

Global Washington's 2011 Conference Speakers

Dr. Victoria Hale
Founder
Medicines360



Dr. Hale is the Founder of Medicines360, a pharmaceutical scientist and global health social entrepreneur. Her passion is the development of important new medicines for all of humanity, with the specific goal to reduce health inequities. Dr. Hale is Founder & Chair Emeritus of OneWorld Health, the first nonprofit pharmaceutical company in the US. She founded the company in 2000 and served as its first Chairman and CEO (2000-2008). Under her leadership the organization developed a new cure for visceral leishmaniasis, launched a novel approach to treat dehydrating diarrhea, and developed a platform technology to reduce the cost of malaria drugs by more than 10-fold. Dr. Hale established her expertise in all stages of biopharmaceutical drug development at the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and at Genentech. She earned her PhD in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from University of California San Francisco, where she presently maintains an Adjunct Associate Professorship in Biopharmaceutical Sciences. She was also presented with an honorary PhD by Mt. Holyoke College (2010). Her recent honors include being elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the US National Academies (2007) and being named a MacArthur Fellow (2006). She received the President's Award of Distinction from the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists. The Economist named Hale the recipient of its Social and Economic Innovation Award (2005) and she was awarded Woman of the Year by Glamour magazine (2007). She is internationally recognized as a senior social entrepreneur by the Skoll Foundation, Schwab Foundation, and Ashoka.

Rick Steves
Television Host
Rick Steves' Europe



Rick Steves advocates smart, affordable, perspective-broadening travel. As host and writer of the popular public television series *Rick Steves' Europe*, and best-selling author of over 50 European travel books, he encourages Americans to travel as "temporary locals." Over the past 20 years, Rick has hosted over 100 travel shows for public television, and numerous pledge specials (raising millions of dollars for local stations). His *Rick Steves'*

Europe TV series is carried by over 300 stations, reaching 95 percent of U.S. markets. Rick has also created two award-winning specials for public television: *Rick Steves' European Christmas* and the ground-breaking *Rick Steves' Iran*. Rick writes and co-produces his television programs through his company, Back Door Productions. Rick is outspoken on the need for Americans to fit better into our planet by broadening their perspectives through travel. He is also committed to his own neighborhood. He's an active member of the Lutheran church (and has hosted the ELCA's national video productions). He's a board member of NORML (The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws). And Rick has provided his local YWCA with a 24-unit apartment building with which to house homeless mothers. Rick Steves spends about a third of every year in Europe, researching guidebooks, filming TV shows, and making new discoveries for travelers. Rick was divorced in March, 2010. He lives and works in his hometown of Edmonds, Washington, where his office window overlooks his old junior high school.

Noor Aaf

DBS Program Coordinator

UW Medicine/ Northwest Hospital and Medical Center



Noor Aaf was born in a remote village in Herat, Afghanistan and was enrolled in army high school at the age of 13. In 1989, she arrived in Seattle, WA where she went to respiratory and then to PA school. In 2002 after the Taliban collapse, she went with her daughter to Herat, Afghanistan to their native village. Her elder daughter Ziagol already started a women literacy course in her home and was teaching in a girl's school in the village. With the help of caring people and friends they were able to build the first school for 800 children. They founded a new organization, Relief and Education for Afghan Children (REACH). With the help of dedicated board of directors, the contribution of kind people here in the U.S. and their close connections in Afghanistan, REACH could built 5 schools since then and has spent fraction of the amount of money which other organizations spend to building school there. More than 99% of donation to REACH is sent to the villages where school is built. No REACH's Representative Dr. Abdul Fattah Najm received thousands of books and CDs from Hoopoe Books and distributed to school students.

Semhar Araia

Horn of Africa Regional Policy Advisor

Oxfam International



Semhar Araia is the Horn of Africa Regional Policy Advisor for Oxfam International and founder of the Diaspora African Women's Network (DAWN), an organization whose mission is to develop and support talented women and girls of the African diaspora focused on African affairs. Ms. Araia has an international law background with emphasis in conflict resolution, international human rights, development and peacebuilding in Africa. She was the founder of African Diaspora for Obama and served on the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team with the USAID Agency Review Team and the Office of Public Engagement. Prior to that, she served as the Africa analyst for The Elders, an organization created by Nelson Mandela, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and eleven other world leaders, and a foreign policy legislative assistant in the House of Representatives. From 2002-2005, Ms. Araia worked on the implementation of the Eritrea-Ethiopia peace agreement and served as an attorney on the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission hearings. Ms. Araia is a frequent guest speaker and lecturer on US policy towards Africa and effective organizing and advocacy strategies. She has been featured in the Voice of America, Huffington Post, The Root, Arise Magazine, Straight Talk Africa and CNN.com. Ms. Araia earned her law degree from Marquette University Law School, with studies at Tel Aviv University and American University's Washington College of Law.

Akhtar Badshah

*Senior Director of Global Community Affairs
Microsoft Corporation*



Akhtar Badshah is senior director of global community affairs at Microsoft Corporation, where he administers the company's global community investment and employee programs. Akhtar is a Board Member of United Way of King County, the Global Knowledge Partnership, Council on Foundations, Youth Employment Summit Inc., and is the chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Business Civic Leadership Center. He also serves on the Washington state governor's New Americans Policy Council and blue ribbon commission on school accountability, and on the advisory boards of the following organizations: World Affairs Council (Seattle), Santa Clara University Center for Science Technology and Society, University of Washington South Asia Center, and University of Washington Business School. Akhtar is an architect by training, a doctoral graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the former president of the Lambda Alpha International, New Jersey.

Monique Beadle

*Advocacy Director
Falling Whistles*



Born and raised in New Orleans, Monique is a third-generation Holocaust survivor. She holds a Bachelors in Anthropology, earned a JD from American University and became a member of the D.C. Bar. She has worked in Thailand and China as a champion for human rights and in the process has become an unashamed "international law nerd." Monique has advised peace negotiators in Sri Lanka & the Philippines, won asylum for seven refugee women fleeing genital mutilation and forced marriage, and lobbied for the closure of Guantanamo Bay before the United Nations Human Rights Committee. Monique now spearheads Falling Whistle's legislative advocacy on behalf of the people of Congo. Her latest work includes leadership in a campaign to stop the illegal import of conflict minerals from rebel and military-controlled mines.

Michael Best

*Associate Professor
Georgia Institute of Technology*



Dr. Michael L. Best is associate professor at the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs and the School of Interactive Computing at Georgia Institute of Technology where he is also research faculty with the GVU Center and directs the Technologies and International Development lab. He is also a faculty associate of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University. Professor Best is co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of the widely read journal, *Information Technologies and International Development*. He is a frequent consultant to the World Bank, ITU, and USAID. He holds a Ph.D. from MIT and has served as director of Media Lab Asia in India and head of the eDevelopment group at the MIT Media Lab. Best's research focuses on information and communication technologies (ICTs) for social, economic, and political development. In particular he studies mobile and Internet-enabled services and their design, impact, and importance within low-income countries of Africa and Asia. He researches engineering, public policy, and business issues as well as methods to assess and evaluate development outcomes. Professor Best is also interested in the impact of ICTs on the development-security nexus and on post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation.

Julia Bolz

*Founder
Journey with an Afghan School*



Julia is a nationally-recognized speaker and social justice advocate, who is dedicated to engaging, educating, and empowering the poor in the developing world. She has travelled to over 70 countries and has volunteered with dozens of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), government entities, and businesses around the world. Since 2002, Julia has focused on educating girls in Afghanistan. The founder of “Journey with an Afghan School” and Ayni Education International, Julia has travelled to Afghanistan 16 times and has raised funds to build and equip 25 new schools and repair over 20 others destroyed by war. She also has partnered with local and international entities (such as community-based committees, NGOs, and government ministries) to identify specific tangible needs; research sustainable and effective solutions; and provide advice and expertise on development, legal and human rights issues. A graduate of Smith College and Northwestern University School of Law, Julie is a powerful voice for those otherwise not heard. Among other things, she has been featured on the Hallmark Channel, and she was a recipient of A Fund for Women’s Fabulous Firsts Award for “Women who Led the Way,” Smith College’s Rally Day Award, and the Thomas C. Wales Foundation Award for courageous civic engagement, leadership, and passionate citizenship. Most recently, she was awarded the World Affairs Council (Seattle) highest award for global citizenship.

Kushal Chakrabarti
Co-Founder and CEO
Vittana



Kushal Chakrabarti is the co-founder and CEO of Vittana, a Seattle nonprofit organization that allows people to make loans to students in the developing world. He launched Vittana in mid-2008, and the organization has already generated intense interest with its model of micro-lending for education — helping poor families send their kids to college. Today, Vittana is active in five countries: Mongolia, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru and Vietnam. Chakrabarti plans to add a new country every two to three months. The amount of loan dollars the group can raise and distribute to students doubles every two to three months, as well. Kushal's business leadership philosophy is both competitive and entrepreneurial. Before Vittana, Chakrabarti was a techie. He worked at Amazon.com and was part of the team behind the e-commerce giant's personalized recommendation technology. A son of first-generation immigrants, Chakrabarti grew up in the Los Angeles area. He attended the University of California, Berkeley, where he received degrees in computer science and molecular biology.

Sean Carasso
Founder
The Falling Whistles



An avid adventurer, Sean has spent much of his life pulling diverse communities together. After starting a number of small companies and grassroots initiatives, he traveled the world with an entrepreneur turned philanthropist, while volunteering alongside Invisible Children and TOMS Shoes. In late 2007, he journeyed into the Democratic Republic of Congo on what was meant to be a short stop. It was there he heard of children too small to carry a gun, who were sent to the front lines of war armed with only a whistle. The Falling Whistles campaign was born in response to a small journal entry he wrote that night. Sean continues to pursue a deeper understanding of our collective liberty and dreams of a free world. These topics are inevitably intertwined in his writing, speaking, and conversations.

Drew Clark

*Team Leader for Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs
World Vision*



At World Vision, an international humanitarian NGO operational in 98 countries, Drew Clark is Team Leader for Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs (HEA). Drew is based in the Seattle area and works with emergency specialists around the world to design humanitarian projects and access disaster relief funding from major U.S.-based donors, including USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) and the Department of State's Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration (BPRM). His team helps World Vision field offices navigate donor guidelines and improve the quality of proposals and projects. In recent months Drew has supported the design of responses in Sudan, Somalia, South Sudan, Niger, and North Korea. His professional and personal travels have taken him to 54 countries. Drew is a graduate of Wheaton College (IL) and the University of Chicago.

John Coonrod

*Executive Vice President
The Hunger Project*



John Coonrod is the Executive Vice President of The Hunger Project, where he is responsible for research, advocacy and its programs in South Asia and Latin America. He works closely with the President and CEO on all aspects of strategy, including programs, fundraising and communications. He is a leading spokesperson for the organization and has been interviewed on BBC, CNN and NBC television. John is an expert on bottom-up, gender-focused development and decentralized local governance who has lectured at the United Nations, Columbia University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), New York University (NYU), Princeton University and the United States Air Force Academy. John serves as co-chair of InterAction's Food Security and Agriculture working group, as advisor and board member to a number of emerging international NGOs, and he is on the vestry of St. Bartholomew's Church. He is an avid amateur photographer and figure skater. John became The Hunger Project's first volunteer in March of 1977, joined its staff in 1985, and has participated in the development and implementation of all of its programs. John grew up in the Midwest and was trained as a physicist at Stanford (BSc) and the University of California-Berkeley (MS, PhD), during which time he was active in the civil rights and anti-war movements. He worked as a research physicist at Princeton University from 1978 through 1984. As a physicist, he was involved in the design and construction of the High-Energy Astronomical Observatory satellite, the first whole-body CAT scanner and the first tokamak designed to achieve a break-even fusion reaction.

John Eddy

Project Manger

US Department of State
Afghan Legal Educators Project



Professor Eddy re-joined the UW law school faculty in July 2005 and serves as the Director of the Asian Law Center, and is Project Manager for the U.S. Department of State-funded Afghan Legal Educators Project. He is responsible for oversight of the project in Afghanistan and Seattle, designing study programs and professional mentoring for a cohort of Afghan law professors from Kabul University and leading provincial law schools in Afghanistan. He has worked extensively as a consultant with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), its Australian counterpart (AusAID), and the U.S. Department of Commerce on a variety of legal reform initiatives in the Arabian Gulf and Southeast Asian regions. During 2003, Professor Eddy served as Resident Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights in the Republic of Indonesia, where his principal responsibility was to support Indonesia's new Financial Intelligence Unit.

Deborah Espinosa

*Senior Attorney and Land Tenure Specialist
Landesa*



Deborah Espinosa is a land law and policy attorney with expertise in land tenure policy, legal and regulatory reform, women's access and rights to land, land-related conflicts and dispute resolution, land titling and registration, and legal literacy. She also has broad expertise in environmental and natural resources law. Espinosa has performed rural fieldwork to understand land-related customary law for purposes of designing new land policy, legislation, and interventions, with particular emphasis on women's access to land. She has assessed a variety of proposed and existing land laws and policies, land conflict and dispute resolution mechanisms, and government-sponsored land programs. She has managed land dispute resolution and legal aid programs. Espinosa is also an accomplished photographer. Her international experience includes Burundi, India, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyz Republic, Russian Federation, and Rwanda. Espinosa earned her J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law and an M.A. in Russian, East European & Central Asian Studies from the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington. She also holds a Certificate in Career Training from the Rocky Mountain School of Photography and a B.A. in history from the University of California, Berkeley.

Suzanne Griffin
*Academic Coordinator
Afghan Equality Alliances Project
WA State University*



Suzanne Griffin spent nearly eight years developing, managing and leading training, education and medical programs in Afghanistan. She has ten years of experience living and working in Afghanistan and Iran. Suzanne has twenty-nine years of leadership experience in higher education with expertise in strategic planning, program development, training, building collaborative partnerships and serving culturally diverse populations. She currently works for as the Chief of Party for the Afghan Equality Alliances Project at Washington State University. As chief of Party, Suzanne provides leadership and technical assistance to a twelve million dollar USAID funded capacity building project for 19 Afghan universities by partnering with the Ministry of Higher Education to develop standards for the quality of instruction, among other duties. She partners with NATO to expand bandwidth and internet connectivity for all Afghan universities and teaching hospitals with which she works.

John Hamilton
*Former Ambassador to Guatemala
US Department of State*



John Hamilton was a career Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State for 35 years, serving primarily in Latin America and Washington. He was Ambassador to Peru during the collapse of the Fujimori regime and transition to democracy (1999-2002) and Ambassador to Guatemala (2002-2005) during the problematic, but ultimately free elections of 2003. Earlier in his career he worked from Washington on the Guatemala peace process, which culminated in the 1996 accords ending the 36-year long internal conflict. As Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Department's Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, he had lead responsibility for implementation of the 1995 Migration Agreements with Cuba and negotiated the agreement for the 1999 baseball games between the Baltimore Orioles and the Cuban national team. After retiring in 2005 he joined the board of the U.S. Foundation of the University of the Valley of Guatemala (www.usfuvg.org) and became its president in 2009. A native of Charlotte, he attended the University of North Carolina as a Morehead Scholar and obtained an MA from Stanford University in Latin American Affairs.

Tim Hanstad
President and CEO
Landesa



Tim Hanstad is President and CEO of Landesa (formerly Rural Development Institute), an international non-for-profit with a mission to secure land property rights for the world's poorest people. For over 40 years, Landesa has worked with 45 developing country governments on reforms that have helped to secure land rights for more than 100 million families. Landesa has received numerous awards and distinctions, including the Henry Kravis Prize in Leadership, Gleitsman Foundation International Activist Award, Schwab Foundation Outstanding Global Social Entrepreneur, Hilton Humanitarian Prize finalist, and has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and World Food Prize. Hanstad is a member of the Clinton Global Initiative, World Economic Forum community, Bretton Woods Committee, and Global Washington Policy Panel. Hanstad has worked with the World Bank, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Asian Development Bank, and USAID and has led workshops with government leaders, NGOs and scholars on land property rights, food security, and rule of law. Hanstad's international work experience spans fourteen countries and he recently returned from his second two-year post in India, where he helped launch Landesa's successful "micro-land ownership" initiative.

John Heller
Heller Group

John Heller is a life-long learner and partnership builder. He has worked in Africa, Asia, Latin America and North America as an initiator, facilitator and enabler of cross-sectoral partnerships to address key human challenges. With the Synergos Institute for 11 years, Heller played an instrumental role in launching and nurturing such partnerships as The African Public Health Leadership and Systems Innovation Initiative in Namibia, The Aboriginal Multi-Stakeholder Leadership Initiative (Ahp-Cii-Uk) in Western Canada, and the Partnership for Child Nutrition in India. At Synergos he also led a global civil society leadership development program and created an innovative consulting practice that enables global corporations to build sustainable businesses and achieve social impact in developing countries.

Richard Jacquot

*Deputy Director of the Strategic Response & Global Emergencies
Mercy Corp*



Richard Jacquot is the Deputy Director of the Strategic Response & Global Emergencies (SRGE) and the Manager of the Emergency Capacity Building (ECB) Project for Mercy Corps. Since joining Mercy Corps in 2005 as a consultant to lead Mercy Corps' Katrina response, Richard participated or led eight emergency responses: Lebanon, Kenya, Central African Republic CAR, Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, Sudan, and Haiti. Richard is also responsible for the training of Mercy Corps national and global emergency response teams since 2008 and is

member of the ECB Simulation Reference Group. Prior to joining Mercy Corps, Richard spent the 90s managing programs as a regional or country director, responding to emergencies, or troubleshooting existing programs mostly for the International Rescue Committee in the Sudan, Iraq, BiH, Azerbaijan, Rwanda (Save the Children USA), Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Kosovo. He spent fifteen years of his previous life in the French Navy as an airplane engineer before moving to the US in 1985 after his first humanitarian experience in Northern Sudan (Medical Volunteer International and UNHCR) during the great Ethiopian famine. He earned a MA in International Relations with an emphasis in economic development from San Francisco State University in 1992. Richard's mother tongue is French and he has a basic knowledge of Spanish.

Kelly Marie Johnston

*Copy Editor
American University of Cairo Press*



Kelly Marie Johnston is based in New York City, where she works on various projects related to digital cross-cultural exchange, conflict resolution, and project-based learning. Kelly has worked as a freelance copyeditor for the American University in Cairo Press (AUCP) for over seven years, where she has edited scores of academic non-fiction, literary fiction, and other texts focused on Middle Eastern and North African themes. Prior to moving to New York City, where she now resides, Kelly lived abroad for seven years: four in Tokyo, Japan, and three in Cairo, Egypt. She speaks, reads, and writes in Arabic, Farsi, and

“mother-in-law’s-kitchen” Slovak. Kelly took her M.S. in Global and International Education from Drexel University and her B.A. in Asian and Middle East Studies from the University of Pennsylvania.

Wendy Johnson

Clinical Assistant Professor

UW school of Global Health



Through her national and international health advocacy work, Johnson believes that the key to overcoming disease burdens in both developed and developing countries is to strengthen and rebuild public health care systems. In addition to teaching and clinical practice, Johnson currently serves as the director of New Initiatives for Health Alliance International (HAI), a non-profit organization headquartered in Seattle, Washington, that works hard to promote universal access to health care. This organization addresses the structural 'root' causes that underlie and perpetuate political, economic, and health inequalities in developing countries. These structural components include exorbitant foreign debt, structural adjustment programs, and armed conflict. As Johnson argues, a country's burden of disease must be viewed within the context of its politics and its economy. According to Johnson, health inequalities cannot be fought solely from the ground the battle also includes fighting the larger forces that exacerbate diseases and keep developing countries impoverished. She believes that one of the most acute problems faced by the Global South is the lack of trained doctors and nurses. In conjunction with HAI and the UW-SPHCM, Johnson is working with Mozambique, as well as other African countries such as Cote d'Ivoire and Ethiopia, to train medical personnel and strengthen existing public health infrastructures.

Nadia Eleza Khawaja

Co-Founder and COO

Jolkona



Nadia Eleza Khawaja is a co-founder of Jolkona and serves as the COO. After finishing a BA in Business/Economics with a minor in Public Policy from UCLA, she is now pursuing her MPH (with a focus on nutrition) from the University of Washington in Seattle. Before enrolling in the MPH program, Nadia had worked in the non-profit sector for two years and has strong experience in the day-to-day running of a non-profit organization in the United States. She is passionate about making a difference and is excited to be able to allow others to do so easily and effectively through Jolkona Foundation's unique approach to giving.

Jeni Krencicki Barcelos

*Co-Founder
Three Degrees Project*



Jeni Krencicki Barcelos served as a Gates Public Service Law Scholar at the University of Washington School of Law, where she focused on the intersection of climate change and human rights law. Jeni co-organized the Three Degrees Conference on the Law of Climate Change and Human Rights in May 2009, and co-founded the Three Degrees Project, of which she is now Co-Executive Director. She graduated from UC Berkeley and holds a Master's degree in Environmental Science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, where she co-developed and taught Yale's first graduate course on Environmental Security. Jeni helped found the Progressive Ideas Network – a national alliance of multi-issue think tanks and advocacy organizations. Jeni's more recent work includes advising Sightline Institute, about legal and policy recommendations for states to use in implementing more just climate policies to low-income families. She volunteers with The Climate Project since 2006, assisting in the dissemination of Al Gore's global educational campaign on climate change. Jeni is also an editor of "Climate Change: A Reader," an academic text.

Nancy Lindborg

*Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy
USAID*



Nancy Lindborg is the Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance branch of USAID. Prior to holding this current position, Ms. Lindborg was the president of Mercy Corps for 14 years. Before joining Mercy Corps in 1996, she managed economic development programs as a regional director in post-Soviet Central Asia and worked in the private sector as a public policy consultant in Chicago and San Francisco. She has also served as co-president on the Board of Directors for the U.S. Global Leadership Campaign and was co-chair of the National Committee on North Korea where she led efforts to advance, promote, and facilitate engagement between citizens of the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and was a member of the USAID Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid. From 2000 to 2005, she was chair of the Sphere Management Committee, an international initiative to improve the effectiveness and accountability of NGOs. From 1998 to 2002, she was the co-chair of the InterAction Disaster Response Committee—InterAction is the largest alliance of U.S.-based international NGOs focused on the world's poor and most vulnerable people. She holds a B.A and M.A. in English Literature from Stanford University and an M.A. in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Jen Marlow

Co-Founder

Three Degrees Project



Jen Marlow graduated from the University of Washington School of Law in 2010 and is a member of the Washington State Bar. While in law school, Jen co-organized the Three Degrees Conference on the Law of Climate Change and Human Rights, and co-founded the Three Degrees Project on climate justice, serving as an inaugural fellow to the project. Jen graduated from Middlebury College in 2002, where she studied environmental studies and literature.

Prior to law school, Jen worked as a field biologist, newspaper reporter, editor at award-winning *Orion* magazine, communications associate for the Portland-based think tank Ecotrust, and columnist for *Edible Portland*. Jen also co-organized the Inaugural Next Generation Leadership Retreat Series for The Center for Whole Communities to provide leadership opportunities for emerging environmental and social justice leaders. During law school, apart from conference organizing, Jen advised the Washington Environmental Council and Sightline Institute on legal barriers to developing fair climate policies for Washington state, interned for the Berman Environmental Law Clinic, and served as a judicial extern for the Honorable John C. Coughenour.

Carolyn Miles

CEO

Save the Children



Carolyn Miles is the first woman President & Chief Executive Officer for Save the Children, the leading independent organization creating lasting change in the lives of more than 70 million children in need in the United States and 120 countries around the world. She has been with the organization since 1998 and served as its Chief Operating Officer for seven years, during which time Save the Children doubled the number of children it

reaches with food, educational, and other programs, and increased its budget from \$140 million to more than \$550 million. She has traveled to Save the Children's field operations in nearly 50 countries. As CEO, Miles calls attention to the urgent need for Save the Children and other organizations – public, private, nonprofit and for-profit – to cooperate and share their resources and expertise for the benefit of the world's children. She has also emphasized the need to use social media and new technology to extend the organization's reach and fully engage with Save the Children's employees, volunteers, beneficiaries, donors, partners and others around the world. Ms. Miles is a member of the Board of Directors of Blackbaud, a major supplier of nonprofit software and is the chair of the Nominations/Governance Committee. She also serves on the Board of the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business, where she received her MBA. She worked for American Express in Hong Kong, and subsequently partnered to start a successful chain of coffee shops there as an entrepreneur.

Janay Poole

*Booking Coordinator
Invisible Children*



A member of Invisible Children's Movement Department, Janay helps oversee the booking process of Invisible Children's fundraising, tour campaign that establishes over 3000 speaking engagements per year, raising an upwards of 1.5 million dollars per tour. Originally from Chicago, Janay made herself at home in Southern California after graduating from Azusa Pacific University with a degree in Communications. Inspired by the groups' tenacious work ethic and heart for empowering youth across the globe, Janay joined Invisible Children soon after attending one of their toured presentations. Starting as a

Regional Representative, Janay and a team of three others traveled across California and Hawaii to represent the organization at conferences, universities, high schools, middle schools, rotary clubs, senators' offices, nunneries, churches, cosmetology schools and to the press. Together the team raised over \$138,000 helping to fund the organization's current initiative the "Protection Plan".

Rabab Rashad

*Trained Facilitator
Soliya*



Rabab Rashad was born in Cairo and is a recent graduate from the Faculty of Arts (the department of English Language) and continues her translation studies at the American University in Cairo. She has been active in a variety of women's issues, and now teaches English as a second language to students. She was a student participant and is a trained facilitator for one of Soliya's discussion groups that connects university students in Egypt and the Middle East with others in the US, to engage in 9 week long live video conferences, focused on developing cross-cultural understanding and critical thinking and

community action skills. She was an active participant in the recent revolution in Egypt, along with many of her friends and colleagues.

Cliff Schmidt
Founder
Literacy Bridge



Cliff Schmidt started Literacy Bridge after spending six weeks in rural Ghana to research ideas for the Talking Book project with local nonprofits, universities, and government agencies. Aside from his service as a grassroots lobbyist for organizations working to end global poverty (such as CARE and RESULTS), most of his prior experience comes from business, nonprofit governance, and engineering. Cliff ran a successful open source software consulting business for clients throughout Europe, the Middle East, and North America, specializing in intellectual property issues, nonprofit governance, privacy policies, and community development. He also served many nonprofit organizations, such as The Apache Software Foundation (ASF), the Eclipse Foundation, the OpenSEA Alliance, and the Free Software Foundation, including service on the board of directors and as the Vice President of Legal Affairs for the ASF. In the 12 years prior to his consulting work, Cliff worked as an industry standards representative for Microsoft, as the open source programs manager for BEA Systems, and as a nuclear engineer and submarine officer for the US Navy. Cliff received his B.S. in Cognitive Science from MIT and his M.S. in Computer Science and Engineering from University of Washington. Cliff has been honored as a Microsoft Integral Fellows (2010) by Microsoft Alumni Foundation.

Liz Schraye,
Executive Director
US Global Leadership Coalition



Liz Schraye serves as the founding Executive Director of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, responsible for the overall direction and strategy for the influential and well-respected broad-based coalition. Ms. Schraye also serves as President of Schraye & Associates, Inc., a nationwide political consulting firm specializing in grassroots organizing. Prior to beginning her own firm, Ms. Schraye served as the national Political Director of AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) for more than a decade. She worked on Capitol Hill, founding the Congressional Human Rights Caucus and in state Government. She has traveled across the country organizing citizen advocates in every state and on various issues. Ms. Schraye currently serves as a member of ACVFA (Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid). She has a Bachelor's degree from University of Michigan in Political Science and American Studies and serves on the Michigan in Washington Advisory Board.

Steve Scranton

*National Director of Corporate Social Responsibility
World Vision*



Steve has recently assumed the position of National Director of Corporate Social Responsibility for World Vision. In this role, he will be responsible for innovative programs linking corporate values, mission and needs with World Vision's work in the United States and around the world. These collaborative efforts include cause-related marketing, base of the pyramid opportunities, supply chain collaboration, social marketing, and socially responsible business practices. Previously at World Vision, Steve served in a variety of positions in Corporate Donor Development building long-term relationships with manufacturers, retailers and wholesalers of consumer goods. These gifts-in-kind goods, which provide a tax benefit to the company, are integrated as one of many resource streams in about half of the 100 countries in which World Vision works and in our US Programs in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and 6 other sites. In the past 5 years, over 400 corporations have contributed over \$1.6 billion of essential items, such as medical supplies, personal care products, school supplies, books, toys, clothing and shoes. Corporate partners include Alticor, Cardinal Health, Columbia Sportswear, Hasbro, Kohler, McKesson, Pearson Education, Unilever and Wal-Mart. Prior to joining World Vision in 1990, Steve held various positions in the commercial real estate development field in both Seattle and Phoenix. He holds both a BA in Business Administration and a Master's in Urban Planning, both from the University of Washington. Steve and his wife, Debbi, are the parents of two daughters, Kate and Maddie.

Rosa Singer

*Director of Strategic Partnerships & Alliances
CARE USA*

Pulling from a hybrid background in development programming and partnership building, Rosa Singer leads CARE's collaboration with multinational corporations, and their foundations, to build mutually beneficial partnerships that fight global poverty and empower women and girls. Serving at CARE since 2008, Rosa guides strategic planning and global teams across the US, Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America to leverage programs and partnerships for innovation and impact. Presently, Rosa also serves as Adjunct Faculty at Seattle University teaching Gender and Development. Formerly staffed in the field with CARE Ethiopia as Program Design Team Leader, Rosa co-designed reproductive health, livelihoods and rights programming for girls subject to early marriage. Before joining CARE, Rosa was the V.P. of Project Management & Development for Latin America at The Pacific Institute, where she led engagement with the World Bank, the Guatemalan Ministry of Education, private companies and NGOs. She earned her M.A. in International Relations from the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she was a Rotary International World Peace Fellow, nominated by the Rotary Club of Seattle #4.

Anya Sitaram

*World Presenter and Reporter
Rockhopper TV*



Sitaram is a founding director and executive producer of Rockhopper TV, a London based Production Company that specializes in documentaries on development, environment and global health. Anya is a former news anchor and for many years was a familiar face on British television both as reporter and newsreader. Anya is currently Executive Producer of *The Health Show* –a weekly programme on BBC World looking at the most important health issues facing the planet. Anya has directed and overseen numerous documentaries. Among them the series *Hot Cities* on cities adapting to climate change and *Survival*, a series of hour-long documentaries looking at how local communities are responding do the world's major diseases. Anya began her journalistic career as a BBC trainee in 1985 before moving to ITN where she became a reporter and Health and Science Correspondent. Later she joined the BBC's science programme *Tomorrow's World*. Anya has also anchored news bulletins for Sky News and BBC World News.

Leela Stake

*Senior Associate
APCO*



Leela Stake is Senior Associate in APCO Worldwide's San Francisco office. Ms. Stake has 10 years of experience in strategic philanthropy and corporate responsibility. She has served as a fellow and consultant at The Asia Foundation and completed assignments in Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Nepal and the Philippines. Ms. Stake holds a MA and BA from Stanford University, where she graduated with honors and distinction. She has also worked at The Brookings Institution, co-founded and led the Future Social Innovators Network at Stanford, and was awarded the Tom Ford Fellowship in Philanthropy and the Lyons Award for Service for unique and lasting contributions to Stanford University. Over the past six years, she has worked with a range of corporations, foundations and nonprofits to help them develop strategic partnerships, strengthen their community investment programs and raise the visibility of their initiatives. Specifically of interest today is the work she has done with three Fortune 100 corporations to develop and implement global initiatives to improve opportunities for women and girls.

Gregg Swanson
Executive Director
HumaniNet



A former Air Force officer and fighter pilot, Gregg served for 20 years in line and staff positions with Air Force headquarters, NATO forces, and operational units in Asia and Europe. Before founding HumaniNet in 2002, he held executive and management positions in several Silicon Valley technology companies and nonprofit organizations, primarily in operations and international programs. A graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, he has studied in Germany as an Olmsted Scholar and has graduate degrees in international affairs from the American University and in business from Stanford University.

Geoff Thale
Executive Director
The Washington Office on Latin America



Geoff Thale oversees the entire range of WOLA's research and advocacy on Latin America policy and human rights issues. He is well-respected for his strategic policy analysis, rooted in his close relationships to people working in the region. Along with a focus on specific countries and themes, Mr. Thale led the team that authored *Forging New Ties*, WOLA's recommendations for new directions in U.S. policy toward Latin America. Mr. Thale has studied Cuba issues since the mid-1990s and traveled to Cuba more than a dozen times, including organizing delegations of academics and Members of Congress. He coordinates WOLA's advocacy on this issue with a coalition of business, agricultural and human rights groups who favor lifting the travel ban and rebuilding contacts between U.S. and Cuban society. He also follows police reform and works with Central American counterparts on community-based responses to youth violence. He serves as an advisor to the Central American Coalition for the Prevention of Youth Violence. With his breadth of expertise, media and policy makers frequently call on Mr. Thale for background and analysis. He has testified before Congress on a variety of issues and has published on citizen security, U.S.-Cuba relations, and Central America. Before coming to WOLA in 1995, Mr. Thale was the founder and Executive Director of the El Salvador Policy Project in Washington, D.C., which followed the negotiations to end El Salvador's civil war and the construction of post-war institutions. He taught high school for nine years prior to working on Latin America issues.

Kentaro Toyama

Researcher

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Kentaro Toyama (www.kentarotoyama.org) is a visiting scholar in the School of Information at the University of California, Berkeley. He is working on a book arguing that increasing human wisdom should be the primary focus of international development activities. Until 2009, Kentaro was assistant managing director of Microsoft Research India, which he co-founded in 2005. At MSR India, he started the Technology for Emerging Markets research group, which conducts interdisciplinary research to understand how the world's poorest communities interact with electronic technology and to invent new ways for technology to support their socio-economic development. Prior to his time in India, Kentaro did computer vision and multimedia research at Microsoft Research in Redmond, WA, USA and Cambridge, UK, and taught mathematics at Ashesi University in Accra, Ghana. Kentaro graduated from Yale with a PhD in Computer Science and from Harvard with a bachelors degree in Physics.

Jane Wales

President and CEO

World Affairs Council of Northern California

Vice President

Aspen Institute



Jane Wales is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the World Affairs Council and the Global Philanthropy Forum and Vice President of the Aspen Institute. She is host of the nationally syndicated weekly National Public Radio interview show *It's Your World*. From 2007 to 2008, she served as Acting Chief Executive Officer of The Elders, chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In 2008, Ms. Wales also chaired the Poverty Alleviation Track for the Clinton Global Initiative. Previously, she served in the Clinton Administration as Special Assistant to the President, Senior Director of the National Security Council and Associate Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. She chaired the international security programs at the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the W. Alton Jones Foundation, and directed the Project on World Security at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. During her tenure as National Executive Director of the Physicians for Social Responsibility, the organization's international arm was recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize.

Mauricio Vivero

Executive Director

Seattle International Foundation



Mauricio Vivero is the Executive Director of the Seattle International Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization working to alleviate global poverty through grant making and other projects. Mauricio has over 15 years of nonprofit management experience. He has held senior-level positions at national nonprofit organizations, and has worked as a consultant to many institutions on advocacy, tax and public policy issues. His professional experience includes serving as Executive Director of Ayuda, Director of Government Relations for Independent Sector, Vice President of the Legal Services Corporation, and Director of Grassroots Lobbying for the American Bar Association. Mauricio is also a board member of Global Impact, LINGOs, and the Puget Sound Blood Center. Mauricio was born in Havana, Cuba and immigrated with his family to the U.S. in 1970. Mauricio holds a law degree from Creighton University and a bachelor's degree in international relations from Florida International University.

Claudia Vanessa Siliezar

Sociology and Law Professor

CEUTEC-UNITEC



Since 2000, Vane has been an active member of her community in promoting women's rights, especially those pertaining to reproductive and sexual health and in combating violence against women. Vane comes from a strong academic background, having pursued degrees in a variety of topics such as criminology, law and social sciences, gender and women's development, sexual and reproductive health, and family planning. She is currently a sociology and law professor at CEUTEC-UNITEC, La Celba campus. Vane is also the coordinator for GoJovern Honduras, focusing on sexual and reproductive health. In this position she trains employees, facilitates workshops, and handles management reports and proposals for program development. Vane has been heavily involved in the Levi's Foundation and Foundation E. Honduras Youth Employment Network, Comprehensive Development Unit for Women and Family Legal Advice, and the Women Municipal Office in La Celba.

Greg Tuke

Consultant

Tuke International Consulting



Greg Tuke has two decades of experience as a leading international education specialist and education reform activist here in the northwest. For the past three years with Mercy Corps and now Soliya, his work has focused on training and directly connecting youth leaders in Egypt, Jordan, Gaza and Lebanon with youth leaders in the US, using social media and live video conferencing tools. Greg currently leads Tuke International Consulting, providing training workshops in digital storytelling and social media for social change, and providing advice to local

and international non-profit organizations for improving their educational strategies. Along with Rabab Rashad and Kelly Johnston, he serves as a Soliya co-facilitator in a weekly live video conference with groups of youth leaders from universities throughout the Middle-East and US, discussing current issues and comparing notes on social change strategies in the respective countries.

Katrin Wilde

Executive Director

Channel Foundation

Katrin Wilde is the Executive Director of the Channel Foundation, a private foundation based in Seattle that promotes leadership in women's human rights around the globe. The foundation's mission is to fund and create opportunities for groups working in many regions of the world to ensure that women's human rights are respected, protected, and fulfilled. Ms. Wilde guides Channel Foundation's grantmaking, advocacy, and collaboration efforts. She holds a master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia University, where she focused on human rights and coordinated the Southeast Asia Fellows program. She has conducted research for UNDP Nepal, the Women's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch, and the International Rescue Committee. Previously, she worked as a journalist in Thailand. Currently serving on the Board of Grantmakers Without Borders and the Grantmaking Committees of the Women's Funding Alliance and Social Justice Fund Northwest, Wilde also acts as Women's Human Rights Outreach Coordinator for Amnesty International Seattle.

Bonnie Wurzbacher
Vice President
Coca Cola Company



Bonnie Wurzbacher: has held various senior leadership roles over the last 27 years at the company and currently serves in the role of senior vice president of Coca-Cola Company. She is now on a special assignment called Global 5 by 20, a new global initiative at Coca-Cola Company that hopes to enable the economic empowerment of 5 million women by 2020 through job creation and expanding women-owned small business enterprises. Ms. Wurzbacher is a strong advocate for women in leadership. She shows great appreciation and passion for successful, sustainable and ethical business practices around the world. She was a founding member of The Company's Global Advisory Councils for Customer and Commercial Leadership, Women's Leadership and Corporate Social Responsibility. Ms. Wurzbacher graduated from Wheaton College (Illinois) with a B.A. in Education and later received her M.B.A. in General Management from Emory University in Atlanta.

Britt Yamamoto
Founder and Executive Director
iLeap: The Center for Critical Service



Britt has long found great inspiration and support from people who engage life with a passion that comes from unbridled curiosity, a sharp and critical intellect, and a rich sense of humor. In this way, it could be said that he was drawn to create iLEAP in search of more friends. As someone who has worked in and around the nonprofit sector for two decades as a board member, program manager, volunteer and director, and been entrenched in the Academy for even longer, Britt has witnessed his share of terribly important--but uninspired, ineffective and utterly humorless--initiatives. For him, iLEAP is an opportunity to be creative with the relationship between personal growth and social change and to rigorously engage the challenges of life while, at the same time, not take ourselves too seriously. Britt's formal degrees are a veritable salad bar of academic inquiry--a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from the University of Michigan in English Literature, a Master of Science (M.S.) from the University of California at Davis in Community Development, and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Geography from the University of Washington. He is a Core Faculty member in the Center for Creative Change at Antioch University Seattle as well as Clinical Faculty in the University of Washington Department of Global Health. He has extensive international experience, been a Fulbright Fellow to Japan, and the recipient of a number of awards, including the highly prestigious and ultra competitive 'Nice Papa' award from an obscure Japanese mothering *iLeap* magazine.