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BIOGRAPHIES

Leadership

Ms. Amanda Dory is the Director of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, located at the National Defense University in Washington, DC. Prior to this appointment, she held the position of Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs. Ms. Dory is a career member of the Senior Executive Service.

Ms. Dory has served in multiple leadership roles in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, including Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, and acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Plans and Posture. She also served on the National War College faculty and as associate dean for outreach.

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. Carolyn Haggis is Director of Engagement, responsible for leading the Africa Center's efforts to support and facilitate ongoing exchanges with its alumni network and engage the broader policy community focused on African security issues. Dr. Haggis was previously a member of the Africa Center's faculty, serving as Instructor and then Assistant Professor of Regional Peace and Security Issues, from 2010-2015. Her areas of expertise include the international relations of African states, African regional security mechanisms, and African peace operations.

Prior to the joining the Africa Center, Dr. Haggis led a bipartisan Congressional education program, Security for a New Century, at the Henry L. Stimson Center. She also served as a foreign policy and defense fellow in the U.S. House of Representatives and a Professor of Transnational Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies. Earlier in her career, she worked at Oxford University and the Policy Planning Staff of the U.S. Department of State. A longtime analyst of the African Union, Dr. Haggis is particularly interested in the role that African regional and subregional organizations can play in setting norms and fostering cooperation to address security challenges.

Dr. Haggis holds a D.Phil (Ph.D.) and M.Phil in International Relations from the University of Oxford and graduated summa cum laude from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. She received a Superior Civilian Service Award from the U.S. Department of Defense in 2018.

Facilitators

Dr. Anouar Boukhars is Professor of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism with the Africa Center for Strategic Studies and works closely with African government and nongovernmental security sector leaders on developing and implementing activities and programs relating to counterterrorism and countering violent extremism. His research focuses on the dynamics of radicalization and violent extremism in Africa.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Boukhars 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. He has served on several advisory boards and committees on the Sahel and North Africa, including at the African Peacebuilding Network at the Social Science Research Council. From August 2015 to July 2017, Dr. Boukhars served at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as lead facilitator of its flagship program, the Executive Masters in Managing Peace and Security in Africa. His research has been published in numerous leading policy publications and academic journals. He routinely conducts fieldwork in Africa and consults frequently for the African Union, World Bank, United Nations, U.S. State Department, and European governments.

Dr. Boukhars holds a Ph.D. in international studies from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia; an M.A. in applied humanities from Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco; and a B.A. in English literature from Ibn Tofail University in Kenitra, Morocco.

Dr. Mathurin (Matt) Hounnikpo is an independent researcher whose work focuses on security sector reform and democratic governance, the design and development of national security strategies, and civil-military relations in Africa. Until July 2013, Matt Hounnikpo was Associate Professor and Chair of Security Studies (2005-2009), before becoming Professor and Chair of Civil-Military Relations (2009-2013) at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University, Washington, DC. Between 2013 and 2017, Dr. Hounnikpo served as Strategy and Security Sector Reform Advisor to the National Security Council of Côte d'Ivoire and drafted the Ivorian National Security and Maritime Safety and Security Strategies. In 2018, Dr. Hounnikpo was the strategic planning advisor to Mali's Defense Ministry. He is currently assisting several African governments in the area of maritime strategy and the blue economy. He has also held various teaching positions in universities and colleges in the United States and Benin. Dr. Hounnikpo holds a doctorate in political science from the University of Paris VIII Saint-Denis in France and another doctorate in international studies from the University of Denver in the United States.

His publications include: "Repressing or Protecting? The Security Sector and Society in Africa," in Pamela Aall and Chester A. Crocker, eds. *The Fabric of Peace in Africa: Looking beyond the State*, Waterloo, Canada: Centre for International Governance Innovation, 2017. ; "Eroding Democracy: Competitive Authoritarian Drift in Benin," in Claire Metelits and Stephani Matti, eds. *Democratic Contestation on the Margins: Regimes in Small African Countries*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2015. ; *Historical Dictionary of Benin*, Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield

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Dr. Catherine Lena Kelly is Associate Professor of Justice and Rule of Law, and faculty lead for the Africa Center's portfolios on rule of law/security sector governance, as well as countering transnational organized crime. Her work focuses on citizen security, party politics and democratization, the rule of law, and transnational organized crime. She is also a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Kelly was an advisor at the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, where her work took her to Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Republic of Congo, and Rwanda. She designed and taught courses on contemporary Africa and democracy as a postdoctoral fellow at Washington University in St. Louis. At the State Department's Foreign Service Institute, Dr. Kelly taught the West Africa course and co-taught the governance and religion modules in the Area Studies course. She has been awarded numerous fellowships and grants, including a Fulbright Fellowship, a Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Public Fellowship, a West Africa Research Association grant, several Harvard University grants, and two U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship for the Wolof language and eighteen months of doctoral research in Senegal. Her work has been published extensively, both in book form and in policy and academic journals.

Ms. Phyllis Muema is currently the Executive Director of Kenya Community Support Centre (KECOSCE), a non-governmental organization in Kenya that works on countering violent extremism in close partnership with the security sector. She is a Social Development Expert and holds a post graduate diploma in human and natural resources and in peace building and conflict management from Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC). She also holds a senior management certificate from the Kenya School of Government.

Phyllis is a local practitioner in CVE with 9 years experience designing project that respond to violent extremism drivers, building local capacities for community groups and civil society. Phyllis played a role in the development of the Draft Kenya National Peacebuilding and conflict management policy, the Draft National Counter radicalization strategy and is a member of the Global Counter Terrorism Forum where she has provided community perspectives to Countering Violent Extremism. Phyllis is a guest speaker on the role of civil societies in confronting Terrorism at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies and was a member of the steering committee on Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERV).

Dr. Ben Nickels is the course director for European Security Seminar South. His research focuses on political violence, threat perception and analysis, counterterrorism and counterinsurgency, demography and migration, and strategic competition and security cooperation. He specializes in relations between Europe and North/West Africa and wrote his dissertation on the Algerian War of Independence.

He is co-author of *On the Periphery: Containing the Spread of Violent Extremism and Terrorism in Africa* (Stellenbosch: SIGLA, 2018), and his policy pieces have been published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, London School of Economics, West Point Combating Terrorism Center, and Wilson Center, among other institutions. He has served on the editorial boards of the *Marine Corps University Journal*, *World Affairs*, and *History: Reviews of New Books*. He has been cited in major media outlets, such as *The New York Times*.

Fluent in French and familiar with Arabic, Dr. Nickels has given hundreds of lectures and briefings in French and English at government meetings, international forums, and leading academic institutions, such as Georgetown, Oxford, and Harvard. He has received numerous fellowships, including a Fulbright Scholarship to Morocco and a Chateaubriand Fellowship in France.

Dr. Émile Ouédraogo is an adjunct professor of practice at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, specializing in issues related to national security strategy development and security sector reform and governance. Since 2007, he has worked with the Africa Center on more than 60 activities as a speaker, facilitator, and author. He also works with UN, AU, ECOWAS, Just Future (Netherlands), Partners Global (USA), Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Germany), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Germany). He is a member of the Executive committee of the African Security Sector Network and founding President of the « Fondation pour la Sécurité du Citoyen » of Burkina Faso (FOSEC).

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Ouédraogo completed a six-month mission with the African Union in 2017 as a security sector reform and governance expert for Madagascar. He is currently Senior Expert consultant for the UN in Mali and also international expert in DRC for the Dutch project “Just Future”. As Minister of Security of Burkina Faso from 2008 to 2011, he initiated and developed a Homeland Security Strategy and operationalized the concept of community policing and community participation in the management of security issues.

After 32 years of service with the Burkina Faso Army, he retired from active duty in 2012 as a Colonel, having served in positions including Aide de Camp to the Prime Minister, Support Regiment Commanding Officer, Infantry Commando Regiment Commanding Officer and Chief of the Military Intelligence. Dr. Ouédraogo was a parliamentarian in the National Assembly of Burkina Faso and the ECOWAS Parliament, where he sat on the Political Affairs, Peace, Defense, and Security Committees. In this capacity, he carried out informative and investigative missions in most of ECOWAS' 15 countries.

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Ms. Oury Traoré, from Mali, is an International Senior Consultant in Peace and Security, and an Advisor for CMI - Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation. Her primary skills areas include: Peacekeeping/ Support to ASF/ APSA & ESF; Dialogue & Mediation; Gender /Gender Integration; Youth's Engagement; Strategic Advice on SSR Policy & Architecture; Cooperation with Civil Society/CSO; Human Rights/Code of Conduct; Early Warning; Conflict Prevention & Peacebuilding; Post-conflict transitions; Climate Change & Conflict; Transnational Organized

Crimes (TOC); Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E); Organizational Development (OD) & Change Management; Coaching & Leadership; Moderation & Facilitation of Workshops & Trainings; Border Management/Border Security; Community Policing; Police Training (Conceptual Preparation).

Ms. Traoré's clients comprise of the African Union (AU), the Economic Communities of West African States (ECOWAS), the European Union (EU), the United Nations (UN), and Peace Support Operations (PSOs) Training Institutions in Africa, the African Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS), the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD), GIZ (The German Development Cooperation), the Swedish Development Cooperation (Sida), other major Development Partners, International NGOs, African CSOs, etc.

Prior to working as a consultant, Ms. Traoré served as the Executive Director of Partners West Africa. She was the Regional Program Manager for the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP - Regional); the Senior Program Officer at the Institute of Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA - Gambia); and a Program Associate for the International Human Rights Law Group (IHRIG - Washington DC). She works mainly in post-conflict countries in Africa and specifically with security institutions in West Africa. She also worked in the USA, Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Yemen, etc.

Ms. Traoré is currently the Chair of the Board of Directors of Greenpeace Africa (GPAf) and a Trustee of Greenpeace International (GPI). She is also a member of the Executive Board of the Annual Conference of "Why It Matters" of the UN SDGs Academic Impacts Organization.

Ms. Traoré has an M.A. in Sustainable International Development (SID) from the Heller School of Social Policy at Brandeis University (MA, USA); a second M.A. in Human Rights and Democratization from the European Inter-University (EUIC) Venice, Italy; and a B.A. in Sociology from Berea College (KY, USA).

She is also certified in Integrated Mission Planning Process (IMPP), Gestalt Organizational and Systems Development (OSD) and she is a certified Trainer for ECOWAS Mediation & Dialogue. She is fluent in English and French and has a number of academic publications.

Panelists

BG (Ret.) Dave Brigham leads the Africa Center's Africa Military Education Program (AMEP), which helps its partner nations develop, improve, and expand their professional military education institutions. AMEP is currently conducting 32 projects in 17 sub-Saharan African countries.

Mr. Brigham is a former Brigadier General in the United States Army, where he served as a Special Forces and Foreign Area Officer in Europe, Russia, and Central and South Asia. Mr. Brigham has a B.S. from Norwich University and an M.S. from the Naval War College. He is also a Harvard National Security fellow, an MIT Seminar XXI fellow, and a fellow at the Center for Strategic Studies for International Studies.

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COL (Ret.) Tim Mitchell is an Adjunct Faculty with the Africa Center for Security Studies, the Institute for Defense Analyses and the Joint Special Operations University. Tim is a former Infantry and Army Foreign Area Officer (FAO) with a focus in sub-Saharan Africa (48J). COL (ret) Mitchell is a French speaker with eight years of experience serving as the U.S. Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché (SDO/DATT) in three African countries: Chad, with non-resident accreditation to the Central African Republic, (2004-2007); Tanzania (2007-2010) and most recently Liberia (2013-2015) where he played a lead role in the international efforts to stop the spread of Ebola in West Africa. COL (ret) Mitchell also served as the Chief, Security Cooperation Division at U.S. Army Africa in Vicenza, Italy, where he was responsible for coordinating all U.S. Army security cooperation activities in Africa. COL (ret) Mitchell finished his Army career serving as an assistant professor of National Security Studies at the National War College in Washington, D.C. COL (ret) Mitchell earned a Masters degree in Public Policy from Duke University and a Masters degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Tim began his military career in 1987 after graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Dr. Lassane Ouedraogo is a visiting Research Fellow at the Center for Democracy and Development in Abuja, Nigeria. He is also an affiliated lecturer at Université Joseph Ki-Zerbo de Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso. He holds a PhD in media arts and studies, a M.A in African studies from Ohio, and he is a Fulbright alumnus. He is an analyst of political governance, media, and conflict in Sahelian West Africa. With CDD West Africa, he has published on disinformation in Niger and Mali.