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BIOGRAPHIES

LEADERSHIP

Dr. Raymond Gilpin is the Academic Dean at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. As the dean of academic affairs, Dr. Raymond Gilpin provides leadership on all academic matters at the Africa Center and directs the design, development, and implementation of the Center's programs. His research interests include Africa's security challenges, the intersection of 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, U.S.-Africa policy, energy and security, and the economic dimensions of peace.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, he was the director of the Center for Sustainable Economies at the United States Institute of Peace, where 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. Dr. Gilpin has also served as 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 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

Col. (Ret.) Daniel 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. 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

Ms. Laurence Aïda Ammour is an Algerian/French sociologist and analyst in international security and defense affairs. She was formerly an international staff member at the NATO Defense College's Research Division in Rome from 2000-2008. Her research fields are organized crime, transnational threats, terrorism, social change and conflicts, counterterrorism (CVE) and deradicalization, which she studies in Northwest Africa and the Sahara-Sahel region. She has collaborated with ACCS as adjunct faculty and discussion group facilitator since 2011.

Select collaborations both as a speaker and author include: In-On-Africa (Johannesburg), IHS Jane's (London), U.S. State Department, Centre for Naval Analysis (Alexandria), Trustafrica (Dakar), Institut Européen de la Méditerranée (IEMED-Barcelona), The International Institute for Security Studies-London (The Military Balance), Nordiska

Afrikainstitutet (Stockholm), USARAF (Vicenza, Italy), The Institut Français des Relations Internationales (Paris), and The Universities of Valencia and Madrid (Spain).

Recent publications include, *The Wahhabi Penetration In Africa*, CF2R, Paris, 2018; *Libya View of Algeria*, Limes Review, Milano (Italy), July 2019; *Algeria, An Emerging Power In Regional Conflict Resolution Initiatives*, University of Bogota, African Studies Department, Colombia, 2019; and "The Algerian Counter-Terrorism Strategy: Between Internal Security Imperatives and the Search for Regional Stability," African Conflict Studies Department, Ottawa University, Canada, 2019.

Brigadier General (Ret.) Saleh Bala was commissioned into the Nigerian Army on 15 December 1984. Served in various command, staff and training positions, which include company commander, 72 Parachute Battalion (1987-88), instructor at the Nigerian Army Infantry School, Airborne, Tactics and Special Warfare Wings (1988-93). Also served as an instructor at the Nigerian Defence Academy (1993-95), as well as a Directing Staff at the Nigerian Armed Forces Command and Staff College (2002-2004) and the National Defence College (2009-2011).

Bala had peacekeeping experience as a UN Military Observer at the United Nations Verification Mission in Angola (1995-96) and was Military Chief of Staff, United Nations Operations in Cote D'Ivoire (2011-2012). He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Literature, from the University of Maiduguri, Nigeria (1982) and a Master's Degrees in International Peace Studies, from the University for Peace, San Jose, Costa Rica (2006) and another Masters in National Security Strategy, from the National Defence University, National War College, Washington DC (2009). His last military assignment was as the Chief of Staff, Nigerian Army Infantry Corps Center (2012-13). He is an alumnus of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Sanremo, Italy, International Refugee Law Course (2010) and a member of the institution's Training Advisory Group. He is now the Chief Executive Officer of White Ink Consult; a Defence and security policy research and development, strategic communication and training company. Formerly, General Bala worked in a consultant capacity, as the Senior Special Adviser (Policy and Strategy Development) to the Minister of Interior, Federal Republic on Nigeria.

Dr. Anouar Boukhars is the counter terrorism / countering violent extremism professor at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. Prior to this, he was a nonresident fellow in the Middle East Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and an associate professor of international relations at McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland.

Boukhars is author of *Politics in Morocco: executive monarchy and enlightened authoritarianism* (Routledge, 2010) and co-editor of *Perilous Desert: Sources of Saharan Insecurity* (with Frederic Wehrey, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2013) and *Perspectives on Western Sahara: myths, nationalisms and geopolitics* (with Jacques

Roussellier, forthcoming, 2013). He has published extensively in a large number of journals and leading newspapers, including Journal of Conflict Studies, International Political Science Review, European Security, and CTC Sentinel.

Ms. Michelle Ndiaye is currently the Director of the Africa Peace and Security Programme at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), a joint programme with the African Union Commission (AUC) and the German Cooperation (GIZ), and also Head of the Tana Forum Secretariat.

Her expertise covers defense and security, peace and security, democratic and local governance, post-conflict and community recovery, sustainable development, environmental issues, transitional justice, communication for development, corporate responsibility and global reporting, institution building, and large-scale multi-donor programme management. She is an external reviewer for the African Affairs Journal (Oxford Journals), Africa Insight Journal (HRSC), and South African Journal of International Affairs. She also sits on the Programme Committee of Security and the Rule of Law in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings at the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research and is a member of the Atlantic Dialogues Advisory Board (AD-AB) at the Policy Center for the New South, Morocco and of The Africa Center for Economic Transformation (ACET).

Ms. Ndiaye is also an adjunct faculty member at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, working on issues surrounding African security sector leadership, security cooperation and national security strategies. Before joining IPSS, Ms. Ndiaye was the Managing Director of the Mandela Institute for Development Studies and headed several African and international organizations, including as Executive Director of Greenpeace Africa, CEO of the African Institute for Corporate Citizenship, and Founder and Manager of Africa Projects for Akena Research and Consulting. She started her career as a program officer at the African Institute for Democracy, a UNDP project based in Dakar, Senegal.

Ms. Ndiaye holds a BA in political science from Quebec University in Montreal, Canada, an MA in public law and a post-graduate degree (DEA) from University Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar, Senegal. She is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Leipzig, Germany. She was listed in the New African Magazine as one of the top 100 Most Influential Africans of 2018.

Captain Joaquim Pacheco Santos, as senior Portuguese representative, serves as a liaison between the Africa Center and the Portuguese 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.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Captain Joaquim Pacheco Santos served as executive assistant and adviser of the Angola Naval Academy Commander in Luanda. From 2015

to 2017, he was the Commander of the Marine's School, 2015-17, and in 2017 served as Deputy Commander of the Portuguese Marine Corps. Additionally, Captain Joaquim Pacheco Santos served as Cadet Corps Commander at the Portuguese Naval Academy from 2010 to 2013; Head of the Psychology Department at the Naval Academy between 2005 and 2010; and Lecturer on Organizational Behavior at the Naval Academy from 2005 to 2010. Captain Santos was the Head of the Department of Organizational Behavior and Leadership Training from 2002 to 2005, and Commander of the Landing Craft Unit, at the Marines Corps, from 1999 to 2002

Captain Santos holds a PhD in Management and Organizational Behavior (2015) from the Superior Institute of Work and Enterprise Sciences (I.S.C.T.E) in Lisbon, and a master's degree in Organizational Behavior (2002) from the Superior Institute of Applied Psychology (I.S.P.A) in Lisbon. Captain Santos was an Invited Lecturer on Leadership, Motivation and Corporate/Business Ethics at the ISCTE-IUL, University at Lisbon, from 2005 to 2019. He had published numerous scientific papers in the field of the team leadership development and training.

Dr. Shannon Smith – see above

SPEAKERS (in alphabetical order)

Ms. Alexis Arieff is an Analyst in African Affairs at the Congressional Research Service. Prior to joining CRS as a Presidential Management Fellow in 2008, Alexis worked for three years as a researcher on Africa at the Committee to Protect Journalists. She has also served as a contributing analyst for Freedom House and as a research intern at the International Crisis Group's West Africa field office. She was a 2008-2009 Fulbright scholar in Guinea-Conakry, and holds an M.A. in International Relations from Yale University with a focus on African politics and security.

Ms. Lauren (Ploch) Blanchard is a Specialist in African Affairs with the Congressional Research Service (CRS), where she provides nonpartisan analysis on African political, military and diplomatic affairs, and on U.S. policy in the region, to Members of Congress, congressional committees, and congressional staff. She has written extensively on security issues and U.S. military engagement on the continent. She speaks regularly at academic institutions and international policy fora in the United States and abroad and has testified before Congress on U.S. security interests and military efforts in Africa. Lauren has conducted training in various countries, including Cameroon, Kenya, Liberia, and South Africa for African parliamentarians and other government officials on the policymaking role of the United States Congress and on the role of parliamentary research institutions like CRS. She has also served as an international election observer in several African countries. Prior to joining CRS, she managed democracy support initiatives in East and Southern Africa, where she coordinated governance programs funded by USAID, the State Department, and the National Endowment for Democracy.

During that time, she supervised and conducted training on political party and coalition strengthening, parliamentary support, civil society capacity building, women's leadership development, and public opinion research. She also consulted on constitutional reform efforts in Kenya and the development of democratic institutions in Southern Sudan. Previously, Lauren served as Legislative Assistant in the United States Senate.

Ms. Leanne Erdberg is the director of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) at the U.S. Institute of Peace where she directs USIP's CVE program that includes work focused on CVE Research (focused on the RESOLVE Network where Leanne also serves as the interim executive director of RESOLVE); CVE Practice (including pilot projects on various CVE topics that convene workshops, and build capacity of civil society actors and institutions); and CVE Policy (provides recommendations and coordination on policy responses and CVE strategies and frameworks).

Dr. Brandon Kendhammer is a political science professor and Director of the International Development Studies Program at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, researching and teaching about religious and ethnic politics in West Africa (and particularly Nigeria). His book, *Muslims Talking Politics: Islam, Democracy, and Law in Northern Nigeria* (University of Chicago Press, 2016) explores how popular demands for the expansion of Islamic law emerge in new Muslim-majority democracies, as well as the nature of Islamic revivalism in northern Nigeria before and after the Boko Haram crisis. He has been interviewed on-air by the BBC World Service and published in the *Washington Post*, and provides briefings and analysis on political and religious affairs in Nigeria for numerous governmental agencies. Currently, he is co-authoring a short history of the Boko Haram insurgency and its impact on northern Nigerian politics, society, and culture.

Dr. Andre Le Sage director at SAGE Research, whose mission is to provide the US Government, corporate clients and research institutions with detailed analysis of complex crises throughout the world. Previously, Dr. Le Sage was a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS), where he focused on challenges to peace and security in the Horn of Africa, as well as threats posed by terrorist groups, rebel movements and criminal networks across the continent. Dr. Le Sage's recent research has supported U.S. strategy for stabilization and counterterrorism in Somalia, efforts to defeat the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in Central Africa, and options to respond to Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and Boko Haram in Northwest Africa.

From 2005-2009, Dr. Le Sage served as Assistant Professor and Academic Chair for Counterterrorism at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS), a Regional Center of the US Department of Defense. Previously, he worked across the Horn of Africa, East Africa and Central Africa with the United Nations, Medecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and

other organizations. During this time, Dr. Le Sage was involved in supporting peace negotiations, including serving as Political Advisor to the Somalia National Reconciliation Conference in 2002-2003, and supporting the Darfur peace process in Abuja, Nigeria in 2004. In addition, he worked across Southeast Asia in 2004-2005, focusing on the ongoing insurgency in southern Thailand.

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.

Brigadier General (Rtd) Ahamed Mohammed has served in a variety of command, staff and international assignments in his 37 year's career in the Kenya Defence Forces. His is an expert in national security, conflict management and peace operations. He has served as Chief of Staff, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peace Operations, at the UN Headquarters in New York. He holds two masters degrees in Defence Studies and International Studies. He is currently, Senior Adviser, Defence and Security, at the HORN International Institute for Security Studies in Nairobi, Kenya.

H.E. Fatima Kyari Mohammed is the Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Mohammed was a Senior Special Adviser to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission, with a focus on peace and security, regional integration and organizational development. Before joining ECOWAS, she was the Executive Director at West Africa Conflict and Security Consulting. Earlier, she worked as a Programme Manager at the European Union Delegation to Nigeria and ECOWAS; and as Regional Project Manager for Security Policy Projects in West Africa with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.

Ms. Mohammed holds a Master of Arts in peace, security, development and conflict transformation from the University of Innsbruck, Austria, as well as a master's degree in sustainable economic development from the United Nations University of Peace. Additionally, she holds a Master of Business Administration from the European University, and a bachelor's degree in environmental design from the Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria.

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Mr. Inusah Ziblim is a Foreign Service officer with 18 years' experience in diplomatic practice. He served at the Ghana High Commission in London, UK, between 2004 and 2009 as well as the Ghana Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, between 2010 and 2014. He is currently on secondment at the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT/CAERT) as a Senior Analyst and Technical Expert, with additional responsibilities at the Ghana Embassy in Algiers as Minister-Counselor for Consular Affairs. Mr. Ziblim holds BA (Hons) in Political Science at the University of Ghana, Legon and Msc. in Defence and International Politics at the Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College (GAFSC). His areas of interest include terrorism, maritime piracy and irregular migration.