INAUGURAL CONVENING

"Leadership & Diplomacy"

College of Charleston

March 20-22, 2022
Charleston, South Carolina

For Details See: https://mrozinstitute.cofc.edu/
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 past, present, and future by celebrating the world-wide impact of EWI over its 40-year history and the launch of the new 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.

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

**Monday, March 21: Leadership, Entrepreneurship, and Diplomacy**

9:15-10:00am  “EWI Legacy Renewed: John Edwin Mroz Global Leadership Institute and the Future”  
Rita Hollings Science Center, Auditorium Room 101

Tim Johnson, Dean School of Languages, Cultures and World Affairs (LCWA)  
Max Kovalov, Bennett Director of the Mroz Global Leadership Institute  
Global Ambassadors  
International Scholars  
Alumni  

*Mroz Institute Steering Committee*: Jonathan Fanton; Vincent Fraley; Larry Gillespie; Theo Groh; Karen Linehan Mroz; Beatríz Maldonado; Malte Pehl; Hilton Smith; Mitchell Sonkin
10:00-10:30am Coffee Break

10:30-11:30am John Izzo [see below for list of speakers], “Regenerative Leadership: How Leadership Must Change for a Sustainable Future”
Rita Hollings Science Center, Auditorium Room 101

1:15-2:00pm Breakout Sessions featuring guest speakers, College faculty, and participation from student programs: Global Ambassadors, International Scholars, Perlmutter Fellows, Schottland Scholars, Martin Scholars, Center for Public Choice and Market Process

Break Out 1: Randa Fahmy: “International Energy Perspective: A Regional Insight into the Middle East” [Jewish Studies 233]

2:30-4:00pm Roundtable with David Allen, Randa Fahmy, Marshall Goldsmith, Stephen Heintz, and John Izzo (Host) “Leadership through Difference and Change”
Rita Hollings Science Center, Auditorium Room 101

6:00-7:00pm Award Presentation: Mroz Institute Distinguished Global Impact Honoree: Marshall Goldsmith (Founder: 100 Coaches)
Keynote Address: Marshall Goldsmith, “Stakeholder Centered Leadership”
Rita Hollings Science Center, Auditorium Room 101

Tuesday, March 22: International Security: Challenges and Opportunities

9:30-10:30am “EWI History Project: Of Archives, Memory, and Oral Histories”
Rita Hollings Science Center, Auditorium Room 101

John White, Dean of Libraries
Emily Whalen, EWI Historian, Archive Consultant
Karen Linehan Mroz, EWI Board Member, Mroz Institute Leading Honoree

10:30-11:00am Coffee Break

11:00-12:00pm Damon Wilson: “Democracy as Strategy in an Age of Authoritarian Resurgence”
Rita Hollings Science Center, Auditorium Room 101

1:15-2:00pm Breakout Sessions featuring guest speakers, College faculty, and participation from student programs: Global Ambassadors, International Scholars, Perlmutter Fellows, Schottland Scholars, Martin Scholars, Center for Public Choice and Market Process

Break Out 1: Damon Wilson and Max Kovalov: “What’s Driving the Conflict between Russia and Ukraine?” [Jewish Studies 333]
Break Out 2: Brian Finlay and Bruce McConnell: “COVID, Climate Change and Conflict: Who’s in Charge?” [Jewish Studies 237]
Break Out 3: Sarah Koellner, Amy Malek, and Briana McGinnis (CofC Faculty): “Migration and the State: Securitization, Citizenship, and Vulnerability [Jewish Studies 337]

2:30-4:00pm  “Around the World with Mroz Institute Affiliates”
▪ Host: Bruce McConnell (Distinguished Fellow, Stimson Center)
▪ David Firestein (President and CEO, Bush China Foundation)
▪ Brian Finlay (President and CEO, Stimson Center)
▪ Anneleen Roggeman (Observer Research Foundation America)

Rita Hollings Science Center, Auditorium Room 101

5:00-6:00pm  Keynote Address: Rose Gottemoeller, “Bringing East and West Together: The Legacy of John Edwin Mroz”
Rita Hollings Auditorium

Featured Speakers, Panelists and Round Table Participants

▪ David Allen is widely recognized as one of the world’s leading experts on personal and organizational productivity. David Allen’s 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 to corporate managers and CEOs of some of America’s most prestigious corporations and institutions has earned him Forbes’ recognition as one of the top five executive coaches in the U.S. and Business 2.0 magazine’s inclusion in their 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 thirty 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. David Allen was a coach, colleague, and friend to John Edwin Mroz for four decades.

▪ Randa Fahmy is an internationally recognized expert in global government affairs, energy policy and national security. She has more than 30 years of legal and public policy experience, including service in the executive and legislative branches of the United States Government. Presently, Randa is president of Fahmy Hudome International (FHI), a strategic consulting firm, which 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 United States Senator 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 New York Times, and she appears frequently as an expert 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, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital ALSAC Professional Advisory Board, Wilkes University Board of Trustees and DirectWomen Board Institute. She served on the United States
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 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. 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 and a graduate diploma from the School of Advanced International Studies, the Johns Hopkins University.

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 the Foundation’s Board of Directors. Prior to joining the Bush China Foundation, Firestein was the founding executive director of The University of Texas at Austin’s (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 EastWest Institute, where he led the Institute’s Track 2 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 1992–2010, 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 as an elected member of the Board of Governors of the American Foreign Service Association (AFSA), the union and professional association of the United States Foreign Service. Mr. Firestein is the author or co-author of three books on
China, including two China-published Chinese-language best-sellers, as well as a large number of China-focused monographs, policy reports and articles. The Voice of America’s Mandarin Service wrote in 2016 that Mr. Firestein is “one of the world’s best non-native speakers of Mandarin Chinese.”

▪ **Dr. Marshall Goldsmith**, Ph.D., a New York Times #1 bestselling author, has written or edited 43 books which have sold over 2.5 million copies, been translated into 32 languages, and become listed bestsellers in 12 countries. Amazon recently recognized the ‘100 Best Leadership & Success Books Ever Written’ - and included Marshall’s Triggers and What Got You Here Won’t Get You There. He is the only living author with two books on the list. His other bestsellers include: MOJO, Succession: Are You Ready?, The Leader of the Future and How Women Rise (with lead author, Sally Helgesen). Marshall’s professional acknowledgements include: Global Gurus - Corps D ’Elite Award for Lifetime Contribution in both Leadership and Coaching, Harvard Business Review - World’s #1 Leadership Thinker, 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. He is featured in the New Yorker profile, “The Better Boss” and the documentary movie, “The Earned Life”. Dr. Goldsmith served as a Professor of Management Practice at the Dartmouth Tuck School of Business. His Ph.D. is from UCLA’s Anderson School of Management - where he was the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. His MBA is from Indiana University’s 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 over 200 major CEOs and their management teams. He served on the Advisory Board of the Peter Drucker Foundation for ten years. He has been a volunteer teacher for US 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. Dr. Goldsmith has over 1.3 million followers on LinkedIn and over 3 million views on YouTube. Hundreds of his articles, interviews, columns, and videos are available (at no charge) online at [www.MarshallGoldsmith.com](http://www.MarshallGoldsmith.com). People from around the world have viewed, read, listened to, downloaded, or shared his resources tens of millions of times. Marshall Goldsmith was a coach and mentor to John Edwin Mroz.

▪ **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. 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 non-proliferation. Before joining Stanford Gottemoeller was the Deputy Secretary General of NATO from 2016 to 2019, where she helped 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, she 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.

▪ **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 a national Commission on the Practice of
Democratic Citizenship in the 21st Century by the 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 UN Association of the USA to open a Track II 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.

John Izzo, Ph.D., has pioneered creating successful businesses and emerging work trends for more than 25 years. He is the bestselling 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. Izzo’s passion in helping organizations activate purpose with employees and customers inspired him to write The Purpose Revolution: How Leaders Create Engagement and Competitive Advantage in an Age of Social Good, in 2018. A second edition of Stepping Up was released in 2020. Over the last twenty years Izzo has spoken to more than one million people, taught at three major universities, advised more than 500 organizations and is frequently featured in the media by the likes of Fast Company, PBS, CBC, the Wall Street Journal, CNN and INC Magazine. He has advised some of the best companies in the world on activating purpose 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 is a co-founder of Blueprint, which enhances the well-being of men 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 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 twentieth and twenty-first century. Koellner argues that notions of privacy have not disappeared or atrophied as a result, but rather 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. Sarah holds a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in German Studies with a specialization in twenty-first century German literature and culture.

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 is a political scientist, and he teaches courses on democratization, European studies, Eastern European politics and society, populism and global governance. He has directed the College of Charleston Model UN program since 2014. His 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” (East European Politics and Societies) and “The Armed Conflict in Eastern Ukraine: Exploring Competing Narratives” (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 the institute’s programming, such as the World Affairs Colloquium Series, and professional development programs for students, such as the Global Ambassadors Program. 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 2002-2004 he was a recipient of the Edmund 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 formerly an Associate Research Scholar at The Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies at Princeton University. Amy is well-known as a sociocultural anthropologist specializing in the intersections of migration, citizenship, and culture in the Iranian diaspora. Her research and teaching interests include migration studies, diaspora and transnationalism, memory, and visual culture, with an emphasis on Iranian and Middle Eastern communities in North America and Europe. 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 such as ABC Nightline, BBC World News, L.A. Times, AJ+, and Le Monde M.

Briana McGinnis, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the College of Charleston. She holds a Ph.D. in government from Georgetown University. Her research centers on political theory and public law, with a special focus on citizenship and belonging. Dr. McGinnis’ work explores patterns of inclusion and exclusion in liberal democratic political communities touching on related issues including immigration, shared identity, and punishment. She is especially interested in how the law and legal forms are used to enact political decisions about membership. Before joining the faculty at the College she was Postdoctoral Fellow (2017-2018) in the Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin, Postdoctoral Fellow, Research Group on Constitutional Studies (2015-2017) in the Department of Political Science at McGill, and a University Research Fellow, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar (2012-2013). Her most recent work includes: “Beyond Disenfranchisement: Collateral Consequences and Equal Citizenship” (Politics, Groups, and Identities) and Exile in America: Political Expulsion and Liberal Citizenship (Journal of Politics).

Bruce McConnell is a distinguished fellow with the Stimson Center, Bruce McConnell has served on the Stimson 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 migration 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 under-secretary 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 United Nations- and the 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. He also serves as a distinguished fellow at Observer Research Foundation America and as a member of the advisory committee of the Fuxi Institution (China).
Karen Linehan Mroz’s career includes both nonprofit and for-profit experience in business, education, 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 non-profit established to raise public awareness of and private funds for over 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 with The Goldman Sachs Foundation, the Institute of International Education, and was elected a member and vice chairperson of a public board of education in Massachusetts focusing her efforts on special education initiatives. At Sachs, she was responsible for the development of the Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program (GSGLP). Since 1980, she 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 was a member of EWI’s Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Today she serves on the Steering Committee for the John Edwin Mroz Global Leadership Institute and the Advisory Board for the School of Languages Cultures and Global Affairs both at the College of Charleston.

Anneleen Roggeman is Senior Program Manager for the Cyberspace Cooperation Initiative at the Observer Research Foundation America (ORF America). In this role, Ms. 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, Ms. Roggeman was senior program associate at the EastWest Institute, 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 planning and execution of international high-level meetings, dialogues and the Institute’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 - Austin in 2020. She has been an Ernst 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 post-doctoral fellow at the Clements Center for National Security. Whalen served as a historical consultant for the EastWest Institute from 2015 to 2020. She wrote a book manuscript that tells the story of EWI: A Better World: John Edwin Mroz and the EastWest Institute in World History, 1980-2020. Her writing appears in several publications, including Foreign Policy, Task and Purpose and Lawfare.

John White, Ph.D., has served as the Dean of libraries at the College of Charleston since 2014. The Libraries include the region’s premier research library, the Marlene and Nathan Addlestone Library; Special Collections; and 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. These grants have funded important archival processing projects, the digitization of historic 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

• Damon Wilson is President and CEO of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), an independent, nonprofit, grant-making foundation supporting freedom around the world. Prior to joining the Endowment, he helped transform the Atlantic Council into a leading global think tank as its executive vice president. Previously, Wilson served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for European Affairs at the National Security Council. Mr. Wilson also served at the US Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq as the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, where he helped manage one of the largest US embassies during a time of conflict. Prior to this posting, he worked at the National Security Council as the Director for Central, Eastern, and Northern European Affairs from 2004 to 2006, helping to enlarge NATO, to partner with Germany, and to support a democratic Ukraine. Prior to serving in Brussels, Mr. Wilson worked in the Department of State’s Office of European Security and Political Affairs, on the State Department’s “China desk,” and at the US Embassy in Beijing. Damon completed his master’s degree at the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs during which he interned in the African Affairs Directorate of the National Security Council. He has been decorated by leaders of Bulgaria, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Moldova, Poland and the Slovak Republic for his efforts to advance transatlantic relations, and by the living governors of South Carolina for his contribution to the state.