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into Tomorrow's Global Leaders*



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As we wrap up the second year at the Mroz Global Leadership Institute, we have good reasons to celebrate our accomplishments. The Mroz Institute is the product of a successful partnership between the School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs (LCWA) and EastWest Institute (EWI) created in 2021.

Our main theme for Fall 2022 was post-crisis reconstruction, development, and diplomacy and our speakers examined democratic decision-making in Northern Ireland (Dr. Jamie Pow), tensions and security challenges in the Middle East (Ambassador Dennis Ross), post-conflict reconstruction in Afghanistan (Honorable James Creighton). In Spring 2023, we focused on human rights and food, water, and energy security, as our guests discussed the challenges to human rights (Kenneth Roth and Dr. Jonathan Fanton), the initiative to create an international anti-corruption court (Dr. Jonathan Fanton and Judge Mark Wolf),

and water security (Farwa Aamer). We co-hosted a Food Security Summit with participants from the World Food Program-USA, the Lowcountry Food Bank, Congressional Hunger Center, and US Department of Agriculture. The Summit was an excellent opportunity for our students to learn about food security as both a global and local challenge.

In partnership with the College of Charleston Libraries, we continued building the EWI Oral History Project and as of today, our collection includes 58 interviews, most of which are available online with transcripts, index, and tags.

Throughout the year, the students from Global Ambassadors Program have been learning about the challenges and opportunities of foreign service and the work of international service organizations. We traveled to Washington DC for a field trip in March 2023 and visited think-tanks and international service organizations. We recruited a new cohort of nine students for the 2023-2024 academic year.

In Fall 2022, we hosted Mroz Institute Visiting Fellow Caroline Croft for a comprehensive 10-day visit. Ms. Croft, a foreign service officer, engaged her network and organized hybrid sessions with RFK Human Rights, Congresswomen Jane Harman, and Ambassador Deborah McCarthy. These high-impact guest talks were complemented with a workshop on foreign service careers and a dinner-seminar on the power of diplomatic protocol.

The spirit and values of EWI inspire the programs of the Mroz Institute as we transform today's students into tomorrow's global leaders. Our work and programming hinges on support from the EWI family, friends, and alumni and we appreciate your help, emails, visits, encouragement, and contributions. We appreciate the EWI Board Members and the Bennett Family for their continued support. We are grateful for the support from the offices of President Andrew Hsu and Provost Suzanne Austin, and we thank our colleagues at the School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs for their help. Special thanks for Dean Tim Johnson whose vision and careful planning helped create the Mroz Institute. We encourage you to participate through oral histories, joining us for future speakers in person or virtually, and as always we welcome your input. Enjoy this overview of the Mroz Institute's programming from the 2022-2023 academic year.

Sincerely,

Max Kovalov, Ph.D.
Instructor, International Studies Program
Bennett Director, Mroz Global Leadership Institute
College of Charleston



2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR AT A GLANCE

World Affairs Colloquium Series - 574 participants

- **Deep Divisions and Democratic Innovation: Evidence from Northern Ireland** - Dr. Jamie Pow, lecturer at Queen's University Belfast.
- **Tensions, Challenges, and Diplomacy in the Middle East** - fireside chat with Ambassador Dennis Ross, Distinguished Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.
- **Coalition Leadership in Post-Conflict States** - Honorable James Creighton, State Representative in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, former Chief Operating Officer and Distinguished Fellow, EastWest Institute.
- **Global Human Rights with Human Rights Watch** - Kenneth Roth, former executive director of Human Rights Watch and Dr. Jonathan Fanton, former president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2014-2019).
- **International Anti-Corruption Court and Global Governance** - Judge Mark Wolf, Chair of Integrity Initiatives International and Dr. Jonathan Fanton.
- **Global Water Stress: An Intensifying Crisis that Demands Urgent Attention** - Farwa Amer, Research Analyst at the Stimson Center's Energy, Water, & Sustainability Program
- **The Challenges and Opportunities of Transatlantic Relations** - Ambassador of Switzerland to the US Jacques Pitteloud.
- **Weaponization of Everyday Life in Ukraine: the 3-day War Revisited** - Dr. Max Kovalov, Instructor of International Studies and Bennett Director, Mroz Institute, College of Charleston.

Food Security Summit - 90 guests

Co-hosted by the Mroz Institute and the Provost's Office, featured guests from the World Food Program, US Department of Agriculture, Lowcountry Food Bank, Global Food Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies

- **State of Global Hunger** - Barron Segar, President and CEO of World Food Program-USA and Dr. Max Kovalov, Instructor of International Studies, College of Charleston.
- **Global Hunger** - Dan Glickman, Former US Secretary of Agriculture and Rebecca Middleton, Chief Advocacy and Engagement Officer, World Food Program-USA. Facilitated by Dr. Hollis France, Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science Department, College of Charleston.
- **Hunger in our Backyard** - Nick Osborne, President and CEO, Lowcountry Food Bank and Shannon Maynard, Executive Director, Congressional Hunger Center, facilitated by Dr. Laurent Ravalico, Associate Professor of French and Director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program, College of Charleston.
- **Keynote address by Gresham Barrett**, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director at World Food Program

Student leadership and professional development programs - high impact interactions with diplomats, foreign service officers, and international leaders

- **Barbara Barrett**, 25th Secretary of the Air Force and former US Ambassador to Finland.
- **Ambassador Jacques Pitteloud**, Ambassador of Switzerland to the US.
- **Andy Sisk**, Foreign Service Officer, Diplomat in Residence - Mid-Atlantic.
- **Farwa Amer**, Director of South Asia Initiative, Asia Society Policy Institute.
- **MaryAnn Robinson**, Senior Program Manager at US Department of State
- **Dr. Jonathan Fanton, Ph.D.**, special adviser to the World Refugee & Migration Council and former president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- **Dr. Emily Whalen, Ph.D.**, historian of US foreign policy and Middle East.
- **James Creighton**, State Representative in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, former Chief Operating Officer and Distinguished Fellow, EastWest Institute.
- **José Miguel Alemán**, Panama's Foreign Minister (1999-2003).
- **Ambassador Dennis Ross**, Distinguished Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.
- **Caroline J. Croft**, Director of Business Outreach, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs at the US State Department.
- **Dr. Jamie Pow**, lecturer at Queen's University Belfast.
- **Karen Linehan Mroz**, Steering Committee at Mroz Global Leadership Institute, former Board Member at EastWest Institute.

Field trip to Washington, DC, with the Global Ambassadors - nine students

- The German Embassy
- The Delegation of the European Union to the US
- National Endowment for Democracy
- Stimson Center
- National Guard Bureau and the Pentagon
- The White House

ABOUT MROZ INSTITUTE: Founding, Mission, and Strategic Partners

THE FOUNDING

The John Edwin Mroz Global Leadership Institute (Mroz 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 security issues. After 40 years of work, the EWI transitioned its



John Edwin Mroz



operations to several strategic partners, chief among them was the College of Charleston. 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 of Charleston. One of the key initiators, local entrepreneur Hilton Smith, tapped the expertise of his friend, John Mroz, founder of the New York City-based EastWest Institute. 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 housed within LCWA.

THE MISSION

The mission of the John Edwin Mroz Global Leadership Institute is to promote essential skills of global fluency, educate students about diplomacy, and prepare them to become future global leaders through a comprehensive strategy of international education and experiential learning. We seek to preserve and continue the values and legacy of EWI and its founder, John Edwin Mroz, a fiercely independent champion of conflict prevention and resolution. Issues surrounding public health, the economy, the environment and sustainability, food security and migration affect everyone, everywhere, and are at the heart of our international security. The Mroz Institute cultivates the skills students need to engage with such challenges and, through an emphasis on mentoring, helps develop students who will become international agents of change and global leaders. 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 interconnected global world.

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

The College of Charleston inherited the EWI legacy alongside four prominent foreign policy organizations that adopted existing EWI programs: the Atlantic Council, the George H. W. Bush Foundation for US-China Relations, Observer Research Foundation America, and the Stimson Center.

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 build further Euro-Atlantic political and economic integration.



EWI's US-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 diplomatic discussions between current and former government officials from the United States and China.

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 conducting 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 both the US-China military-to-military dialogue and the US-Russia military-to-military dialogue.

The institute's Global Cooperation in Cyberspace programmatic 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.



PROGRAMMING FOR THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR

MROZ INSTITUTE WORLD AFFAIRS COLLOQUIUM SERIES

The Mroz Institute World Affairs Colloquium brings to the campus speakers with prominent international experience to address topics of global importance. Our main theme for Fall 2022 was post-crisis reconstruction, development, and diplomatic. Our speakers examined democratic decision-making in Northern Ireland (Dr. Jamie Pow), tensions and security challenges in the Middle East (Ambassador Dennis Ross), post-conflict reconstruction in Afghanistan (Honorable James Creighton). In Spring 2023, we focused on human rights, food, water, and energy security, as our guests discussed the challenges to human rights (Kenneth Roth and Dr. Jonathan Fanton), the initiative to create an international anti-corruption court (Dr. Jonathan Fanton and Judge Mark Wolf), and water security (Farwa Aamer). In addition to delivering public talks, our speakers met with the students for informal small-group discussions. The students had opportunities to learn about our speakers' career paths, their education, professional challenges, and the skills which internationally minded organizations seek when hiring staff.



Mroz Institute World Affairs Colloquium Series

"Deep Divisions and Democratic Innovation: Evidence from Northern Ireland" with Dr. Jamie Pow, September 8, 2022.

Dr. Jamie Pow is a lecturer at Queen's University Belfast. His presentation focused on the way citizens interact with democratic decision-making, including through elections, mini-publics, and referendums. Dr. Pow explained how democratic innovations, such as deliberative citizen assemblies, emerged in Northern Ireland in response to citizen dissatisfaction with the functioning of democracy. Even though elites remain skeptical about the measures of direct democracy, they support them as complementary elements of existing democratic mechanisms.



Dr. Jamie Pow on divisions in Northern Ireland

“Tensions, challenges, and diplomacy in the Middle East,” Fireside chat with Ambassador Dennis Ross, October 12, 2022.

Ambassador Ross discussed the role of diplomacy in various regions of the world and the US as a mediator in the Middle East. He commented on the OPEC oil price policy and its impact of the global economy, Israel’s foreign policy and Iran’s nuclear deal, and the prospects of negotiations between Ukraine and Russia. In his

perspective, neither Russia nor Ukraine was ready for peace negotiations despite the high cost of the war.

Ambassador Dennis Ross, a diplomat, played a key role in US negotiations in the Middle East under President H.W. Bush Administration, served as President Clinton’s Middle East envoy, and as special assistant to President Obama and National Security Council senior director for the Central Region.



Fireside chat with Ambassador Dennis Ross



Honorable James Creighton

“Coalition leadership in post-conflict states” with James Creighton, November 14, 2022.

As a commanding officer of Combined Team Uruzgan, James Creighton was responsible for a diverse multi-national coalition of forces in Afghanistan. His team worked on rebuilding and reconstruction, creating local capacity, and improving trust with local populations. He highlighted the importance of studying foreign languages in pursuit of effective cross-cultural communication. Communication across cultures, adaptation to different ways of life, and language skills are key requirements needed among young leaders to succeed in today’s interconnected world.

Honorable James Creighton is now a State Representative in the New Hampshire House of Representatives and the Chief Executive Officer for Eagle Point Global Solutions, LLC. He served as a Chief Operating Officer of the EastWest Institute and later was a Distinguished Fellow at EWI. Creighton coordinated and executed high-level discussions in Russia, China, Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Turkey, Berlin, and Belgium.

“Global Human Rights with Human Rights Watch” with Kenneth Roth and Dr. Jonathan Fanton, January 29, 2023.

Kenneth Roth and Dr. Fanton discussed the challenges to human rights presented by autocracies and democracies, about the work done by human rights organizations, and about prosecuting human rights violations in post-war Russia. Roth shared his concerns about repeated attacks on the international human rights system by Russian and Chinese autocrats. And yet, he was optimistic about the role played by international organizations, including those working on human rights because autocrats care about their image and want to avoid extra scrutiny and blame.

Kenneth Roth is the former executive director of Human Rights Watch, which he led from 1993 to 2022. Dr. Jonathan Fanton served on the board of Human Rights Watch and as president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences from 2014 to 2019.



Kenneth Roth



Judge Mark Wolf

“International Anti-Corruption Court and Global Governance” with Judge Mark Wolf and Dr. Jonathan Fanton, January 30, 2023.

Dr. Fanton and Judge Wolf discussed the initiative to create the International Anti-Corruption Court (IACC), its mandate and goals, and challenges related to the Court’s functioning. The IACC is envisioned to be a court of last resort, complementary to national courts to prosecute cases of grand corruption and abuse for personal gain. Judge Wolf has been a champion of anti-corruption measures for many decades, and he’s been leading a campaign to create the IACC since 2014. According to Judge Wolf, corruption persists because



Dr. Jonathan Fanton

of the lack of enforcement of existing laws by the international community. The Global Declaration Against Corruption was signed by more than 140 countries and both Fanton and Wolf are optimistic about the creation of IACC.

Dr. Jonathan Fanton, served as president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences from 2014 to 2019 and has been a special adviser to the World Refugee & Migration Council since its launch in 2017. Judge Mark Wolf is the Chair of Integrity Initiatives International, an international network of individuals and organizations working on the International Anti-Corruption Court.

“Global Water Stress: An Intensifying Crisis that Demands Urgent Attention” with Farwa Aamer, Stimson Center, February 6, 2023.

Farwa Aamer discussed the way water crisis is shaping up around the globe and discussed the consequences of this crisis for competition over resources, conflict, and human rights. Aamer explained that climate change and weaponization of water are two key problems leading to water scarcity and that women are particularly affected by this confluence of conditions. Access to clean water is one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and it is recognized as a national and international security threat. There are no quick solutions to this global threat but giving a seat to women is an important part of the solution, according to Aamer.

Farwa Aamer was a Research Analyst at the Stimson Center’s Energy, Water, & Sustainability program. Her research focuses primarily on the security and political dimensions of



2023 UN Water Conference in New York City

transboundary river water governance in the Himalayan region. Aamer periodically organizes and convenes several Track II dialogues and discussions designed to facilitate greater inter- and intra-regional cooperation on issues around water security and hydrodiplomacy in South Asia, Central Asia and the Euphrates-Tigris river basin. Prior to joining the Stimson Center, Farwa served as the Director of South Asia program at the EastWest Institute. Since her visit to campus, Farwa left the Stimson Center to become the Director of South Asia Initiatives at the Asia Society where she continues her work on water and energy security.



Ambassador Jacques Pitteloud

Ambassador of Switzerland to the US Jacques Pitteloud on transatlantic relationships, February 16, 2023.

Ambassador Pitteloud shared his thoughts about the changing global threats, such as the Russian war against Ukraine, demographic problems, the US-China trade conflict, and authoritarianism. His advice to students who want to understand the world with its complexities is studying foreign languages, studying abroad, traveling to unfamiliar places, understanding other cultures, and being open to learn from others.

Jacques Pitteloud has been serving as Ambassador of Switzerland to the US of America since 2019. He is a career foreign service officer and has been serving in the Swiss Foreign Service since 1987 as a Swiss Strategic Intelligence Officer, a personal advisor to two successive Defense Ministers, and Swiss Ambassador to Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Somalia, and the Seychelles. After having been a witness of the Rwanda Genocide in 1994, Dr. Pitteloud created an organization dedicated to the task of hunting down and bringing to justice the perpetrators and managed to have several of them prosecuted both by the international as well as domestic courts. Ambassador Pitteloud headed the Swiss Delegation to the Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.



Dr. Max Kovalov

“Weaponization of Everyday Life in Ukraine: the 3-day War Revisited” with Dr. Max Kovalov, Instructor of International Studies and Bennett Director of the Mroz Institute, College of Charleston.

Dr. Kovalov’s presentation focused on Russia’s weaponization of everyday life in Ukraine before and during the 2022 full-scale invasion. He examined the weaponization of tangible elements of everyday life such as energy, food, nuclear power, natural gas, and water and non-tangible elements such as citizenship, language, faith, history, and memory.

Dr. Kovalov teaches courses in international studies, democratization, and Eastern European politics and society. His research focuses on democratization, politics of memory, populism, and political institutions in post-Communist states. His recent article “When Lenin becomes Lennon: decommunization and the politics of memory in Ukraine,” published by Europe-Asia Studies in 2022, examines the differences in resistance to renaming of postcommunist street names in Ukraine.



Dr. Hollis France, Dan Glickman, and Rebecca Middleton



Nick Osborne, Dr. Lauren Ravalico, and Shannon Maynard



Shannon Maynard

FOOD SECURITY SUMMIT

In partnership with Provost Suzanne Austin's Office, the Mroz Global Leadership Institute co-sponsored the Food Security Summit. The summit focused on food security, as an element of national and global security, global hunger issues, and domestic hunger challenges. The Summit featured guests from the World Food Program, US Department of Agriculture, Lowcountry Food Bank, Global Food Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Presentations and panel discussions:

- **Dan Glickman**, former US Secretary of Agriculture and former member of the US House of Representatives and longtime member of the House Agriculture Committee and **Rebecca Middleton**, chief advocacy and engagement officer, World Food Program USA, discussed how despite sufficient production of food to feed everyone in the world, nearly one-third of all food produced globally each year is lost or wasted. They also discussed supply chain issues and the challenges presented by food insecurity.

This discussion was facilitated by Dr. Hollis France, Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science Department at the College of Charleston.

- **Barron Segar**, president and CEO of World Food Program USA, gave an overview of global hunger around the

world and outlined the central sources of hunger, such as conflict, climate change, natural disasters, and economic pressures. He gave an overview of projects run by the World Food Program-USA, which focus on alleviating food insecurity globally.

Dr. Max Kovalov facilitated this fireside chat.

- **Nick Osborne**, president and CEO of the Lowcountry Food Bank, and **Shannon Maynard**, executive director of the Congressional Hunger Center focused on food insecurity "in the backyard". Osborne discussed food insecurity in the Lowcountry (South Carolina) and what the Lowcountry Food Bank is doing to decrease food insecurity in coastal South Carolina by 25% by 2025. Maynard explored grassroots approaches taken by the Congressional Hunger Center that will lead to ending hunger by training more than 1,000 new leaders in the movement. The speakers stressed the importance of changing the public perception about the causes of hunger. Contrary to common perception, hunger is not caused by laziness or people making poor choices. Rather, many decisions about food are beyond individual control of people and are found in structural inequalities, housing, and inequality.

Dr. Laurent Ravalico facilitated this discussion. Dr. Ravalico is Associate

Professor of French and Director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at the College of Charleston.

- **Gresham Barrett**, senior advisor to the executive director of the World Food Programme and former member of the US House of Representatives and the South Carolina House of Representatives, concluded the summit with his perspective on food insecurity globally and in South Carolina.

GLOBAL AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

Global Ambassadors is a professional development program offering mentoring, extracurricular and international experiential learning designed for students interested in careers with international service organizations, including the civil service and Foreign Service. This program creates opportunities for interactions between the

students and foreign service officers, civil servants, diplomats, and distinguished professionals in internationally oriented organizations working on global challenges.

In spring 2022, we recruited a group of nine students for the Global Ambassadors Program. This student leadership program is designed for students interested in careers with international service organizations, including civil service, and foreign service. During the 2022-23 academic year Global Ambassadors met weekly with Mroz Institute's director and learned about foreign policy, Foreign Service, and its challenges and opportunities. They participated in advising, mentoring, and discussion sessions, interacted with former and current foreign service officers and prominent internationalists. Students also worked on practical skills required to function effectively in the foreign policy environment and learned about diplomatic work.



Global Ambassadors with Dr. Kovalov and Dr. Maldonado at the White House



Diplomat-in-Residence Andrew Sisk discussing Foreign Service with Global Ambassadors



Global Ambassador meeting Ambassador Dennis Ross

Brief Profiles of 2022-23 Global Ambassadors

Joseph Drobina is a junior majoring in International Studies (Asia Concentration) and Political Science. He studies Mandarin and is interested in North Korea and Asian politics.

Brandon Eichelberg is a senior with double majors in English and Classics. He was a Latin tutor at the Center for Student Learning. Brandon wants to teach English abroad and plans to apply to the PeaceCorps.

Dyllon Gunsolus is a senior majoring in International Studies (Europe Concentration) and minoring in Russian Studies. He served for five years in the Marine Corps and is a professional cyclist. Dyllon wants to pursue a career at the State Department.

Dystinee Lyons is a senior with majors in Anthropology and History. She is interested in medical anthropology and plans to pursue a PhD in Anthropology.

Elizabeth Marchese is a senior majoring in International Studies (Asia Concentration) and Anthropology. Elizabeth studies Mandarin and studied abroad in China. She wants to become a PeaceCorps volunteer and join the Foreign Service.

Gracie Pace is a senior majoring in International Studies (Global Studies Concentration) and a Spanish minor. In 2021 she interned at City of Knowledge Foundation in Panama City, Panama. In 2022, Gracie was a Refugee Resettlement and Placement Intern at Lutheran Services Carolinas. Gracie is interested in forced migration and wants to pursue a career in migration policy.

Adeline Ríos is a sophomore with a triple major in International Studies (Latin America Concentration), Political Science, and Spanish. She will study abroad in San José, Costa Rica in Fall 2023 and in São Paulo, Brazil in Spring 2023. Adeline is a recipient of the prestigious nation-wide Boren Awards for International Study.

Claire Turner is a junior majoring in Political Science (Public Policy Concentration) and a Project Management minor. Claire is interested in congressional affairs and public policy, and she wants to pursue a career in global public health policy.

Rhiannon Wilkinson is a sophomore, pursuing majors in International Studies (Europe Concentration) and German Studies. She plans to study abroad in Germany in the Fall 2023. She is interested in a national security career and wants to join the Foreign Service.

In the 2022-2023 academic year Global Ambassadors had high impact interactions with the following guest speakers during their visits to campus:

- **Barbara Barrett**, 25th Secretary of the Air Force and former US Ambassador to Finland. Informal discussion about diplomacy, US role in the world, and career opportunities in the private and public sector with Global Ambassadors, International Scholars, Schottland Scholars, and Martin Scholars, March 13, 2023.
- **Ambassador Jacques Pitteloud**, Ambassador of Switzerland to the US, public talk on transatlantic relationships and an informal discussion with students, February 16, 2023.
- **Andy Sisk**, Foreign Service Officer, Diplomat in Residence - Mid-Atlantic, discussion about foreign service careers and opportunities at the State Department with Global Ambassadors, February 8, 2023.
- **Farwa Aamer**, guest talk and informal interaction with Global Ambassadors and International Scholars about water security and about careers with NGOs, February 7, 2023.
- **MaryAnn Robinson**, Senior Program Manager at US Department of State. Informal interaction with Global Ambassadors about careers at the State Department, February 1, 2023.
- **Dr. Jonathan Fanton, Ph.D.**, special adviser to the World Refugee & Migration Council and a former president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Informal discussion about careers in non-profits, January 30-31, 2023
- **Dr. Emily Whalen, Ph.D.**, historian of US foreign policy and Middle East. Informal discussion with Global Ambassadors about the history of the EastWest Institute, January 18, 2023.
- **James Creighton**, former EWI Board Member and State Representative in the New Hampshire House of Representatives Informal discussion with Global Ambassadors and International Scholars about security, leadership, and peacebuilding in the Middle East, November 24, 2022.
- **José Miguel Alemán**, Panama’s Foreign Minister (1999-2003). Remote discussion about Panama’s foreign policy and international relations with Global Ambassadors, October 26, 2022.



Global Ambassadors at the EU Delegation to the US



Discussion with Admiral Ristau at German Embassy



The Mroz Institute's Global Ambassadors Take on Washington, DC

By Brandon Eichelberg '23, Adeline Ríos '25, and Claire Turner '24 about their experience as Global Ambassadors for the 2022-23 academic year and about their field trip to Washington, DC

Do you have what it takes for an international career? Do you have the skill set to succeed in the global realm? Prior to joining the Mroz Global Leadership Institute's Global Ambassadors Program, many of us *thought* we had the answers. After traveling to Washington, DC, for a field trip over spring break, we *actually* did.

The year-long Global Ambassadors Program allows internationally minded students to explore governmental and non-governmental career opportunities. Our studies included unique interactions with guest speakers, writing foreign service-style memos covering current events abroad, and learning about foreign policy and international theories through the prism of zombie apocalypse. The field trip to Washington, DC, is often described as the pinnacle of the program – yet in our opinion, this could be the world's biggest understatement. We brought our newfound, international skill set to the nation's capital,



Touring the White House

where we visited non-governmental and governmental organizations, learned about their work, and gained real professional experience through networking. Many of us hope to become tomorrow's foreign policy leaders, and the trip to Washington was a life-changing opportunity to meet the policy experts of today.

Our visit began with a tour of one of the most prominent sites in the United States, where many of America's international decisions are made – the White House. While being led by a Secret Service agent, we strolled through the building's vast halls and were reminded of the power associated with United States history. Similar sentiments surfaced during our trip to the Pentagon. We met Brigadier General Darrin Slaten for a discussion about the National Guard's role in maintaining US interests abroad through the State Partnership Program. The program, established in response to the fall of the Soviet Union, plays an integral part in fortifying relationships between the US and fellow partner countries to promote democratic norms. The highlight of our visit to the Pentagon was our meeting with four-star General Daniel R. Hokanson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, who briefed us on the National Guard's role in supporting Ukraine against Russia's aggression. The National Guard has been involved in training the Armed Forces of Ukraine, as well as providing supplies and strategic counsel.

During our trip to the EU Delegation to the US, we spoke with Deniz Houston '16, a digital economy and technology policy advisor and College of Charleston international studies alumna. The EU Delegation to the US represents the European Union and promotes their policies through academia, media, and business, working closely with local embassies of the EU Member States to maintain a strong relationship between the EU and US. Deniz provided us with a unique outlook on international work and showed us non-traditional foreign service career paths.

We continued our exploration of careers with a visit to the German Embassy, which was a highlight for many of us who dream of working in embassies. The architecture of the German Embassy, built within a hill in the 1960s, fascinated us all. We met with Admiral Ristau for a conversation on Germany's outlook on international affairs, his role at the embassy, and his motorcycle experiences. He highlighted Germany's foreign policy maxim: never alone, never again. With a lifetime of military expertise, Admiral Ristau provided expert knowledge of military policy and relations regarding the importance of a partnership between the US and Germany.

We visited the National Endowment for Democracy and the Stimson Center, where we met with researchers and foreign policy experts and gained invaluable career and professional advice. The NED is a non-governmental organization that provides grants to global, national, and grassroots organizations, which promote core elements of democracy. NED's team members encouraged us to remain flexible, pursue international experience while young, and stay true to our passions. At the Stimson Center, a think tank focused on international prosperity, justice, and security, we conversed with the president and CEO, Brian Finlay, alongside early- and mid-career team members to hear their experiences as recent graduates working in Washington. As young professionals, they emphasized the importance of concise writing, resume building, and networking. By hearing such insight from the Stimson team, we were all encouraged to chase our professional interests.

In addition to professional visits, we indulged in the unique and diverse culinary scene of the city. The group meals at Uyghur and Ethiopian restaurants revealed new cuisines to most of us. Based on Han Chinese and Turkic cuisines, Uyghur food contains many exciting dishes — from hand-pulled noodles to kidney kebabs to dumplings, along with the artwork around the restaurant, this Central Asian experience impressed everyone. Because of the familial style of Ethiopian cuisine, with its shared platters of stews, curries, and injera, we formed stronger bonds as a group. In our free time, we explored Indian, Guatemalan, and Peruvian cuisines throughout the city. Besides expanding our palates, we explored some of the beautiful sites of the area, such as the Library of Congress, which gave us library cards to their immense catalog of material. We also visited the Arlington Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Holocaust Museum and enjoyed the walks on the National Mall.

After eating, exploring, and learning together, we all discovered something new. This once-in-a-lifetime trip granted us the experience of building a network that we hope to use in the future. We have developed a stronger understanding of our possibilities in international careers, from think tanks and NGOs to embassies and the Pentagon. Besides the critical skills acquired during the trip, such as networking, communication, and the exploration of an unfamiliar environment, we created closer, in-depth connections with each other, which we will cherish throughout our undergraduate and professional careers.



Visit to the Pentagon and National Guard Bureau



Global Ambassadors at Stimson Center



Cultural immersion at the Ughur restaurant

Check out the Global Ambassadors' video, where students share about their experiences in Washington, DC





- **Ambassador Dennis Ross**, Distinguished Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Informal discussion with Global Ambassadors and INTL 350 students (Democracy and Democratization) about Middle Eastern foreign policy and challenges of democratization in the MENA region, October 12, 2022.
- **Caroline J. Croft**, Director of Business Outreach, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs at the US State Department. Conducted a series of mentoring sessions, small-group discussions about careers in foreign service, and seminar on the power of protocol, September 26-29, 2022.
- **Dr. Jamie Pow**, lecturer at Queen’s University Belfast. Informal interaction about Northern Ireland with Introduction to Europe students.
- **Karen Linehan Mroz**, informal discussion with Global Ambassadors about EWI, non-profits, refugee programs as well as children’s education and women’s empowerment organizations in the Middle East, September 7, 2022.

On March 6-10, 2023, Global Ambassadors traveled with Mroz Institute Director for a field trip to Washington DC and visited embassies, international organizations, and think-tanks. Global Ambassadors visited the following organizations:

- The German Embassy. Met with Defense Navy attaché Admiral Ristau for a conversation about German foreign policy and the work of the embassy.
- Delegation of the European Union to the US. Met with Deniz Houston, digital policy analyst for a conversation about the EU and foreign policy environment skills.
- National Endowment for Democracy. Met with Anne Tsai-Bennett, NED President’s Chief of Staff and colleagues for discussions about NED’s grant programs and careers with think-tanks in DC.
- Stimson Center. Met with Bryan Finlay, President and CEO of Stimson Center and his colleagues about Stimson’s programs and professional development
- National Guard Bureau and the Pentagon. Met with General Slaten for a discussion about the National Guard State Partnership Program and General Hokanson, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau.
- The White House tour.

MEET THE NEW GLOBAL AMBASSADORS, 2023-2024

In spring 2023, we recruited a new cohort of 9 students to participate in the Global Ambassadors Program in the 2023-24 academic year.

Caroline Berg is a rising junior majoring in Political Science with a concentration in Politics, Philosophy, and Law with minors in Asian Studies and International Studies. She is a member of the College of Charleston equestrian team and is the Chairperson of the Honor Board. She has studied Mandarin Chinese since middle school and is interested in US-China relations. Caroline wants to work as an international lawyer and a representative at UN headquarters one day.

Sam Hall is a rising senior majoring in Political Science and minoring in International Studies. Sam is interested in international human rights and LGBTQ+ rights and he hopes to go to Law School and pursue a career in International Human Rights Law.

Haley Hawkins is a rising junior in the Honors College majoring in Political Science with a minor in International Studies. She has taken an interest in the Middle East as well as the United Nations and plans to attend Law School before pursuing a career abroad in international law.

Chloe Hudgins is a senior majoring in history and minoring in political science. She is a student-athlete on the sailing team and is interested in pursuing a career in international risk analysis, the US Foreign Service, or national security consulting. After college she hopes to be involved in international affairs, helping to achieve peace and security around the globe.

Sydney Jackson is a junior majoring in Political Science and International Studies. As an International Scholar in the Asian Concentration, Jackson’s focus is on US-China, Southeast Asian, and intelligence/security affairs. She has a strong command of Mandarin and firm cultural understandings. After graduating from the college, Jackson hopes to pursue a degree in International Law and continue working towards her long-term goal of becoming an ambassador.

Emmy Joyce is a sophomore studying International Business and International Studies. She is interested in foreign policy and national security, justice, ethics, human rights, and international and comparative governance. She aspires to pursue a career as an international law attorney for a multinational corporation or the UN.

Patrick Kerrigan is a junior majoring in Political Science and minoring in Economics. He is interested in the politics and economic development of East Asia. He intends to pursue a career as a US Foreign Service officer and work closely with governments of that region to resolve issues overseas.

Carson Suber is a senior with a major in Political Science with a concentration in Politics, Philosophy, and Law and an International Studies minor. He is Senior Senator at the Student Government Association. Carson is interested in pursuing a career in foreign service.

Griffin Winn is a senior double majoring in Political Science and International Studies (Europe concentration) and minoring in French. He studied in La Rochelle, France, where he improved his French speaking skills. He is interested in pursuing a career as a US Foreign Service Officer or working in the intelligence community.

EWI ARCHIVES AND ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

For the past four decades, the EastWest Institute 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 launched 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 of Charleston Libraries, as well as several linear feet of physical materials.

An integral part of the EWI Archives Project is the Oral History Program, designed to generate oral histories from members of the EWI alumni network, including policymakers, donors, board members, and staff. Many of these stories or histories share little known stories of EWI’s



work on conflict resolution and mediation. Our team has conducted more than 50 interviews so far and more interviews will be added with time. Here are some of the recent additions to the Oral History Collection:

- Allen Collinsworth, EWI Board Member, president and founder of Fara Group Inc., an Istanbul based consulting company
- Ambassador Cameron Munter, EWI CEO and President (2015-2019), US ambassador to Pakistan (2010-2012).
- Dr. Eva Nowotny, Austrian foreign service officer, played a crucial role in the Resident Fellows program of EWI. Dr. Nowotny and John Mroz were colleagues at various organizations from the 1970s through the 2000s.
- The Honorable James Creighton, EWI Chief Operating Officer (2011-2015).
- Jeffrey Helsing, Executive Director of the Better Evidence Project and Research Associate Professor in the Carter School for Peacebuilding and Conflict.
- Dr. Jonathan Fanton, special adviser to the World Refugee & Migration Council (since 2017), president of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences (2014-2019), president of the MacArthur Foundation (1999-2009).
- Dr. Joseph Nye, University Distinguished Service Professor, Emeritus and former Dean of the Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.
- Karen Linehan Mroz, EWI Board and Executive Committee Member, president of the Middle East Children's Institute (MECI) and founding director Friends of UNRWA USA.
- Dr. Karl Kaiser, Senior Associate, Project on Europe and the Transatlantic Relationship, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at JFK School of Government, Harvard University.
- Laurent Roux, EWI Board of Directors, Founder and CEO of Gallatin Wealth Management. Former EWI Board member.
- Ambassador Maria Pia Kothbauer, Her Serene Highness, Ambassador of Lichtenstein to Austria, Belgium and the European Union. Former EWI Board member.
- Vazil Hudak, Minister of Finance of Slovakia (2015-2016), Vice President, European Investment Bank (since 2016).
- Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger, Chairman of the Munich Security Conference (MSC) since 2008, Germany's Ambassador in London (2006-2008), Deputy Foreign Minister of Germany from (1998-2001). Former EWI Board member.
- William (Bill) Ide, EWI Co-Chairman of the Board, partner at Akerman LLP. Former EWI Board member.
- Sasha Havlicek, Co-Founder and CEO of Institute for Strategic Dialogue, EWI Senior Director.
- Robert Campbell, founder and CEO of Campbell Global Services LLC, EWI Board Member.

The interviews and the transcripts are available for students, faculty, and researchers in the Oral History Collection. We invite you to consider an oral history interview to tell the

important stories of EWI. Contact Max Kovalov (kovalovm@cofc.edu) to schedule an interview.

EWI DISTINGUISHED VISITING FELLOWS PROGRAM

Caroline Croft, a foreign service officer serving as Diplomat in Residence at American University, spent two weeks at the College of Charleston as a Mroz Visiting Fellow in fall 2022. Ms. Croft engaged her colleagues from the State Department and USAID and organized hybrid seminars on cyber-security, human rights, and international development. She was available for mentoring and advising sessions to CofC students interested in foreign service.

Previously Ms. Croft served as the director of Business Outreach, senior officer and policy adviser on transnational affairs in the US 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 United Nations, Organization of American States, and the Inter-American Development Bank. Ms. Croft arranged and facilitated the following events during her visit:

- Discussion on human rights with **Anthony Enriquez, Vice President, RFK Human Rights**, a non-governmental organization advocating for human rights issues and pursuing strategic litigation to hold governments accountable at home and around the world. RFK Human Rights has been working on a range of issues, including child labor, women's rights, disappearances, indigenous land rights, judicial independence, freedom of expression, ethnic violence, criminal justice reform, immigration, impunity, and environmental justice.
- Discussion of defense and international security with **Congresswoman Jane Harman**. Congresswoman Harman served for a decade at the nonpartisan Wilson Center as its first female president and CEO, where she is now President Emerita and Distinguished Fellow. Congresswoman Harman is recognized as a national expert at the nexus of security and public policy issues and has received numerous awards for distinguished service. She has served on advisory boards for the CIA, Director of National Intelligence, and the departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and State. She served on hundreds of diplomatic missions to foreign countries, and now holds posts on nearly a dozen governmental and non-governmental advisory boards and commissions.
- **Discussion on cybersecurity with Ambassador Deborah A. McCarthy**. Ambassador McCarthy is an expert on US foreign and national security policy. Currently, she is the Senior Advisor on US Engagement in the UN Ad Hoc Committee on Cybercrime in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement at the US Department of State. She is also a non-resident Fellow at the Atlantic Council Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security. Recently, she was a Senior Fellow at Harvard University. In her diplomatic





career, she served as the US Ambassador to Lithuania (2013-2016), Deputy Ambassador at the US Embassy in Greece and at the US Embassy in Nicaragua. In Washington, she was the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Senior Advisor for Counter Terrorism and Special Coordinator for Venezuela.

- **Workshop on Foreign Service with Caroline Croft.** Ms. Croft held a workshop for students interested in Foreign Service (FS) and careers with international service organizations. She focused on tracks selected by Foreign Service Officers (FSOs) and challenges and opportunities of Foreign Service. Ms. Croft also gave an overview of internship available for current students and job opportunities outside of the State Department.



Workshop on Foreign Service with Caroline Croft

- **Dinner-seminar on the Power of Diplomatic Protocol. The dinner-seminar on the power of protocol** was the culmination of Ms. Croft’s visit and it was enjoyed by the students. She discussed the intricacies of engagements between guests during official dinners organized for diplomats and explored how students can interact with guests, while enjoying official functions. She highlighted the keys to a successful event - doing homework and learning ahead of time about the guests, being punctual, dressing accordingly, and remembering the manners. This event focused on cultural skills and values, which are central to the mission the School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs.



The Power of Protocol Dinner with Caroline Croft

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We welcome your support at any level of engagement as we prepare our students for future global careers. There are multiple ways to engage with the Mroz Institute:

- Contribute to the Oral History Collection. You can either visit us in Charleston or we can plan an interview remotely, depending on your schedule.
- Join us as a speaker or connect us to speakers who can be invited to present at our programs - World Affairs Colloquium Series, thematic summits, and Mroz Visiting Fellows.
- Join the EWI Society- a group of friends and colleagues from the EastWest Institute. <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13964411/>
- Visit us in Charleston in person or join remotely for the World Affairs Colloquium Series and meet our speakers.
- Share your suggestions for our Visiting Fellows Program. It’s very rewarding for our students and a great opportunity to spend time on campus and in the city of Charleston.
- Mentor our International Scholars and Global Ambassadors.
- Include the Mroz Institute in your annual philanthropy. LCWA’s development representative Brian Rowe will be glad to speak with you about various giving opportunities. Brian can be reached at 843.991.4361 or rowebp@cofc.edu



Global Ambassadors at Washington Monument

All these engagement opportunities will be meaningful to our efforts, so please let us know what would be meaningful to you.

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