A Message from the Dean

As the extraordinary events of 2008 and 2009 unfolded, GW’s Elliott School of International Affairs once again found itself in the midst of truly momentous developments. In November 2008, the leaders of the G-20 countries came to Washington, D.C., to tackle the global economic and financial crisis. In January 2009, thousands of members of the GW community walked from the GW campus to the National Mall and joined nearly two million people to witness the inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States of America. In these and countless other ways, history unfolded on our doorstep and before our eyes this year.

Those of us who have the good fortune to study and work at the Elliott School have special opportunities to witness history and to participate in the making of history. We shape the future by educating the next generation of international leaders; by conducting research that illuminates international problems; and by engaging U.S. and international policymakers, fostering international dialogue, and developing policy solutions. Our faculty, students, alumni, and staff are accomplishing great things and making a difference in the world.

We are exceedingly fortunate at GW. The state of our university is strong, and we are forging ahead with new initiatives. At the Elliott School in 2008-09, we received record numbers of applications at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, we continued to hire outstanding new faculty, and we prepared to launch our new Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, which will focus on some of the world’s most critical problems.

Our special events—more than 260 in 2008-09 alone—were and are simply stunning. The new Elliott School Web Video Initiative will enable us to post video of our most prominent seminars, lectures, panel discussions, workshops, and conferences on our website. This will allow us to share our intellectual resources with GW alumni, parents, prospective students, and other members of the broader GW community as well as with scholars, students, policymakers, policy experts, and citizens around the world.

While we were privileged to observe historic events this past year, we were also deeply saddened by the loss of two beloved members of the Elliott School community—Evelyn “Betty” Elliott, one of our school’s namesakes, and Professor James Millar. Both had long and celebrated histories with the Elliott School. We honor their memories by continuing the school’s important work.

I am grateful to every member of the Elliott School community for your continued commitment to advance and enhance our teaching, research, and policy engagement mission. I am especially grateful to our donors for your generous support of this superb school. Thanks to you, we are able to turn our unique institutional advantages into new leaders, new ideas, and new solutions for a momentous era.

Michael Brown
Dean, Elliott School of International Affairs
The George Washington University
The Elliott School’s 2,000 undergraduate and 750 graduate students witnessed global changes first-hand this year. They welcomed a new U.S. president to their neighborhood. They walked past the Federal Reserve, World Bank, and International Monetary Fund on their way to classes and special events focused on the global economic crisis. They studied many of the same issues that faced the G-20 summit leaders, who met just blocks away. Through it all, the Elliott School’s cutting-edge curriculum provided an excellent platform for understanding this important moment in history.
EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

The Elliott School’s B.A. program in international affairs is the largest undergraduate major at The George Washington University. Its rapid growth—from 400 in the mid-1980s to more than 2,000 in fall 2008—is a testament to the unique academic opportunities it affords students. Demand for an Elliott School education continues to grow; we set a record for undergraduate applications for fall 2009. As part of our commitment to providing an innovative, interdisciplinary curriculum for our students, we offered twenty new undergraduate courses in 2008-09, on topics ranging from political Islam to wartime presidential rhetoric.

An Elliott School undergraduate experience is enriched by being part of a community of scholars who are working to make the world a better place. Our students learn from a renowned faculty and experience the unique benefits of studying international affairs in the heart of Washington, D.C.

LEARNING WITH WORLD-CLASS SCHOLARS

Our undergraduate students have direct interactions with world-renowned experts on international politics, economics, history, geography, and anthropology, among other disciplines.

In early 2009, we launched the Elliott School Undergraduate Scholars program. Sixteen exceptional undergraduates were selected to participate in this independent research program, which provided financial support and academic resources to help them produce original research. Students worked closely with both faculty advisors and Elliott School graduate student mentors. Throughout the program, the students met as a group on a weekly basis to learn more about research design and methodology.

At the Elliott School, even the most prominent faculty members regularly teach undergraduates. In 2008-09, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs Martha Finnemore, identified by her peers as among the most influential scholars of international politics in the world, again taught an undergraduate course on international affairs.

Associate Dean and Professor of History and International Affairs Hugh L. Agnew received the 2009 Harry Harding Teaching Award for demonstrating sustained excellence in teaching and making extraordinary contributions to the education of Elliott School students.

LIVING IN WASHINGTON

There is no better place to study international affairs than at the Elliott School. Steps from the White House, State Department, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and dozens of institutions that shape international affairs, Elliott School students have experiences and opportunities that cannot be replicated elsewhere.

At this year’s Elliott School commencement celebration, U.S. Ambassador to NATO and Elliott School alumnus Kurt D. Volker addressed graduates just a month after representing the United States at the 60th anniversary summit of the Atlantic alliance. He shared insights from more than 20 years of service as a U.S. foreign service officer, as well as fond memories of his years at GW, where he earned his master’s degree in international affairs in 1987.

The Elliott School’s U.S. Foreign Policy Summer Program, open to students from around the world, takes full advantage of our location in the heart of Washington, D.C. The program features briefings at key institutions that influence U.S. foreign policy, as well as lectures and seminars by leading scholars and experts from government, think tanks, international organizations, nonprofit organizations, media outlets, and foreign embassies.

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The Elliott School’s graduate programs combine rigorous coursework and professional training to provide students the knowledge and perspectives needed to make a difference in the world. Our graduate programs are led by a distinguished faculty of scholars and policy practitioners, and a rigorous curriculum prepares students for leadership positions around the world. Our network of international partnerships provides outstanding opportunities for students to live and learn in another country. Our students put their skills to work in and out of the classroom, engaging on global issues through their writing, research projects, and internship and work experiences.

Another expert on democratization, Henry E. Hale, spent 2008-09 at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace’s Moscow Center on a research scholarship. Hale returns to GW in 2009-10 to direct the Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies and teach courses on post-Soviet politics and ethnic politics.

James M. Goldgeier’s recent book, America Between the Wars, was the subject of a Council on Foreign Relations academic module, which provided teaching notes for educators around the world to use with their classes. At GW, students can learn from Goldgeier in person—he teaches courses on U.S. foreign policy and theories of international politics.

Our faculty also includes professors who have first-hand experience in the policy arena. Professor of Practice and former Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs Ambassador Karl F. Inderfurth leads the Elliott School’s largest graduate program, the Master of Arts in International Affairs; former U.S. Agency for International Development official Professor Sean R. Roberts leads our graduate program in International Development Studies; and Professor of Practice and Security Affairs Ambassador Kurt Erisman leads our graduate program in International Relations.

Our graduate programs prepare students for a wide range of careers. Among the top twenty employers of Elliott School graduates are the Central Intelligence Agency, the State Department, the World Bank, and global investment firms. Our graduates also work for the United Nations, international foundations, and global NGOs.

LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

Students come to the Elliott School to learn directly from renowned scholars and experienced policy practitioners.

IMES Director Nathan J. Brown, one of the world’s leading scholars on democratization in the Middle East, teaches courses on comparative politics in the region, religion and society in the Middle East, and global perspectives on democracy. Brown is editing a book on The Future of Democracy, a product of the Elliott School’s multi-year work on the issue.

Like our students, Elliott School faculty members are also committed to service. Following the spring 2009 semester, Professor of Practice Christopher A. Kojm became director of the National Intelligence Council; Professorial Lecturer Brad Roberts became deputy assistant secretary of defense for nuclear and missile defense policy; and Professorial Lecturer Robert O. Work became deputy undersecretary of the Navy.

Preparing for Leadership

The Elliott School is an ideal place for students to prepare for national service. In 2009, GW tied for the largest number of finalists for the prestigious Presidential Management Fellowship, with half of those coming from the Elliott School. Among the top twenty employers of Elliott School graduates are twelve U.S. government agencies, including the departments of state, defense, and commerce. The Elliott School has more than 200 graduates employed at the Central Intelligence Agency in various capacities. We have strong relationships with members of the diplomatic community and a long tradition of preparing graduates for successful careers in diplomacy, owing much to the presence on our faculty of Kuwait Professor Edward “Skip” Gnehm, who previously served as director general of the U.S. Foreign Service.

The World as a Classroom

The Elliott School’s partnerships with nineteen universities around the world provide excellent opportunities for our graduate students to live and learn in another country.

In addition to semester-long study abroad programs, Elliott School students have the opportunity to travel with GW faculty members for intensive courses overseas. Professor Steven M. Sarsenovic led a class of twelve students to Shanghai to study international economics.

In spring 2009, Elliott School graduate student Andrea Smith traveled to Lebanon for a semester at the American University of Beirut. With the help of a grant from the Elliott School Graduate Student Career Development office, Smith remained in the country for an internship with American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), where she worked on a children’s campaign promoting healthy habits such as eating right, exercising, and not smoking.
ENGAGING POLICY DEBATES

Elliott School graduate students tackle important issues both inside the classroom and out.

Graduate student Cyril Blet published A World Voice for a State: France 24, describing the impact of the government-created news station. The leading French financial paper Les Echos called the book “very accurate and well-documented.” In April 2009, Blet moderated a panel of foreign journalists discussing views from abroad of President Barack Obama’s first 99 days in office. The event, coordinated by the Sciences Po alumni association of President Barack Obama’s first 99 days in office. The event, coordinated by the Sciences Po alumni association under the auspices of the Elliott School’s U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities series, drew more than 150 students, faculty, embassy staff, media, and policymakers to the Elliott School to hear comments from bureau chiefs and Washington correspondents from Le Figaro, Al-Jazeera Washington, This Day, TeleSur, Asia’s Shim bun, and BBC World News.

After taking Christopher A. Kojm’s course on op-ed writing, graduate student Katie Stuhlbrecher published “To Turn the Tide on Somali Piracy, Focus on Fishing” in the Christian Science Monitor in November 2008. She was subsequently interviewed on the topic by the BBC.

Over the last year, several graduate students examined the dangers of nuclear proliferation and arms control, many through a new concentration in Weapons of Mass Destruction in the Security Policy Studies program. Bryan Reed was selected for the National Nuclear Security Administration’s Nonproliferation Graduate Fellowship Program, and Frederic Evert completed his U.S. Department of Energy’s first-ever course in nuclear nonproliferation. In November 2008, 18 Elliott School students participated in a simulation of an attack involving weapons of mass destruction, organized by the Security Policy Studies program.

The work of Elliott School graduate students in national security studies builds on a strong tradition. Elliott School alumni hold prominent positions in the security field, including Assistant Secretary of State for Verification, Compliance, and Implementation Rose Gottemoeller, who is responsible for negotiating a new arms reduction agreement with Russia; National Security Council Director for Nonproliferation Adam Schenman; and Director of Treaty Compliance in the Office of the Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Troyano.

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

We congratulate our 2008-09 graduate student award winners:

GW RECOGNITION

JOHN HENRY COWLES PRIZE
Awarded annually to a student with the highest overall academic achievement and leadership potential.
Stephen True

ELLIOTT SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRIZE
Awarded annually to an Elliott School graduate student who, in the opinion of the dean and the faculty, deserves recognition for academic achievement and contribution to the life of The George Washington University and its programs and goals.
Richard Hellek III

WOLCOTT FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS
Awarded to outstanding students enrolled in GW’s School of Business, the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, and the Elliott School of International Affairs.
Jonathan Dale
Joshua DeLara
Colleen Fisher
Melissa Kopf
Evan Marsh
Amanda Preston
Amy Temas

NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM BOREN FELLOWSHIPS
Provide funding to graduate students to add an important international and language component to their graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency.
Daniel Alderman
Darrin Altman*
William R. Burns*
Michael Day*
Jessica Glover*
Jaime Oberlander
Kate Wilkinson*

* Awarded in the 2008-09 academic year for study in 2009-10.

As a recipient of three degrees from The George Washington University, I owe much of my success over a thirty-seven year career in the U.S. Foreign Service to my GW education. As an adjunct professor in the Elliott School of International Affairs for the past nine years, I have an even greater appreciation for the contribution the university is making to the training of prospective leaders in the field of international relations.”

— Ambassador David H. Shinn (B.A.’63, M.A.’64, Ph.D.’80)
Working individually and collaboratively across disciplines, Elliott School faculty are deeply engaged in the quest for new ideas to help us understand and solve some of the most challenging issues facing humanity. Our commitment to excellence in our research endeavors is reflected in a vibrant infrastructure of research institutes and centers, success in winning competitive grants, and important scholarly and policy-relevant research publications.
A PLATFORM FOR KNOWLEDGE-SHARING

The Elliott School’s seven research institutes and centers and eight research and policy programs convene leading scholars from many disciplines to share ideas and tools leading to important research.

In the Elliott School’s response to the global economic crisis, for example, the Institute for International Economic Policy partnered with the Sigur Center for Asian Studies, the Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, the Institute for Middle East Studies, and the Latin American and Hemispheric Studies Program to examine the regional implications of the crisis.

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CREATING KNOWLEDGE, INFORMING POLICY

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RESEARCH CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

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Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies
Institute for Global and International Studies
Institute for International Economic Policy
Institute for Middle East Studies
Institute for Public Diplomacy and Global Communication
Sigur Center for Asian Studies

RESEARCH AND POLICY PROGRAMS

China Policy Program
Culture in Global Affairs
GW Cold War Group
GW Diaspora Program
Partnerships for International Strategies in Asia
Space Policy Institute
Taiwan Education and Research Program
U.S.-Japan-South Korea Legislative Exchange Program

ELLIOETT SCHOOL RESEARCH SUPPORT

U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:
- National Science Foundation
- U.S. Department of Education
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- Civilian Research and Development Foundation

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Celebrating our 2008-09 Faculty Books

Steven J. Balla
with William T. Gormley Jr.
> Bureaucracy and Democracy: Accountability and Performance, 2nd Edition
CQ Press

William B. Bonvillian
with Charles Weis
> Structuring an Energy Technology Revolution
MIT Press

Jennifer Brinkerhoff
> Diaspora and Development: Exploring the Potential
Lynne Rainier
> Digital Diasporas: Identity and Transnational Engagement
Cambridge University Press

Michael E. Brown
Co-edited with Owen R. Coté Jr., Sean M. Lynn-Jones, and Steven E. Miller
> Privacy and Its Discontents: American Power and International Stability
MIT Press

William K. Cummings, and James H. Williams
> Policy-Making for Education Reform in Developing Countries: Policy Options and Strategies
Rowman & Littlefield

Bruce J. Dickson
> Wealth into Power: The Communist Party's Embrace of China's Private Sector
Cambridge University Press

Robert Eisen
with Charles Manekin
> Philosophers and the Jewish Bible
University Press of Maryland

Amrats Epsztai
> New Common Ground: A New America, A New World
Potomac Books

Ilana Feldman
Duke University Press

Lee Ann Fuji
> Killing Neighbors: Webs of Violence in Rwanda
Cornell University Press

David Alan Grier
> Too Soon to Tell Essays for the End of the Computer Revolution
Wiley

Henry E. Hale
> Foundations of Ethnic Politics: Separation of States and Nations in Eurasia and the World
Cambridge University Press

B.D. Hopkins
> The Making of Modern Afghanistan
Palgrave Macmillan

Stuart E. Johnson
with David R. Frelinger, David C. Gompert, John Gordon IV, Martin C. Libicki, Camille A. Sawak, and Raymond Smith
> Underkill: Scalable Capabilities for Military Operations Amid Populations RAND Corporation

Young-Key Kim-Renaud
> Korean: An Essential Grammar
Routledge

Michael J. Marquardt
> Action Learning for Developing Leaders and Organizations: Principles, Strategies, and Cases
American Psychological Association (APA)

Barbara D. Miller
> Cultural Anthropology
Prentice-Hall

Mike M. Mochizuki
with Aiki Ichiu Hashimoto and Karyoku Takara
> The Japan-U.S. Alliance and China-Taiwan Relations: Implications for Okinawa
Sigur Center for Asian Studies

Henry R. Nau
> Perspectives on International Relations: Power, Institutions, and Ideas
CQ Press

Deepa Ollapally
> The Politics of Extremism in South Asia
Cambridge University Press

Yaron Peleg
> Israeli Culture Between the Two Intifadas
University of Texas Press

Marie D. Price
with Lisa Benton-Short
> Migrants to the Metropolis: The Rise of Immigrant Gateway Cities
Syracuse University Press

Chad Reiter
> Federations: The Political Dynamics of Cooperation
Cornell University Press

Peter Roland
> Historical Dictionary of Russian and Soviet Cinema
Scarecrow Press

David Shambaugh
with Michael Yahuda
> International Relations of Asia
Rowman & Littlefield

Robert Sutter
> The United States in Asia (Second Edition)
Rowman & Littlefield

Richard C. Thornton
> The Reagan Revolution, III: Defeating the Soviet Challenge
Ithaca

Nicholas S. Vonortas
with Geraet Marklund and Charles W. Weisson
> The Innovation Imperative
Edward Elgar

Sergio Waisman
> Underdogs: Novel of the Mexican Revolution by Mariano Azuela
Penguin Books

Lars Willnat
with Annette Awe
> Political Communication in Asia
Routledge Communication

"THE ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS"
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Center for International Science and Technology Policy

The Center for International Science and Technology Policy (CISTP) is a world leader in international public policy research and education in science, technology, and innovation. For almost 40 years, CISTP has facilitated collaboration among scientists, scholars, researchers, industry leaders, and policy experts. Today, with a new U.S. presidential administration increasingly focused on the role of science and technology to advance the public good, the center plays a vital role in promoting debate, discussion, and research of this important topic.

CISTP hosted a number of influential conferences in 2008-09. The “Science of Science Policy” conference in December 2008, sponsored by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, brought together more than 200 experts from the United States and abroad to discuss major developments in the study of science policy. Distinguished speakers included John H. Marburger III, science advisor to President George W. Bush; Julia Lane, director of the National Science Foundation’s Science of Science and Innovation Policy Program; and Bill Valdez, co-chair of the Interagency Task Force on Science Policy. Marburger also delivered CISTP’s annual Alan Bromley Lecture in April 2009, which was co-organized with the University of Ottawa. In June, the center hosted the Washington Research Evaluation Workshop. More than 100 experts from around the world gathered to discuss best practices in the evaluation of research programs, particularly those funded by the public sector.

CISTP’s faculty members continued to produce significant scholarship in 2008-09. Two faculty members produced books:

- David Alan Grier, Too Soon to Tell: Essays for the End of the Computer Revolution (Wiley, 2009)

Vonortas received a grant from the U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation to support his work developing an Iraqi Virtual Science Library.

Space Policy Institute

One month after the November 2008 U.S. presidential election, the Space Policy Institute hosted a major symposium on “Space Policy in Transition” under its new director, former NASA official Scott Pace. The event brought together prominent speakers from the space policy community, including the former director of the National Security Space Office, Maj. Gen. James Armor (retired); President and CEO of the Aerospace Industries Association Marion Blakey; CEO of the Council on Competitiveness Deborah Winie-Smith; John Higginbotham, CEO of Integral Industries; and John M. Logsdon, the Charles A. Lindbergh chair at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Air & Space Museum. A summary of the symposium’s discussion was shared with the NASA Presidential Transition Team.

SPI faculty enjoyed continued success on the research front. Research Professor Pascale Ehrenfreund’s experiment Organics was activated in the EXPOSE-R facility onboard the International Space Station. Ehrenfreund also received support from NASA for her work on small satellites and astrobiology. With support from NASA, Research Professor Henry R. Hertzfeld undertook a project that will examine the relationship between the global economy and space activities. Hertzfeld’s World Economic Dependence on Space project stems from a pilot effort supported by the Secure World Foundation.
In 2008-09, member countries celebrated the 60th anniversary of the formation of NATO; Russia and Georgia clashed over the breakaway region of South Ossetia; and a new U.S. president called for “renewing our alliance to meet the challenges of our time.” Through these developments and more, the Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (IERES) served as an invaluable resource for understanding the many dimensions of this large and diverse region.

In 2008-09, IERES hosted 42 events that attracted a total of more than 1,300 attendees. Many events focused on current international issues, including sessions analyzing Russia’s domestic and foreign policy trajectories and the five-day war in Georgia, as well as those tied to NATO’s anniversary. IERES also sponsored a day-long symposium with American and German experts examining the implications of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Institute faculty held a number of distinguished research fellowships in 2008-09. James M. Goldgeier was named a W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow and the Edward Teller National Fellow at the Hoover Institution. Following the publication of his book, The Foundations of Ethnic Politics: Separatism of States and Nations in Eurasia and the World (Cambridge University Press, 2008), Henry E. Hale spent fall 2008 as a fellow at the Carnegie Moscow Center and spring 2009 at the Wilson Center as a Kennan Institute research scholar. Kimberly J. Morgan was also a fellow at the Wilson Center in 2008-09, working on “The Political Consequences of Public Policy: Medicare and the Politics of the American Welfare State.” Sharon L. Wolchik was a Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy in fall 2008 for her book project on Democratizing Elections in Post-Communist Europe and Eurasia: The Day After. IERES Director Hope M. Harrison was awarded a Fulbright fellowship to spend the 2009-10 academic year in Berlin to work on her next book, The Demise and Resurrection of the Berlin Wall: German Debates about the Berlin Wall as a Site of Memory, 1989-2009.


Elliott School Dean Michael E. Brown called Millar “a mentor, a colleague, and a friend to generations of students and faculty.”

“My parents were caught between opposing totalitarian regimes and had to start anew in America. By supporting programs at the Elliott School that expose students to different viewpoints I am able to honor their memory.”

— Detta Vosar (B.A.’68, M.A.’70)
Throughout 2008-09, international events illustrated the interconnectedness of our world: A faltering U.S. economy sent tremors around the world; an emboldened Russia flexed its muscles and drew worldwide attention; a sixty-year-old transatlantic alliance pondered its future. The Institute for Global and International Studies (IGIS) helped make sense of these and other developments. In 2008-09, the institute convened scholars from around the world to explore how real-world problems influence disciplinary debates and encourage theoretical innovation.

The 2008-09 academic year saw the culmination of the “Who Governs the Globe?” workshop—a three-year project that brought together emerging and senior scholars to collaborate on a new approach to understanding global governors. Under the leadership of IGIS Director Susan K. Sell, faculty member Martha Finnemore, and Deborah Avant, the project resulted in a manuscript that will be published by Cambridge University Press in 2010.

In June 2009, IGIS hosted an “Access to Knowledge” (A2K) workshop, which examined intellectual property policy, the relationship between access to knowledge and innovation, and new ways of promoting innovation. The institute also sponsored the Intellectual Property Enforcement Agenda Conference in May, which brought together a broad range of stakeholders to present their perspectives in the debate over the future of intellectual property policy. In March 2009, IGIS hosted the 2009 New Era Conference in collaboration with the University of California-Berkeley and Duke University; fifteen outstanding Ph.D. students came together at GW to consider the challenges and opportunities ahead as the international community transitions into the post-9/11 world.

Two ongoing series—the IGIS Lecture Series and the IGIS Research Seminar Series—showcase the institute as a highly regarded forum for intellectual discussion and debate on international topics. In 2008-09, the Research Seminar Series hosted eighteen scholars who presented their works on a diverse range of subjects for interdisciplinary discussion and debate, while the Lecture Series featured discussions of topics ranging from nation-building in the aftermath of the collapse of the Soviet Union to the effects of terrorism on international business.

In May 2009, the institute co-sponsored the “Leaders in International Health” conference with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). As part of PAHO’s two-week training module, IGIS offered a one-day training seminar in which GW faculty members briefed 45 health ministers from Latin America and the Caribbean on international politics, trade policymaking, and public health.

CULTURE IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM
The Culture in Global Affairs (CIGA) program examines the contribution and evolution of culture to global policymaking. In 2009, CIGA hosted Dr. Val Curtis, an anthropologist and epidemiologist from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, who discussed her research that shows how a simple behavior such as handwashing can save thousands of lives. CIGA Director Barbara D. Miller also developed a blog, “anthropologyworks,” an online forum for discussion of how anthropology influences global affairs.

GW DIAPORA PROGRAM
The GW Diaspora Program studies the dispersion of ethnic or religious groups from their homelands. In 2008-09, the program sponsored six research seminars, hosted a diaspora-led capacity-building workshop, and produced an online survey and resulting white paper about current trends in diaspora research and policy. The paper was used as input for a policy seminar and research workshop delivered in Sweden in partnership with the Nordic Africa Institute.
As stock markets fell, unemployment rose, and economies contracted around the world in 2008-09, the Institute for International Economic Policy (IIEP) played a critical role in the Elliott School’s ongoing efforts to examine the implications of the global economic crisis.

IIEP hosted a series of events on the financial crisis, beginning with a December 2008 lecture on its historical context by Professor Barry Eichengreen of the University of California-Berkeley, a leading scholar on economic globalization. IIEP then collaborated with other Elliott School research institutes to examine the implications of and policy responses to the crisis in Latin America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Thanks to IIEP’s close association with key international financial institutions, these panels brought together leading thinkers from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the U.S. government, academia, and think tanks for illuminating discussions about the fallout from the crisis and the future of the global economy.

An anonymous $200,000 gift will help the institute continue and expand its work examining the crisis.

During 2008-09, IIEP sponsored three major research conferences. The first, co-hosted with the Sigur Center, was held in October 2008 and focused on U.S.-China economic relations, in particular the policy options for the incoming administration and the growing importance of what many commentators now call the most important economic relationship in the world. The second research conference, held with the support of International Council member Matthew M. Nolan and the embassies of Canada and Mexico, analyzed 15 years of the North American Free Trade Agreement and featured academic and policy experts from all three member countries. A third conference, co-sponsored by the World Bank and GW’s Center for International Business Education and Research, explored antidumping policies and their impact on developing countries and U.S. businesses.

IIEP initiated a series of trade policy events in conjunction with the Washington International Trade Association. Focusing on the future of U.S. trade policy under the Obama administration, the events featured speakers such as U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and then-Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade Christopher A. Padilla.

Throughout the year, IIEP supported the innovative research activities of its affiliated faculty. The institute established a working paper series for IIEP scholarship that includes more than 30 new research papers. Faculty members published in leading academic journals, including Ana Fostel’s (with John Geanakoplos) “Emerging Markets and an Anxious Global Economy: Contagion, Flight to Liquidity and Issuance Rationing,” as the lead article in the American Economic Review, the world’s most prestigious economics journal; and Maggie Xiaoyang Chen’s “Regional Economic Integration and Geographic Concentration of Multinational Firms,” which appeared in the European Economic Review.
The Middle East Policy Forum hosted the Prime Minister of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah (left), in September 2008. He was awarded the President’s Medal by GW President Steven Knapp (right), and spoke to an audience of students, faculty, and the public about U.S.-Kuwait relations.

Since its launch in 2007, the Institute for Middle East Studies (IMES) has established itself as an internationally recognized hub of academic and policy work. In 2008-09, as oil prices fluctuated and the United States pondered an exit strategy from Iraq, IMES scholars continued to shed light on this vital region.

IMES faculty members form a dynamic community of scholars whose research presents new ideas for approaching and understanding the Middle East. Institute Director Nathan J. Brown was named a 2009 Carnegie Scholar and received a Woodrow Wilson Center Fellowship to further his research on Islamist electoral movements in the Arab world. Kuwait Professor of Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Affairs Edward W. Gnehm Jr. was one of three co-authors of a RAND report on “Integrating Instruments of Power and Influence.” Amb. Gnehm also delivered the Annual Kuwait Chair Lecture in March 2009, in which he discussed how regional dynamics could be affected by a new U.S. presidential administration.

IMES hosted a discussion with Egyptian activist Saad Eddin Ibrahim on the impact of U.S. policies in the Middle East and, later in the year, hosted a delegation of three Egyptian parliamentarians for a discussion of the state of domestic politics in Egypt. It organized an important full-day conference on issues facing Iraqi minorities for the U.S. State Department and another full-day conference on the politics and societies of the Gulf.

Four IMES faculty members published books in 2008-09:
- Hossein G. Askari, New Issues in Islamic Finance and Economics: Progress and Challenges (John Wiley & Sons)
- Jennifer Brinkerhoff, Digital Diasporas (Cambridge University Press)
- Yaron Peleg, Israeli Culture between the Two Intifadas: A Brief Romance (University of Texas Press)

During the past year, IMES research and events focused on a number of pressing issues. Marc Lynch explored the future of the U.S. in Iraq in Foreign Affairs and Foreign Policy, and was named a nonresident senior fellow at the Center for New American Security. His popular Middle East politics blog moved to Foreign Policy magazine’s new website.

Dina R. Khoury delivered the keynote address at the University of Maryland’s “Memories of Iraq” conference held in May 2009. The first IMES scholar-in-residence, Frank Vogel, lectured on the “Future of Islamic Law.”

IMES faculty also received recognition for their scholarly achievements. New faculty associate Mona Atia’s dissertation won the 2008 Distinguished Dissertation Award from the University of Washington; Ilana Feldman was awarded the Horizons Prize from the Society for Cultural Anthropology for her article, “Difficult Distinctions: Refugee Law, Humanitarian Practice, and Political Identification in Gaza.”

In fall 2008, the emir of Kuwait presented the institute with a $1.05 million, three-year gift. This gift, along with continued support from Exxon-Mobil, will fund faculty research, student learning, modern language study, library resources, and other institutional priorities.
PISA Summer Institute on Climate Change, a four-week intensive program that the Ford Foundation awarded PISA a grant to select 12 applicants to attend the problems associated with climate change. Based on the success of that program, Vietnam. Held in October 2008, the institute provided a platform for leaders from the Institute on Creative Responses to Global Climate Change (LIGCC) in Hanoi, with support from the Ford Foundation and the Chino Cienega Foundation, sponsored an event featuring Tsai Ing-wen, the Chairwoman of Taiwan’s opposition party. The program continued to support the development of the Taiwan Resource Center in GW’s Gelman Library.

With support from the Ford Foundation and the Chino Cienega Foundation, Partnerships for International Strategies in Asia (PSIA) launched the Leadership Institute on Creative Responses to Global Climate Change (LIGCC) in Hanoi, Vietnam. Held in October 2008, the institute provided a platform for leaders from a range of ministries, associations, and universities to come together to tackle problems associated with climate change. Based on the success of that program, the Ford Foundation awarded PSIA a grant to select 12 applicants to attend the PSIA Summer Institute on Climate Change, a four-week intensive program that took place at GW in July 2009.

The Memory and Reconciliation in the Asia-Pacific project, co-directed by Mike M. Mochizuki and Daping Yang, co-sponsored a panel discussion on “History, Dialogue, and Reconciliation in Northeast Asia.” The program also organized a conference on “The U.S.-Japan-China Triangle and the Okinawa Question.” Additionally, the program marked the 60th anniversary of the Tokyo War Crimes Trial with a conference assessing its legacy.

Home to over half of the world's population and several of its largest economies, Asia’s significance cannot be understated. Throughout 2008-09, the Sigur Center for Asian Studies promoted greater understanding of this vibrant region through an active program of scholarship, teaching public events, and policy engagement.

The Sigur Center’s distinguished faculty made important contributions to scholarship on Asia with the publication of numerous scholarly articles and six books:

- William K. Cummings and James H. Williams, Policy-Making for Education Reform in Developing Countries: Policy Options and Strategies (Rowman & Littlefield)
- Bruce J. Dickson, Wealth into Power: The Communist Party’s Embrace of China’s Private Sector (Cambridge University Press)
- Mike M. Mochizuki (co-editor), The Japan-U.S. Alliance and China-Taiwan Relations: Implications for Okinawa (Sigur Center for Asian Studies)
- David Shambaugh (co-editor with Michael Yahuda), International Relations of Asia (Rowman & Littlefield)
- Robert Sutter, The United States in Asia (Rowman & Littlefield)

The Sigur Center continued its success in bringing high-level speakers to the GW campus, hosting events with former South Korean presidential candidate Chung Dong-young, Ambassador M. Humayun Kabir of Bangladesh, and Nepal’s Minister of Finance Baburam Bhattarai. The center’s India Initiative sponsored a panel discussion on the U.S.-India nuclear deal with the U.S.-India Business Council. The India Initiative, together with Asia Society and the Embassy of India, also sponsored two cultural events featuring renowned musicians Annapuri Khan and Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, drawing large and diverse audiences. In May, the Sigur Center hosted the 13th Annual Gaston Sigur Memorial Lecture, featuring University Professor Harry Harding discussing the U.S.-China relationship.

The center and its scholars received a variety of grants and gifts that advanced research, education, and outreach during 2008-09. Edward A. McCord was supported by a grant from the Starr Foundation East Asian Studies Endowment Fund to spend fall 2008 at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, NJ. The National Science Foundation awarded Bruce J. Dickson a major grant to conduct research on “Generating Popular Support in Non-Democratic Regimes: The Case of China.” David Shambaugh awarded a Senior Research Fellowship by the Fulbright Program, will spend 2009-10 at the Institute of World Economics and Politics at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing. A grant from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office funded several events, including a conference on the future of U.S.-Taiwan relations under new administrations in Washington and Taipei, a conference on cross-strait relations, a roundtable on Taiwan as an international economic actor, and a roundtable on political changes in Taiwan. With support from The Henry Luce Foundation, the center held a conference on “Globalization and Migration in Asia.”

In 2008, the center successfully reapplied for its status as a Center of Academic Excellence within The George Washington University—a designation it has held since 2003. The award helps to underwrite faculty travel and research, as well as undergraduate and graduate field study grants and scholarships.

Marking a new record, the Sigur Center allocated more than $300,000 to students for 24 fellowships. The center sponsored the research of four graduate students in China, Indonesia, and India, and funded the language studies of 11 other undergraduate and graduate students in India, China, Taiwan, and South Korea. Additionally, the center’s India Initiative received a gift from GW alumni Sanju Puri to support a student scholarship in India studies. This type of support promotes academic excellence and deepens GW’s engagement with Asia.
Since 9/11, U.S. and international policymakers have rediscovered the importance of communicating with foreign publics, understanding international media and public opinion, and finding new and better ways to exercise “smart power” around the world. The Institute for Public Diplomacy and Global Communication (IPDGC), a joint initiative of the Elliott School and the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences’ School of Media and Public Affairs, is dedicated to creating a forum for innovative research on and study of the growing role of communication in international affairs.

In 2008-09, the institute sponsored several events related to the U.S. presidential transition. In September 2008, it organized a panel discussion on “Public Diplomacy in the Next Administration,” featuring several leading scholars and policymakers. The event attracted a standing-room-only crowd and C-SPAN coverage. In January 2009, Undersecretary of State for Public Diplomacy James Glassman delivered his “valedictory” speech, reflecting on his tenure in the State Department during the Bush administration.

In December, IPDGC co-sponsored with the Broadcasting Board of Governors a panel discussion marking the 60th anniversary of the U.N. Declaration on Human Rights.

IPDGC faculty—drawn from both the Elliott School and the School of Media and Public Affairs—command deep respect for their expertise. Almost half of the group of experts invited to brief the Presidential Transition Team on Public Diplomacy in January 2009 was comprised of institute-affiliated faculty, including co-directors Sean Aday and Marc Lynch, as well as affiliated faculty members Mark Taplin, Barry Fulton, Bruce Gregory, and Kristin Lord. In 2008-09, Aday also worked on government and media capacity training projects in Mosul, Iraq, and Kandahar, Afghanistan, funded by the U.S. and Canadian governments.

The institute takes advantage of its proximity to the U.S. federal government, embassies, international organizations, and foreign media outlets to serve as an important bridge between the academic and policy communities. In February, it hosted a half-day workshop co-sponsored with the World Bank, exploring the challenges of transparent government communication and development. This is part of a larger project with the Bank to conduct government and media capacity training and outreach in the developing world.
Engaging On Policy Challenges

The answers to some of the world’s most difficult problems require fresh perspectives. At the Elliott School, we believe in the value of dialogue and debate, and we provide a unique platform for parties of different academic, professional, national, and ideological backgrounds to exchange ideas. Our scholars produce innovative new research, and our engagement efforts ensure that our scholarship is integrated into the public dialogue. Elliott School faculty frequently share their expertise with policymakers seeking deeper knowledge of particular issues, and the media often rely on our scholars to provide analyses of developing events.

GW’s Frank Sesno (center) and CNN Chief International Correspondent Christiane Amanpour discuss the foreign policy challenges facing the United States with (L-R) former U.S. secretaries of state Warren Christopher, Henry Kissinger, Madeleine K. Albright, James A. Baker III, and Colin Powell.
A FORUM FOR DIALOGUE AND DEBATE

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In 2008, we launched the “U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities” series, which examined the international issues facing the new U.S. presidential administration. In a marquee event, five former U.S. Secretaries of State came together in September 2008 for a vigorous discussion about the state of the world and U.S. foreign policy under the 44th president. The former secretaries—Madeleine K. Albright, James A. Baker III, Colin Powell—offered advice about reinvigorating U.S. diplomatic leadership on issues from climate change to genocide. The event, moderated by Elliott School faculty member Frank Senso and CNN correspondent Christiane Amanpour, was broadcast on CNN to a worldwide audience.

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Several faculty members taught at the Foreign Service Institute, training U.S. diplomats soon to be posted overseas. Marc Lynch lectured on Iraq, the Middle East, and Islamic movements. Karl F. Inderfurth discussed South Asia. Bruce J. Dickson spoke on “The Nuts and Bolts of the Chinese Political System.”

Elliott School faculty members provided expert testimony on a range of subjects. Space Policy Institute Director Scott Pace appeared before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to discuss “GPS: Can We Avoid a Gap in Service?”

Other members of the Elliott School’s faculty received appointments and honors from respected academies, councils, and government agencies in 2008-09:

- Edward W. Gnehm Jr. was elected to the executive committee of the American Academy of Diplomacy;  
- David Alan Grier was elected to the Board of Governors of IEEE Computer Society;  
- Hope M. Harrison was named chair of the Advisory Council of the Kennan Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars;  
- Peter J. Hotez was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies;  
- Marc Lynch was a member of the 2008 Freedom House International Solidarity Committee;  
- David Shambaugh was elected as an Honorary Research Professor at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences.

ILLUMINATING COMPLEX ISSUES

Elliott School faculty members provide insightful analysis and opinion on international events, bringing their scholarship to a wider audience through newspapers, journals, the Internet, radio, and television. Our faculty members published more than 100 op-eds and were interviewed by the media more than 500 times in 2008-09.

Hossain G. Askari advised the U.S. government to proceed cautiously with Iran in the Los Angeles Times. In The Washington Times, James M. Goldgeier said the war in Afghanistan is a crucial test for the future of NATO. Writing in the same paper, Henry R. Nau said that President Obama risked NATO’s future success to undertake a risky collective security partnership with Russia.

Susan Ariel Aaronson discussed the global financial crisis with Australia’s Meet the Press. Amita Etkin proposed a strategy to stimulate the economy without increasing the federal deficit in a guest post on The Wall Street Journal blog “RealTime Economics.”

On CSPAN, Henry J. Farrell discussed his American Prospect article on the ways technology is renewing civic engagement. Harvey B. Feigenbaum argued that television privatization has led to the erosion of national identities and a loss of cultural diversity in Policy and Society. In a Voice of America interview, Scott Pace discussed the ways deteriorating American-Russian relations might limit U.S. opportunities in space. Jerrold M. Post discussed Vladimir Putin’s role in the Russian government on CNN’s Situation Room.

Writing in the International Herald Tribune, David Shambaugh argued that the U.S. image in Asia remained strong. On PBS, Deepa Ollapally discussed the military conflict in Sri Lanka and the humanitarian conditions there. Shawn F. McHale was interviewed on Radio Free Asia’s Vietnamese language program.

Brook Beshah discussed the Zimbabwe election crisis in two live appearances on BBC News. In a Baltimore Sun column, Walter Reich, former director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, said anti-Semitism was on the rise. In the same newspaper, Karl F. Inderfurth argued that the United States should adhere to treaties to eradicate land mines and cluster munitions. Shortly after the U.S. presidential election, Inderfurth called for the Obama administration to focus immediately on Afghanistan, in an International Herald Tribune op-ed.

GW President Steven Knapp, Dean Michael E. Brown, and Amb. Edward W. Gnehm Jr. traveled to the Middle East for 11 days in March 2009, stopping in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates to meet with senior government officials, business leaders, university officials and scholars, journalists, GW alumni, and other members of the GW community.
Supporting Our Mission

At the Elliott School, we prepare today’s students to be tomorrow’s global leaders. Elliott School alumni work in prominent international positions as ambassadors; policymakers; global business leaders; and advocates for human rights, conflict resolution, and democratization, as well as thousands of other positions around the world. When you make a gift to the Elliott School, you help to shape the future.
At no time in history has it been more important to equip the next generation of leaders with the tools they will need to address critical international issues. The next generation of leaders must have the depth and breadth of knowledge necessary to tackle complex problems in a constantly changing global landscape. Support from our benefactors helps prepare our students with the knowledge, skills, and determination to face these issues head-on and fashion innovative and lasting policy solutions.

We are on a path to transform The George Washington University’s Elliott School of International Affairs into a teaching, research, and policy powerhouse that will take full advantage of our unique opportunity to make the world a better place. Our location is an extraordinary intellectual and institutional asset that provides us with unmatched opportunities to connect with the U.S. and international policy communities. Gifts from our supporters have multiplier effects that are translated into action.

In 2008-09, gifts provided important resources that strengthened the Elliott School’s institutes and centers. These included initial funding for the new Institute for Security and Conflict Studies; additional operating support for the Institute for Middle East Studies; important research and programmatic funding for the Institute for International Economic Policy; key support for the Sigur Center’s China Policy Program and India Initiative; and continued support of the work of the Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies.

Generous gifts also made it possible for students to attend the Elliott School and for students and faculty to engage in important research activities and projects. This support included critical funding for undergraduate scholarships, graduate fellowships, graduate student internships, and innovative faculty and student research, as well as support for the Middle East Policy Forum, the Space Policy Institute, African studies, and the Center for International Science and Technology Policy.

Support to the Elliott School’s Dean’s Fund provided funding for special opportunities that strengthened the school’s teaching, research, and policy engagement efforts. This included the school’s robust special events program, which brought important global leaders to the school, including five former U.S. secretaries of state, former deputy secretary-general of the United Nations Louise Fréchette, Lieutenant General Karl Eikenberry, now U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan; and Joaquim Alberto Chissano, former president of Mozambique. A 2009 gift extended the reach of these special events by launching the Elliott School’s Web Video Initiative, providing funds to post video of prominent seminars, panel discussions, and events on the school’s website, thereby enhancing learning for the wider GW community and citizens around the world.

“I support the China Policy Program at the Elliott School of International Affairs because one never knows who you will meet. The young man sitting next to me in 1975 in my China Policy course taught by Harold Hinton was none other than David Shambaugh! That’s why I support the China Policy Program!”

— Christopher J. Fussner (B.A. ’75)

Christopher J. Fussner (left) and Michael E. Brown

At GW’s Elliott School of International Affairs, we continue to be inspired and strengthened by the generosity of our donors. Financial contributions, sponsorships, and grants from alumni, parents, foundations, corporations, and friends have given our students and faculty the resources they need to extend their excellent work and address critical global challenges. For those who have joined our community of supporters, we thank you. For those considering a gift to the Elliott School—we invite you to join us and help shape the future.
The Elliott School International Council was created in 1997 to serve as an advisory body to the dean and as a source of intellectual, organizational, and financial support for the school. Since its creation, the council has made tremendous contributions to the school’s institutional development. Council members are generous with their time, expertise, and resources.

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