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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 West Virginia history professor 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, April 9

12:00-2:00 pm Lunch: The Carlyle Suites Hotel, 1731 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Speaker: Christopher A. Morrison, Historian, Middle East and Asia Division, Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State
Topic: From Revolution to Negotiation: The U.S. and Iran

2:30-3:30 pm Meeting: The Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenues, NW
Speaker: Michael Doran, Roger Hertog Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institution
Topic: The Iran Nuclear Negotiations: Will They Succeed?

4:00-5:00 pm Meeting: The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 1050
Speaker: Ambassador Dennis Ross, Counselor and William Davidson Distinguished Fellow, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy
Topic: Nuclear Diplomacy with Iran in 2014

THURSDAY, April 10

9:00-10:00 am Meeting: James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, 1400 K Street, NW, Suite 1225 (Photo ID Needed)
Speaker: Lawrence Scheinman, Distinguished Professor, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Washington, D.C. Office, and Leonard S. Spector, Deputy Director, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Washington, D.C.
Topic: Nonproliferation in Iran Today
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<td>Stimson Center, 1111 19th Street, NW, 12th Floor</td>
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<td>Alireza Nader, Senior International Policy Analyst, and Professor, Pardee RAND Graduate School</td>
<td>The Iran Question: A Fresh Perspective</td>
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<td>3:30-4:30 pm</td>
<td>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW</td>
<td>James M. Acton, Senior Associate, Nuclear Policy Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</td>
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11:30-1:30 pm Lunch: The Monocle Restaurant, 107 D Street, NE
Speaker: Reza Marashi, Research Director, National Iranian American Council
Topic: Iran Nuclear Negotiations and the Road Ahead

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**GUIDE TO SPEAKERS**

Geneive Abdo
Fellow, Middle East/Southwest Asia, The Stimson Center
Geneive Abdo is a fellow in Stimson's Middle East program as well as a non-resident fellow at The Brookings Institution. She specializes in issues regarding modern Iran and political Islam. She directs the U.S.-Iran Advisory Group, a program on Iran, in conjunction with Heinrich Boell Stiftung, North America. She is also the author of the recently published monograph, *The New Sectarianism: The Arab Uprisings and the Rebirth of the Shi'a-Sunni Divide*, published in April 2013 by the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at The Brookings Institution. She was formerly the liaison officer for the Alliance of Civilizations, a United Nations initiative established by former Secretary-General Kofi Annan, which aims to improve relations between Islamic and Western societies. Before joining the U.N., Abdo was a foreign correspondent. Her 20-year career focused on coverage of the Middle East and the Muslim world. From 1998-2001, Abdo was the Iran correspondent for the British newspaper *The Guardian* and a regular contributor to *The Economist* and the *International Herald Tribune*. She was the first American journalist to be based in Iran after the 1979 Islamic Revolution, and was forced to flee the country, when the regime threatened her with prosecution for her articles. Abdo is the author of three books, including, *No God But God: Egypt and the Triumph of Islam* (Oxford University Press, 2000). From 2001-2002, Abdo was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. That year, she also received the prestigious John Simon Guggenheim Award. Abdo is regularly sought by the media to comment on Islam and the Middle East.
James M. Acton
Senior Associate, Nuclear Policy Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace


Michael Doran
Roger Hertog, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institution

Michael Doran is a senior fellow in the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at The Brookings Institution, where he specializes in Middle East security issues, including Syria, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Persian Gulf and Islamist extremism. He has held academic positions at New York University and Princeton University and has served as a deputy assistant secretary of defense and a senior director at the National Security Council. Doran has written and contributed to numerous research publications including *The Arab Awakening* (Brookings Institution Press, 2011). Doran received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Princeton University and his B.A. from Stanford University.

Hillmann Gnehm, Jr.
Kuwait Professor of Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Affairs, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University

Ambassador Gnehm is a member of the Middle East faculty and Director of the Middle East Policy Forum at the Elliott School of International Affairs. Ambassador Gnehm served in the United States Foreign Service for 36 years prior to his retirement in 2004. He most recently served as U.S. Ambassador to Jordan (2001-04). Previously he was Ambassador to Kuwait (1991-94), Deputy Permanent Representative to the U.N. (1994-97), and Ambassador to Australia (2000-01). He also served as the Director-General of the Foreign Service and Director of Personnel of the Department of State (1997-2000). As Deputy Secretary of Defense (1987-89), Gnehm was responsible for all U.S. military programs from Morocco to Bangladesh. He also served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Persian Gulf and Arabian Peninsula. Gnehm has also had assignments in Vietnam, Nepal, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Tunisia and Lebanon. Ambassador Gnehm is a recipient of numerous awards, among them two Presidential Meritorious Service Awards and the Department of State’s Distinguished Service Award. He is also the recipient of two Secretary of Defense Medals for Meritorious Civilian Service. In addition to his teaching, Ambassador Gnehm is a member of the Advisory Board of ANERA (American Near East Refugee Aid), a member of the Executive Committee of the American-Kuwaiti Alliance, the Senior Living Foundation and a Governor/Trustee of DACOR (Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired). He is a member of The American Academy of Diplomacy, the Middle East Institute, the American Foreign Service Association, the American Philatelic Society and Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Hillary Mann Leverett
Senior Adjunct Professorial Lecturer, School of International Service, American University

Hillary Mann Leverett is Senior Professorial Lecturer at American University’s School of International Service. She is also Visiting Scholar at Peking University in Beijing, China, and also taught at Yale University. Over the course of three different administrations, she served on the National Security Council Staff at the White House, the Policy Planning Staff at the State Department, with the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, and in U.S. embassies across the Middle East. From 2001-2003, she was one of a handful of U.S. diplomats authorized to negotiate with Iranian officials over Afghanistan and al-Qaeda. She has published extensively on the international relations, politics, and political economy of the Middle East and Persian Gulf, and on U.S. policy toward these critical regions, as well as on China’s interests in the Middle East. Her book, *Going to Tehran: Why America Must Accept the Islamic Republic of Iran*, challenged Western stereotypes of contemporary Iran and makes the case for America to renounce 34 years of failed policy and pursue genuine rapprochement with the Islamic Republic—much like Richard Nixon revolutionized U.S. foreign policy by realigning relations with the People’s Republic of China in the early 1970s.
Reza Marashi

Research Director, National Iranian American Council

Reza Marashi joined NIAC in 2010 as the organization’s first Research Director. He came to NIAC after four years in the Office of Iranian Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. Prior to his tenure at the State Department, he was an analyst at the Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS) covering China-Middle East issues, and a Tehran-based private strategic consultant on Iranian political and economic risk. Marashi is frequently consulted by Western governments on Iran-related matters. His articles have appeared in the New York Times, Foreign Policy, Atlantic, and The National Interest, among other publications. He has been a guest contributor to CNN, NPR, the BBC, TIME Magazine, Washington Post, and the Financial Times, among other broadcast outlets.

Christopher A. Morrison

Historian, Middle East and Asia Division, Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State

Chris Morrison has been with the Department of State Office of the Historian since January 2002. For 10 years, he was a member of the Policy Studies and Outreach Division, where he worked on a wide range of projects to provide historical information and analysis in support of current policymaking efforts, particularly those involving the Middle East. Since 2012, Morrison has worked as a researcher and documentary editor for the office’s Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) series in the Middle East and Asia Division. Morrison compiled the FRUS volume on U.S. policy during the Iranian Revolution (1977-1979) and is now compiling two volumes that will cover U.S. policy during the Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988). Morrison earned his Ph.D. in U.S. History (Foreign Relations) from Georgetown University in 2009. He graduated from the University of Florida with a B.A. in U.S. History in 1993, and an M.A. in U.S. History (Foreign Relations) in 1998.

Alireza Nader

Senior International Policy Analyst and Professor, Pardee RAND Graduate School

Alireza Nader is a senior international policy analyst at the RAND Corporation, a professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School, and author of Iran After the Bomb (2013). His research has focused on Iran’s political dynamics, elite decision-making, and Iranian foreign policy. His other RAND publications include Israel and Iran: A Dangerous Rivalry; The Next Supreme Leader: Succession in the Islamic Republic of Iran; Saudi-Iranian Relations Since the Fall of Saddam: Rivalry, Cooperation, and Implications for U.S. Policy; The Rise of the Pasdaran: Assessing the Domestic Roles of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps; and Mujahads, Guards, and Boycots: An Exploration of Iranian Leadership Dynamics. His commentators and articles have appeared in a variety of publications, and he is widely cited by the U.S. and international media. Prior to joining RAND, Nader served as a research analyst at the Center for Naval Analyses. He is a native speaker of Farsi. Nader received his M.A. in international affairs from The George Washington University.

Ambassador Dennis Ross

Counselor and William Davidson Distinguished Fellow, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy

Ambassador Dennis Ross is counselor and William Davidson Distinguished Fellow at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Prior to returning to the Institute in 2011, he served two years as special assistant to President Obama and National Security Council senior director for the Central Region, and a year as special advisor to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton focusing on Iran. A highly skilled diplomat, Ambassador Ross was also U.S. point man on the peace process in both the George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations. He was instrumental in assisting Israelis and Palestinians to reach the 1995 Interim Agreement, successfully brokered the 1997 Hebron Accord, facilitated the 1994 Israel-Jordan peace treaty, and intensively worked to bring Israel and Syria together. Ross is the author of several influential books and frequently publishes articles in the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, and Foreign Policy, among numerous others. Ambassador Ross is also a professor in the practice of diplomacy at Georgetown University.

Lawrence Scheinman

Distinguished Professor, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies

Lawrence Scheinman is the former Assistant Director (Assistant Secretary) of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency responsible for Nonproliferation and Regional Arms Control, a post to which he was appointed by the President in 1994 and held through late 1997. He was Professor of Government (International Law and Relations) at Cornell University from 1974-1996 (now retired) and served as Director of the Program on Science, Technology and Society as well as Director and later Associate Director of the Peace Studies Program. Dr. Scheinman has been Visiting Research Scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (1969-70) while on leave from the University of Michigan, and Fellow of the Harvard University Center for International Affairs (1967-1968) on leave from the University of California, Los Angeles. He is included in American Men of Science and Who's Who in the East. In 1997 he received the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency’s highest tribute, the Distinguished Honor Award.
Leonard S. Spector  
**Deputy Director, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies**

Leonard S. Spector is Deputy Director of the Monterey Institute of International Studies' James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, and leads the Center's Washington, D.C., Office. In addition, he serves as editor-in-chief of the Center's publications. Spector joined CNS from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), where he served as an Assistant Deputy Administrator for Arms Control and Nonproliferation at the National Nuclear Security Administration. His principal responsibilities at DOE included initiatives in regions of proliferation concern, including the canning of plutonium-spent nuclear fuel in North Korea and Kazakhstan; and the transparency provisions of bilateral agreements with Russia covering the purchase of weapons-grade uranium and the cessation of plutonium production. Spector has participated on the Senior Advisory Panels at the Sandia National Laboratories, the Los Alamos National Laboratory, and the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences. He has also served as Secretary and Member of the Board of Trustees of the Henry L. Stimson Center, and he is currently a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Washington, D.C., Bar. He holds a J.D. degree from Yale Law School and an undergraduate degree from Williams College.