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Opening Remarks
(9:30 - 9:45 AM)

Jenna Ben-Yehuda, CEO and President of Truman Center for National Policy and Truman National Security Project

Jenna Hoffman Ben-Yehuda is the President and CEO of the Truman Center for National Policy and Truman National Security Project. A longtime advocate for gender equity in national security, she is the founder of the Women’s Foreign Policy Network, a global community of women in foreign affairs in over 100 countries. She earned multiple Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards during her twelve years at the US Department of State where she served in a range of intelligence and policy roles in the Western Hemisphere, including serving as Senior Military Advisor to US Northern Command, US Southern Command, and US Special Operations Command. A life member of the Council on Foreign Relations and member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Future’s Council on US National Security, she holds graduate degrees from the National Intelligence University, and National Defense University and undergraduate degrees from The George Washington University, where she later taught security studies at the Elliott School of International Affairs. She serves on the advisory boards of the Leadership Council for Women in National Security, the Partnership for Public Service, and GLOBSEC. In 2022, President Biden appointed her to the Air Force Academy Board of Visitors.
Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine and Implications for World Order
(9:45 - 10:45 AM)

Daniel W. Drezner, Professor of International Politics, The Fletcher School, Tufts University

Daniel W. Drezner is professor of international politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, a nonresident senior fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, and the author of “Spoiler Alerts” for the Washington Post. He is the co-director of Fletcher’s Russia and Eurasia program. Prior to Fletcher, he taught at the University of Chicago and the University of Colorado at Boulder. He has previously held positions with Civic Education Project, the RAND Corporation and the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and received fellowships from the Rockefeller Foundation, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Council on Foreign Relations, and Harvard University. Drezner has written seven books, including The Ideas Industry and All Politics is Global, and edited three others, including The Uses and Abuses of Weaponized Interdependence. He has published articles in numerous scholarly journals as well as in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Foreign Affairs, and has been a contributing editor for Foreign Policy and The National Interest. He received his B.A. in political economy from Williams College and an M.A. in economics and Ph.D. in political science from Stanford University.

Julia Ioffe, founding partner and Washington correspondent, Puck

Julia Ioffe is a founding partner and Washington correspondent for Puck, a new media company built around its journalists. She is an internationally recognized expert on Russia and her work on the subject has appeared in the Atlantic, GQ, Washington Post, New York Times Magazine, Politico Magazine, The New Republic, Forbes, and many others. She was a Fulbright scholar in Moscow, where she was also a correspondent for Foreign Policy and The New Yorker. She studied Soviet history and Russian literature at Princeton University.
Ambassador Marek Magierowski, Ambassador of Poland to the United States

Marek Magierowski was born in 1971. He graduated from the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan with a degree in Hispanic Studies. He worked as a reporter, editor and columnist for over 20 years. He was, among others, the deputy head of the economic desk at “Gazeta Wyborcza,” the head of the foreign affairs desk and the business section at the “Newsweek Polska” weekly, and the deputy editor-in-chief of “Forum.” From 2006-2011, he was the deputy editor-in-chief of “Rzeczpospolita.” He regularly wrote columns on foreign policy for the “Uważam Rze” and “Do Rzeczy” weeklies. In October 2015, he left journalism to work for the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland as an expert on public diplomacy, and was subsequently appointed Head of the Press Office of the Chancellery of the President. From June 2017 to May 2018, he served as Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Marek Magierowski served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to the State of Israel from June 25, 2018, to November of 2021.

Dame Karen Pierce DCMG, United Kingdom Ambassador to the United States

Prior to arriving in DC, Karen Pierce was the United Kingdom’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York since March 2018. Prior to this role, Karen served as the Director General for Political Affairs and Chief Operating Officer of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London, from 2016.

Karen joined the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in 1981. Her first role was in Tokyo between 1984 and 1987, after which she returned to the UK to work in the Security Policy Department. Karen worked in Washington as the Private Secretary to the British Ambassador to the United States between 1992 and 1995. Between 1996 and 2006, Karen held several positions in London including Team Leader for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, Deputy Head of Eastern Adriatic (Balkans) Department, Head of Newsroom, Head of EU Department (Bilateral) and concurrently Head of Afghanistan Political Military Unit after 9/11 before returning to the Balkans as Balkans Coordinator from 2002 to 2006.
In 2006, Karen moved to New York for the first time to be the Deputy Permanent Representative and Ambassador at the UK Mission to the UN. In 2009, she returned to London to become the Director of South Asia and Afghanistan Department and the UK's Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. In 2012, Karen started her second multilateral role, this time in Geneva, where she was the Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UK Mission to the United Nations, World Trade Organization and Other International Organisations until 2015. Between 2015 and 2016 Karen was the UK’s Ambassador to Afghanistan.

Jonathan Guyer (moderator), Senior Foreign Policy Writer, Vox


Truman Member Lightning Talk: Launching Team Democracy
(11:10 - 11:20 AM)

Gwen Camp, Executive Director, Team Democracy

Gwen Camp lives in Philadelphia, PA. She has worked in the US House and Senate, as well as serving in the PA House of Representatives and as Chief of Staff at the PA Treasury. She was a senior executive at FEMA, responding to hundreds of disasters and crises, and built resilience and preparedness programs throughout the United States and around the world. She is a Truman National Security Fellow and was a Kennedy Fellow at Harvard University. She values access to the right to vote and breaking down multi-generational barriers to growth.
Jocelyn Benson is Michigan's 43rd Secretary of State. In this role, she has ensured elections are secure and accessible, and dramatically improved Secretary of State driver and customer experiences for all Michiganders.

Benson oversaw Michigan’s 2020 presidential election, which drew record-breaking turnout – 5.5 million voters – and was the most secure election in state history. She implemented new voting rights for all eligible Michiganders prior to the election, including the right to vote absentee, and oversaw more than 250 audits after the election, all of which affirmed its integrity and accuracy.

Benson also transformed the customer service operations of the Secretary of State’s office. She doubled the number of services available online, installed more than 160 self-service stations statewide, mostly at grocery stores, and ended the take-a-ticket-and-wait system that had resulted in hours-long lines at offices for years. Now, most transactions are conducted without an office visit at all and when residents do visit an office, they are in and out in an average of 20 minutes or less.

A graduate of Harvard Law School and expert on civil rights law, education law and election law, Benson served as dean of Wayne State University Law School in Detroit. When she was appointed dean at age 36, she became the youngest woman in U.S. history to lead a top-100, accredited law school. She continues to serve as vice chair of the advisory board for the Levin Center at Wayne Law, which she founded with former U.S. Sen. Carl Levin. Previously, Benson was an associate professor and associate director of Wayne Law’s Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights.

Benson is the author of State Secretaries of State: Guardians of the Democratic Process, the first major book on the role of the
secretary of state in enforcing election and campaign finance laws. She is also a co-founder and former president of Military Spouses of Michigan, a network dedicated to providing support and services to military spouses and their children.

In 2015, she became one of the youngest women in history to be inducted into the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame.

**Mayor Andre Dickens, Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia**

Andre Dickens was elected as the 61st mayor of Atlanta by 64% of the voters in the runoff election on November 30, 2021. Prior to becoming the mayor, he served as an at-large City Council member for two terms. In addition to serving in public office, Mayor Dickens has been a businessperson and nonprofit executive and is an engineer, deacon, father and native Atlantan. His career follows his passions and his impact follows his commitment.

Mayor Dickens was elected citywide to the Atlanta City Council Post 3 at-Large in November 2013 and was re-elected in 2017. During his two terms on City Council, he was a vocal legislative leader on public safety, transportation, affordable housing, workforce development, educational opportunities for Atlanta Public Schools students, and seasoned citizens programming. He served as the chairperson of the Transportation Committee, providing oversight to city streets, bridges, sidewalks, paths, and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world’s busiest airport. In 2017, he chaired the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee, during which time homicides went down 33% and all violent crimes decreased 12%.

Mayor Dickens was the Chief Development Officer for TechBridge, a nonprofit that drives community impact by bringing affordable technology and business expertise to other nonprofit organizations. In 2018, he co-founded the Technology Career Program, a free program designed to prepare unemployed and individuals experiencing disadvantage in the work field for a career in the growing technology job market. The program teaches high demand technology skills while helping participants land jobs in IT departments across Atlanta.
Mayor Dickens previously served as the Assistant Director of Outreach Initiatives for Georgia Tech’s Office of Institute Diversity. He spearheaded Tech’s African American Male Institute, which resulted in a significant increase in the GPA and graduation rate among black males. He also managed the Focus graduate school recruitment program and the Challenge Program that helped hundreds of students successfully transition into college life each year.

Early in his career, Mayor Dickens worked as a sales engineer for DSM Engineering Plastics and became the youngest and first Black salesperson of the year. At the age of twenty-eight, he co-founded City Living Home Furnishings, which grew into a multi-million dollar retail business with two locations. Dickens ran the company for nine years until 2011.

Mayor Dickens has been a member of the Georgia Tech Alumni Board of Directors and is an Alumnus of Leadership Atlanta, Diversity Leadership Atlanta, United Way VIP, and Regional Leadership Institute. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc.; deacon of New Horizon Baptist Church and has served on the boards of the Atlanta BeltLine, Invest Atlanta, and the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Mayor Dickens is a proud product of Atlanta Public Schools and a graduate of Mays High School. He earned a bachelor’s degree in Chemical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a Master of Public Administration degree in Economic Development from Georgia State University.

**Ambassador Nina Hachigian, Deputy Mayor of International Affairs, City of Los Angeles**

Ambassador Nina Hachigian was appointed to be the first Deputy Mayor of International Affairs for Los Angeles and the only one in the United States. Her office connects the world to L.A. and L.A. to the world.

Previously, Ambassador Hachigian served as the second U.S. Ambassador to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), as a Senior Fellow and a Senior Vice President at the
Center for American Progress, as the director of the RAND Center for Asia Pacific Policy, and on the staff of the National Security Council in the Clinton White House from 1998-1999.

Ambassador Hachigian was a founding Board member of the State Department’s International Security Advisory Board. She was also a founder and co-leader of Women Ambassadors Serving America (WASA) and co-founded and currently co-chairs the Leadership Council for Women in National Security (LCWINS). Ambassador Hachigian received her B.S. from Yale University, magna cum laude, and her J.D. from Stanford Law School, with distinction.

Dávid Korányi, Senior Advisor to the Mayor of Budapest on City Diplomacy

David serves as senior advisor on city diplomacy to Gergely Karácsony, the Mayor of Budapest, Hungary. Previously David served as undersecretary of state and chief foreign policy and national security advisor to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary, Gordon Bajnai. Subsequently David was the director of the Atlantic Council’s Energy Diplomacy Initiative and a nonresident fellow at the Johns Hopkins University SAIS Centre for Transatlantic Relations.

In 2017 - with support from Google’s Digital News Initiative - David co-founded NewsGamer, an immersive narrative online tool that simulates real-life conflicts as they appear in the news.

Earlier in his career David worked seven years in Brussels in the European Parliament as chief foreign policy adviser and head of cabinet of a Hungarian Member of the European Parliament, a political adviser at the Hungarian National Assembly and a junior researcher at GKI Economic Research Institute, in Budapest, Hungary. David is a graduate of Corvinus University Budapest and Columbia University.

Erin Bromaghim (moderator), Visiting Senior Fellow for City and State Diplomacy, Truman Center

Erin Bromaghim is a Senior Visiting Fellow on City & State Diplomacy at the Truman Center for National Security and is the Director of Olympic and Paralympic Development in the Mayor’s Office of International Affairs under Los Angeles Mayor Eric
Garcetti. In this role, Erin is focused on realizing the City’s plans to make Los Angeles more sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and innovative ahead of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2028 and through the enduring legacy the Games will leave for all Angelenos. This legacy includes her work as the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Fellow, using the framework of the United Nations Agenda 2030 to align, measure, and track the City’s progress toward the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Erin previously spent 14 years as a senior civilian with the U.S. Department of Defense, where she managed interagency defense, intelligence, special operations, and security reform efforts. Ms. Bromaghim entered federal civil service as a Presidential Management Fellow with the U.S. Navy, later working for the U.S. Air Force, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and NATO. She holds degrees from Wake Forest University and Georgetown University, as well as a certificate in advanced project management from Stanford University.

**Truman Member Lightning Talk: NatSec for Little Ones**

(1:10 - 1:20 PM)

**Adom Cooper, Operations Planning Specialist, U.S. Department of State**

Adom M. Cooper is an Operations Planning Specialist at the U.S. Department of State. He has work experience with the U.S. government, the United Nations, the American Society of International Law (ASIL), and private consulting firms. He has a JD from Syracuse University College of Law, a BA in Political Science and Communications from the University of Michigan, and study abroad experience in South Africa at the University of the Western Cape. He has published with Just Security, NY Daily News, USA Today, the United Nations Population Fund, ASIL, and the International Law Association. Adom is a Security Fellow at the Truman National Security Project, a Term Member at Council on Foreign Relations, a Democracy Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy, and a member of the DC Bar.

**Amanda Keammerer, Founder and CEO, Javilud**

Born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, Amanda Lee Keammerer is the Managing Director of the gener8tor Cybersecurity Accelerator
program. She is also the founder and CEO of Javilud, a small business building creative collaborations at the intersection of people, politics, tech, and art.

Previously, Amanda organized and energized the San Antonio cyber community through the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. Prior to that role, Amanda worked for the Office of Management and Budget, the Kaiser Family Foundation, and the LULAC National Office.


Amanda earned her MA in Global Communication from The George Washington University, and her BA in Russian from Smith College.

21st Century Security Innovation and Cyber Resilience for Times of Crisis
(1:20 - 2:20 PM)

**Mieke Eoyang**, *Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy*

Ms. Mieke Eoyang is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy. The Cyber Policy office is responsible for establishing DoD cyberspace policy and strategy, providing guidance and oversight on DoD cyberspace activities, and managing DoD’s primary external relationships across the U.S. government, key domestic stakeholders, and our allies and partners.

Prior to that she was the Senior Vice President for the National Security Program at the think tank, Third Way, where she led their work on a wide range of national security issues including on foreign policy, Congress’ role in the national security policymaking process, non-proliferation, intelligence oversight, electronic surveillance, cybersecurity. She was the founder of the organization’s Cyber Enforcement Initiative which focused on improving the government’s efforts to impose consequences on the human behind malicious cyber activity.

Before joining Third Way, she was the Chief of Staff to Rep. Anna G. Eshoo (D-CA) having previously served as the Subcommittee Staff Director for Intelligence Community Management on the
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. While there, she was the committee’s lead for cybersecurity, personnel management and worked on electronic surveillance reform, among other issues.

Prior to that, she served as the Defense Policy Advisor to Senator Edward M. Kennedy, advising him on all matters related to the Senate Armed Services Committee and Defense Appropriations during the Iraq War. Earlier in her career, she served as the lead Democratic Professional Staff Member on the House Armed Services Committee for the Military Personnel Subcommittee.

Ms. Eoyang received her Juris Doctor from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, and her Bachelor's Degree from Wellesley College.

**Stephanie C. Hill, Executive Vice President of Rotary and Mission Systems, Lockheed Martin**

Stephanie C. Hill is executive vice president of Rotary and Mission Systems (RMS) for Lockheed Martin Corporation. RMS is a $16 billion enterprise employing 35,000 people across the globe, with approximately 10 percent in Australia, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, United Kingdom and other countries.

The RMS solution-portfolio delivers operationally and economically effective solutions across multiple warfighting domains. It features more than 1,000 programs, including helicopters, integrated air and missile defense, littoral warfare, undersea warfare, radar, electronic warfare, cyber solutions, C4ISR, and training and logistics systems. RMS enables a range of key customer missions ranging from the seafloor to space. RMS supports the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy and Missile Defense Agency, as well as intelligence, civil, commercial and international military customers.

During her time with Lockheed Martin, Ms. Hill has held positions of increasing responsibility including: senior vice president of Enterprise Business Transformation; deputy executive vice president of RMS; senior vice president of Corporate Strategy and Business Development; vice president and general manager of Cyber, Ships and Advanced Technologies; vice president and general manager of the Information Systems and Global Solutions
Civil business; vice president of Corporate Internal Audit; and vice president and general manager of the Mission Systems and Sensors business.

Ms. Hill is a member of the Board of Directors of S&P Global and the Board of Visitors for the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, she graduated with high honors from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and Economics; the university also recognized her with an honorary doctorate in 2017. Deeply committed to the development of others, she mentors many students and Lockheed Martin professionals and is a champion for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education.

Senator Angus King, (I-ME)

In January 2013, Angus King was sworn in as Maine’s first Independent United States Senator, filling the same seat once held by storied Maine leaders Edmund Muskie, George Mitchell, and Olympia Snowe.

Senator King is a member of the Armed Services Committee, the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Committee on Rules and Administration. He has made it a priority not to miss Committee hearings, earning him praise from his colleagues and the reputation as a workhorse in the Senate. The late Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.), who served as Armed Services Chairman, once called Senator King “one of the most serious and hard-working members” of the Committee.

In his time in the Senate, Senator King has worked to strengthen America’s national security, conducted critical oversight of the nation’s Intelligence Community, supported common-sense budget priorities that promote prosperity and reduce the national debt, fought the national opioid and heroin epidemic, coordinated efforts to revitalize Maine’s forest economy, advocated for policies that contribute to cleaner, cheaper energy and mitigate climate change, railed against the corrosive effect of unchecked money in politics, fought to improve access to health care, worked to strengthen the government’s support of veterans, and promoted increased access to critical community resources like rural broadband.
A leading voice on the importance of improving America’s cybersecurity, Senator King was selected by Congressional leadership to co-chair the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, a bipartisan effort established by Congress to review the threats facing America in cyberspace and develop a forward looking plan on how to defend ourselves against cyber threats. The commission, which consisted of bipartisan members of Congress, top Executive Branch officials, and nonpartisan industry leaders, laid out more than 75 recommendations to improve the cybersecurity of U.S. critical infrastructure and prepare the nation for future challenges in an increasingly digital world.

In fact, it is in small working groups like this that Senator King has focused much of his work. Senator King is committed to working across the aisle in small, bipartisan working groups that bridge partisan divides to address the challenges that face the nation. He co-founded the Former Governors Caucus, which brings together the Senate’s former Governors to chart pragmatic approaches to solutions, as well as the Senate Arctic Caucus, which hones in on Maine and America’s growing interest in the Arctic. Senator King also tries to informally bridge the partisan divide in Washington by frequently bringing his colleagues on both sides of the aisle to his home for barbeque dinners, where political talk is banned and the focus is getting to know one another. The bonds that are formed through these relationships often lay the foundation for successful legislation.

Prior to taking office, Senator King served as the 72nd Governor of Maine. During his two terms in the Blaine House, he focused on economic development and job creation. Then-Governor King also achieved significant reforms in education, mental health services, land conservation, environmental protection, and the delivery of state services. He was re-elected in 1998 by one of the largest margins in Maine’s history.

**Rob Knake, Acting Principal Deputy National Cyber Director and the Deputy National Cyber Director for Strategy & Budget**

Rob Knake serves as Deputy National Cyber Director for Strategy and Budget and Acting Principal Deputy National Cyber Director in the Office of the National Cyber Director (ONCD)

He works with the Director to establish strategy and budget priorities for the office and leads engagement on these matters
with White House and interagency counterparts. Prior to joining the ONCD, Rob was a Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and a Non-Resident Fellow at Harvard’s Belfer Center working on cyber policy.

From 2011 to 2015, he served as the Director for Cyber Security Policy at the National Security Council where he was responsible for developing the Presidential Policy on cybersecurity. He is married with two children.

**Jenna McLaughlin** (moderator), *Cybersecurity Correspondent, NPR*

Jenna McLaughlin is NPR's cybersecurity correspondent, focusing on the intersection of national security and technology.

McLaughlin, who joined NPR in September 2021, aims to tell the human stories behind the hackers — taking listeners beyond the technical details and diving into the reasons why technology's vulnerabilities and the people who exploit them matter to both the individual and the world.

Before joining NPR, McLaughlin covered national security, intelligence and technology for a range of publications, including Mother Jones Magazine, The Intercept, Foreign Policy Magazine, CNN and Yahoo News.

For example, in 2016, she uncovered startling details concerning a wave of former U.S. intelligence officials performing offensive cyber and other intelligence activities for the U.A.E. government, several of whom in 2021 brokered a deferred prosecution agreement with the Justice Department. In 2018, McLaughlin was part of a team that exposed how a flaw in a CIA covert communication tool led to the imprisonment and death of CIA human sources in China and Iran.

In addition to serious national security stories, McLaughlin has interviewed high school debate teams on their views about privacy and surveillance in the wake of NSA contractor Edward Snowden's disclosures in 2013, toured the NSA's Hawaii outpost on the North Shore of Oahu beneath the pineapple fields, and sampled a meal made with Blackwater Beef, an attempt made by infamous military contractor Erik Prince to rebrand into the food industry in rural Virginia.
McLaughlin’s work has earned her national recognition, including the Gerald R. Ford Award for Reporting on the National Defense in 2019 and a finalist nomination in 2020 for the University of Michigan’s Livingston Awards honoring the best journalists under the age of 35.

Her reporting has taken her from Abu Dhabi to Estonia, and she hopes to regularly travel outside Washington in her role at NPR.

McLaughlin is based in Washington and has appeared as an analyst on MSNBC and CBSN, in addition to frequently moderating expert panels. She is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University’s Writing Seminars Program, where she was a sea kayaking instructor and Wilderness First Responder.

**Live recording of *The Weeds*, a podcast by VOX Media**
(2:45 - 4:00 PM)

**Zack Beauchamp, Senior Correspondent, Vox**

Zack Beauchamp is a senior correspondent at Vox, where he covers global politics and ideology, and a host of *Worldly*, Vox’s podcast on foreign policy and international relations. His work focuses on the rise of the populist right across the West, the role of identity in American politics, and how fringe ideologies shape the mainstream. Before coming to Vox, he edited TP Ideas, a section of Think Progress devoted to the ideas shaping our political world. He has an MSc from the London School of Economics in International Relations and grew up in Washington, DC, where he currently lives with his wife, daughter, and two (rescue) dogs.

**Jen Kirby, Foreign and National Security Reporter, Vox**

Jen Kirby is a foreign and national security reporter at Vox, where she covers human rights, protests, political movements, and elections. She previously worked as a general assignment reporter at Vox.

Jen joined Vox after working as a homepage and assistant editor at New York Magazine, where she also wrote for Daily Intelligencer.
In 2015, she was a recipient of the George Polk Award for Magazine Reporting.

Jen attended grad school for journalism at Northwestern's Medill School after working as case manager and advocate in anti-hunger programs in New York City. In undergrad, she studied international politics and security at Georgetown University.

**Dara Lind, Senior Correspondent, Vox**

Dara has covered immigration in some form for about a decade, stretching back to college (when she observed immigration court proceedings for her senior thesis). A Vox reporter since the site launched in 2014, she's become one of the country's leading immigration reporters. Her **explainers**, **policy scoops**, big-picture analyses of the political landscape, and **human-interest features** are all rooted in the understanding that people need to understand policy to make important decisions about their own lives. She refuses to choose between clarity and nuance. When not covering immigration, Dara's explained everything from **federal data on police shootings** to the enduring appeal of "moving to Canada" fantasies. She also hosts Friday episodes of The Weeds alongside Matt Yglesias and Jane Coaston. Dara has not given up on her dreams of commuting by jetpack.

**Truman Member Lightning Talk: Honoring our Promise in your Community**

**(4:00 - 4:10 PM)**

**Lyla Kohistany, inclusion strategist and cultural intelligence advisor**

Lyla is an inclusion strategist and cultural intelligence advisor. She began her career in 2001 as a U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer stationed in Japan. Born in Kabul and a refugee of the Soviet conflict, the attacks on 9/11 prompted her to transfer into the Intelligence community where she served as a Counterterrorism analyst in Afghanistan working alongside U.S. and NATO Special Operations Forces (SOF).

Upon separating from the military, she consulted for numerous government organizations preparing U.S. and NATO personnel for
South Asian deployments and deployed twice more to Afghanistan.

Since 2015, Lyla has been an independent consultant focused on cross-cultural intelligence, organizational performance, and building inclusive organizations. Additionally, she is the co-founder and director of two national nonprofits: PROMOTE - focused on innovation through inclusion in national security; and Honor the Promise – focused on long-term refugee resiliency in the U.S.

Lyla has spoken about the power of inclusive teams at numerous national events and been featured in media by CNN, NPR, PBS, and The Washington Post. She volunteers as an Ambassador for the Global War on Terror (GWOT) Memorial Foundation and is a member of the Advisory Council for the Global Special Operations Force (SOF) Foundation as well as the Special Operations Association of America. She also served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Virginia Board of Veterans Services from June 2017 to June 2021.

Lyla holds a M.A. from Georgetown University and a B.A. from Penn State University. She is currently a nonresident Senior Fellow with Atlantic Council’s Forward Defense focused on the future of war and is pursuing a Doctor of Education (EdD) in Arizona State University's Leadership and Innovation program. She is an avid Star Wars aficionado, enjoys international travel, and spends every free moment with her niece and nephews.

Ashley Sogge, Chief Operating Officer, Honor the Promise

Ashley is the Chief Operating Officer of Honor the Promise, a Veteran-led non-profit that assists America’s Afghan Special Operations partners resettle in the U.S. and lead resilient and purposeful lives. Ashley is committed to supporting the broader veteran community and currently serves in a volunteer capacity as the Director of Operations for Promote, a non-profit that fosters inclusion and innovation in the military's Special Operations community and national security organizations through leadership development assessments and training. She has leveraged her certifications in Human Centered Design from the Joint Special Operations University and the Luma Institute to help military organizations design innovative solutions to their organizational challenges. She has passionately used HCD principles for over
eight years to solve some of the most intractable, wicked organizational challenges.

Ashley is a graduate of the Wharton School where she received her Master of Business Administration degree, majoring in Finance and Management. While there, she served as the president of Wharton’s Veterans Association, the Wharton Boxing Club and as a research fellow with Wharton’s People Analytics Applied Insights Lab. Ashley is a graduate of the University of Portland where she received her B.A. in Political Science and Spanish Literature. Prior to Wharton, Ashley was a Corporate Development Associate at JPMorgan Chase & Co and served as an Army Officer for ten years. She held positions as a Military Intelligence Officer in Korea prior to assessing into Special Operations as a Civil Affairs Officer. After serving six years in Special Operations with deployments to Afghanistan and across the Middle East and Europe, she transitioned into the Army Reserves. Ashley currently serves as a Major in the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade in the future operations section.

Ashley is a member of the Truman National Security Project’s Defense Council and was recognized by the Young Professionals in Foreign Policy with their Veteran Leadership Award. Ashley’s work on the topic of information sharing in interagency environments was published by Special Warfare Magazine and NATO’s Centre of Excellence for Defence Against Terrorism. She spoke as a panelist at the National Geospatial and Intelligence Agency’s Levant Conference and the NATO Terrorism Expert's Conference in Ankara, Turkey. She is an active member of the Defense Entrepreneurs Forum, Office of Strategic Services Society, Women in International Security, and Global Special Operations Forces Foundation. In her spare time, she is an avid olympic weight-lifter, working towards her Master Scuba Diver certification, and a devoted aunt to seven nieces and nephews.
Award for Exceptional Moral Courage in Public Service  
(4:10 - 4:55 PM)

Stephen Bailey (introducer), Chair, Truman Center for National Policy

Stephen Bailey is the Founder and CEO of ExecOnline, a leading provider of B2B leadership development solutions through partnerships with the world’s top business schools. Prior to ExecOnline, he served as the CEO of Frontier Strategy Group (FSG), a software and information services business serving Fortune 500 executives who have responsibility for international markets. Stephen grew the business from an early-stage start-up to a company that served nearly half the Fortune 500 across a range of international markets and business functions. Prior to his role as CEO, he was FSG’s first Chief Product Officer, with responsibility for the development and delivery of all products and client-related content. Before joining FSG, Stephen was an associate in the venture capital and private equity group of WilmerHale. Stephen is the Board Chair of the Truman Center for National Policy and member of the Board of Prospect Schools, a charter school network in New York City. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude from Emory University and holds a JD from the Yale Law School.

Mayor Muriel Bowser (presenter), Mayor of The District of Columbia

Muriel Bowser is committed to making sure every Washingtonian gets a fair shot in a growing and prosperous Washington, DC. Her administration is focused on making DC’s prosperity more inclusive, advancing DC values, and building safer, stronger, and healthier neighborhoods across DC’s eight wards.

Washington, DC is unique in the American political system – the mayor, DC’s chief executive, functions as a governor, county executive, and mayor. Like governors, Mayor Bowser runs Medicaid, issues driver’s licenses, and has tax authority. Like county executives, Mayor Bowser runs the local jail, and, unlike most mayors, also oversees the public school system. In 2020, Washington, DC is home to 705,000 people across 68 square miles, has a AAA bond rating, and an annual budget of more than $15 billion.
On November 6, 2018, Muriel Bowser became the first woman ever re-elected as the Mayor of Washington, DC and the first mayor to earn a second term in 16 years. Since taking office, the Mayor has taken bold steps to reset DC’s global and national competitiveness, speed up affordable housing production, diversify the DC economy, increase satisfaction in city services, and invest in programs and policies that allow more families to live and thrive in DC.

Prior to becoming Mayor in 2015, Bowser served as the Ward 4 Councilmember on the Council of the District of Columbia – first elected in a special election in 2007 and re-elected in 2008 and 2012. As a Councilmember, she served as the Chairwoman of the Committee on Economic Development which created more than 5,000 units of affordable housing, passed legislation to build the new soccer stadium, and secured from the federal government the best portion of the Walter Reed campus for DC. She also led her colleagues to pass comprehensive ethics reform and increased transparency in government contracting.

Mayor Bowser earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Chatham University and a Master’s degree in Public Policy from American University, and received honorary doctorates from Chatham University and Trinity University. With more than 20 years of experience in local government, she first entered elected office as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in the Riggs Park neighborhood.

**Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield** (recipient), *U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations*

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield was nominated by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations as well as the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations on January 20, 2021. She was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on February 23, 2021, and sworn in on February 24, 2021 by the Vice President of the United States of America.

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, a career diplomat, returned to public service after retiring from a 35-year career with the U.S. Foreign Service in 2017. From 2013 to 2017 she served as the Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, where she led
the bureau focused on the development and management of U.S. policy toward sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to this appointment, she served as Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources (2012-2013), leading a team in charge of the State Department’s 70,000-strong workforce.


After retiring from the U.S. State Department in 2017, Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield led the Africa Practice at Albright Stonebridge Group, a strategic commercial diplomacy firm chaired by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. She was also the inaugural Distinguished Resident Fellow in African Studies at the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University from fall 2017 to spring 2019.

Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield was the 2017 recipient of University of Minnesota Hubert Humphrey Public Leadership Award, the 2015 recipient of the Bishop John T. Walker Distinguished Humanitarian Service Award and the 2000 recipient of the Warren Christopher Award for Outstanding Achievement in Global Affairs. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Louisiana State University and a master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin, where she also did work towards a doctorate. She received an honorary Doctor of Law degree from the University of Wisconsin in May 2018 and an honorary Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Liberia in May 2012.