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She is also admitted as a practicing lawyer both in Malaysia and Singapore. She practiced both criminal law and civil litigation for several years in Malaysia. She has a double Masters in Law (LL.M) in International Business Legal Studies from the from the University of Exeter, England and an M.A. in the Theory and Practice of Human Rights from the Human Rights Center, University of Essex, England. She has been an active member of the Bar Council Sub Committee on Human Rights and Bar Council Legal Aid Committee.









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**Joseph Gbrou**Couselor, UNGA Third Committee, Permanent Mission of Cote d'Ivoire to the United Nations

Mr. Joseph Gbrou is a Counselor from the Permanent Mission of Cote d'Ivoire. He holds a degree in Private Law and a diploma from the prestigious National Administration School of Cote d'Ivoire, in the field of Diplomacy (1996-1997), following a two year

training period. He began his career working in the European Affairs Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Abidjan. In 2001, he was appointed as First Secretary in charge of Consular and Cultural matters to the embassy of Cote d'Ivoire in Cairo, Egypt. At the end of his duty in Egypt in 2007, he returned to Abidjan, in the Department of General and Humanitarian Affairs. There, he was in charge of governance issues, Elections and Human Rights, until his assignment in New York, as Counselor in charge of UNGA Third Committee issues. He would like to highlight that since 2012, his country is a member of the group of Friends of the R2P and the Head of the Permanent Mission of Cote d'Ivoire is one of the two national Focal Points on R2P. Herein lies one of his main interests for participating in this session, especially in view of benefitting from the experience other participants.



#### Juliana Laurent Chacha

Principal Investigations Officer, Tanzania Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance of Tanzania; Member, Tazanian National Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and All Forms of Discrimination

Ms. Juliana Laurent Chacha is a Principal Investigation Officer of the Tanzania Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) and head of the Special Group Section, which includes persons with disabilities, women,

children and elderly in the Department of human rights. CHRAGG is a Constitutional Commission with functions that include promoting and protecting human rights and principles of good governance in accordance with Article 129- 131 of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania 1977. She has been a Member of Tanzania National Committee on the Prevention of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and All Forms of Discrimination since 2012.

Ms. Laurent Chacha is a Social Scientist. She received her honor's degree in Sociology and a Master's degree in Development Studies from the University of Dar es Salaam and Diploma in Education from Dar es Salaam Teacher's College. She has also been a part time tutor at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Dar es Salaam. Previously she worked as a teacher at the Tanzanian Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, teaching geograph and history at Pugu Secondary School. Ms. Laurent Chacha has wide ranging experience in matters of international, regional and national human rights treaties.





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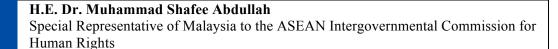


#### Lucas Kusima

Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police Ministry of Home Affairs of Tanzania; Member, Tanzanian National Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and All Forms of Discrimination

Mr. Lucas Kusima is a Senior Police Officer in the Tanzania Police Force holding the rank of Senior Assistant Commissioner. He holds a bachelors degree in law and currently works as advisor to the Tanzania Police Force Reforms. Previously he

worked as Head of Interpol in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania for four years, and Police Reforms Coordinator for six years before he became advisor to the Reforms in 2012. Mr. Kusima is a member of the Tanzanian National Committee on the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities. His duties involve convening different stakeholders and holding peace building dialogues. He resides in Dar es Salaam and likes to attend to his pineapple farm during weekends.



(Tan Sri Dato' Sri) Dr. Muhammad Shafee Abdullah's legal career took off in the Malaysian civil service as a Deputy Public Prosecutor in the Attorney-General's

Chambers where he prosecuted a wide range of criminal and security cases. Since 1985, after his postgraduate studies he founded his own practice, Messrs Shafee & Co, which he runs still today where his areas of practice encompass a broad spectrum of specialized areas of law such as Human Rights law, Constitutional and Administrative law, Criminal law, Defamation, Contempt (Media law), Extradition and mutual assistance in criminal matters, Corporate litigation, Election law, Habeas Corpus, and International law, especially that pertaining to Criminal law and International Human Rights. Dr. Muhammad Shafee Abdullah has developed a "niche" practice especially in the area of Constitutional law, Human Rights, Criminal law, Defamation law and other Media law practice. He currently represents Malaysia as the first Malaysian Representative to the AICHR (ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights) and was actively involved in the drafting of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD), a first in the region of ASEAN. He currently advises the Government of Malaysia on numerous legal issues. He was a former Commissioner for SUHAKAM (The Malaysian Human Rights Commission) from 2004-2010.









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#### Alice Nderitu

Commissioner, National Cohesion and Integration Commission of Kenya; Member, Kenyan National Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and All Forms of Discrimination

In her current position as Commissioner at the National Cohesion and Integration Commission, Ms. Nderitu is responsible for leading mediations, capacity building projects concerning community reconciliation, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and peace education. Ms. Nderitu has also held the position of Head of Programs - Human Rights Education and Capacity Building for the Kenyan National Commission on Human Rights. Throughout her career, Ms. Nderitu has also published several articles on human rights related issues, as well as producing several documentaries. Ms. Nderitu holds a BA from the University of Nairobi in addition to a Masters Degree in Armed Conflict and Peace Studies from the same institution.

#### **Abdoulave Bane**

Legal Advisor, Office of the Special Representative of ECOWAS in Mali

Since November 2013, Mr. Bane was deployed to the office of the Special Representative of ECOWAS in Mali as Legal Advisor. He is in charge of human rights and humanitarian issues. He works with the Malian Ministry of Justice to identify and pursue the authors of massive violations of human rights in the context of Malian crises. He organizes in relation with the Malian government trainings of judges, lawyers and civil society on protection of human rights. Within the framework of his professional activities, he practiced, both in private and public law within a multi-disciplinary legal consultancy, as Legal Counsel for several Diplomatic Missions, their co-operation agencies, and for various commercial companies. He was Project Manager at the Malian Ministry of Justice, from June 2004 to March 2007, the date on which he was appointed to the post of Personal Assistant to the President of the Court of Justice of ECOWAS. Since March 2007, he has been the Personal Assistant to the President of the Court. In this regard, he has been in charge of the organizational structure and functioning of the Office of the President, with particular reference to the drafting of speeches, reports, judgments, and advisory opinions of the Court.









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#### Quirien van Straelen

Advisor, Legal and Operational Affairs Department, Ministry of Security and Justice, Kingdom of the Netherlands

Quirien van Straelen currently works as an advisor within the Ministry of Security and Justice in the Netherlands. In this position she coordinates the dealings with the international criminal tribunals in the Hague and the Ministry of Security and

Justice. She also works as program coordinator for an inter-state Mutual Legal Assistance initiative for International Crimes. Past positions of hers include working with the UN Mission in South Sudan, the International Affairs department of the Ministry of Justice and the Netherlands embassy in Sri Lanka. Ms. van Straelen has an MA in International Relations from the University of Groningen.



### Nadide Gul Kozan Manguel

Consultant, White Helmets Commission, Argentina

Ms. Nadide Gul Kozan Manguel is from Turkey and is currently a consultant at the White Helmets Commission in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She holds an LL.M., with a scholarship, on International Crime and Justice from the joint program of the UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) and the University of

Torino. Eventually she earned her spot at the Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) Centers of Excellence Department at UNICRI. After some time at UNICRI, to follow her main career goal, she went to Turkey-Syria border as a Field Assistant of UNHCR Syria Operation, to work with Syrian refugees. At the end of 7 very intensive months at the border, she left her job and became a part of building a new think-tank in her home country, Turkey, on refugee/migration studies. Ms. Kozan Manguel is still a member of the Ankara Bar Association. She speaks 3 languages (Turkish, English, Italian) fluently and trying to improve her 4th language, Spanish.











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#### Sylaphet Thinkeomeuangneua

Human Rights Officer, Department of Treaties and Laws, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao

Mr. Thinkeomeuangneua completed both his bachelors and masters studies in International Law in Vietnam before beginning his first post in the Human Rights Division of the Treaties and Laws Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao.

After 4 years in this division he moved on to the International Human Rights Convention and Humanitarian Division of the Treaties and Laws Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he currently is now. In addition Mr. Thinkeomeuangneua is a staff member of the Secretariat of the National Steering Committee on Human Rights of Lao PDR. He is fluent in Lao, English, and Vietnamese.



#### **Amarilis Busch Tavares**

Director, Amnesty Commission, Ministry of Justice, Brazil

Amarilis Busch Tavares earned a Bachelor Degree in International Relations by Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais, Brazil. She then went on to complete a Masters in Advanced Studies in International Humanitarian Law at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and the Graduate Institute of International Development Studies in Switzerland. She is a specialist in Public Policies and Management and currently the Director of the

Amnesty Commission of the Ministry of Justice in Brazil. Before working as a civil servant at Brazilian government, Ms. Busch Tavares worked in different human rights sectors in various national and international organizations. During this work she published case studies and articles in the area of public management and human rights.











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### Lina Zedriga Waru Abuku



Consultant & Senior Advisor on Issues of Women, Peace and Security and Governance; Secretary, Uganda National Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination

Lina Zedriga Waru Abuku is a lawyer and an expert in "women, peace, and security." Since her husband, an opposition politician, disappeared 13 years ago, she is the sole parent to five children plus three she adopted. She went from being a magistrate to a war widow, but she refuses to be called a "victim." "We are the stakeholders. Nothing about us without us." Since 2007 she has been the program manager of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 Project, aimed at empowering women for durable peace and reconciliation. In fact, she staged a media and grassroots campaign widely known as the "Women's Peace Caravan to Juba 2006," leading a four-day march into areas of war, abductions, and crimes of mass atrocities. Then with 22 selected women delegates from the region, they flew into Juba to deliver a peace torch to the Chief Mediator Dr. Riek Marchar. In 2005, Ms. Zedriga served as program adviser to the Northern Uganda Peace Initiatives, where she designed the Women in Peace Building and Reconciliation program, which included bringing together 300 internally displaced women and other Northern Ugandans to advance peace in the region. Before that, she was associate director of the Center for Conflict Management and Peace Studies at Gulu University, where she coordinated community outreach programs, led research, and helped develop a post-graduate diploma in conflict management and peace studies. She has trained women political candidates in several districts in Uganda.

She has consulted for the Compliance Advisory Ombudsman CAO/IFC/ World Bank Group as a mediator, facilitated the development of Kenya NAP on UN SCR 1325, trained police officers to protect victims of rape and sexual assault, and facilitated workshops for the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, African Union on Women and Security Governance in South Sudan. Ms. Zedriga holds a master's degree in human rights, a law degree, and Diploma of Laws, Diploma of Law and Judicial Practice from Makerere University and the Law Development Center. She is a member of numerous professional associations, including the Network of African Peace Builders, Advocates for Public International Law Uganda APILU, the African Judicial Network, Africa Network on Criminal Justice, Africa Mediators Forum, International Civil Society Action Network ICAN, Women Waging Peace, Global Network of Women Peace Builders and the Uganda Association of Women Lawyers FIDA, Uganda Law Society ULS, and National and International Association of Women Judges. She is Secretary to the National Committee on Genocide and Mass Atrocities Prevention and Punishments ICGLR, CSO Forum on the ICGLR among others. Ms. Zedriga speaks English, Luo, Luganda, Lugbara.









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José Luis Guerra Mayorga

General Advisory Director, Office of the Ombudsman, Ecuador, General-Director of Protection

José Luis Guera Mayorga holds two Masters degrees in Human Rights, Estate of Law, and Democracy and International Relations with a specialization in Security and Human Rights, in addition to a degree in Law from the Pontificia Catholic University of Ecuador. Before becoming the General-Director of Protection, Mr.

Guerra Mayorga served as a Consultant in the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland. In addition he was the National Director of Human Rights Protection and Nature at the National Human Rights Institution of Ecuador. He also served as Legal Incidence Coordinator and Human Rights Lawyer for the Jesuit Refugee Service of Ecuador. In addition Mr. Guerra Mayorga has experience teaching as a Visiting Professor of the Universal Human Rights System at Andina Simon Bolivar University.



**Elke Koning** 

Senior Policy Officer Responsibility to Protect, UNSC Political Issues United Nations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands

Elke Koning currently serves as Senior Policy Officer Responsibility to Protect UNSC Political Issues, assisting national R2P Focal Point Koen Davidse, and represents the Netherlands on the Executive Board of interstate agency Justice Rapid Response.

Until November 2014, she also served in her previous position at the department, coordinating policy for the Sixth (Legal) Commission of the UNGA and working on the themes of Rule of Law and accountability for mass atrocities, including the policy towards international courts and tribunals. Together with counterparts at the Ministry of Justice, she coordinates Dutch efforts to initiate a new Multilateral Treaty on Interstate cooperation in domestic investigation and prosecution of international crimes. Previous positions of hers at the Ministry were Head of Economic Affairs at the Netherlands Embassy in Zagreb, Croatia, and Policy Officer for the Council of Europe at the Europe Department. Some of her work experience before joining the Ministry includes projects on children's rights with NGOs in Geneva and South Africa, and microfinance for women in Peru. Elke Koning holds a Masters degree in International Relations and attended the Ministry's Diplomats Training Course at the University of Leiden.









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#### **Raouf Ben Salem**

Advisor, Office of Legislative Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Transitional Justice, Tunisia

Mr. Ben Salem is currently an Advisor in the Office of Legislative Affairs in the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Transitional Justice. Prior to his current position, Mr. Ben Salem was an Administrator in the same Ministry in the Office of Competency from 2012-2014. From 2011-2012 Mr. Ben Salem worked in the High

Authrority for the Achievement of the Revolution Objectives, Political Reform, and Democratic Transition. In addition he has previously held positions in the Parliament House of Advisors and the Tunisian Institute for Strategic Studies. Furthermore Mr. Raouf holds degrees in Administration, and Legal Science.



#### Maria Gabriela Quinteros

Deputy Director, Department of Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Argentina

Mrs. Quinteros is the current Deputy Director in the Department of Human Rights in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She has been the Deputy Director since March 2013. Before her tenure with the Human Rights Secretariat, Ms. Quinteros was the Adjunct Consul General at the Argentine Consulate in New York. She has been a member of the Eligible

Committee for the Refugees and the National Commission for the Application of International Humanitarian Law since 2005. From 1996-2003 Ms. Quinteros worked in the sub-secretariat of the American Economic Integration at MERCOSUR, and prior to this she was posted in the Argentine embassy in Bolivia. Ms. Quinteros holds numerous degrees in International Relations and in National Foreign Service.











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#### Patricia Pérez Valdés

Department of Education and Audience, Museum of Memory and Human Rights, Chile

Patricia Pérez Valdés graduated with a major in Cultural Studies from the University Academia de Humanismo Cristiano in Santiago, Chile. This is in addition to a one-year course of Pedagogy of History and Geography at University Academia de Humanismo Cristiano, Santiago, Chile. During her undergraduate

career, she worked as a teacher assistant of various classes some of which were led by the professor Leonardo Mellado González, Master on Museology. She worked in partnership with him in the classes "The Construction of west," and "Europeanization of the world" for a period of three years. Following this work she was able to participate in many seminars presenting some of the investigations that she led. Since 2011, Ms. Valdés has worked at the Museum of Memory and Human Rights in Santiago, Chile, under the social and communicational framework of the department of Education and Audience. Her work intersects directly with the audience due to the fact that she is also part of the group of professionals that conduct tours, workshops, produce didactics materials and investigations with the various audiences that come to the museum. Besides this practical experience, she has been participating in the creation of the Education Net in Memory Sites of Chile, as well as the training workshop in Mediation in Sites of Memory in Chile. In addition to this, while working in the Education Department, she has participated in ongoing interdisciplinary training processes.



Levan Gulua

Legal Advisor, Department of Public International Law, Ministry of Justice, Georgia

After graduating from Tbilisi State University in 2009 with the Bachelor Diploma in Jurisprudence, Mr. Gulua spent 6 months in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia conducting an internship in the Consular Department. From 2010-2011 he completed his Masters in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law at Essex University. In 2013 he interned with Transparency

International – Georgia, and in March 2013 he moved to Ukraine and started partnering with the local NGO – Kharkov Human Rights Protection Group. In Kharkov his principal responsibility was to prepare complaints before the European Court of Human Rights, particularly under Articles 3 and 6 of the European Convention for the Protection of human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. In November 2013 Levan returned to Georgia and has since worked as Legal Adviser in the Department of Public International Law in the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. In this position his principal areas of work include the anti-torture and anti-discrimination policies. Mr. Gulua is fluent in English and Russian and possess working knowledge of French.









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### Carla Sierra Zúñiga

Human Rights & Multilateral Affairs Office, Directorate General of Foreign Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Costa Rica

Ms. Carla Sierra Zúñiga has been working at the Human Rights & Multiliateral Affairs Offive, Directorate General of Foreign Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship in Costa Rica since January 2014. Ms. Zúñiga started her career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2000 working as Chief of Protocol in the Office of the Presidency. In 2002, she was nominated as First Secretary and

Consul of Costa Rica in Madrid, Spain. In 2003, the Minister of Foreign Affairs nominated her as Counselor of Costa Rica to the United Nations of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, France. In 2005 she was promoted to Minister Counselor. In 2008, with the authorization of leave of absence, she moved to Italy to learn Italian and to take some courses about wine. During this period, she also worked at the Italian company Sàfilo S.p.A in the International Events Department. In February 2013 she was appointed Assistant-Director General of Foreign Affairs and in January 2014, the Minister nominated her as Official Director for Human Rights. Ms. Zúñiga has a Bachelor Degree in International Commerce, a Masters Degree in Political Studies (Madrid, Spain) and a Masters Degree in Communication and Public Relations (Barcelona, Spain). Spanish is her native language and she speaks Italian, French and English. She is married and lives in San José, Costa Rica.



#### Sarah Jacquier Nobel

Associate Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect

Sarah Jacquier Nobel joined the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect in November 2013, as an Associate Political Affairs Officer. Previously, she worked for five years on issues related to international human rights law in various countries, including Haiti and

Burkina Faso, primarily with the United Nations. She also served as an attaché at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in Geneva. She holds a master's degree in international relations from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.











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#### Teona Phiranishvili

Legal Advisor, Department of Public International Law, Ministry of Justice, Georgia

Ms. Phiranishvili was born in Tbilisi and she has been living there for all of her life. She finished Georgian-British School and afterwards graduated from Free University of Tbilisi, where she received a Bachelors degree in Law. Last year she encrolled in a Masters program of Public International Law at Tbilisi State

University, which she will be completing this year. Regarding professional experience, Ms. Phiranishvili began her career in the Public International Law Department in the Ministry of Justice of Georgia as an intern and has continued her work there as Legal Advisor. This will be her third year of working in Ministry of Justice of Georgia. Ms. Phiranishvili finds that her current position allows her to develop in the most practical terms the issues she is at the same time studying in university, and enjoys the close relationship between her work and her studies.



#### Ines Kboubi

Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Justice, Tunisia on Human Rights and Transitional Justice

Ms. Kboubi works at the Ministry of Justice in Tunisia working specifically on human rights and transitional justice issues. Her work is also strongly focused on international relations and cooperation. Prior to her work at the Ministry of Justice

Ms. Kboubi worked as an English teacher at the Ministry of Education. She holds multiple degrees in English, teaching, and literature including a Bachelors, Masters, and Graduate Diploma. In addition Ms. Kboubi is fluent in Arabic, English, and French.



### Eduardo Patricio Peña Haller

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Mr. Peña-Haller is the current Deputy Legal Advisor in the Department of International Humanitarian Law at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Mexico. He has extensive diplomatic experience having served in diplomatic posts in Germany, Uruguay, Vienna, Belgium, Austria, and the United States. Among others Mr. Peña-Haller has held the

positions of Consul General, Minister, Director General of Legal Affairs, Head of Office, and Legal Advisor. He holds a Bachelors degree in Law from the Universidad Iberamericana and an L.L.M. Masters of Laws from the University of Houston, Texas.









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### **Kerry Sparks**

Supervisory Special Agent, Genocide and War Crimes Unit, United States Federal Bureau of Investigation

Kerry Sparks is currently a Supervisory Special Agent for the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation Genocide War Crimes Unit (FBI GWCU). She joined the FBI in 2002, and is currently based in Washington, D.C. Ms. Sparks is responsible for the oversight of FBI criminal investigations involving human

rights violations, including genocide, war crimes, torture, and the recruitment or use of child soldiers. Her current investigative portfolio covers both Africa and Latin America. Prior to joining the GWCU, Ms. Sparks served as a Supervisory Special Agent in the FBI's Counterterrorism Division Extraterritorial Investigations Unit. In this capacity, Ms. Sparks was responsible for overseeing the FBI's investigative efforts related to international terrorism investigations overseas, specifically in Africa. She routinely engaged with foreign liasion services, and other US Intelligence Community partners in order to investigate and neutralize terrorist threats abroad.

Ms. Sparks attended the University of Richmond in Virginia as a full scholarship collegiate athlete for women's basketball where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Criminal Justice. Upon graduation, she worked for a government affairs firm in Washington, D.C. Ms. Sparks later earned her Masters of Science degree in Physical Therapy from the Medical College of Virginia, and was a practicing pediatric and orthopedic physical therapist prior to joining the FBI.











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joining HRWG in 2010, she worked as Policy Advisor on ASEAN at the Oxfam International (2009-2010), as East Asia Program Manager the Asian Forum of Human Rights and Development (Forum-Asia, based in Bangkok, Thailand) and Campaign Coordinator at the Solidarity for the Asian Peoples' Advocacy Task Force on ASEAN and Human Rights from 2008 to 2009 and as the Southeast Asia Coordinator at the Child Workers in Asia (CWA) based in Bangkok, Thailand from 2004-2006. From 1998 to 2004, she worked on the issues of child rights, trade union, and trafficking of women and children in Terre des Hommes Netherlands, American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS), and the National Commission on Child Protection based in Jakarta, Indonesia. She was also one of the driving forces for the Government of Indonesia to come up with the National Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Women and Children 2002-2007. In the last six years, she has established an annual ASEAN Community Dialogue with Committee Permanent Representatives (CPR), an annual Jakarta Human Rights Dialogue with Indonesia Representative to ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), an annual Informal Dialogue between Civil Society Groups with ASEAN Secretary General on Human Rights and an annual Civil Society Forum to the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting on Human Rights. Her writings on ASEAN, human rights, foreign policy, and civil society often appear in The Jakarta Post (Indonesia), The Nation (Thailand), Bangkok Post (Thailand) and the onlinebased newspaper NewsDesk.Asia (the Philippines). She moderates a popular online platform discussion by the name ASEANCats and teaches on ASEAN and human rights in the University of Indonesia (Indonesia), Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), Mahidol University (Thailand), Royal University of Phnom Penh (Cambodia) and National University of Yangon (Myanmar). Apart of networking with civil society and think-tanks, she also work closely with ASEAN human rights mechanisms, ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR). She can be contacted at wahyuningrum@gmail.com, Facebook: Yuyun Wahyuningrum, Twitter: Wahyuningrum









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Mr. Fred Schwartz

President and Founder of Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

Fred Schwartz was the founder, Chairman and CEO of The Fur Vault Inc., a company, which became the pre-eminent retail fur business in the United States, listed on the American Stock Exchange.

Fred Schwartz has been involved in numerous humanitarian and community organizations for many years. He served in the past as Trustee of the New York City Citizens' Budget Commission, Associate Trustee of the Long Island Jewish Medical Center, Trustee of New York's Finest Association [NYC Police], member of the Advisory Council of the New York Holocaust Memorial Commission, and of the Chancellor's Council of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

A graduate of the City College of New York, Mr. Schwartz has also been active in the field of education. He was a participant in the Bronx District Attorney's Opportunity Center, an innovative project helping learning disabled juveniles avoid the criminal justice system. He founded and directed the Business Development Institute, teaching the entrepreneurial spirit and principles of economics to young people in the public school system. He has served as the New York Regional President and Co-Chairman of the American Friends of Hebrew University and is currently a member of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is a Trustee and Executive Committee Member of The Washington Institute for Near East Policy. He was the founder and Chairman of the Raoul Wallenberg Scholarships for the study of Leadership in Comparative Democracies at The Hebrew University.

On November 6, 1998, Mr. Schwartz was recognized for his leadership and dedication in matters pertaining to Polish-Jewish relations. He was awarded the highest Polish civilian medal, The Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland, presented by the President of the Republic of Poland, Aleksander Kwasniewski. Recently, Mr. Schwartz became an honorary citizen of the city of Oświęcim [Auschwitz] for his contributions to the community. In January 2004, Mr. Schwartz was chosen as an official U.S. delegate to the Stockholm Forum 2004 on the Prevention of Genocide. On November 16, 2004, he was awarded The Medal "For the Promotion of Tolerance" by Fundacja Ekumeniczna "Tolerancja" [the Polish Ecumenical Tolerance Foundation] in Warsaw, Poland. In January 2005 Mr. Schwartz was appointed by President Bush to the United States Delegation commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of the Auschwitz Camps. In 2005, he founded the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation at Auschwitz as an international center for the study of the prevention of genocide.









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#### **Caroline Dulaney**

Program Assistant, Emergencies and Crises Program, Wellspring Advisors

As Program Assistant for the Emergencies and Crises Program at Wellspring Advisors, Carrie Dulaney helps manage a substantial portfolio of grants to human rights and humanitarian organizations, assisting with program design and implementation, reviewing grantee proposals and reports, and performing

necessary due diligence. A member of a three-person team, she has contributed to the development of a four-year strategic plan and worked closely with other funders to develop mechanisms to respond quickly to on-the-ground needs in conflict-affected areas, including the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of Congo. She most recently worked at Refugees International where she served as the coordinator for the Partnership for Effective Peacekeeping, a non-partisan working group devoted to improving UN peacekeeping operations. Carrie's previous job experience includes work with the Obama for Virginia/New Hampshire campaign in 2008 and as an environmental educator at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Carrie received her BA from Amherst College where she completed the premedical courses and focused on Religion and Anthropology, studying in India and Sri Lanka. Carrie has taken an African Studies course at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and she will take courses at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in the upcoming semester.



#### **Thomas White**

Coordinator of Educational Outreach, Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Keene State College, US

He has served as a researcher for Stephen Hooper's documentary film: *An American Nurse At War* and as historical consultant for David DeArville's documentary film, *Telling Their Stories: NH Holocaust Survivors Speak Out.* He served on the Diocese

of Manchester, NH Diocesan Ecumenical Commission for Interfaith Relations; serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Holocaust Organizations (AHO); and received NEA New Hampshire's Champion of Human and Civil Rights Award in 2009.









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#### Jan Cohen

Board Member, AIPR

While earning a B.A. in History with Honors from the University of Pennsylvania, Jan Cohen spent a year studying European and German history at the University of Vienna in Austria. It was during this time that she developed her interest in the Holocaust and its impact throughout Europe and the world. Since then, she has promoted understanding of the Holocaust and the related issues of genocide, tolerance and diversity through education, research and action. In partnership with the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College and composer Dr. Lawrence Siegel, she served as Executive Producer for Kaddish, a musical oratorio reflecting on the Holocaust, which premiered in 2008 and has gone on to be performed in Minneapolis, Houston, Florida, Jerusalem, and at various colleges and universities. She worked to develop a companion study guide and school curriculum to be used as a complement to students' attendance at Kaddish performances. Ms. Cohen served on a committee that successfully introduced Holocaust and genocide education into New Hampshire's school curriculum, and in 2006, New Hampshire Governor John Lynch bestowed a commendation for her service and commitment to the students of New Hampshire through her advocacy of Holocaust and genocide education. Keene State College recognized Ms. Cohen with the 2008 President's Outstanding Women of New Hampshire Award based on her service and leadership, especially in the areas of Holocaust education and women's equality.









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Owen Pell
Partner, White & Case LLP; Board Member, AIPR

Owen Pell is a partner at White and Case LLP in New York City, a large international law firm. His areas of practice include complex commercial litigation, securities litigation, litigation involving foreign sovereigns and their

state-owned entities, and litigation involving issues of public international law, including issues relating to genocide and mass atrocity that can arise in U.S. litigation. In 2000, Mr. Pell participated in the negotiations between the United States and France to resolve Holocaust-related bank claims. More recently, he completed a case for the Republic of Peru that resulted in an agreement by Yale University to return to Peru artifacts from Machu Picchu. Mr. Pell has formulated a proposal for a title-clearing and dispute resolution body to address claims relating to works of art looted from individuals during the Holocaust. In 2003, the European Parliament overwhelmingly adopted a resolution supporting further study of this proposal. Mr. Pell was invited to be the only private lawyer on the US delegation to the June 2009 Prague Conference on Holocaust Era Assets, which culminated in the signing of the Terezin Declaration. Recently, he has been advising the U.S. government on issues surrounding Holocaust-looted art in Germany. Mr. Pell has been widely published on the subject of Holocaust-looted art and reparation claims, including in the DePaul-LCA Journal of Art and Entertainment Law and within the papers of the Permanent Court of International Arbitration. His article, "Historical Reparation Claims: The Defense Perspective," was featured in the book, Holocaust Restitution: Perspectives on the Litigation and Its Legacy (NYU Press 2005). He has also spoken at a TEDx event at Binghamton University on "Diplomacy 2.0" and how the changing nature of statehood in the 21st century is affecting how human rights issues are addressed by states, multinational companies and non-governmental organizations. According to Mr. Pell, he is dedicated to the work of AIPR because his legal practice exposed him to "the processes that continue to cause genocide to occur around the world, and because the law, by itself, cannot prevent genocide and mass atrocity, highlighting the need for other approaches to interrupt the cycles that lead to genocide." Mr. Pell is particularly interested in finding ways to integrate international businesses into the work of AIPR. According to Mr. Pell, this intersection is critical because "businesses are so involved in shaping the societies in which they operate, and in the day-to-day human rights circumstances of their employees, customers and consumers – especially in fragile states at risk for genocide and mass atrocities."











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Rabbi Scott Bolton Advisory Board Member, AIPR

Rabbi Scott Bolton serves as the spiritual leader of Congregation Or Zarua on Manhattan's Upper East Side. He served as head of school for two private day schools, before moving into a congregational position. His work in

Jewish educational circles includes evaluating texts and preparing curricula that seek to celebrate and engender cultural identity while promoting understanding regarding the dignity of difference. "Educating everyone, from government officials to youth—tomorrow's leaders—about how to express and take pride in their own heritages and at the same time dignify their neighbors' is our tallest order," said Rabbi Bolton. Prior to his rabbinical work, Rabbi Bolton worked as a marketing-communications coordinator and educational and governmental affairs writer for the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Rabbi Bolton also served as an International Peace Partner in 2002 through a U.S. State Department grant that introduced him to conflict narratives evaluation in Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia. "After learning what genocide looks like and what crimes against humanity mean, leaders must become more self-reflective about the narratives we tell ourselves and those that we teach," Rabbi Bolton said, reflecting on why he was drawn to AIPR's work.

#### **INSTRUCTORS**



#### Dr. James Waller

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Academic Programs Director, AIPR; Cohen Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Keene State College (NH-US)

Dr. James Waller is Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College (NH). Waller is a widely recognized scholar in the field of Holocaust and genocide studies. His book on perpetrators of genocide, "Becoming Evil:

How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killing" (Oxford University Press, 2002), was praised by *Publisher's Weekly* for "clearly and effectively synthesizing a wide range of studies to develop an original and persuasive model of the process by which people can become evil." In addition to being used as a textbook in college and university courses around the world, "Becoming Evil" also was short-listed for the biennial Raphael Lemkin Award from the International Association of Genocide Scholars and was released in a revised and updated second edition in March 2007. Waller also serves as the Academic Programs Director for the Raphael Lemkin Seminars of the Auschwitz Institute of Peace and Reconciliation, as well as delivering invited briefings on genocide prevention and perpetrator behavior in atrocities in Africa for the US Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, the CIA Directorate of Intelligence, and the Genocide War Crimes Unit of the FBI.

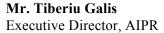








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Tiberiu Galis currently works at the Managing Director of the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR), a non-profit organization that

seeks to create an international community of genocide prevention through the education of future policymakers from all over the world on both the causes of, as well as the solutions to, modern-day genocide and violent conflict. Through his work at AIPR, Tiberiu Galis has developed this small nonprofit with a vision of making the world a better place into a major force in the international movement to combat genocide. With the support of the UN Secretary General's Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide, Francis Deng, as well as national governments throughout the world, AIPR's Raphael Lemkin seminars bring together policymakers, world-renown academics, and NGO leaders in order to not only analyze genocide from the institutional, political, human rights, legal, military, economic, diplomatic, psychological, public relations, and judicial perspectives, but also foster a community of policy practitioners to support action for dealing with crisis situations when they arise. Although only in their fledgling phase of operation, AIPR's educational seminars have already had a substantial impact on international diplomacy in the field conflict prevention. In addition to his work for AIPR, Mr. Galis is also currently pursuing a Ph.D. at Clark University exploring the effectiveness of alternative approaches to transitional justice in Central and Eastern Europe. Mr. Galis has also previously worked as an associate researcher for the UK Parliament, where he helped to develop the UK position regarding the Special Adviser on Genocide Prevention to the UN Secretary General, and as a rapporteur for the Swedish government at the 2004 Stockholm International Forum on the Prevention of Genocide.

#### Mr. Vahidin Omanovic

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Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Center for Peacebuilding, Bosnia & Herzegovina

Mr. Omanovic is a professional trainer in nonviolent communication and conflict resolution. Before founding the Center for Peacebuilding in 2004, Mr. Omanovic received a Master's degree at the School for International Training (SIT) in Brattleboro, Vermont in International Relations with a concentration in Conflict Transformation. Additionally, Mr. Omanovic served as a teaching assistant in SIT's Conflict Transformation Across Cultures program, where he taught classes on forgiveness and conflict transformation. He has attended peace workshops and trainings throughout the world, including in Switzerland, the Philippines, and Nepal, where he helped to found a peacebuilding organization. In 2011, the Threshold Foundation honoured Mr. Omanovic with the 5<sup>th</sup> International Peace Award, naming him the year's "Unknown Peace Worker".









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#### Ms. Claudia Diaz

Human Rights Officer, Office of the Special Advisers to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect, New York, US

Claudia Diaz is a Human Rights Officer who has recently joined the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect. Prior to this position, she spent 10 years working in United Nations field missions and offices in different conflict and post-conflict countries, including Timor-Leste, Nepal, Sudan (Darfur), Guatemala and Venezuela. She has also worked with national human rights institutions in Afghanistan and Timor-Leste. Claudia Diaz studied law and her work has been focused on issues related to international human rights law, humanitarian law and transitional justice.

#### Ms. Clara Ramirez-Barat

Senior Research Associate, International Center for Transitional Justice, New York, US

Clara Ramírez-Barat is Senior Associate at the Research Unit of the International Center for Transitional Justice, where she was previously a Fulbright Research Fellow. Before joining ICTJ, Clara was a postdoctoral researcher at the Spanish High Council of Research (CSIC), where she was collaborating on a study about the Politics of Memory in the European Union commissioned by the European Commission. Ms. Ramírez-Barat obtained her Ph.D. in Political Philosophy at the University Carlos III of Madrid in 2007, with a thesis entitled: Justice Over Time. An approach to the Concept of Justice in Transitions to Democracy. She also holds a B.A. in Humanities from the University Carlos III of Madrid, an M.A. in Philosophy from Columbia University and a graduate degree on Constitutional Law and Political Sciences from the Center of Political and Constitutional Studies of Spain. Her research interests include transitional justice, human rights, democratic theory, memory and the public sphere. Ms. Ramírez-Barat is also the author of several publications on these topics and is currently managing a project on Transitional Justice, Culture and Society.









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**Sheri Rosenberg** 

Director, Program in Holocaust and Human Rights Studies, Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, New York, US

Sheri Rosenberg, J.D. is Assistant Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Human Rights and Genocide Clinic and Program in Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Studies at Cardozo School of Law. She has worked in the areas of civil rights and international human rights with a specific focus on issues of discrimination, equality, and genocide. Her research interests include equality and non-discrimination

in international law, minority rights, refugee law, transitional justice and genocide prevention. In addition to working with several human rights organizations, she was a civil rights litigator in private practice and an Assistant Corporation Counsel with the New York City Law Department. In 2000, the U.S. Department of State selected Professor Rosenberg to work for the Human Rights Chamber, a quasi-international court established under the Dayton Peace Agreement, in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. There she developed and coordinated the case work of the court and authored judicial opinions in a number of significant cases in the area of international human rights, including property repossession and non-discrimination. Additionally, she trained local lawyers and judges in human rights law. Before coming to Cardozo, she was awarded a Human Rights Fellowship at Columbia Law School, where she worked for the United Nations, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Policy Branch, and completed her LL.M with honors. Widely published, some of her articles include, "Genocide by Attrition: Efficient and Silent," in Genocide Matters (Verdeja and Apsel eds., Routledge Press, 2013) and "Genocide is a Process, Not an Event," 7:1 Genocide Studies and Prevention 16-23 (2012). She speaks widely about and trains government officials on issues related to the law and mass atrocity, included at Global Government editions of the Lemkin Seminar in 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2012.











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# Alicja Białecka

Plenipotentiary for the New Main Exhibition, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

Alicja Białecka, a museum curator and a researcher specializing in memory of Auschwitz and its representations in literature as well as in educational dimension of memorial sites in the context of European identity. Published several articles devoted

to these issues among them educational programs and papers on the symbolism of Auschwitz, methods of teaching at memorial sites and their role in history education. A co-author of the guidelines for youth trips to memorial sites published by the International Task Force on Holocaust Education, Commemoration and Research and since 2012 official representative of Polish delegation to the Museum and Memorial Working Group of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. In the years 2006-2012 the Head of Educational Programs Section at the International Center for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust and since 2013 Representative for the New Main Exhibition at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum.

Received her Master's degree in English Philology and Linguistics at the Modern Language and Literature Department of the Silesian University. Working for her PhD in literature at the Department of Anthropology of Literature and Cultural Studies, the Faculty of Polish Studies of the Jagiellonian University.



Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz, Ph. D.

Chief Historian, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

Dr. Setkiewicz Studied history at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow and earned his doctorate at the Silesian University in 1999 for a dissertation on IG Farben-Werk Auschwitz 1941-1945. He began working for the Research Department at the

Museum in 1988. Head of the Archives from 2001-2007, he became head of the research department in 2008. His research interests include the employment of prisoners in German industry and the history of the Auschwitz sub-camps.









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#### **Debbie Stothard**

Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma; FIDH Secretary General

Debbie Stothard is an active promoter of human rights in Burma and the ASEAN region. In 1996, she founded the Alternative Asean Network on Burma (Altsean-Burma). During her 32-year career, she has worked as a journalist, community

education consultant, governmental advisor and trainer in Malaysia, Australia and Thailand.

Debbie Stothard has participated in every step of democracy building in Burma, organising advocacy meetings and campaigns on human rights, in Burma and other Asean countries since 1987, when Singaporean and Malaysian crackdowns against dissidents and media resulted in the arbitrary detention of activists that she knew and the shutdown of a newspaper she had previously worked for. In the context of Burma, she was a co-founder of the Burma Support Group Sydney in 1989, which became the precursor for Burma Campaign Australia, and Burma Solidarity Group Malaysia in 1996, prior to forming Altsean-Burma the same year. These activities led her to engage with UN and related mechanisms in Geneva and New York, ASEAN as a body, and governments in Asia, the Pacific, North America and Europe. She specializes in advocacy in difficult situations.

She is also a popular public speaker and trainer, having either spoken and/or delivered trainings in Armenia, Australia, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, France, Finland, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam, UK and the USA. This included events at Columbia University (New York), Sciences Po University (Paris and Strasbourg), the Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies (Geneva), Convocation House, Oxford University (UK), Uppsala University (Sweden) and the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, Australian Defence College.

Ms. Stothard became Deputy Secretary-General of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) in November 2010. She represented FIDH on missions or at conferences in Belgium, Brazil, Burma, France, India, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Peru, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States. She was elected secretary general of FIDH in May 2013.









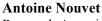
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Criminal Intelligence Officer, War Crimes and Genocide Sub-directorate, INTERPOL

Alexandre Feilhez is currently a Criminal Intelligence Officer at the War Crimes and Genocide Sub-directorate at INTERPOL. He has been in this position since July 2014. From September 2013 – July 2014 he served in the Drugs Unit located

in the Criminal Organizations and Drugs Sub-directorate. Prior to INTERPOL, Mr. Feilhez was a police captain in the French National Police. From 2002 – 2013 he served in the Research and Intervention Brigade (BRI), in the Criminal Police Headquarters in Lyon, France. While in this position his work was dedicated to fighting against Organized Crime, locating, investigating and arresting members of organized crime groups committing serious armed robberies, international drug trafficking, abductions, terrorist acts...etc. From 2000 – 2002, Mr. Feilhez served on the Dignitaries Close Protection Unit in Paris following his posting in the Counter Terrorism Unit, where his duties included combatting terrorism through operational intelligence gathering, initiating and coordinating investigations, and arresting members of extremist groups involved in violent actions on French soil.



Research Associate, The SecDev Foundation, Canada

Antoine Nouvet is a specialist in conflict, globalization, and state-society relations. He also has five years experience investigating the impact of cyberspace on international governance, states, civil society, and armed groups. A global citizen with time spent in over sixty countries, he specializes in Latin

American and Southeast Asian affairs and has undertaken assignments in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, South and East Asia, and West Africa. He has helped manage and advance multi-stakeholder research and advocacy programs in cooperation with multilateral and bilateral aid agencies and has experience engaging diverse civil society, private sector, academia, and government actors. Mr. Nouvet has contributed to government policy-making in Canada and internationally, and often with cross-disciplinary teams, that draw on data fusion methodologies. Currently he is a Research Associate with The SecDev Foundation in Ottawa, Canada. Mr. Nouvet earned his Master's degree at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs and its Department of Political Studies and completed university studies on international development and conflict in Bangkok and Jerusalem.









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**Andrea Gualde** Senior Advisor for Latin American Programs, AIPR

Andrea Gualde joined AIPR in 2013. Previously, she was National Director of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice, Argentina. She has chaired of the Museums and Memorials Working Group of the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance

and Research, and is currently Professor of International Jurisdictions, Di Tella University. Gualde studied law at the University of Buenos Aires and was a Visiting Scholar at Yale Law School.

#### **EVALUATOR**



**Dr. Caitlin O. Mahoney, PhD** Independent Evaluator

Dr. Mahoney is Assistant Professor of Psychology at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, MN. Her educational background includes a BA in psychology from Siena College and a PhD in Social, Evolutionary & Cultural Psychology from Clark University (with a concentration in societal peace and conflict). Her research is

broadly focused on the relationship between emotions and social/political behaviors. Mahoney serves on the Executive Committee for the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence (APA Div 48) and is co-director of Metropolitan State's Institute for Peace and Political Studies (IPPS).











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#### **ORGANIZERS**



#### Samantha Capicotto

Director of Policy and Planning & Program Director of the Global Raphael Lemkin Seminars for Genocide Prevention, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

Originally from Buffalo, New York, Ms. Capicotto graduated from St. John's University School of Law in Queens, New York magna cum laude. She is admitted to practice law in New York State and is a member of the American Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. She graduated valedictorian from her undergraduate studies at the University at Buffalo, with a B.A. in Political Science and a B.A. in Philosophy. She is the Director of Policy and Planning, as well as the Program Director of the Global Raphael Lemkin Seminar at AIPR. She has been with the Institute since 2010. As her interests and experience lie in international human rights law and genocide prevention, she will continue on at AIPR for the foreseeable future.



#### Mike Otterman

Communications Director, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

Mr. Otterman joined AIPR in 2013 with a background in journalism and human rights. He is a graduate of Boston University (B.S., Journalism), University of Sydney (M.A., Peace and Conflict Studies) and was Visiting Scholar at the Centre

for Peace and Conflict Studies, Sydney, where he lectured and advised students on post-9/11 U.S. foreign policy. He has worked with non-profit organizations across the globe, including Jubilee Australia and Catalyst, and is the author of two books, *American Torture: From the Cold War to Abu Ghraib and Beyond* (2007) and *Erasing Iraq: The Human Costs of Carnage* (with Hil & Wilson, 2010).

#### Gosia Waligora

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Logistics Coordinator and Polish Staff Member, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

Ms. Waligora assists AIPR in planning and executing our Lemkin Seminar in Poland. While Ms. Waligora officially joined the AIPR staff in 2014, she had worked with AIPR since 2009 as a consultant. She also works at the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer in Oswiecim. She received in 2002 a BA from the College of Administration in Bielsko-Biala, Poland, with a focus Public Administration, and a MA in Public Administration from Krakow University in 2011.









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**Patricia Waller** Africa Programs Evaluator AIPR

Patricia Waller has a master's degree in psychology and has worked as a counselor in university settings and private practice for the past 20 years. Currently living in New Hampshire, she also works as the program evaluator for the African Network of the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation. In that role, she contributes to the development of AIPR programming in seminars, training

workshops, and academic resources throughout the region.



Jack Mayerhofer
Coordinator of the Office of the Executive Director
African Programs – New York Liaison
AIPR

Mr. Mayerhofer earned a B.S. in French and Applied Linguistics from Penn State University and an M.S. in Global Affairs from Rutgers University. Prior to coming to AIPR in January 2014, Mr. Mayerhofer worked with Peace Is Loud in New York and the Center for the Study of Genocide, Conflict Resolution, and Human Rights

at Rutgers University in Newark. At AIPR, he assists with coordinating the activities of the Executive Director and provides logistical and research support to the Africa Program.



Maria Eugenia Carbone
Director of Latin American Programs, AIPR
Director, Secretariat for the Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass
Atrocity Prevention

Ms. Carbone joined AIPR in 2013. She is a lawyer, specializing in Public International Law from the University of Buenos Aires. She is currently pursuing a M.A. in Human Rights from the University of La Plata. She was the Coordinator of International Affairs of the Secretariat of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice, Argentina. Previously, she served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' White Helmets Commission collaborating in the design and implementation of international humanitarian assistance projects. She is a university professor in International Relations at the National University of La Matanza.



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Laura Collins
AIPR Staff, AIPR

Born and raised in Scotland, Ms. Collins attended Aberdeen University, graduating with a Joint BA (Hons) in French and International Relations in 2008. Ms. Collins is also a graduate of the Joint European MA in Human Rights and Genocide Studies from Kingston University, London. Her MA thesis explored the nexus between religion and genocide, and examined the potential for religion in both its institutional

and theological frameworks to play a role in the prevention and mitigation of genocide and mass atrocities. Ms. Collins is currently enrolled in the PhD program at George Mason University, Virginia, in Conflict Analysis and Resolution where she works as the Dean's Fellow on the Program on History, Memory, and Conflict. She has been involved in developing policies and tactics for the prevention of genocide and mass atrocities at the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation since 2011. Most recently, Ms. Collins also assisted in the development of a global parliamentary network for the prevention of genocide and mass atrocities at Aegis Trust and acted as the Secretariat to British All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities.







