and assisted the firm’s pro bono clients. She is interested in foreign service and international humanitarian aid.

In the 2021-2022 academic year the Global Ambassadors had high impact interactions with the following guest speakers:

- Andrew Segars, U.S. Foreign Service Officer working with USAID Moldova – remote meeting, September 9, 2021
- Deborah Lee James, 23rd Secretary of the U.S. Air Force – remote fireside chat, September 30, 2021
- David Firestein, President and CEO of the Bush Foundation for US-China Relations, October 4, 2021
- Richard Haass, President of the Council on Foreign Relations – remote fireside chat, October 14, 2021
- Jon Gundersen, former Foreign Service Officer, October 28, 2021
- Danny Jones, former CofC faculty, current Foreign Service Officer serving at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico, November 4, 2021
- Allan Rock, former Ambassador of Canada to the UN, November 8, 2021
- Belgian Ambassador to the U.S. Jean-Arthur Régibeau – small group discussion on U.S.-EU relations and security challenges, January 26, 2022
- Damon Wilson, President and CEO of the National Endowment for Democracy – guest talk and informal interaction with the Global Ambassadors, January 27, 2022
- Frank Emerson, lawyer and former Foreign Service Officer; served as a political officer at the U.S. State Department, provided legal guidance to international courts and tribunals at The Hague, Netherlands and practiced national security law at the CIA – guest visit to discuss the work of international
• George Sibley, Diplomat in Residence Mid-Atlantic, U.S. Department of State Bureau of Global Talent Management – remote guest visit about opportunities at the State Department and the work of an embassy, February 16, 2022
• Lt. General Ben Hodges, former Commanding General of the U.S. Army Europe, and Colonel Ivo Schneider of the German Navy – small group discussion with the Global Ambassadors, March 3, 2022
• Harrison Welshimer, Peace Corps Recruiter – remote guest visit about Peace Corps volunteer opportunities, April 6, 2022

March 7-11, 2022, the Global Ambassadors along with Mroz Institute Bennett Director Max Kovalov and Mroz Steering Committee member Beatriz Maldonado spent a week in Washington, D.C. During the spring break field trip, the students visited embassies, international organizations, think-tanks and U.S. government agencies, namely the following:

• The Belgium Embassy
• Human Rights Watch
• National Endowment for Democracy
• Der Spiegel
• Observer Research Foundation America
• Stimson Center
• U.S. Agency for International Development
• U.S. State Department (including visits with CofC alumni working there)

In spring 2022, we recruited a new cohort of nine students to join the Global Ambassadors Program in the 2022-23 academic year. Joseph Drobina, Brandon Eichelberg, Dyllon Gunsolus, Dystinee Lyons, Elizabeth Marchese, Gracie Pace, Adeline Ríos, Claire Turner and Rhiannon Wilkinson will meet with the Mroz Institute Bennett Director weekly for discussions about foreign service and foreign policy. Students will work on developing practical skills required to function effectively in Washington, D.C.’s foreign policy community, such as drafting, reporting, briefing and policymaking. They will have opportunities to interact with guest speakers about foreign service and diplomatic work. In spring 2023, the Global Ambassadors will take a field trip to Washington, D.C., for visits with embassies, international organizations, think-tanks and U.S. government agencies.

EWI ARCHIVES AND ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

For the past four decades, EWI engaged in building trust and preventing conflict around the world. EWI’s collection of historical records and materials tell the story of its global efforts to develop sustainable solutions for today’s political, economic and security issues. To preserve and make available this legacy to students and scholars, the Mroz Global Leadership Institute and the College of Charleston Libraries created the EWI Archives project. The project facilitates the accession, cataloging, housing, preservation and availability of manuscripts, images, ephemera and more documenting EWI’s activity throughout its 40-year existence.
More than 26,000 digital objects have been transferred to the College Libraries as well as several linear feet of physical materials.

An integral part of the EWI Archives Project is the Oral History Program built on the Aviary oral history platform. The goal of the program is to preserve the history of the EWI’s collection of historical records and materials that tell the story of its global impact in promoting solutions for political, economic and security challenges. This project is also designed to generate oral histories from members of the EWI alumni network, including policymakers, donors, board members and staff.

VISITING FELLOWS

Damon Wilson, President and CEO of the National Endowment for Democracy, became the inaugural Mroz Institute Visiting Fellow. He was active on campus in spring 2022, holding a guest talk in January, participating in the Inaugural Convening in March, giving a keynote address at the Winthrop Roundtable in April and mentoring Global Ambassadors and International Scholars throughout the semester.

Caroline Croft, a foreign service officer serving as the Diplomat in Residence at American University, will spend two weeks at the College of Charleston as a Mroz Visiting Fellow in fall 2022. Previously Croft served as the director of Business Outreach, senior officer and policy adviser on transnational affairs in the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs. She provided policy guidance and advice on regional political/military matters, defense, terrorism, human rights, trafficking in persons, religious freedom, nonproliferation, nuclear energy, democracy issues, economic, narcotics, legal reform, human rights, developmental assistance, consular and international organizations including the UN, Organization of American States and the Inter-American Development Bank.

OTHER EVENTS

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, Max Kovalov, the Mroz Institute Bennett Director, has been actively engaging in organizing information sessions, seminars and op-eds to help our students and members of the Charleston community understand the sources and consequences of the war. Below are several of his publications and interviews.

- “Putin ready to kill Ukrainians to remind them of his love and affection,” Max Kovalov’s op-ed for Post and Courier, February 21, 2022
- “Putin is normalizing Ukraine-Russian style,” Max Kovalov’s op-ed for Post and Courier, February 28, 2022
- Max Kovalov participated in a panel discussion on the Russian invasion of Ukraine
hosted by the University of Oklahoma College of International Studies, March 3, 2022
• Max Kovalov’s interview for Fox 24 News on the ties between Russian and Ukraine, March 7, 2022
• Max Kovalov’s interview with News 2 Carolyn Murphy on the war in Ukraine, April 10, 2022
• Max Kovalov’s interview with The College Today, “International Studies Professor Examines Conflict in Ukraine,” April 19, 2022
• “Stealing Ukraine,” College of Charleston Magazine, July 2022

YEAR IN PHOTOS

Tom Meredith, Harry Raduege and Kathy Berstein

Rose Gottemoeller

Global Ambassadors at the State Department
Gibbs Knotts and Randa Fahmy

Catherine Smith

Bruce McConnell, Anneleen Roggeman, David Firestein and Brian Finlay

Global Ambassadors at Der Spiegel

Christina Ferrell
Global Ambassadors during the field trip in Washington DC

David Allen

Peter Castenfeldt, Justin McMann and Rose Gottemoeller

Jonathan Fanton
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Many of our guests during the Inaugural Convening expressed their willingness to support the Mroz Institute and our programs - thank you! There are multiple ways to engage with the institute moving forward. All of the below engagement opportunities are important to our efforts, so please let us know what would be meaningful to you.

- participating in the Archive and Oral History Project;
- serving as a speaker or connecting us to speakers who can be invited to present at our programs - World Affairs Colloquium Series and Mroz Visiting Fellows;
- mentoring our International Scholars and Global Ambassadors;
- including the Mroz Institute in your annual philanthropy. Please contact Brian Rowe at 843.991.4361 or rowebp@cofc.edu, if you have questions about philanthropy.

Mroz Institute Steering Committee
Jonathan Fanton, Vincent Fraley, Larry Gillespie, Theo Groh, Tim Johnson, Max Kovalov, Karen Linehan Mroz, Beatriz Maldonado, Malte Pehl, Hilton Smith, Mitchell Sonkin (Please go to mrozinstitute.cofc.edu for bios).