JOHN EDWIN MROZ
GLOBAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Transforming Today’s Students into Tomorrow’s Global Leaders

Inaugural Convening | March 20-22, 2022
In January of 2021, the College of Charleston and its School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs formed a partnership with the EastWest Institute (EWI), and through this collaboration launched the Mroz Global Leadership Institute. The mission of the Mroz Institute is to continue the legacy and values of John Edwin Mroz and EWI to support the College’s students in developing the skills of global fluency and diplomacy. To encourage the global acuity required to lead effectively in our diverse and tightly connected world, the Mroz Institute is built upon a comprehensive strategy of international education and experiential learning. 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 such challenges and, through an emphasis on thoughtful practice and mentoring, helps develop students who become international agents of change and global leaders.

Since its founding in January 2021, the Mroz Institute has enhanced and built several student leadership programs, a speakers-series, the legacy group “EWI Society,” the EWI archives and oral history project, and is now launching a Visiting Fellows program.

The Inaugural Convening encompasses the past, present and future by celebrating the world-wide impact of EWI over its 40-year history and the launch of the Mroz Institute and its vision of preparing today’s students to be tomorrow’s global leaders.

We invite you to renew old friendships, begin new ones and brainstorm ideas, as we learn together to formulate innovative approaches to our common global challenges.
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College of Charleston

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All events will be held on the campus of the College of Charleston. Venues are within an easy five minute walk, but transportation will also be available.

Sylvia Vlosky Yaschik Jewish Studies Center: 96 Wentworth St.
Randolph Hall: 66 George St.
Rita Liddy Hollings Science Center: 58 Coming St.
MONDAY, MARCH 21

LEADERSHIP, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND DIPLOMACY

9:15-10 a.m.

Inaugural Information Center
The Sylvia Vlosky Yaschik Jewish Studies Center: Arnold Hall

Welcomes and Orientation:
Suzanne Austin
Tim Johnson
Max Kovalov

EWI Legacy Renewed: John Edwin Mroz Global Leadership Institute and the Future
Tim Johnson and Max Kovalov
Rita Hollings Science Center, Auditorium Room 101

Regenerative Leadership: How Leadership Must Change for a Sustainable Future
John Izzo
Rita Hollings Science Center, Auditorium Room 101

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Global Ambassadors
International Scholars

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

1:15-2 p.m.

Breakout Sessions featuring guest speakers,
College faculty and participants of student programs:
Bonner Leaders, Global Ambassadors, International Scholars, Perlmutter Fellows, Schottland Scholars, Martin Scholars and Market Process Scholars
MONDAY, MARCH 21

1:15-2 p.m.

Breakout 1: International Energy Perspective: A Regional Insight into the Middle East
Randa Fahmy
Jewish Studies Center Room 233

Breakout 2: The Business of Non-Profit
Stephen Heintz and Jonathan Fanton
Jewish Studies Center Room 237

Breakout 3: Mentoring Leaders
Marshall Goldsmith and David Allen
Jewish Studies Center Room 333

Roundtable: Leadership through Difference and Change
David Allen, Stephen Heintz, Randa Fahmy, Marshall Goldsmith and John Izzo (Host)
Rita Hollings Science Center,
Auditorium Room 101

6-7 p.m.

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

Keynote Address: Stakeholder Centered Leadership
Marshall Goldsmith
Rita Hollings Science Center,
Auditorium Room 101
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TUESDAY, MARCH 22

2:30-4 p.m.

Around the World with Mroz Institute Affiliates
David Firestein, Brian Finlay,
Anneleen Roggeman
and Bruce McConnell (host)
Rita Hollings Science Center,
Auditorium Room 101

Concluding Remarks
Tim Johnson

5-6 p.m.

Keynote Address: Bringing East and West Together:
The Legacy of John Edwin Mroz
Rose Gottemoeller
Rita Hollings Science Center,
Auditorium Room 101
MARSHALL GOLDSMITH, Ph.D., who was a coach and mentor to John Edwin Mroz, is a New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestselling author. He has written or edited 43 books, which have sold more than 2.5 million copies, been translated into 32 languages and become listed bestsellers in 12 countries. Goldsmith’s Triggers and What Got You Here Won’t Get You There placed on Amazon’s list of “100 Best Leadership & Success Books Ever Written.” His other bestsellers include MOJO, Succession: Are You Ready?, The Leader of the Future, and How Women Rise (with lead author, Sally Helgesen).

Goldsmith’s professional acknowledgements include from Global Gurus – Corps D ‘Elite Award for Lifetime Contribution in both Leadership and Coaching; Economist - Top 10 executive educators; Harvard Business Review – World’s No. 1 Leadership Thinker; Harvard Institute of Coaching – inaugural winner of the Lifetime Award for Leadership; Institute for Management Studies – Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership Education; American Management Association – 50 great thinkers who have influenced the field of management; and BusinessWeek - 50 great leaders in America. Goldsmith is a member of the Thinkers50 Hall of Fame as a #1 Executive Coach and the only two-time Thinkers50 #1 Leadership Thinker in the World. He is featured in the New Yorker profile, “The Better Boss,” and the documentary movie, The Earned Life.

Goldsmith served as a professor of management practice at the Dartmouth Tuck School of Business. His Ph.D. is from the UCLA Anderson School of Management, where he was Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. His MBA is from Indiana University Kelley School of Business, where he was the Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year. He is one of a select few executive coaches who has worked with more than 200 major CEOs and their management teams. He served on the Advisory Board of the Peter Drucker Foundation for 10 years. He has been a volunteer teacher for U.S. Army generals, Navy admirals, Girl Scout executives and leaders of the International and American Red Cross, where he was a National Volunteer of the Year.

Goldsmith has more than 1.3 million followers on LinkedIn and more than three million views on YouTube. Hundreds of his articles, interviews, columns and videos are available (at no charge) online at MarshallGoldsmith.com. People from around the world have viewed, read, listened to, downloaded or shared his resources tens of millions of times.
ROSE GOTTEMOELLER

Keynote Speaker

ROSE GOTTEMOELLER is the Steven C. Házy Lecturer at Stanford University’s Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and its Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC). At Stanford, Gottemoeller teaches and mentors students in the Ford Dorsey Master’s in International Policy program and the CISAC Honors Program, contributes to policy research and outreach activities and convenes workshops, seminars and other events relating to her areas of expertise, including nuclear security, Russian relations, the NATO alliance, EU cooperation and nonproliferation.

Before joining Stanford, Gottemoeller was the deputy secretary general of NATO from 2016 to 2019, helping to drive forward NATO’s adaptation to new security challenges in Europe and in the fight against terrorism. Prior to NATO, she served for nearly five years as the under secretary for arms control and international security at the U.S. Department of State, advising the secretary of state on arms control, nonproliferation and political-military affairs. While assistant secretary of state for arms control, verification and compliance in 2009 and 2010, she was the chief U.S. negotiator of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) with the Russian Federation.

Prior to her government service, Gottemoeller was a senior associate with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, with joint appointments to the Nonproliferation and Russia programs. She served as the director of the Carnegie Moscow Center from 2006 to 2008, and is currently a nonresident fellow in Carnegie’s Nuclear Policy Program. She is also a research fellow at the Hoover Institution.
DAVID ALLEN is one of the world’s most influential thinkers on personal and organizational productivity. His 35 years of experience as a management consultant and executive coach have earned him worldwide recognition. He was a coach, colleague and friend to John Edwin Mroz for four decades.

Allen’s pioneering research and coaching of corporate managers and CEOs for some of America’s most prestigious corporations and institutions have earned him Forbes recognition as one of the Top 5 executive coaches in the U.S. and Business 2.0 magazine’s inclusion in its 2006 list of the “50 Who Matter Now.”

Allen is the engineer of GTD®, the popular Getting Things Done® methodology that has shown millions how to transform a fast-paced, overwhelming, overcommitted life into one that is balanced, integrated, relaxed and has more successful outcomes. His GTD methodology is taught by training companies in more than 90 countries, and his bestselling book, the groundbreaking Getting Things Done: The Art of Stress-Free Productivity, has sold millions and been published in 30 languages. Time magazine called it the “definitive business self-help book of the decade.” Other works include Ready for Anything: 52 Productivity Principles for Work and Life and Making It All Work: Winning at the Game of Work and the Business of Life.

FRANK EMERSON is an accomplished leader with more than 26 years of experience in U.S. national security and foreign policy matters: 17 years with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and nine years with the U.S. Department of State. He has front line experience in worldwide operations and crisis management in highly diverse and collaborative environments.

At the CIA, Emerson served as a senior operations officer, assistant general counsel and senior analyst. At State, he was a diplomat, serving as a legal attache in the Netherlands. His tours of duty include the Afghanistan war zone, Africa, Central and South America, and Europe. At both CIA and State, Emerson excelled at building programs with world-wide partners while bridging differences in international environments. As a senior operations officer in South America, he led an Intelligence Fusion Center where he forged together the U.S. intelligence, homeland security, military, law enforcement and diplomatic communities to disrupt and dismantle terrorist and drug trafficking organizations. As a legal attache, he represented the U.S. at international courts. He led diplomatic legal and policy engagements, concentrating on strategic objectives while brokering grass roots international collaborative efforts.

Emerson has a Juris Doctor with a certificate in international, comparative and foreign law from Penn State University, a Masters of Public Policy from American University, and a Bachelor of Arts in government and politics from the University of Maryland. He has professional competency in Spanish and Dutch.
RANDA FAHMY is internationally recognized for her work in global government affairs, energy policy and national security with more than 30 years of legal and public policy experience, including service in the executive and legislative branches of the United States government.

Presently, Fahmy is president of Fahmy Hudome International (FHI), a strategic consulting firm that provides critical advice and counsel to international and domestic clientele with an interest in international business transactions, global government affairs and energy policy. Previously, she was appointed by President George W. Bush as the U.S. associate deputy secretary of energy, served as counselor to U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham (R-MI) and practiced as an attorney with the law firm of Willkie, Farr and Gallagher. Fahmy’s opinions on international diplomacy and energy policy have been published in The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times, and she appears frequently as an analyst on energy and national security issues on NBC, MSNBC, Fox News, CNN and BBC.

Fahmy received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and her B.A. summa cum laude from Wilkes University. She has served on several boards including the United States Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital ALSAC Professional Advisory Board, Wilkes University Board of Trustees and DirectWomen Board Institute. She served on the U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy, as chair of the Maryland Commission for Women and the Maryland Governor’s Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs.

JONATHAN F. FANTON, Ph.D., 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. As president of the American Academy, Fanton directed one of the nation’s oldest honorary societies and independent policy research centers. Founded in 1780, the academy convenes leaders from academia, business, and government to address present and future challenges for the nation and the world.

His previous experience includes serving as interim director of the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College from 2009 to 2014. From 1999 to 2009, Fanton was president of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and for 17 years was president of the New School for Social Research. Earlier, he was vice president of planning at the University of Chicago.

Fanton has served as board chair for several organizations, including Human Rights Watch, the Security Council Report and the New York State Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities. He currently serves on the boards of Scholars at Risk, the Asian Cultural...
Council, the Benjamin Franklin House, the Integrity Initiatives International, European Humanities University, American University of Afghanistan and the American Exchange Project.

Fanton holds a Ph.D. in American history from Yale University, where he taught and was special assistant to President Kingman Brewster. He is the author of *Foundations and Civil Society*, volumes I and II (2008), and *The University and Civil Society*, volumes I and II (1995, 2002).

**BRIAN FINLAY** is president and CEO of the Stimson Center. Under his tenure, Stimson has transformed its business model with pioneering new engagements across Asia and industry-defining programming on environmental security, renewable energy and technology. The center also opened its first overseas office in Europe. Since 2016, the center has tripled in size and continues to outperform similarly sized institutions in global rankings. Notably, Stimson boasts the most diverse and inclusive workforce of any major Washington think tank.

Finlay previously served as vice president, managing director and senior fellow at Stimson. Prior to joining the center, he served as executive director of a Washington-based lobbying initiative focused on counterterrorism issues, a researcher at the Brookings Institution and a program officer at the Century Foundation. Prior to emigrating to the United States from his native Canada, Finlay served with the Public Health Agency and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Finlay serves as chairman emeritus of the Board of Directors of iMMAp, an information management and data analytics organization focused on improving humanitarian relief and development coordination. Finlay taught as an adjunct professor at American University and currently sits on the editorial board of *Global Security*, a journal of health, science and policy. With expertise in nonproliferation, transnational crime, counter-trafficking and supply chain security, Finlay holds an M.A. from the Norman Patterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University, a graduate diploma from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and an honors B.A. from Western University in Canada.

**DAVID J. FIRESTEIN** is the inaugural president and CEO of the George H. W. Bush Foundation for U.S.-China Relations (Bush China Foundation) and a founding and current member of its board of directors. Prior to joining the Bush China Foundation, Firestein was the founding executive director of the University of Texas at Austin (UT) China Public Policy Center (CPPC) and a clinical professor at UT’s Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs.

Before moving to UT, Firestein served as senior vice president and Perot Fellow at the EastWest Institute, where he led
the institute’s track-two diplomacy work in the areas of U.S.-China relations, East Asian security and U.S.-Russia relations. A decorated career U.S. diplomat from 1992 to 2010, Firestein specialized primarily in U.S.-China relations. Among the honors he garnered during his diplomatic career were the Secretary of State’s Award for Public Outreach (2006) and the Linguist of the Year Award (1997). Toward the end of his State Department career, Firestein served on the governing board of the American Foreign Service Association (AFSA), the union and professional association of the United States Foreign Service.

Firestein currently serves on the boards of directors or advisors for more than a dozen foreign affairs-focused, business-focused, China-focused and Texas-focused U.S. nonprofit organizations. He is the author or co-author of three books on China, including two China-published Chinese-language bestsellers, as well as a large number of China-focused monographs, policy reports and articles.

STEPHEN B. HEINTZ is president and CEO of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF), a family foundation with an endowment of approximately $1.5 billion that advances social change for a more just, sustainable and peaceful world.

Before joining the RBF in 2001, Heintz co-founded and served as president of Dēmos, a public policy organization that works to reduce political and economic inequality and broaden citizen engagement in American democracy. In 2018, he was named a co-chair of the Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and co-authored the commission’s report, “Our Common Purpose: Reinventing American Democracy for the 21st Century.”

Heintz served as executive vice president and CEO of the EastWest Institute during the 1990s. Based in Prague, he helped propel civil society development, economic reform and international security as the bedrock of Central and Eastern Europe’s burgeoning democracies. In 2002, he led the RBF’s joint initiative with the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA) to open a track-two dialogue that helped lay the groundwork for the Iran nuclear deal. In 2007, Heintz convened a meeting of the Kosovo Unity Team and prominent diplomatic figures, resulting in the Pocantico Declaration that set a path for the Kosovo independence process.

Heintz is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development. He serves on the boards of the Quincy Institute, the David Rockefeller Fund and the Rockefeller Archive Center. He is the recipient of the Council on Foundations 2018 Distinguished Service Award.
JOHN IZZO, Ph.D., a coach and friend of John Edwin Mroz, has pioneered creative successful business and emerging work trends for more than 25 years. He is the author of nine books including the international bestsellers *Awakening Corporate Soul*, *Values Shift: The New Work Ethic*, *The Five Secrets You Must Discover Before You Die*, *The Five Thieves of Happiness*, and *Stepping Up*.


Over the last 20 years Izzo has spoken to more than one million people, taught at three major universities, advised more than 500 organizations and been featured in the media by *Fast Company*, PBS, CBC, *The Wall Street Journal*, CNN and *Inc.* magazine. He has provided counsel on activating purpose to some of the most successful companies in the world, including DuPont, TELUS, Manulife, McDonald’s, SAPA, RBC, Lockheed Martin, Qantas Airlines, Humana, Microsoft and the Mayo Clinic.

Izzo was a pioneer in the corporate social responsibility and sustainability movements and is an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia, where he co-founded Blueprint, which enhances human wellbeing and communities. He also serves on the advisory board of Sustainable Brands.

Izzo holds two master’s degrees in theology and psychology and a Ph.D. in communication.

SARAH KOELLNER, Ph.D., is an assistant professor in the Department of German and Russian Studies at the College of Charleston. She has published on issues relating to identity, migration, privacy and surveillance in the works of Juli Zeh, Angela Richter, Hasan M. Elahi, Tomer Gardi, Idrissou Mora-Kpai, Birgit Kempker and Aléa Torik in journals such as *Seminar*, *Gegenwartsliteratur*, *Variations*, and *Surveillance & Society*. Besides working on artistic evaluations of contemporary mass surveillance, she works in the areas of migration studies and digital humanities.

Her current book project, *Participatory Privacy in Contemporary German Culture*, investigates the challenges posed to traditional notions of privacy in the face of mass surveillance, predictive analytics and a digital sharing culture in the 20th and 21st centuries – and argues that, as a result, notions of privacy have not disappeared or atrophied, but have adapted to the new cultural, legal and political contexts of the digital age. Through the lens of selected literary, filmic and theatrical works by Ulrich Peltzer, Juli Zeh, Sybille Berg, Angela Richter, Hasan M. Elahi and Hito Steyerl, the volume examines contemporary discourses on collaborative decision-making processes, the embracing of counter-surveillance techniques and the creation of digital movements.
Koellner holds a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in German studies with specialization in 21st-century German literature and culture, and an M.A. from Johannes Gutenberg-University in Mainz, Germany.

TIMOTHY JOHNSON, Ph.D., was appointed dean of the College of Charleston’s School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs (LCWA) in 2018, after serving as interim dean the previous two years. He is the fourth dean in the history of the school, which has a mission of preparing students to become discerning, knowledgeable and engaged citizens in an ever-changing, interconnected global world. Prior to his appointment as dean, Johnson served as professor and chair of the Department of Classics, a position he held since coming to the College of Charleston in 2011. Before joining the College, he was a faculty member at Truman State University, Baylor University and the University of Florida. He holds a doctoral degree in classical philology from the University of Illinois and also studied at the University of Kentucky and the University of Pennsylvania. A specialist in classical lyric poetry, Johnson centers his research on the relationship between literature, politics and community. His award-winning books on the Roman lyricist Horace – A Symposion of Praise: Horace Returns to Lyric in Odes IV and Horace’s Iambic Criticism – have established him as a leading international voice in Horatian studies.

Johnson’s teaching career covers a variety of courses dealing with Greek and Latin languages and cultures. He has studied internationally at the Vatican Library and lived in Rome.

MAX KOVALOV, Ph.D., is an instructor of international studies and Bennett director of the John Edwin Mroz Global Leadership Institute at the College of Charleston. Kovalov teaches courses on democratization, European studies, Eastern European politics and society, populism and global governance and has directed the College of Charleston’s Model UN program since 2014. He is a political scientist whose research focuses on democratization, politics of memory, populism and electoral integrity in post-communist states. His recent publications include “When Lenin Becomes Lennon: Decommunization and the Politics of Memory in Ukraine” (forthcoming) in Europe-Asia Studies; “Electoral Manipulations and Fraud in Parliamentary Elections: The Case of Ukraine” in East European Politics and Societies; and “The Armed Conflict in Eastern Ukraine: Exploring Competing Narratives” in The Copernicus Journal of Political Studies.

Kovalov’s current research projects are on populism and democratic quality in Poland and the impact of political outsiders on democracy in the comparative perspective. As the director of the Mroz Global Leadership Institute, Kovalov is responsible for its programming, including the World Affairs Colloquium Series and professional
development programs for students, such as Global Ambassadors.

Kovalov holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Oklahoma and a master’s degree in international studies from Oklahoma State University. In 2002–04 he was a recipient of the Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship awarded by the U.S. State Department.

AMY MALEK, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of international studies at the College of Charleston and a former associate research scholar at the Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies at Princeton University.

Malek is a sociocultural anthropologist specializing in the intersections of migration, citizenship and culture in the Iranian diaspora. With an emphasis on Iranian and Middle Eastern communities in North America and Europe, her research and teaching interests include migration, diaspora and transnationalism, memory and visual culture. Her current book project is a transnational ethnography of the impacts of cultural policies on diasporic Iranian communities in Sweden, Canada and the United States. She has incorporated her research in essays and in consultations or appearances for media outlets including ABC’s Nightline, BBC World News, L.A. Times, AJ+ and Le Monde M.

BRUCE MCCONNELL, a distinguished fellow with the Stimson Center, has served on the Stimson Center Board of Directors since 2021. He has been a leading player on global cyberspace peace and security issues at the intersection of governments, business and civil society for more than 30 years. As the former and last president and CEO of the EastWest Institute (EWI), McConnell led the transition of the institute’s work to other nonprofit organizations. Prior to becoming president, McConnell led EWI’s Global Cooperation in Cyberspace program, working with governments and companies to increase the safety, security and stability of life in cyberspace. He also co-led the secretariat of the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace.

From 2009 to 2013, McConnell was deputy undersecretary for cybersecurity at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and he served on the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team. From 2000 to 2008, he created, built and sold two consultancies that provided strategic advice to clients in technology, business and government markets. In 1999 and 2000, McConnell led the UN- and World Bank-sponsored International Y2K Cooperation Center. From 1986 to 1999, he was chief of information policy and technology in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the White House Office of Management and Budget.

McConnell holds an M.P.A. from the Evans
School for Public Policy at the University of Washington and a B.S. from Stanford University. He serves as a distinguished fellow at Observer Research Foundation America and as a member of the advisory committee of the Fuxi Institution (China). He is a business advisor to several technology companies and is currently working on a novel about climate change.

BRIANA MCGINNIS, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of political science at the College of Charleston. She holds a Ph.D. in government from Georgetown University.

McGinnis is a political theorist specializing in citizenship and belonging, the ethics of migration, punishment and the history of political thought. She has complementary research and teaching interests in American political development; politics, philosophy and economics (PPE); and public law. She is especially interested in the often-troubled relations between equal citizens, whether manifested in the total rejection of exile or the loss of membership, in the drift of particular moral judgments into constructions of criminality or in local-level issues of toleration and association. McGinnis has more than a decade of experience in organizing and presenting information for both expert and non-expert audiences, which involves facilitating discussions about complex and sensitive topics. She conducts qualitative, archival and legal research and teaches courses in political theory (both historical and contemporary) and constitutional law.

KAREN LINEHAN MROZ’s career includes both nonprofit and for-profit experience in business, education and philanthropy, with a primary focus on education and women’s empowerment in the Middle East. As president of the Middle East Children’s Institute (MECI), she developed programs in the West Bank and established an education program for Syrian refugees and Jordanian underprivileged children in Jordan. MECI operated unique comprehensive community programs that included children’s education, women’s empowerment and entrepreneurship, as well as community development.

Prior to MECI, Mroz was the founding executive director of Friends of UNRWA-USA, a national nonprofit established to raise public awareness about – and private funds for – more than five million Palestine refugees. She spent considerable time in refugee camps and UNRWA facilities for Palestine refugees in Gaza, the West Bank, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. She served as a program officer for the Goldman Sachs Foundation and the Institute of International Education and was responsible for the development of the Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program. She was also an elected member and vice chairperson of a public board of education in Massachusetts, where she focused her efforts on special education initiatives.

Since 1980, Mroz has participated in the creation and development of the EastWest Institute (EWI) with her late husband John
Edwin Mroz, EWI’s co-founder and CEO. Since 2014, she has been a member of EWI’s board of directors and executive committee. Today she serves on the John Edwin Mroz Global Leadership Institute Steering Committee and the College of Charleston School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs Advisory Board.

ANNELEEN ROGGEMAN is senior program manager for the Cyberspace Cooperation Initiative at the Observer Research Foundation America (ORF America). In this role, Roggeman is responsible for strategy, implementation and management of the Cyberspace Cooperation Initiative, including coordination of program activities, convening of high-level meetings, strategic communications, partnerships and budget management.

Prior to joining ORF America, Roggeman was senior program associate at the EastWest Institute (EWI), an international NGO focused on conflict resolution and addressing global security issues by building trust, convening dialogue and mobilizing global networks. She was responsible for the management and coordination of the cyberspace initiative, including EWI’s Global Cyberspace Cooperation Summits. In this capacity, she was also part of the Secretariat of the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace, launched in 2017 to promote and develop proposals for norms and policies to enhance international cyber stability.

EMILY WHALEN, Ph.D., is a historian of U.S. foreign policy and of the modern Middle East. She earned her Ph.D. in history at the University of Texas at Austin in 2020. She has been an Ernest May Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, a Smith Richardson Foundation Predoctoral Fellow at Yale’s International Security Studies Program and an affiliated scholar at the American University of Beirut’s Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies. This year, Whalen is a postdoctoral fellow at the Clements Center for National Security.


JOHN WHITE, Ph.D., has served as the dean of libraries at the College of Charleston since 2014. The College Libraries include the region’s premier research library, the Marlene and Nathan Addlestone Library, Special Collections, the Grice Marine Library, the John Rivers Communication Museum and the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture.
White has been with the Addlestone Library since 2001. He has served as an archivist, department head and associate dean. He has been the principal investigator on more than a dozen state, federal and private foundation grants, which have funded important archival processing projects, the digitization of historical records held by the College of Charleston and its partners, and the founding of the Race and Social Justice Initiative following the tragedy at Mother Emanuel A.M.E. Church in downtown Charleston.


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