BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS
Osamu Arakaki is a professor at International Christian University (ICU), Japan, and an expert of international law and international relations. He received a PhD in Law from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, and an MA in Political Science from the University of Toronto, Canada.

Before he began serving at ICU, he was a junior expert of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). He was also a visiting fellow at Harvard Law School, USA, visiting associate professor at the University of Tokyo, Japan, and professor at Hiroshima City University, Japan. His main works include “East Asia: Regional Refugee Regimes” (co-author) in Costello and others (eds), The Oxford Handbook of International Refugee Law (Oxford University Press, forthcoming), “International Law Concerning Infectious Diseases: International Sanitary Conventions in the 1940s” in Hogakushirin, 118:2, (2020), Statelessness Conventions and Japanese Laws: Convergence and Divergence (UNHCR Representation in Japan, 2015) and Refugee Law and Practice in Japan (Ashgate, 2008).

Source: https://acsee.iafor.org/dvteam/osamuarakaki/
Laurie Ashton is Of Counsel to Keller Rohrback.

Prior to becoming Of Counsel, she was a partner in the Arizona affiliate of Keller Rohrback. Early in her career, as an adjunct professor, she taught semester courses in Lawyering Theory and Practice and Advanced Business Reorganizations. She also served as a law clerk for the Honorable Charles G. Case, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, for the District of Arizona for two years.

An important part of Laurie’s international work involves the domestic and international legal implications of treaty obligations and breaches. She is a member of the international legal team that represented the Marshall Islands at the International Court of Justice in The Hague. For its work, the team was nominated by the International Peace Bureau for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize, along with the former Foreign Minister, Tony deBrum. Laurie is also part of the team representing parties severely impacted by the Trump administration’s Muslim travel ban and policies related to it, in litigation against President Trump, various members of his Cabinet, and various Departments of the United States Government. The case currently concerns the United States’ failure to reunite refugee families as legally required.

In complex litigation, Laurie was the lead attorney for Keller Rohrback in a series of successful groundwater contamination suits brought in 1996 against multiple international defendants concerning chemical releases spanning over 60 years. She was also the lead attorney for Keller Rohrback in an ERISA class action suit on behalf of over 21,000 employees who lost a material percentage of their retirement assets at the hands of corporate fiduciaries—a case that was, at its time, amongst the largest of its kind. Laurie has led or been a member of the team leading numerous high-profile business reorganizations, including a case in which the Court confirmed a reorganization plan over the objection of the international life insurance company’s feasibility expert, based on Laurie’s cross examination.

Laurie served on the Ethics Committee of the State Bar of Arizona for six years. She was the coauthor of a textbook on limited liability companies and partnerships, published by West, and she is AV Preeminent rated by Martindale.

Laurie is frequently interviewed and has been cited by Reuters, Newsweek, Fox News, Huffington Post, Slate Magazine, Radio New Zealand, Radio Australia, and others. She currently serves as a Director of the Santa Barbara City College Foundation, a member...
of the Human Rights Watch Council in Santa Barbara, and as an Advisor of the Global Justice Center in New York, which advances human rights pursuant to various international laws, including the Geneva and Genocide Conventions, as well as customary international law.

Source: https://www.kellerrohrback.com/attorney/laurie-ashton
In 2018, the former governor joined the nonprofit organization Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists as executive chair. In this position, he works alongside the Bulletin’s three board chairs to further the organization’s mission of providing the information needed to reduce manmade existential threats such as nuclear war, climate change, and disruptive technologies.

Brown has been actively engaged with the Bulletin, speaking at the organization’s Annual Dinner in 2015 and participating in a bi-coastal news event that announced the time on the Doomsday Clock in 2016. In his 2018 State of the State address, Brown cited the movement of the Doomsday Clock in his warning that, “our world, our way of life, our system of governance” are all at “immediate and genuine risk.”

Jerry Brown was sworn in as governor of California on January 3, 2011, and was reelected in 2014.

Brown previously was elected governor in 1974 and served two terms, during which time he established the first agricultural labor relations law in the country, started the California Conservation Corp and promoted renewable energy. In 1970, he was elected California secretary of state. Brown began his career as a clerk at the California Supreme Court.

In 1998, he reentered politics and was elected mayor of Oakland, serving two terms from 1999 to 2007. Brown founded the Oakland School for the Arts and the Oakland Military Institute, which serve students from the 6th grade through the 12th grade. He was also elected California attorney general in 2006.

Brown graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, where he received his bachelor’s degree in classics and earned his law degree from Yale Law School in 1964.
Dr. John Burroughs is Senior Analyst for the New York City-based Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy (LCNP). From February 1999 to September 2020 he was the Executive Director. He has represented LCNP in Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty review proceedings and negotiations on the Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons.


His articles and op-eds have appeared in publications including Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, Newsweek, The Hill, and Newsday.

He has taught international law as an adjunct professor at Rutgers Law School. He has a J.D. and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley and a B.A. from Harvard University.

Source:
Jacqueline Cabasso moved with her family from New York to California in the late 1960s, where as a high school student she protested the Vietnam War and became a student leader in the new ecology movement. Though she had intended to be an artist, political activism took over her life. In the late 1970s, she became active in the grassroots California movement against nuclear power. Through the anti-nuclear power movement, she learned about the horrors of nuclear weapons and discovered the existence of one of the two main U.S. nuclear weapons research and development laboratories in her own backyard. As a consequence of her first trial stemming from an arrest while nonviolently blocking the gates to the Livermore nuclear weapons lab, she became the Executive Director of WSLF in the spring of 1984, where today, in addition to organizing, speaking, and writing, she still designs T-shirts, banners and brochures.

Deeply committed to nonviolence and international law, she has been continuously active in nuclear disarmament, peace and environmental advocacy for more than three decades. I has had the opportunity to travel widely and has spoken at public hearings, legislative symposia and conferences around the United States, across Europe and Scandinavia, in Japan, Korea, Russia, Kazakhstan, Polynesia, Costa Rica, Mexico, India, China and Brazil, and has addressed rallies and gatherings at the Livermore and Los Alamos nuclear weapons laboratories, the Nevada and Semipalatinsk nuclear test sites, the French nuclear weapons laboratories, and in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. She has been arrested approximately 50 times in acts of nonviolent resistance to U.S. nuclear weapons and foreign policy at the Livermore Lab, the Nevada Test Site, the White House, and other U.S. military and government facilities.

In 1991, she was a member of the first international nongovernmental delegation (one of three Americans) ever to tour the then-recently closed Soviet nuclear test site at Semipalatinsk. During the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference at UN Headquarters in New York, she was a “founding mother” of the Abolition 2000 Global Network to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons. That year she also worked with the World Court Project in The Hague, during historic hearings before the International Court of Justice on the legal status of nuclear weapons. In 1997 she spoke at the first international NGO-
government conference on nuclear weapons ever held in China, in Beijing. In 2000 she took part in the founding meeting of the Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace in India. In 2007 she was the first NGO speaker to address the United Nations General Assembly First Committee on nuclear disarmament. In 2010, she was a featured speaker at an official public hearing on the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) in Brasilia, the first such event of its kind, sponsored by the Foreign Relations Committee of the Brazilian Senate, the Brazilian Center for Peace and Solidarity (Cebrapaz) and the University of Brasilia. In 2011 she represented Mayors for Peace at the gala opening at UN Headquarters in New York of the first permanent exhibit dedicated to the work of civil society, featuring a display of over one million signatures collected on the Mayors for Peace petition demanding an end to the nuclear threat. In December 2013, she took part in the first public conference in Israel, featuring an unprecedented assembly of current and former Israeli Knesset members and local and international peace and human rights activists, to call for a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East and for a world free of nuclear weapons.


In connection with the 2005 and 2010 NPT Review Conferences, in 2005, with Abolition 2000 and United for Peace and Justice, she was a core organizer of the May 1 No Nukes! No Wars! March and rally in New York City, which attracted some 40,000 participants. In 2010 she was a core organizer of the “International Conference for a Nuclear-Free, Peaceful, Just and Sustainable World,” at the historic Riverside Church in New York City, followed by a rally and march from Times Square to UN Plaza that drew some 15,000 participants.
She received the International Peace Bureau's Sean MacBride Peace Award in 2008 and the Agape Foundation's Enduring Visionary Prize in 2009

Source: http://www.wslfweb.org/aboutwslf.htm
Fr. Drew Christiansen, a Jesuit priest, holds a Ph. D. in religious social ethics from Yale. He has served as director of the Office of International Justice and Peace of the United States Catholic Conference, 1991-1998, and editor in chief of the Jesuit weekly America, 2005-2012. He is currently Distinguished Professor of Ethics and Human Development at Georgetown University and a research fellow at the University's Berkley Center for Religious, Peace and World Affairs.

Since 2013 he has served in various capacities as an advisor to the Holy See on nuclear weapons issues. He was a member of the Holy See delegation to the 2015 NPT Review Conference and to the 2017 conference that negotiated the Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Fr. Christiansen is a member of the Initiative for Revitalizing Catholic Engagement in Nuclear Disarmament. In that capacity, he has been involved in summer institutes to educate the next generation of arms controllers and disarmament negotiators, in several webinars and this past summer in trans-Pacific dialogues of commemoration and reconciliation on the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He is also a member of the Hoover Institution “core group” of veteran arms controllers and academics collaborating with Former Secretary of State George P. Schultz in his efforts on behalf of nuclear abolition.

Fr. Christiansen is co-editor with Carole Sargent of A World Free from Nuclear Weapons: The Vatican Conference on Disarmament (Georgetown, 2020). His also contributed articles on nuclear disarmament to Civiltà Cattolica, the “semi-official” multilingual Jesuit journal, America, the Journal of Catholic Social Teaching, the online journal Ethik und Militäer (Ethics and the Armed Forces) and Der Zeit. He is a contributing
editor of The *Review of Religion in International Affairs* and of the *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*. 
Tom Z. Collina
Director of Policy,
Ploughshares Fund

As director of policy Tom brings 30 years of Washington, DC experience in nuclear weapons, missile defense and nonproliferation issues to Ploughshares Fund. He has worked extensively as a researcher, analyst, and advocate to strengthen the efforts to end US nuclear testing, rationalize anti-missile programs, extend the Nonproliferation Treaty, and secure Senate ratification of the New START Treaty among others.

Prior to joining Ploughshares Fund in 2014, Tom served as Research Director of the Arms Control Association. He was the Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Institute for Science and International Security and the Director of the Global Security Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists, among other leadership positions. He has published widely in major magazines and journals and has appeared frequently in the national media, including The New York Times, CNN, and NPR. He has testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and regularly briefs congressional staff. Tom has a degree in International Relations from Cornell University.

Tom recently published The Button: The New Nuclear Arms Race and Presidential Power from Truman to Trump, which he co-authored with former US Secretary of Defense and Stanford professor of international relations, William J. Perry.

Select Publications and Media Appearances

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- **Why Are We Rebuilding the ‘Nuclear Sponge’?**, The National Interest, November 6, 2019
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• The Non-Nuclear Option, Moyers and Company, September 2, 2016
• Your Call: Modernizing U.S. nuclear arsenal could cost $1 trillion, KALW - San Francisco, August 4, 2016
• America Would Never Be the First to Use Nukes. So Why Say We Might?, The National Interest, July 28, 2016
• The Iran Deal is Working. Don’t Mess With Success, The Hill, July 15, 2016
• How to Slow President Trump From Pushing The Nuclear Button, Defense One, June 30, 2016
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• Russia views US missile defense system as a ‘threat’, CNN, May 13, 2016
• What Obama Really Needs to Say in Hiroshima, Foreign Policy, May 10, 2016
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• As Leaders Gather For Nuclear Summit, A Look Back At Progress And Pitfalls, NPR, April 4, 2016

Source: https://ploughshares.org/about-us/staff/tom-z-collina
Gloria Duffy has been president and CEO of The Commonwealth Club since 1996.

She oversees the organizational strategy, programming, publications, outreach, membership and fundraising for the nation’s largest and oldest public affairs forum.

Dr. Duffy has initiated several special projects at the Club, including Voices of Reform (now the independent organization California Forward). These efforts have convened experts and stakeholders in challenging fields to build consensus for solutions and action. Dr. Duffy led the Club to produce its first full-length film, Final Choice, for PBS in 1998, and oversaw the editing and publication of Each a Mighty Voice (Heyday Press, 2004), which placed important speeches at the Club in their historical context.

She led the building search and capital campaign that enabled the Club to purchase 110 The Embarcadero, which will serve as its permanent headquarters and the first time the organization has owned its own home.

Prior to becoming president and CEO of The Commonwealth Club, Dr. Duffy was U.S. deputy assistant secretary of defense and special coordinator for cooperative threat reduction.

Dr. Duffy received her A.B. magna cum laude in 1975 from Occidental College and her M.A. (1977), M.Phil. (1980), and Ph.D. (1991), all in political science, from Columbia University in New York, where she studied at the Harriman Institute. She also holds a Doctor of Humane Letters (honoris causa), awarded by the University of San Francisco in 2006.

Source: https://www.commonwealthclub.org/about/who-we-are/president-ceo
A graduate of Fordham College at Rose Hill, Feerick earned his law degree at the University’s School of Law, then located at 302 Broadway. As editor-in-chief of the Fordham Law Review, he wrote an article about presidential succession, which later served as the foundation of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, an amendment Feerick helped draft at the invitation of the American Bar Association in 1964. His efforts led to a Pulitzer Prize nomination and established his reputation as one of the sharpest legal minds of his generation.

In 1982, following a 21-year legal career at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, he became dean of Fordham Law. During his 20-year tenure, he built the law school’s ethics and dispute resolution curriculum, public service and clinical programs, as well as various centers and institutes. His dedication to the Jesuit philosophy of service to others led to the establishment of nationally recognized programs in legal ethics, public interest law, clinical legal education, and international human rights.

Widely respected for his mediation and arbitration skills, Feerick served as the inaugural chair of the ethics committee of the Dispute Resolution Section of the American Bar Association. He also chaired a joint committee of legal, arbitration, and conflict resolution professionals that generated national standards for mediation, and he adjudicated several high-profile labor cases, including the 1994 transit negotiations in New York and the 1999 National Basketball Association lockout.

Feerick has also held a number of public positions. He served as a member of the New York State Law Revision Commission and the New York State Committee to Promote Public Trust and Confidence in the Legal System, and he was chair of the state’s Commission on Public Integrity.
In 2006, Fordham University established the Feerick Center for Social Justice at Fordham Law School. The center’s mission reflects that of its founding director: to protect the underprivileged from a wide array of social ills, while working to bolster workers’ rights and access to legal services.

Source: https://www.fordham.edu/info/26211/hall_of_honor/9535/john_d_feerick
Dr. Christopher Ashley Ford
Assistant Secretary,
Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation,
U.S. Department of State

Dr. Christopher Ford was sworn in as Assistant Secretary for International Security and Nonproliferation on January 9, 2018. In his current capacity, Dr. Ford was additionally delegated the authorities and functions of the Office of the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security on October 21, 2019. Before coming to ISN, Dr. Ford served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Weapons of Mass Destruction and Counterproliferation at the National Security Council.

Dr. Ford began his public service in 1996 as Assistant Counsel to the Intelligence Oversight Board and then served on several Congressional staffs, including the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. In 2003, he served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the State Department’s Bureau of Verification and Compliance (now the Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance). In 2006, he was named U.S. Special Representative for Nuclear Non-Proliferation, where he was responsible for U.S. diplomacy with respect to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

From 2008 to 2013, Dr. Ford was a Senior Fellow at Hudson Institute, a foreign affairs and national security think tank. In 2013, Dr. Ford returned to Congress where he served on the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

Dr. Ford also served as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1994 until 2011, receiving an Honorable Discharge at the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He is the author of three books and scores of articles and monographs.

Dr. Ford earned an A.B., summa cum laude, at Harvard University, a D.Phil. at Oxford University in the United Kingdom (as a Rhodes Scholar), and a J.D. at Yale Law School.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Ford lives with his family in Bethesda, Maryland.

Source: https://www.state.gov/biographies/dr-christopher-ashley-ford/
Ambassador Thomas Graham, Jr. is Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Lightbridge Corporation, a company which develops new and improved types of nuclear power fuel. These fuels are designed to improve the economics of existing and new nuclear power plants while enhancing safety characteristics and proliferation resistance and reducing waste. Lightbridge is a U.S. company located in McLean, Virginia, listed on the NASDAQ, which has conducted its primary research and development work in the United States, Russia, and Canada.

In December of 2009, Ambassador Graham was appointed to the United Arab Emirates' International Advisory Board, helping to guide that country's nuclear energy program and hold it to the highest standards of safety, security, nonproliferation, transparency and sustainability. The Board completed its mandate and was disbanded in the fall of 2016. Ambassador Graham is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of CanAlaska Uranium Ltd. of Vancouver, Canada a uranium exploration company. From July, 1997 to November, 2012 Ambassador Graham chaired the Board of Directors of Mexco Energy Corporation of Midland, Texas, an oil and gas exploration company listed on AMEX.

Internationally known as one of the leading authorities in the field of international arms control and non-proliferation. Ambassador Graham served as a senior U.S. diplomat involved in every major international arms control and non-proliferation negotiation in which the United States took part during the period 1970-1997. This includes The Strategic Arms Limitations Talks (the Interim Agreement on Strategic Offensive Arms, the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and the SALT II Treaty), The Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (the START I Treaty and the START II Treaty), the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF), the Nuclear NonProliferation Treaty extension, the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty (CFE), and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).
In 1993, Ambassador Graham served as the Acting Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) and for seven months in 1994 served as the Acting Deputy Director. From 1994 through 1997, he served as the Special Representative of the President for Arms Control, Non-Proliferation, and Disarmament, appointed by President Clinton and in this capacity in 1994-1995 led U.S. government efforts to achieve the permanent extension of the NPT. He also served for 15 years as the general counsel of ACDA.

He additionally served among other assignments as the Legal Advisor to the U.S. SALT II, START I, and START II Delegations and was the senior arms control agency representative to the U.S. INF Delegation and the U.S. Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Delegation.


Ambassador Graham is a widely published author in both scholarly journals and major newspapers for example publishing a major article on nuclear weapon proliferation in the National Strategy Forum Review in 2007. A comparable article in the Baker Center Journal for Applied Public Policy at the University of Tennessee was also published in 2007. In 2008 with Ambassador Max Kampelman, Ambassador Graham published an article on the elimination of nuclear weapons in the Washington Times and an article on the Test Ban in Spectrum, the magazine of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Office. He also published an article with Russell Schweickart on asteroids, NASA and nuclear weapons in the March, 2008 issue of Scientific American. In the spring of 2012, the Baker Center Journal published a second article by Ambassador Graham entitled the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty under Threat: Iran and North Korea. His article, A New Pathway to Prohibiting Nuclear Testing, was published online on June 3, 2014 by WMD Junction which is edited by the Monterey Nonproliferation Review. Ambassador Graham has authored seven books. Disarmament Sketches: Three Decades of Arms Control and International Law (2002), Cornerstones of Security: Arms Control and International Law in a Nuclear Era (2003) with Damien LaVera, Common Sense on Weapons of Mass Destruction (2004), Spy Satellites and Other Technologies that Have Changed the Course of History (2007) with Keith Hansen, and Unending Crisis: National Security
Policy after 9/11 (2012), were published by the University of Washington Press. A second book with Keith Hansen, Preventing Catastrophe: The Use and Misuse of Intelligence in Efforts to Halt the Proliferation and Use of Weapons of Mass Destruction was published by Stanford University Press in 2009. A novel, Sapphire: A Tale of the Cold War, was published in 2014 by AuthorHouse, a subsidiary of Penguin Books. Three books published in 2017 were The Alternate Route: Nuclear Weapons Free Zones, which addresses the potential for the nuclear weapon free zone movement to serve as an alternate pathway to nuclear disarmament given the current U.S.-Russia impasse (Oregon State University Press), Seeing the Light, the Case for Nuclear Power in the 21st Century, coauthored with Dr. Scott Montgomery of the University of Washington, which addresses nuclear power and climate change (Cambridge University Press), and America: The Founder's Vision which contains over 400 comments by our Founders on today’s issues (Butler Books). Ambassador Graham has taught at many prestigious universities, including the University of Virginia School of Law, the Georgetown School of Foreign Service, the Georgetown University Law Center, Stanford University, the University of California at Berkeley, the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington, the University of Tennessee, and Oregon State University.

Ambassador Graham received an A.B. in 1955 from Princeton University and a J.D. in 1961 from Harvard Law School. He is a member of the Kentucky, the District of Columbia and the New York Bars and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He chaired the Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament of the American Bar Association from 1986-1994. Ambassador Graham received the Trainor Award for Distinction in Diplomacy from Georgetown University in 1995. On May 2, 2007 Ambassador Graham received the 2006 World Order Under Law Award of the International Section of the American Bar Association. He twice received the Distinguished Honor Award, twice the Superior Honor Award and the Meritorious Honor Award from ACDA. He also received the Meritorious Honor Award from the Department of State. He is a board member of the Center for Interfaith Relations based in Louisville, Kentucky which is committed to the development of interfaith understanding. He is also a board member of the Faith and Politics Institute of Washington, DC, the mission of which is to promote racial harmony in politics as well as interfaith understanding. In 2015 Ambassador Graham was appointed to the Board of the World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Indiana. In addition, in 2015 he co-authored a Manifesto on Climate Change, also co-authored by Richard Rhodes, Dr. KunMo Chung, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Ambassador Jayantha Dhanapala, Ambassador Sergio Duarte, Dr. Hans Blix, Ms. Jody Williams, and Dr. Karen A. Hallberg. In 2011 Ambassador Graham was appointed Adjunct Professor of Political Science by the Department of Political Science at the University of Tennessee and in 2012 he was appointed an Affiliate Professor by the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington.
In May of 2019 he was selected as Co-Chairman of the Nuclear Power and National Security Coalition.

Links to Books:
- https://www.thomasgraham.info/2018/12/06/disarmament-sketches
- https://www.thomasgraham.info/2018/12/07/spy-satellites

Links to Articles:
Mr. Granoff is an attorney, author and international advocate emphasizing the legal and ethical dimensions of human development and security, with a specific focus on advancing the rule of law to address international security and the threats posed by nuclear weapons. He serves on numerous governing and advisory boards including: Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy, Fortune Forum, Jane Goodall Institute, the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament, and Middle Powers Initiative. He is a recipient of the Rutgers University School of Law’s Arthur E. Armitage Distinguished Alumni Award and a 2014 nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.

He is the Senior Advisor and United Nations Representative of the Permanent Secretariat of the World Summits of Nobel Peace Laureates, Ambassador for Peace, Security and Nuclear Disarmament of the Parliament of the Worlds Religions, former Adjunct Professor of International Law at Widener University School of Law, and Chair of the Task Force on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Advisor to the Committee on National Security of the International Law Section of the American Bar Association.

Mr. Granoff is the award-winning screenwriter of The Constitution: The Document that Created a Nation and a prolific author. He has been a featured guest and expert commentator on numerous radio and television programs, and has presented expert testimony in the Parliaments of Canada and the United Kingdom as well as the US Congress and the United Nations.

Mr. Granoff earned his BA (cum laude) from Vassar College and his Juris Doctorate from Rutgers University School of Law.

Source: https://gsinstitute.org/project/jonathan-granoff/

Resources:
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https://gsinstitute.org/featured-videos

Writings
https://gsinstitute.org/who-we-are/writings
Scott M. Karson, Esq.
President, New York State Bar Association
Partner, Lamb & Barnosky

Scott M. Karson of Stony Brook, a partner at Lamb & Barnosky, became president of NYSBA on June 1, 2020.

Karson is a commercial and municipal litigator with a concentration in appellate work and has argued more than 100 appeals in the state and federal appellate courts. He also chairs his firm’s Professional Ethics and Litigation Committees.

A NYSBA member for more than three decades, Karson served for three years as treasurer of the association. He has served on the Executive Committee as vice president for the Tenth Judicial District (Nassau and Suffolk counties). He is a member and former chair of the Audit Committee and is a member of the Finance Committee, the President’s Committee on Access to Justice and the Committee to Review Judicial Nominations. A longtime member of the Committee on Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction, Karson worked during his time as chair to clarify court rules to create a standard price that could be charged for court transcripts.

A past president of the Suffolk County Bar Association, Karson was the county bar’s delegate to the American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates. As president, he will be a NYSBA delegate to the ABA. He still serves on the ABA’s Council of Appellate Lawyers. Karson is vice chair of the board of directors of Nassau Suffolk Law Services, the principal provider of civil legal services to Long Island’s indigent population. He has twice received the Suffolk County Bar Association President’s Award, in 1996 and 2011, and received the its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018.

Before joining Lamb & Barnosky in 1987, Karson served as an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County and as principal law clerk to the late Associate Justice Lawrence J. Bracken of the Appellate Division, Second Department.
Karson earned his law degree from the Syracuse University College of Law, cum laude, and his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Source: https://nysba.org/nysba-leadership/
Audrey E. Kitagawa, JD, is the Chair of Board of Trustees of the Parliament of the World's Religions, President of the Light of Awareness International Spiritual Family, and the former Advisor to the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict at the United Nations.

She is a United Nations Representative for the United Religions Initiative, and represents the Parliament of the World's Religions on the UN Multi-faith Advisory Council.

She has been enstooled into the royal family as the Nekoso Hemaa, (i.e. Queen Mother of Development), of Ajiyamanti in Ghana, West Africa, and has a school which she helped to build named after her in her African name, the Nana Ode Anyankobea Junior Secondary School.


She is the recipient of the Medal “Pride of Eurasia” and a Diploma from the Republic of Kazakhstan Ministry of Education and Science L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University for her outstanding contribution to the development of spiritual culture and education in Eurasia.

She is the recipient of the Spirit of the UN Award which is given to outstanding individuals who have demonstrated the vision and spirit of the United Nations as expressed through the UN Charter, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

She was conferred an Honorary Interfaith Minister degree by the New Seminary.

Source: https://parliamentofreligions.org/users/ms-audrey-kitagawa

Helpful Resources:

Responding to the Unique Challenge of Nuclear Weapons: A Passionate Call From The Parliament of the World’s Religions

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Accord Statement (07.13.20)
https://parliamentofreligions.org/documents/hiroshimanagasaki-accord

75th Commemorative Remembrance of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Introducing the Hiroshima/Nagasaki Accord
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sI3EmFzEo0&feature=youtu.be
David A. Koplow
Professor, Georgetown University Law Center;
Former Special Counsel
for Arms Control to the General Counsel
of the U.S. Department of Defense

David A. Koplow has been a professor of law at the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. since 1981. His primary fields for teaching and scholarship involve public international law and national security law, with a particular emphasis upon arms control, non-proliferation, outer space, and counter-terrorism.

He has published five books and numerous law review articles regarding treaty negotiation, verification, and implementation, and regarding the intersection between international legal standards and U.S. constitutional law.

He has served in government as Attorney-Advisor, and as Special Assistant to the Director, at the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency from 1978 to 1981; as Deputy General Counsel for International Affairs at the U.S. Department of Defense from 1997 to 1999; and as Special Counsel for Arms Control to the General Counsel of the Department of Defense from 2009 to 2011.

He is a graduate of Harvard College and the Yale Law School and was a Rhodes Scholar.

His webpage at Georgetown Law is: http://www.law.georgetown.edu/faculty/koplow-david-a.cfm
Hans M. Kristensen is Director of the Nuclear Information Project at the Federation of American Scientists where he provides the public with analysis and background information about the status of nuclear forces and the role of nuclear weapons. He specializes in using the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in his research and is a frequent consultant to and is widely referenced in the news media on the role and status of nuclear weapons.

His collaboration with researchers at NRDC in 2010 resulted in an estimate of the size of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile that was only 13 weapons off the actual number declassified by the U.S. government.

Kristensen is co-author of the Nuclear Notebook column in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists and the World Nuclear Forces overview in the SIPRI Yearbook. The Nuclear Notebook is, according to the publisher, “widely regarded as the most accurate source of information on nuclear weapons and weapons facilities available to the public.” Past Nuclear Notebook columns can be found here. A full listing of Kristensen’s publications can be found here.

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ICRC and other materials on nuclear weapons and IHL:

• ‘Nuclear Weapons: Averting a global catastrophe – Appeal to States, global leaders and citizens’ by Peter Maurer, President of the ICRC, 23 April 2018: https://www.icrc.org/en/document/nuclear-weapons-averting-global-catastrophe

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Charlie has been a litigator handling large commercial, securities, insurance and other cases in federal and state courts throughout the United States for over 40 years. He started serving as an arbitrator in 1977 with the American Arbitration Association (the “AAA”) when he was an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell.
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Between 2005 and 2008, Ms. Nakamitsu was Professor of International Relations at Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo, where she also served as a member of the Foreign Exchange Council to Japan’s Foreign Minister, and as a visiting senior adviser on peacebuilding at the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Between 1998 and 2004, she was the Chef de Cabinet and Director of Planning and Coordination at the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, based in Stockholm, Sweden.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Nakamitsu was a member of the United Nations Reform Team of former Secretary-General Kofi Annan. She also held positions with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), including within the office of Assistant High Commissioner for Policy and Operations Sergio Vieira de Mello, and in UNHCR field operations in the former Yugoslavia, Turkey and northern Iraq.

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Select Publications:

- "Are Arms Trade Treaty Meetings Being Used to Their Full Potential?" in Global Responsibility to Protect, Volume 12, Issue 2, May 2020
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Relevant Publications:

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