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BIOGRAPHIES

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Ms. Kate Almquist Knopf has served as director of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, an academic institution within the U.S. Department of Defense, since July 2014. Established by the U.S. Congress for the study of security issues relating to Africa, the Center serves as a forum for bilateral and multilateral research, communication, and the exchange of ideas. It aims to be an objective source of strategic analysis on contemporary and over-the-horizon security issues for African security sector professionals, policymakers, scholars, media, and civil society, as well as international partners.

Ms. Knopf has spent most of her career focused on the intersection of security and development in Africa. From 2001 to 2009, she held several senior positions at the U.S. Agency for International Development, including as assistant administrator for Africa, Sudan mission director, deputy assistant administrator for Africa, and special assistant and senior policy advisor to the administrator.

Ms. Knopf has also been a senior advisor for the Crisis Management Initiative, a conflict mediation organization founded by former Finnish President and Nobel Laureate Martti Ahtisaari, and a visiting policy fellow at the Center for Global Development. Prior to federal service, she was chief of staff for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and for the Executive Office for Administration and Finance of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She began her career at World Vision, an international nongovernmental organization.

Ms. Knopf holds an M.A. in international relations with concentrations in African studies and conflict management from Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC, and a B.A. in international relations from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

Col. (Ret.) Daniel Hampton is Chief of Staff and Professor of Practice for Security Studies at ACSS. Col. Hampton brings more than 20 years of experience developing and implementing U.S. defense policy and strategy in Africa. As professor of practice in security studies, he oversees curriculum and program management in the areas of defense institution building, national security strategy, and civil-military cooperation.

During the course of his 30-year military career, Col. Hampton served as the U.S. senior defense official to South Africa and defense attaché to Malawi, Lesotho, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe.

Additionally, he was a senior policy adviser to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the Horn of Africa region.

Col. Hampton holds an M.A. in African studies from the University of Illinois; an M.A. in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA; and a B.A. in history from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC.

Dr. Raymond Gilpin is the Academic Dean at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. In this capacity he directs the design, development and implementation of the Center's programs, and provides leadership on all academic matters. Prior to joining the Africa Center he served as director of the Center for Sustainable Economies at the United States Institute of Peace (*in which capacity he also chaired the taskforce on business and peace, managed the web-based International Network for Economics and Conflict, and taught courses on economics and conflict at the USIP Academy*); academic chair for defense economics at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies; director for international programs at Intellibridge Corporation (now part of Eurasia Group); senior economist at the African Development Bank Group; research director at the Central Bank of Sierra Leone; and economist at the World Bank.

Dr. Gilpin's research interests include Africa's security challenges, energy and security, resource management and conflict dynamics, financial management in Africa's security sector, and public-private partnerships and peace. Dr. Gilpin is a regular blogger and featured media commentator on African affairs, US-Africa policy, energy and security, and economic dimensions of peace. Recent publications include: "Economic Drivers of Conflict," in *Conflict Management and Global Governance in an Age of Awakening*, edited by Pamela Aall, Chester Crocker and Fen Hampson (forthcoming 2013); "Tackling Energy Infrastructure Vulnerability in Violence-Prone Zones" (2013); "Using Entrepreneurship to Promote Stability in Fragile Regions" (2012); "Trade and Resource Management: A Development Perspective," in *Nexus Between Security and Development*, edited by Joanna Spear and Paul Williams, (2012); "China in Africa," in *African Security and the African Command: Viewpoints on the US Role in Africa*, edited by Terry Buss, Joseph Adjaye, Donald Goldstein and Louis Picard (2011). Dr. Gilpin holds a doctorate in development economics from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom and an executive certificate in international finance and capital markets from Georgetown University.

Dr. Joseph Siegle is the Director of Research at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. In this capacity, he directs the Center's research program with the aim of generating practical, evidence-based policy analysis that can contribute to addressing on-going and over-the-horizon security challenges in Africa. Dr. Siegle also oversees the Center's Fellows program that aims to enrich understanding of Africa's strategic and security priorities by providing an international platform for African scholars and analysts. Prior to joining the Center, Dr. Siegle has served in a variety of scholar and practitioner roles. He was the Douglas Dillon Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, a Senior Research Scholar at the Center for International and Security Studies at the University of Maryland (CISSM), a Senior Advisor for Democratic Governance at the international consulting firm, DAI, a Country Director with the international NGO, World Vision, and a Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia. He has worked in some 40 countries around the world including numerous conflict-affected contexts in Western, Southern, and Eastern Africa. Dr. Siegle's research focuses on Africa-wide security challenges and trends; the linkages between

political governance, development, and security; post-conflict reconstruction and the stabilization strategies for fragile states; redressing the natural resource curse; and strengthening institutions of accountability. He has published widely in leading journals and newspapers and is co-author of *The Democracy Advantage: How Democracies Promote Prosperity and Peace* (Routledge, revised edition 2009). Dr. Siegle earned his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy (International Security and Economic Policy) and holds an M.A. in Agricultural Economics (African food security) from Michigan State University.

Dr. Shannon Smith serves as a professor of practice and director of engagement at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. In this capacity, she leads the Africa Center's efforts to develop its alumni network and to engage the broader policy community focused on African security issues. Her areas of expertise include U.S.-Africa policy, East Africa, global health and development policy, and the role of Congress in foreign relations.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Smith served as deputy assistant secretary of state for Africa, where she oversaw U.S.-East Africa policy (and previously Southern Africa) and spearheaded Africa Bureau efforts on Sudan and South Sudan, global health, and the environment. She led diplomatic missions, developed bilateral and multilateral policies, engaged with key interlocutors, and represented the State Department in a variety of national and international forums, including before Congress.

Dr. Smith spent a number of years on Capitol Hill, where she was the senior policy adviser for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Africa for global health, peacekeeping, and conflict issues. She also served as the national security adviser for the assistant majority leader of the Senate. As a Senate staffer, she shepherded successful legislation on HIV/AIDS, war crimes, and global climate change, among other issues. She is a summa cum laude graduate of Texas A&M University and holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University where she was a Mellon Fellow in the Humanities.

FACILITATORS (in alphabetical order)

Dr. Dorina A. Bekoe is Associate Professor, Conflict Prevention, Mitigation, and Resolution at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, where she focuses on Africa's peace operations and security challenges. She has also worked on issues concerning Africa's political development; institutional reform, including the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the African Peer Review Mechanism; peace agreements; and electoral violence. Her most recent book is *Voting in Fear: Electoral Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa* (USIP Press, 2012), an edited volume. She is also the author of *Implementing Peace Agreements: Lessons from Mozambique, Angola, and Liberia* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2008) and the editor of *East Africa and the Horn: Confronting Challenges to Good Governance* (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2005). She has a B.A. in economics from Franklin and Marshall College, an M.S. in public policy from Carnegie Mellon University, and a Ph.D. in public policy from Harvard University.

Mr. Benjamin D. Crockett serves as associate dean of academic affairs and professor of practice. He partners with military and civilian stakeholders to maximize academic program effectiveness and explore feasible solutions to Africa's security challenges. His areas of expertise include security cooperation, political-military affairs, national security strategy, and peace support operations. Prior to joining the Africa Center, Mr. Crockett was the principal advisor at the U.S. State Department for the African Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership, a peace operations capacity building program for six African countries. Mr. Crockett concluded a 27-year career in the U.S. Army in 2015, retiring as a colonel. He served for over 20 years as a regional specialist in Middle East and African affairs, advancing U.S. defense strategy and security cooperation. His final assignment was as the regional director for East and Southern Africa in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, directing U.S. defense policy and relations with 15 countries and the African Union. Mr. Crockett's military career also included positions on the Joint Staff and at the Defense Intelligence Agency. His overseas assignments included tours at the U.S. embassies in Egypt, Lebanon, Burkina Faso, and Sudan, the latter two as defense attaché. He began military service with postings in South Korea and Germany, and a deployment to Operation Desert Storm. He also deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mr. Crockett holds an M.A. from Princeton University in Near East studies and a B.A. from the University of California in Political Science. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Bronze Star Medal among other military awards and decorations.

Dr. Luka Biong Deng Kuol is professor of practice for security studies with responsibility supervising curriculum and program planning. He specializes in national security strategy development, the security-development nexus, and security sector reforms. He is currently conducting research on the links between migration, food security, conflicts and youth in Africa; the link between military expenditure, military professionalism, human security, development and conflict in Africa; and the devolution of the security-development nexus to the national level in Africa.

Dr. Kuol is a global fellow at Peace Research Institute Oslo and a fellow at Rift Valley Institute. He is also South Sudan Alumni Ambassador of the Institute of Development Studies in the United Kingdom.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Kuol served as director of the Centre for Peace and Development Studies and associate professor of economics at the College of Social and Economic Studies at the University of Juba in South Sudan. He was also on the teaching staff of the Faculty of Economics and Rural Development at the University of Gezira in Sudan. He was a fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard Kennedy School and a visiting fellow at the Institute of Development Studies in the United Kingdom. He served as Minister of Presidential Affairs for the Government of Southern Sudan and as National Minister of Cabinet Affairs for the Republic of Sudan. He has also worked as a senior economist for the World Bank in Southern Sudan.

He received his BSc with honors from the Faculty of Economics and Social Studies at the University of Khartoum, an M.A. in Economics, an M.B.A. from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, and a Ph.D. from the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex.

Mr. Candido Mendes is an Adjunct University Professor, who is fluent in four languages (French, Spanish, Portuguese, and English), and has over twenty years of experience in international relations. He is a retired Foreign Area Officer for Latin America and Africa. As a commander in a war zone, he oversaw personnel plans and programs for over three thousand personnel. As senior defense advisor to US Ambassador to Chad, he dealt with senior military officers in the Department of Defense and senior personnel at the US State Department to assist crafting critical US policy in Chad, Africa. At the Pentagon, Mr. Mendes coordinated many foreign military leaders' visits to the Pentagon and served as the Air Staff and Secretary of Defense Representative to bilateral meetings with Canada and Brazil. As a faculty member at the National Intelligence University (NIU) and expert in providing learning solutions to adult learners, he led instructional design efforts to develop a new graduate certificate for Latin America studies. Mr. Mendes has taught the intelligence disciplines of critical thinking and analytical techniques at the Department of Homeland Security and Defense Intelligence Agency, implementing critical thinking and analytical techniques into the curriculum. Furthermore, teaches a graduate course on Latin America and Africa Area Studies at Webster University. Mr. Mendes has a Bachelor's of Science in Secondary Education, and a Master's of Science in Guidance and Counseling, and is currently finishing a Master's Degree in International Relations.

Dr. Benjamin Nickels is Associate Professor and Academic Chair for Transnational Threats and Counterterrorism at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS). In this capacity, Dr. Nickels partners with African civil society and government leaders on global security solutions that promote human rights, democratic values, and civil-military relations. He has worked with security professionals on the ground in 20 African countries and several European nations. Dr. Nickels' research focuses on terrorism and counterterrorism, political violence, and human security in the Sahel, North Africa, and the Horn, as well as security cooperation in Africa and the role of U.S., European, and other international actors. Prior to joining ACSS, Dr. Nickels was faculty researcher at the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), where he analyzed the impacts of counterterrorism campaigns against Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), homegrown Islamist terrorism in the United Kingdom, and other threats. Fluent in French and familiar with Arabic, Dr. Nickels has lectured in French and English at government meetings, international forums, and leading academic institutions,

including the *Ecole normale supérieure* (Paris) and Harvard University. He publishes frequently and serves as regular contributor on Sahel and North African security for Sada, a journal of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Dr. Nickels is the recipient of numerous academic awards, including a Fulbright scholarship to Morocco and a Chateaubriand fellowship in France. He holds a doctorate in history from the University of Chicago.

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Joyce Ng'wane Puta is the current Chairman for the Zambia Ex- Servicemen League and a Consultant In Peace and Conflict, HIV/AIDS and Gender related issues. Puta has been facilitator with ACSS since 2006 in many seminars and programs. Puta retired from the Zambian Army after 37 years of service as Brigadier General. In her last posting, she served as Defence attaché to Beijing, China. In addition, she was seconded to the UN and served for a total of 5 years and 9 months in UNMSET East Timor and UNMIL in Liberia as HIV/AIDS Policy Advisor. Puta has also served as HIV/AIDS Coordinator in the Zambia Defence Force as well as Regional HIV/AIDS Coordinator for Eastern and Southern Africa Region for 7 years during the peak of the epidemic. She holds a Master's Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from Dag Hammarskjöld Institute of Peace and Conflict and the Copperbelt University, a MPH from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, an advanced diploma in Health Systems Management from the Royal College of Nursing London and a diploma in HIV/AIDS Management from San Jose, California. She has also completed the Senior Command Course at Kamwala Staff College in Lusaka.

Dr. Shannon Smith – please see bio above in leadership section

Ms. Oury Traoré, from Mali, is an International Senior Consultant in Peace and Security. Ms. Traoré's clients include the African Union (AU), the Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS), the European Union (EU), the United Nations (UN), Peace Support Operations (PSOs) Training Institutions in Africa, the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS), and other major partners.

Ms. Traoré conducted the first ever evaluation of the Civilian Component of the ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF) at the level of ECOWAS Political Affairs Peace and Security (PAPS) and l'Ecole de Maintien de la Paix (EMP) for the Human Security Department (HSD) of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. She also drafted the Doctrine of the ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF) and conducted the first two evaluations of the African Union (AU) Mediation Project for the Finland Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). She drafted the Roadmap for the Policy Framework of the Civilian Component of the ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF); she integrated Gender issues into the draft report of the ECOWAS Security Sector Governance Policy Framework. Ms. Traoré also carried-out the assessment of eleven (11) Peace Support Operations (PSOs) Training Institutions in West Africa for the European Union (EU) and taught at the Executive MA Program of the Institute of Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), among numerous other accomplishments.

Ms. Traoré was formerly the Executive Director of Partners West Africa, and was also the Regional Program Manager of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP - Ghana).

She also worked as the Senior Program Officer at the Institute of Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA - Gambia) and the Program Associate for the Women's Rights Program of Global Rights (Washington DC). Ms. Traoré has also worked with CSOs in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, and Yemen. Ms. Traoré holds a M.A. in Sustainable International Development (SID) from the Heller School of Social Policy at Brandeis University (MA, USA); a M.A. in Human Rights and Democratization from the European Inter-University (EUIC) based in Venice, Italy; and a B.A. in Sociology from Berea College (KY, USA). In 2011, Ms. Traoré published a book on Women's Leadership in Rural Mali entitled: "Women Who Will Not Wait". She contributed a Chapter on ECOWAS Conflict prevention mechanism and mass atrocities in the Report of the African Task Force, "African Regional Communities and the Prevention of Mass Atrocities", published in October 2016. She is fluent in English and French, and speaks three African languages, Bambara, Dioula and Malinké.

SPEAKERS (in alphabetical order)

General (Ret.) Martin Luther Agwai has a long and distinguished military career and is dedicated to peace and security in Africa. Since his commissioning in 1972 and before retiring from the Nigerian Armed Forces in December 2009, he held several staff and command positions both in Nigeria and abroad, culminating in his promotion to four-star rank and appointment as Chief of Defense Staff in June 2006. He served as Deputy Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, where he made his mark with the introduction of the 'Hot Spot' that assisted the Mission greatly during the Disarmament, Demobilization and Re-integration (DDR). He was Deputy Military Adviser at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and Chief of Army Staff of the Nigerian Army. General Agwai was the last Force Commander of the African Union Mission in Sudan, and the first Force Commander of the African Union/United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, on transfer of authority on 31 December 2006. General Agwai is a graduate of the National Defense University, Washington D.C. In 2003, he became a holder of the prestigious Nigerian National Award – the Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic (CFR), and in June 2010 at Lisbon, Portugal, the Africa Center for Strategic Studies awarded him the 2010 Visionary Award, for his achievement in peace and security in Africa. He is currently the Pro-Chancellor of Bingham University Karu, Nassarawa State, Nigeria.

Mr. Ludwig Blaurock is the Counsellor at the Political, Security, and Development Section of the European Union Delegation to the United States. Previously, Mr. Blaurock held the position of Consul at the Tel Aviv German Embassy and prior to that, of Counsellor at the Federal Chancellery in Berlin. Mr. Blaurock has also held the position of NATO desk Officer at the German Foreign Office. Mr. Blaurock holds a degree in European Law, International Law and Legal Studies from the University of Seville in Spain; holds a Master's in Law (L.L.M.) from the University of Passau; and has earned a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard University.

Ms. Chidi Blyden-Rowe is responsible for strategy, growth, and implementation of CIVIC's Africa portfolio. She recently served as the Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense for African Affairs in the Office of Secretary for Defense for Policy. In this capacity, she served as the Regional Director for East and Central Africa and the Africa Peacekeeping Advisor to the office of Stability and Humanitarian Affairs. Prior to her appointment in the Obama Administration, she was the Academic Operations Coordinator at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS), providing strategic leadership in the business and administrative operations of the Academic Dean's Office. From 2007–2011 she served as an Academic Associate at ACSS – researching East and Southern Africa and developing academic material for programs on counter-terrorism, defense economics, conflict management, security studies and civil-military relations amongst Africa's security sector. From 2004–2007, she was the Program Coordinator at the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts and supported arts advocacy efforts through the development of early childhood and adolescent programs. She is an alumni of Texas A&M University (BS-Sociology), and George Mason University (MS -Conflict Analysis and Resolution).

Dr. Tatiana Carayannis is director of the Social Science Research Council's new Understanding Violent Conflict Initiative and deputy director of the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum. She also leads a project on China's engagement in Africa, The China-Africa Knowledge Project, convenes the DRC Affinity Group, a small brain trust of leading Congo scholars and analysts,

and serves as a research director of the Conflict Research Programme and senior fellow at the London School of Economics. A specialist on UN peacekeeping and peacebuilding in Central Africa/DR Congo, her current research projects focus on public authorities and war networks in the border regions of DRC and the Central African Republic and the impact of interventions for justice and security on local communities, including those displaced. A seasoned researcher, Carayannis has written widely on political mobilization, rebel governance (the MLC rebel movement in particular), international justice, democratic processes and elections, UN peacekeeping and preventive diplomacy in Central Africa, and on the agenda-setting role of UN human rights and development ideas. Before joining the SSRC, she directed a research and publication program on the intellectual history of the United Nations at The City University of New York's Ralph Bunche Institute for International Affairs. In 1998, she served as rapporteur for the UN secretary-general's Resource Group on the DRC. Her first book (coauthored) is *UN Voices: The Struggle for Development and Social Justice* (Indiana University Press, 2005) and her second (coedited) is *Making Sense of the Central African Republic* (Zed Books, 2015). She is currently completing three book projects: *Pioneers of Peacekeeping: ONUC 1960-1964; Authorities in Conflict in DRC* (coedited); and a monograph on Jean-Pierre Bemba and the MLC rebel movement. All are scheduled for publication in 2017-2018. A sixth book, *The Third UN* (with Thomas G. Weiss) is currently in the early stages. She holds a PhD in political science (international relations and comparative politics) from The City University of New York Graduate Center, and an MA in political science from New York University. She was a USIP Jennings Randolph Fellow and Mellon Fellow for Security and Humanitarian Action and has lectured at The City University of NY, the University of Edinburgh, Columbia University, and Adelphi University. Carayannis is fluent in French and Greek, grew up in Central and West Africa, and travels frequently to the region.

Ambassador (ret.) Phillip Carter III is the Executive Vice President of Jefferson Waterman International, a D.C.-based political and business consulting firm with an exclusively international practice. Ambassador Carter is also President of the Mead Hill Group, an international executive advisory service for individuals and organizations engaged in the global marketplace of ideas, markets, and opportunities, particularly in the developing world. Prior to that, he was the Senior Foreign Service American diplomat and was United States Ambassador to Ivory Coast from 2010 to 2013. Ambassador Carter holds the diplomatic rank of Minister Counselor. From 2013 - 2015, he was Deputy to the Commander for Civil Military Engagements, United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) in Stuttgart, Germany.

Prior to his appointment as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Ivory Coast, Phillip Carter served as a Senior Advisor to the Africa Bureau and previously as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary from 2008 to 2010. He also was as the Africa Bureau's Acting Assistant Secretary during the transition between the Bush and Obama Administrations. From 2007 to 2008, Phillip Carter was the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea. Ambassador Carter has also served as the Director for West African Affairs and the Deputy Director in the Office for East African Affairs at the U.S. State Department.

Prior to that assignment, he was the Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) at the U.S. Embassy in Antananarivo, Madagascar and DCM in Libreville Gabon. Before his arrival in Gabon in 1997, he was an international financial economist in the State Department's Office of Monetary Affairs in

the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs. During this period, he dealt with international debt and capital matters and served as the Department's point-person on International Monetary Fund issues with Africa. From 1992-1994, he served as the Economic and Commercial Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Ambassador Carter received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and History from Drew University in 1980, and a Master of Arts Degree in International and Development Economics from Yale University in 1995.

Mr. Benjamin D. Crockett – please refer to his bio above.

Mr. Judd Devermont is the National Intelligence Officer for Africa. In this position, he leads the US intelligence community's analytic efforts on all sub-Saharan African issues and serves as the DNI's personal representative at interagency policy meetings. He previously was the US Government's senior political analyst on sub-Saharan Africa. From 2011 to 2013, Mr. Devermont served as the National Security Council Director for Somalia, Nigeria, the Sahel, and the African Union. He spent two years abroad working at the US Embassy in Abuja, Nigeria from 2008 to 2010. Mr. Devermont also has lived in South Africa and Cote d'Ivoire. He has a master's degree in African Studies from Yale University and bachelor's degree in History from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Ms. Amanda J. Dory joined the National War College faculty in 2017. She is a career member of the Senior Executive Service. From 2012-2017 she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). She served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy from 2008-2011 and as the Principal Director for Policy Planning in OSD. In both capacities her responsibilities included strategy development, force planning scenarios, and long-term trends analysis. She has worked on multiple Quadrennial Defense Reviews (QDRs), to include as the chief of staff to lead implementation of QDR execution roadmaps for Building Partner Capacity and Irregular Warfare in 2007-2008. In addition to strategic and Africa regional assignments, Amanda has also served in OSD's Homeland Defense office as the director for planning and integration. In 2002, she was selected as a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow and conducted an independent research project based at the Center for Strategic and International Studies on civil security. Amanda received the Presidential Rank Award in 2010 and 2015 as well as awards for exceptional and meritorious civilian service. She is an alumna of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and received a master's degree with concentrations in international economics and African studies from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Dr. Christopher Fomunyoh is currently senior associate and regional director for Central and West Africa at NDI. He has organized and advised international election observation missions to Benin, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Madagascar, Mali, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. He has also designed and supervised country specific democracy support programs with civic organizations, political parties and legislative bodies in Benin, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Liberia, Mali, Madagascar, Niger, Nigeria, The Gambia, Senegal and Togo. In the course

of his work, Dr. Fomunyoh interacts regularly with heads of state and government, cabinet ministers, elected officials and political and civic leaders. He recently designed and helped launch the African Statesmen Initiative (ASI), a program aimed at facilitating political transitions in Africa by encouraging former democratic Heads of State to stay engaged in humanitarian issues, conflict mediation, public health and other key sectors of political, economic and human development on the continent. As an expert on democratization in Africa, Dr. Fomunyoh makes frequently guest appearances on major radio and television networks including CNN, BBC, NewsHour, National Public Radio, Voice of America, and *Radio France Internationale*, and provides interviews for major national and international newspapers, including the *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Washington Times*, *Le Monde* and *International Herald Tribune*. He has published a number of articles in academic journals on African politics and democratization. Dr. Fomunyoh has traveled extensively in Africa, Europe and North America, and is perfectly bilingual in English and French. He holds a *Licence en Droit* from Yaoundé University in Cameroon, a Master's Degree (LL.M.) in International Law from Harvard Law School; and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Boston University. Dr. Fomunyoh is an adjunct faculty at the African Center for Strategic Studies and a former adjunct professor of African Politics and Government at Georgetown University. He also is the founder of a non-profit organization www.tffcam.org interested in supporting democracy and humanitarian causes in Cameroon.

Dr. Raymond Gilpin – please refer to his bio above.

Col. (Ret.) Daniel Hampton – please refer to his bio above.

Dr. Jeffrey Herbst is the former president and CEO of the Newseum and the Newseum Institute. From 2010 to 2015, he was president of Colgate University. Previously, he served as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and professor of political science at Miami University in Ohio. For 18 years he taught at Princeton University, where he also earned his bachelor's degree summa cum laude in 1983. Herbst earned a master's degree from Yale University in 1985 and a doctorate in 1987, also from Yale. He is the author of the award-winning "States and Power in Africa" and, with co-author Greg Mills, "Africa's Third Liberation" and the just-published "How South Africa Works and Must Do Better." In addition to many books and articles, he has been published in *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and many other papers across the world. Dr. Herbst has recently co-written a book, *Making Africa Work: A Handbook* with co-authors, Greg Mills, Dickie Davis, and Olusegun Obasanjo.

Dr. Luka Biong Deng Kuol – please refer to his bio above.

Dr. Carrie Manning is Professor of the Department of Political Science at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. She is the author of three books and more than two dozen journal articles and contributions to edited volumes. Her work on comparative democratization and post-conflict politics has been published in such journals as *Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Democracy*, *Party Politics*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, and *Democratization*, among others. Her most recent book, *Costly Democracy: Building Democracy after Civil War* (Stanford University Press, 2013), coauthored with Christoph Zurcher and others, seeks to explain success

and failure in post-conflict democratization using a cross-regional comparison of nine countries. Her second book, *The Making of Democrats: Elections and Party Development in Post-War Bosnia, El Salvador and Mozambique* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2008) examines the impact of participation in electoral politics over a ten-year period on former armed opposition groups turned parties in each of these cases. Her first book, *The Politics of Peace in Mozambique* (Praeger 2002), traces the dual process of war termination and democratization in that country from 1992-2000. She lived in southern Africa from 1994-1998 and served as Country Director for the National Democratic Institute in Angola in 1997-98. She has conducted seminars in civil-military relations in more than a dozen African countries. Manning holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley (1997), an MPA from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University (1991), and a BA from Wesleyan University (1986).

Ms. Sarah Margon is the Washington director at Human Rights Watch. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch, Margon was associate director of sustainable security and peacebuilding at the Center for American Progress, where she researched and wrote on a wide range of issues including civilian protection, conflict prevention, humanitarian relief, and the rule of law. Margon also served as senior foreign policy advisor to Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI) and as staff director to the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on African Affairs. She has been a guest on various national and international media programs and has published op-eds in a wide range of outlets from the Washington Post to Foreign Policy. Margon holds a graduate degree from Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service and an undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University (Connecticut).

Ms. Angela Martin brings over 25 years of experience designing, managing, and implementing programs for US Government agencies such as USAID, African Development Foundation and the Peace Corps, with significant field experience in West, Central, and Southern Africa, and the Balkans. She is a senior manager and policy advisor with extensive experience in developing and applying policy decisions to assure successful implementation of field-level projects. She led all aspects of the Trans Sahara Counter Terrorism Partnership (TSCTP) program start-up for USAID and has led numerous field based assessments of violent extremism risk in Sub-Saharan Africa. She directed the USAID Africa Bureau development of technical guides which serve as the foundation for all for development assistance programs to counter violent extremism (CVE) in the agency.

As senior French representative, **Lieutenant Colonel Jean-Baptiste Matton** serves as a liaison between the Africa Center and the French Ministry of Defense, coordinating exchanges on security-related Africa policy and scholarship. He also serves as a facilitator and speaker at Africa Center academic programs. LtC Matton also serves as the French liaison officer in the Transregional Threat Coordination Cell for the Joint Staff at the Pentagon in charge of the estimates, strategy, and plans section. LtC Matton specializes in military coalition and peacekeeping operations in Africa, the Balkans, and Afghanistan and has substantial experience in training and team management under challenging conditions.

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