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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 25

11:30-1:30pm	Lunch:	<i>The City Club</i> , 555 13 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW
	Speaker:	Laurie Van Hook, Historian, Office of the Director of National Intelligence
	Topic:	“The Passage of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004”
2:00-3:00 pm	Meeting:	The German Marshall Fund of the United States, 1744 R Street NW
	Speaker:	Karen Donfried, Executive Vice President, The German Marshall Fund of the United States
	Topic:	“Transatlantic Trends and the Obama Administration”
3:30-4:45 pm	Meeting:	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
	Speaker:	David Rothkopf, Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
	Topic:	“Security Implications of the Global Economic Crisis”

THURSDAY, March 26

9:00-10:15 am	Meeting:	School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), The Johns Hopkins University, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
	Speaker:	Francisco González, Riordan Roett Associate Professor of Latin American Studies, SAIS, The Johns Hopkins University
	Topic:	“Political Challenges in Latin America after the 2008 Economic Shock”
10:30-11:30 am	Meeting:	The Henry L. Stimson Center, 1111 19 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 12th Floor
	Speaker:	Alan D. Romberg, Distinguished Fellow, The Henry L. Stimson Center
	Topic:	“The Obama Administration and Northeast Asia”



11:45-1:30 pm	Lunch:	<i>The City Club</i> , 555 13 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW
	Speaker:	Adam Howard, Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State
	Topic:	"The Song Remains the Same: The Arab-Israeli Dispute and 60 Years of Recurring Issues"
2:15-3:30 pm	Meeting:	The Century Foundation, 1333 H Street, NW, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor
	Speaker:	Ambassador Morton Abramowitz, Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation
	Topic:	"Reflections of an Ambassador: Thoughts on North Korea and Turkey"
3:45-5:00 pm	Meeting:	The Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW
	Speaker:	Stephen P. Cohen, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, The Brookings Institution
	Topic:	"Out of the Weeds: South Asia from 30,000 Feet"

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#### FRIDAY, March 27

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10:30-11:30 am	Meeting:	Council on Foreign Relations, 1777 F Street, NW
	Speaker:	Peter Beinart, Senior Fellow for U.S. Foreign Policy, Council on Foreign Relations
	Topic:	"Barack Obama's Foreign Policy: The Search for Solvency"
11:30-1:30 pm	Lunch:	<i>The City Club</i> , 555 13 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW
	Speaker:	Robert O. Krikorian, Europe-Eurasia (EUR) Division, Office of Research, U.S. Department of State
	Topic:	"The U.S.-Russian Relationship in Historical Perspective"

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## GUIDE TO SPEAKERS

### Morton Abramowitz

#### Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation

Ambassador Abramowitz is a Senior Fellow at The Century Foundation. He retired in 1997 as President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and from the State Department in 1991. Ambassador Abramowitz also served recently as Acting President of the International Crisis Group - a multinational, non-governmental organization headquartered in Brussels and Washington, focusing on crisis prevention. Prior to joining the Carnegie Endowment in August 1991, he was Ambassador to Turkey. He has also served as Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, United States Ambassador to the Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction Negotiations in Vienna, Ambassador to Thailand, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Inter-American, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, and Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State. In addition, he served in Hawaii as political advisor to the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific.

### Peter Beinart

#### Senior Fellow, U.S. Foreign Policy, Council on Foreign Relations

In addition to his work at the Council, Beinart is also editor-at-large of *The New Republic*, a *Time* contributor, and a monthly columnist for the *Washington Post*. His book, *The Good Fight: Why Liberals—And Only Liberals—Can Win the War on Terror and Make America Great Again*, was published by Harper Collins in June 2006. Beinart has written for the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Newsweek*, *Slate*, *Reader's Digest*, *Die Zeit*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, and *Polity: the Journal of the Northeastern Political Science Studies Association*. *The Week* magazine named him columnist of the year for 2004. He is a contributor to CNBC, and has appeared on ABC's "This Week with George Stephanopoulos," "Charlie Rose," "The McLaughlin Group," MTV, "The Colbert Report," and many other television programs. Beinart graduated from Yale University, winning both Rhodes and Marshall (declined) scholarships for graduate study at Oxford University. After graduating from University College, Oxford, Beinart became *The New Republic's* managing editor in 1995. He became senior editor in 1997, and from 1999 to 2006 served as the magazine's editor.



**Stephen P. Cohen**

**Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, The Brookings Institution**

Dr. Cohen is the author, co-author or editor of over twelve books, mostly on South Asian security issues, the most recent being *Four Crises and a Peace Process: American Engagement in South Asia* (2007) and *The Idea of Pakistan* (2004), and an edited volume published by the National Academy of Science that explores the application of technology to the prediction, prevention or amelioration of terrorist acts. A book on the future of the Indian military is now in progress. In early 2008 Dr. Cohen was Visiting Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore, where he taught a course on the politics of man-made and natural disaster. In Asia he has also taught in Japan (Keio University) and India (Andhra University). He has consulted for numerous foundations and government agencies and was a member of the Policy Planning Staff (Department of State) from 1985-87. Dr. Cohen is currently a member of the National Academy of Science's Committee on International Security and Arms Control, and was the founder of several arms control and security-related institutions in the U.S. and South Asia. He received undergraduate and graduate education at the University of Chicago, and the Ph.D. in Political Science and Indian Studies from the University of Wisconsin.

**Karen Donfried**

**Executive Vice President, The German Marshall Fund of the United States**

Dr. Donfried provides strategic direction to German Marshall Fund (GMF)'s programs on transatlantic relations, oversees and helps manage GMF's headquarters in Washington and its seven offices in Europe, and works closely with GMF's Board of Trustees. Dr. Donfried returned to GMF in 2005 as senior director for policy programs following an extended leave of absence during which she served in the U.S. Department of State. While at the State Department from October 2003 through May 2005, Dr. Donfried handled the Europe portfolio on the Policy Planning Staff in the Office of the Secretary of State. She previously served as GMF's director of foreign policy and, prior to that, worked as a European affairs specialist in the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division of the Congressional Research Service (CRS). She has written extensively on German foreign and defense policy, European integration, and transatlantic relations. She also appears regularly on U.S. and European television and radio. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the American Council on Germany.

**Francisco González**

**Riordan Roett, Associate Professor Latin American Studies, The Paul H. Netze School of Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University**  
Dr. González, who served as a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford University, as a professorial lecturer at SAIS's Bologna Center, and as a lecturer in politics at St. John's College, Oxford University received the 2006 SAIS Excellence in Teaching Award. A Ph.D. in politics from Oxford, with broad interests in emerging nations; elections and foreign policy; energy and security; international immigration issues; and NAFTA, among others, he is widely published.

Among his works are: *Dual Transitions From Authoritarian Rule: Institutionalized Regimes in Chile and Mexico, 1970-2000* (2008); *Antología del sentimiento monárquico en la poesía de Occidente*, co-editor (1999); "Latinos and American Political Development: A Looming Problem for Democratization in the United States" in *Democratization in America* (forthcoming); and "Latin America in the Economics Equation-Winners and Losers: What Can Losers Do?" in *China's Expansion Into the Western Hemisphere: Implications for Latin America and the United States* (2008).

**Adam Howard**

**Office of the Historian, United States Department of State**

Dr. Howard works in the Middle East and Americas Division of the U.S. State Department. He has completed three *Foreign Relations of the United States* (FRUS) volumes that cover the Jordan crisis of September 1970, the shuttle diplomacy of Henry Kissinger during the mid-1970s, and the lead up to Camp David in 1978. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 2003 and his research interests include the Arab-Israeli dispute, the impact of non-government organizations in international affairs, and cultural diplomacy. Dr. Howard also teaches courses in U.S. diplomatic history and the uses of history in international affairs at the Elliott School of Diplomacy of the George Washington University.

**Robert Krikorian**

**Office of the Historian, United States Department of State**

Dr. Krikorian has experience in a wide range of international development organizations, including *Médecins sans Frontières* and in Foreign Disaster Assistance for USAID (particularly during the Armenian earthquake of 1988), and is currently an analyst in the Europe-Eurasia Division of the Office of Research at the U.S. Department of State. With a Ph.D. in History and Eurasian Studies from Harvard University, he also serves as a Professorial Lecturer at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, and as an Associate at its Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies. Dr. Krikorian is widely published on the modern history and politics of Eurasia, including the co-authored book, *Armenia: At the Crossroads* (Routledge, 1999). His articles and reviews have appeared in the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, the *Middle East Journal*, the *Journal of Cold War Studies*, the *Annual of the Society for the Study of Caucasasia*, and *Global Dialog*, among others.

**Alan D. Romberg**

**Distinguished Fellow, The Henry L. Stimson Center**

Before Alan Romberg joined The Stimson Center in September 2000, he enjoyed a distinguished career working on Asian issues in and out of government, including twenty years as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer. Romberg, who was Principal Deputy Director of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff and Deputy Spokesman of the Department, served in various capacities dealing with East Asia, including Director of the Office of Japanese Affairs, Member of the Policy Planning Staff for East Asia, and staff member at the National Security Council for



China. He served overseas in Hong Kong and Taiwan. Additionally, Romberg spent almost ten years as the C.V. Starr Senior Fellow for Asian Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, and was Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy. Romberg holds an M.A. from Harvard University and a B.A. from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

**David Rothkopf**

**Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace**

A visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment, David Rothkopf has written *Running the World: The Inside Story of the NSC and the Architects of American Power*, published more than 150 articles on international themes for such publications as the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Financial Times*, and *Foreign Affairs*, and directs the Carnegie Economic Strategy Roundtable. His most recent book, *Superclass: The Global Power Elite and the World They Are Making*, examines the power of global elites, how they shape globalization and are being shaped by it. Presently president/CEO of Garten Rothkopf, an international advisory firm specializing in emerging markets investing and risk management services, he founded and headed Intellibridge, a firm offering open-source intelligence and advisory services on global issues. During the Clinton administration he served as deputy under secretary of commerce for international trade policy. With degrees in journalism from Columbia University, he also currently chairs the National Strategic Investment Dialogue and is a member of the U.S. Institute of Peace and the Johns Hopkins/Bloomberg School of Public Health advisory boards.

**Laurie West Van Hook**

**Historian, Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)**

Dr. Van Hook joined the ODNI in 2005, within months of its establishment, and works on historical issues relating to intelligence reform. She has recently completed a short history of intelligence reform, *"Reforming Intelligence: The Passage of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act"*, which is available on the ODNI public website, [www.dni.gov](http://www.dni.gov). Prior to joining ODNI, Van Hook worked in the Department of State's Office of the Historian, 2001-2005, first compiling or co-compiling *Foreign Relations of the United States* volumes on the *Eastern Mediterranean, 1969-72*, *Western Europe/NATO, 1969-72*, and *Greece/Cyprus/Turkey, 1973-76*, and then serving as a supervisory historian for volumes on the *Middle East, Africa, South Asia*, and the *Eastern Mediterranean*. Van Hook received her Ph.D. from the University of Virginia in 2001 and her J.D. from the University of Richmond in 1993. She has taught European History at George Washington University, University of Virginia, Trinity University (TX), and University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio. Other publications include, "Ethnic Tensions and the Leadership Vacuum within the Yugoslav Government, 1939-1945," in *New Approaches to Balkan Studies*, ed. by Dimitris Keridis, Ellen Elias-Bursac, and Nicholas Yatromanolakis.