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The John A. Maxwell Program is named in memory of the late Co-Director of FACDIS, who served in this capacity from 1984-1996. The Scholar-Diplomat Program was originally Dr. Maxwell’s idea, and was renamed to honor his memory with the Spring, 1996 program. The popular history professor at West Virginia University was well-known as one of the university’s most outstanding teachers, and naming this faculty development program in his honor was deemed a fitting tribute.

PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY, March 22

11:45 am-1:45 pm Lunch: The City Club
Speaker: Gerald C. Anderson, Director, Office of Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Operations, The State Department
Topic: “U.S. Policy in the UN”

2:00-3:15 pm Meeting: The Henry L. Stimson Center, 1111 19th Street, NW, Suite 1200
Speaker: Victoria Holt, Senior Associate
Topic: “Peacekeeping and the UN”

3:45-4:45 pm Meeting: Council on Foreign Relations, 1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 710
Speaker: Princeton N. Lyman, Ralph Bunche Senior Fellow for Africa Policy Studies
Topic: “Three Challenges for UN Reform: Human Rights, Peacekeeping, and Poverty”

THURSDAY, March 23

9:00-10:15 am Meeting: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1779 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Speaker: David Bosco, Senior Editor, Foreign Policy Magazine
Topic: “Uncertain Guardians: The UN Security Council Struggles to Run the World”

10:45-11:45 am Meeting: UN Environment Programme, 1707 H St.
Speaker: William H. Mansfield III, Senior Advisor, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), North American Regional Office
Topic: “Stresses on the Global Environment—The Need for MDGs”
12:15-2:00 pm  Lunch:  The City Club
Speaker: Ambassador Khamrokhon Zaripov, Embassy of Tajikistan
Topic: “Tajikistan: Millennium Goal Challenges”

2:30-3:45 pm  Meeting: UNICEF, 1775 K Street, NW, 3rd Floor
Speaker: Martin Rendon, Vice President, Public Policy and Advocacy of the US Fund for UNICEF
Topic: “Political Realities for Advancing UNICEF Millennium Goals”

4:00-5:15 pm  Meeting: World Health Organization (WHO), 1775 K Street, NW, 3rd Floor (UNICEF’s office)
Speaker: Nelle Temple Brown
Topic: “Health in the Millennium Development Goals: WHO Perspectives”

FRIDAY, March 24

10:00-11:30 am  Meeting: Dirksen Senate Office Building
Room 419, Capitol Hill
Speakers: Paul S. Foldi, Staffer for Senator Lugar (Majority) & Jennifer Simon, Staffer for Senator Biden (Minority), Senate Foreign Relations Committee
Topic: “The UN from the Hill: Two Perspectives”

12:00-2:00 pm  Lunch: The City Club
Speaker: Ambassador Francis Lorenzo, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations
Topic: “The Dominican Republic: Millennium Goal Challenges”

ADJOURN
Paul Foldi
Staffer for Senator Lugar, Senator Foreign Relations Committee

Mr. Foldi joined Senator Lugar’s staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in March 2003. From 1990-2003 he served as a Foreign Service Officer in the Department of State. Currently his portfolio includes oversight of State Department operations, visa policy, and public diplomacy as well as international organizations, including the United Nations. In his last assignment with the State Department, he handled Congressional Relations for Amb. John Negroponte, then the US Permanent Representative to the United Nations. From 2000-2001 he was a State Department Pearson Fellow on the Committee for Senator Biden. He has served overseas in Pakistan and Nicaragua and in various offices in the Department.

Victoria Holt
Senior Associate, The Henry L. Stimson Center

Ms. Holt co-directs the Future of Peace Operations project. She recently co-authored a study of peacekeeping reforms at the United Nations, analyzing implementation of the recommendations of the 2000 Brahimi Report and offering options for further improving peace operations. As part of her work at Stimson, she also looks at regional capacities in Africa for peace operations, US policies, and efforts to improve peacekeeping and rule of law tools. Ms. Holt joined the Stimson Center in 2001, bringing policy and political expertise on UN and peacekeeping issues from her work at the State Department in the NGO field and on Capitol Hill over the previous 15 years. She served as Senior Policy Advisor at the State Department (Legislative Affairs), where she was responsible for interaction with Congress on issues involving the UN, peacekeeping and international organizations.

Francis Lorenzo
Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations

Prior to his position as the Dominican Republic’s ambassador to the United Nations, Ambassador Lorenzo was the vice-president and founder of the United Nations Association for the Dominican Republic. Under his direction he brought Model UN to the Dominican Republic. He used it for capacity building, and today, under the leadership of the president of the country and the minister of education, Model UN is part of the program in most of the public schools. Ambassador Lorenzo has spoken at many conferences including Financing for Development (FFD) in Monterrey Mexico (2002), the World Summit of Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa (2002), the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in Geneva, Switzerland (2003), the UN conference on Trade and Development and the Global Compact in São Paulo, Brazil (2004). He believes in the Millennium Development Goals, Partnership, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Information and Communications Technology as a tool for development.

Princeton N. Lyman
Ralph Bunche Senior Fellow for Africa Policy Studies, Council on Foreign Relations


William H. Mansfield III
Senior Advisor, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), North American Regional Office

Mr. Mansfield is a former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UNEP. During seven years with UNEP at its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya he participated in the international negotiations on a wide range of programs and treaties related to global environmental issues and activities. He is a former US diplomat, having served at posts in Africa and Europe and a number of environmental assignments in the State Department and at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Among his other environmental assignments, he has served as Director of UNEP’s Global Environment Facility office in Nairobi, Senior Vice President for Operations at the Worldwatch Institute in Washington, DC and Special Advisor to the Executive Director of the Canadian, Mexican, US Commission for Environmental Cooperation, located in Montreal.

Martin Rendon
Vice President, Public Policy and Advocacy of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF

Mr. Rendon joined the U.S. Fund for UNICEF in 1993. In 1995 he assumed responsibilities as its vice president. He previously worked for over two decades as a Congressional aide on the staffs of Rep. Tony P. Hall (D-OH) and Rep. Bill Green (R-NY). He served for eight years on the Associate Staff of the House Rules Committee and was Staff Director of the House Select Committee on Hunger from 1989 to 1993. Mr. Rendon’s first job on Capital Hill was as an intern for Senator George McGovern (D-SD).
Jennifer Simon  
Staffer for Senator Biden, Senator Foreign Relations Committee  
Ms. Simon advises Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D-DE), Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC), on U.S. policy toward International Organizations, State Department operations, human rights, and democracy issues. Prior to working on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Simon was the Senior Policy Advisor for International Relations to Representatives Barbara Lee (D-CA). Before that, she served as a Legislative Assistant for Congressman Ron Dellums (D-CA), and has held a research fellow position at Columbia University's Institute of War and Peace Studies, and worked as a human rights rapporteur for UN General Assembly sessions through the International Service for Human Rights. Specific to United Nations policy, Simon is the primary Democratic staff person tracking the current UN reform efforts on human rights, peacebuilding, and management and budget items.

Nelle Temple Brown  
External Relations Officer, World Health Organization (WHO), Washington, D.C.  
Dr. Nelle Temple Brown has been the External Relations Officer of the World Health Organization in Washington, D.C. since September 1994, responsible for Washington liaison activities on behalf of the Geneva-based headquarters of WHO and the five WHO regional offices serving Africa, South-East Asia, Western Pacific, Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean. WHO is the technical specialized agency of the United Nations system responsible for health matters. From October 1985 until September 1994, she was a staff member of the U.S. House of Representatives, serving two years on the staff of Congressman John E. Porter (R-Illinois) and seven years as the Majority Staff Director of the Subcommittee on International Development, Finance, Trade and Monetary Policy of the House Banking Committee for Congressman Doug Bereuter (R-Nebraska). Her Congressional staff work focused on multilateral and bilateral development assistance, debt relief, and food aid policies worldwide.

Khamrokhon Zaripov  
Ambassador of Tajikistan to the United States  
Ambassador Zaripov is the first ambassador at the newly established Embassy of Tajikistan in Washington. Ambassador Zaripov previously served as Tajikistan’s ambassador to Hungary (1999-2002), Switzerland (1998-2003), and Austria (1997-2003). In addition, he was head of the Tajikistani Mission to the European Communities (1997-2001). Ambassador Zaripov also served as Tajikistan's permanent representative to the United Nations. Prior to entering public service, he held teaching and research posts at the Physical and Technical Scientific Research Institute S. Umarov in Tajikistan and at the Kulyab State University, and he has studied at the National Institute of Modern Language in Pakistan and the Korean Institute for Economy and Trade.