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Aaron Weah

University of Ulster –Northern Ireland

Aaron Weah is a Liberian transitional justice activist and researcher. He has worked across sectors; in civil society, government, and international non-governmental organisations for more than seventeen years. As a programme associate for the International Centre for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), he provided technical assistance to Liberia Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). In the same portfolio, he worked with grassroots communities, and together, they explored solutions to some of the vexing problems of post-conflict memorialisation. In Government, he worked at Liberia's Governance Commission and served as a policy analyst (2012-2014) where he co-drafted the Strategic Road Map for National Healing Peacebuilding and Reconciliation. Aaron has written and published in notable academic journals, including the International Journal of Transitional Justice (Oxford University Press) and International Review of the Red Cross (Cambridge University Press). He's currently based in Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, completing his Ph.D. studies in grassroots communities' memorialisation of political violence perpetrated through massacres.



Abdulkadir Mah

PAPDA – Ethiopia

Abdulkadir Mah hails from a pastoralist background, born in the early 1970s shortly after his family resettled in a small town following the loss of their entire livestock to rustlers. Over the past twenty-five years, he has diversified his experience across various roles in both the private and public sectors. After graduating with a BA degree in Sociology and Social Anthropology from Addis Ababa University, he has pursued additional education, including a diploma in general law and a certification in leadership, and participated in numerous training programs focused on pastoralism and rural development. For a decade (2000-2010), Abdulkadir served as a member of the Ethiopian Federal Democratic Republic's Parliament, contributing to the Budget, Rural Development, and Pastoralists standing committees as a member and sub-committee chairman. Since 2007, he has been a pivotal figure as a founding member and director of PAPDA, actively driving positive changes in the livelihoods of pastoralist communities. Currently, Abdulkadir is spearheading the coordination of 13 development, humanitarian, and emergency projects, including peace-building initiatives.



Alan Haji

Syria Justice and Accountability Centre – Syria

Alan is an International Lawyer and is the Case-Building Team Lead at the Syria Justice and Accountability Centre (SJAC). In addition to providing legal analysis and advice on various (international) legal matters, he leads SJAC's efforts to support domestic accountability processes within different European jurisdictions for international crimes committed in Syria. The focus of his team is on identifying potential suspects in such crimes who are present in Europe, and connecting witnesses and survivors of these crimes to the relevant domestic authorities. In addition to his role at SJAC, Alan also works as an Academic Mentor for the students of the International Criminal Law LL.M. programme at the University of Amsterdam. He holds an LL.M. in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights from the Geneva Academy and a (joint) LL.M. in International Criminal Law from the University of Amsterdam and Columbia Law School.



Alex Lawson

Deep South Solidarity Fund – United States

Alex Lawson is an economic justice advocate passionate about improving communities across the American South. Alex is currently a co-steward for the Deep South Solidarity Fund, which invests in the dignity, wellness, and power of Black, Brown, and Indigenous individuals and institutions committed to justice. Alex also works with non-profit organizations, local government agencies, and community-centered businesses to develop and lead economic mobility initiatives that, to date, have deployed more than \$1.3 Billion to people in under-resourced communities.



Alfons Aragonese Aguando

Government of Catalonia – Spain

General Director of Democratic Memory (Ministry of Justice, Rights and Memory, Government of Catalonia). Professor of Legal History at the Law faculty (University Pompeu Fabra) and previously Researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Legal History (Frankfurt am Main). Topics of research and teaching are the History of Comparative Law, Francoist Law and Memory laws.



Alissandra Cummins

International Coalition of Sites of Conscience – Barbados

Alissandra Cummins is Director of the Barbados Museum & Historical Society and Board Chair of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience. She has served as Founding Chairperson of the Museums Association of the Caribbean (MAC, 1989- 1996) President of the International Council of Museums (ICOM, 2004-2010) and Chair of the International Advisory Committee of UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme (2007-2009). She was elected as Chair of the UNESCO Executive Board (2011-2013) and served as Editor in Chief of the International Journal of Intangible Heritage (2012- 2020). She is lecturer in Museum and Heritage Studies at the University of the West Indies.



Amy Smith

Office for Conflict, Stabilisation, and Mediation – United Kingdom

Amy Smith is Ceasefires and Implementation of Peace Processes Team Leader in the Office for Conflict, Stabilisation, and Mediation (OCSM), Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) UK. Her team leads on transitional justice and reconciliation. A career diplomat, Amy has held a number of overseas positions including Deputy High Commissioner to Malta; Head of Political and Economic Section British Trade and Cultural Office Taipei; and Vice Consul, Management and Programmes Officer Pyongyang DPRK. Her previous roles in London have focused on UN and conflict issues.



Andrea Carrera Brugués

Centro de Derechos Humanos – Spain

Andrea Carrera Brugués is a historian specialized in historical memory and oral history recovery processes in Spain, Chile and Argentina. Currently, she coordinates the historical memory area of Irídia - Centro de Derechos Humanos. Andrea studied Journalism and Humanities at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, and did a Master in Contemporary History in Cologne, Germany, where she specialized in studies on transitional justice and historical memory in the Southern Cone, specifically in relation to the Chilean dictatorship. In Santiago de Chile she conducted research at the Museum of Memory and Human Rights and participated in a training in Pedagogy of Memory given by the Villa Grimaldi Peace Park, in the same city.



Anna Santamaria

Ministry of Justice, Rights and Memory, Government of Catalonia – Spain

Anna Santamaria has a degree in History from the University of Barcelona (2011). She is currently a technician at the General Direction of Democratic Memory (Ministry of Justice, Rights and Memory, Government of Catalonia). Previously, she has worked at the Memorial Democràtic de Catalunya, the National Archives of Catalonia, the Archives of the City of Barcelona and the National Art Museum of Catalonia.



Annah Moyo

Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation – South Africa

Annah Moyo-Kupeta is the Executive Director at the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSV). Ms. Moyo-Kupeta is also a human rights lawyer with extensive experience working in the legal, transitional justice, human rights, peace and security, gender, social justice and violence prevention fields. She obtained her LLB and LLM with Specialisation in Human Rights and Constitutional Practice at the University of Pretoria. Ms Moyo has worked with AU institutions, supporting the development of soft law instruments, in various capacities and is an expert trainer at national, regional and continental levels on Human Rights, Transitional Justice, peacebuilding and gender thematic areas.



Ari Bassin

US Department of State – United States

Ari Bassin is currently the Chief of Staff for the US Department of State's Office of Global Criminal Justice, and served as Senior Advisor in the this office since 2013 where he has provided expert policy advice the Ambassador-at-Large on Global Criminal Justice and the broader department on issues related to transitional justice in order to help societies heal from legacies of atrocities and human rights abuses through truth, justice, reparation, and other guarantees of non-recurrence. Mr. Bassin has also served as a fellow with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Before working with the U.S. government Mr. Bassin worked for organizations including the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), the World Bank, the International Organization for Migration, and Mercy Corps providing expert technical advice and support on issues related to transitional justice, peace building and conflict mitigation and management. Mr. Bassin's has worked in contexts including Sri Lanka, Burma, Nepal, Indonesia, the Philippines, Cambodia, Thailand, Japan, Timor-Leste, the Solomon Islands, Colombia, Guatemala, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Sri Lanka, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, Sierra Leone, and Rwanda. Mr. Bassin taught the course "Transitional Justice: theory and practice" at Georgetown University Law School and has published on issues related to transitional justice, peace building, human rights, institutional reform, and international criminal law. Mr. Bassin has a JD from NYU School of Law, an MPP from the University of Sydney, and a BA from Duke University.



Ashley Nelson

International Coalition of Sites of Conscience – United States



As Communications Director, Ashley Nelson leads all aspects of ICSC's communications efforts, including marketing, public relations, and advocacy. As a member of the senior leadership team, she plays an integral role in shaping the strategic direction of the organization, and facilitating communication between ICSC, members, and the general public. Before coming to ICSC, she worked as Communications Manager at the Anne Frank Center USA, the oldest partner of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, where the young writer spent two years hiding from the Nazis. In addition, Ashley writes on culture, politics and women for a variety of publications, including The New York Times, www.oprah.com, The Guardian, The Washington Post, The Boston Globe, The Nation, Salon, & Dissent. Specific topics covered have included women's health, economic security, reproductive rights, welfare, divorce, domestic violence, and maternity benefits, among many others.

Asif Imteaz

Social Action of Voluntary Efforts (SAVE) – Bangladesh



Md. Asif Imteaz (Tanu) is an architect, designer, organiser, artist with a diverse experience of work. Since 2018, he has been working in the Rohingya context with different organizations in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. He was the product Design consultant for Rohingya Culture Memory Center, Coordinator of the Art & Photography workshops and exhibition for the 16-day Activism, 2021 with International Organisation of Migration (IOM). He started working as a consultant with International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC) and currently he is working as a Project Coordinator on the project, Development of Community Arts Against Rohingya Genocide, implemented by Social Action of Voluntary Effort (SAVE) funded by International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC).

Asmaou Diallo

AVIPA – Guinea



Born in 1959 in Yembering, Guinea, Asmaou graduated in agronomic sciences from the University of Sonfonia in 1985. After teaching for several years, she joined the Ministry of Literacy. In 2009, her eldest son, aged 33, was lost during a peaceful march in Guinea, leading to the formation of AVIPA, a non-political association. As the head, Asmaou focused on providing effective assistance to victims and their families, offering holistic support to 240 individuals across Guinea and aiding in the training of doctors in Congo. These efforts also contributed to obtaining thirteen indictments for the Four Hundred affected by the tragic events of September 28, 2009.



Atiqul Chowdhury

Social Action of Voluntary Efforts (SAVE) – Bangladesh

Md. Atiqul Islam Chowdhury, born on May 20, 1974, is the Deputy Executive Director at Social Action of Voluntary Efforts (SAVE). With a Master's in Business Administration (HRM) from Dhaka, Bangladesh, he boasts a rich 25-year background in the development sector. In his current role, he oversees all facets of organizational operations at SAVE, including fundraising, partnership management, program development, financial administration, and human resource management. As a mentor, Atiqul is dedicated to motivating and empowering his team, fostering an environment conducive to optimal performance. Prior to SAVE, he held key positions such as Program Director at PULSE Bangladesh, Emergency Program Manager at CARE Bangladesh, and Head of Program at COAST – Trust. His career journey also includes a significant role as Community Mobilization Manager at Action Aid Bangladesh from April 1997 to March 2001. Atiqul, a married professional, continues to contribute his leadership and expertise to the field of development.



Bakari Sidiki Diaby

African Coordination of Human Rights for the Armed Forces – Cote d'Ivoire

Bakari Sidiki Diaby is the General Coordinator of the African Coordination of Human Rights for the Armed Forces (CADHA), a non-governmental organization based in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. With extensive experience in human rights and mass atrocity prevention, he previously served as Deputy Executive Secretary of the National Human Rights Commission of Côte d'Ivoire. Additionally, he is the Permanent Secretary of the Network of National Human Rights Institutions for West African states and an expert on the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Mr. Diaby is also Vice President of the Africa Working Group on Global Action Against Mass Atrocities (GAAMAC). Alongside his professional roles, he is an Associate Teacher at the National School of Administration and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Holding degrees from various institutions, including a Diploma of Deep Studies in Public Law, he is currently pursuing a PhD on the cooperation between UN treaty bodies and national human rights institutions.



Bernadette French

Campaign for Good Governance – Sierra Leone

A human right defender and gender specialist who has been championing advocacy efforts for the promotion of human rights, transitional justice, gender equality, good governance and electoral integrity for two decades. She has contributed to many campaigns for gender, electoral, human rights legal and policy reforms in Sierra Leone. Over the years, she has mobilized, trained various groups including women aspirants and candidates on leadership, campaign skills, transitional justice. She has also had over 15 years experience in elections observation - national and international. She is a fellow of the International Centre for Transitional Justice and presently steering the Director of programmes at Campaign for Good Governance (CGG) and the Regional Coordinator - National Elections Watch (NEW) - Sierra Leone.



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Bhavani Fonseka

Centre for Policy Alternatives – Sri Lanka

Bhavani Fonseka is a Senior Researcher and Attorney at Law with the Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA) based in Sri Lanka, with a focus on research, national and international advocacy and public interest litigation. She is the editor of the books *Elusive Justice & Emblematic Cases in Sri Lanka* (2023) & *Transitional Justice in Sri Lanka: Moving Beyond Promises* (2017) & co-editor of the book *Salient Aspects of Public Interest Litigation Jurisprudence in Sri Lanka* (2023).

She is presently a member of the policy committee of Human Rights Watch, a board member of Women Leaders in International Justice and Accountability and on the board of the International Journal on Transitional Justice and the Women, Peace and Security Book Series.



Braden Paynter

International Coalition of Sites of Conscience – United States

As the Director for Methodology and Practice at the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, Braden helps good ideas move around the world and helps sites build the knowledge, skills, and relationships they need to thrive. He leads the Methodology and Practice team in supporting member development of programming, exhibitions, and engagement strategies that address their communities' most pressing challenges. Braden has personally

trained hundreds of organizations in dialogue, community engagement, planning, and operating at the intersection of history and justice. Before joining ICSC, Braden worked with the National Park Service at the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site where he oversaw public, education, and professional development programs and in exhibits at Old Sturbridge Village. Braden's writing has focused on making transformative connections and building civic engagement through historic sites, and the role of victims, survivors, and perpetrators in catalyzing positive change. He has a masters in Museum Studies with a focus in American Studies from George Washington University. Braden is looked at with some curiosity by his colleagues for stubbornly riding his bicycle in from Queens every day when he lived in New York. Now, he's very happy living further north, heading to the New England woods, and engaging in dorky word games whenever he can.

Brahmy Poologasingham

US Department of State – United States

Brahmy Poologasingham is a Senior Technical Advisor and Team Lead for the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor's (DRL), Transitional Justice and Accountability program portfolio. As the Lead for the global Transitional Justice and Accountability team she is responsible for significant and active foreign assistance programs in 62 countries. She has sixteen years of experience in justice and accountability, rule of law, truth-telling, conflict resolution and security-sector reform assistance programming and advocacy initiatives. She has dedicated her career to supporting locally-led, community driven and sustainable approaches to democracy and governance, transitional justice and atrocity prevention programming. She has over fifteen years of experience as a human



rights investigator working with and supporting survivors of conflict related sexual violence (CRSV) in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, South Sudan, Burundi, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Colombia and Burma. Previous experience: Director, Eastern Congo Initiative (ECI); Senior Legal Advisor, Africa, American Bar Association; and, practiced international law at K & L Gates and Dorsey & Whitney, LLP. Brahmy also worked for the South African Human Rights Commission in Johannesburg and the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Capetown. To learn more about DRL Transitional Justice Programs please visit: <https://www.state.gov/bureau-of-democracy-human-rights-and-labor/programs-and-grants/>

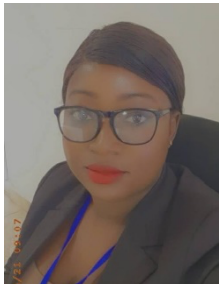


Bruce Rabb

International Sites of Conscience – United States

Bruce Rabb is a lawyer who works primarily with organizations engaged in sustainable economic development, human rights, and economic justice. He is Secretary and a Director Emeritus of Human Rights Watch, and serves as Co-Chair of its LGBT Advisory Committee and Vice Chair of its Middle East North Africa Advisory Committee. He also serves on the Boards of the National Center for Law and Economic Justice (NCLEJ), Cinereach, New York Institute for the

Humanities, Make Music Matter USA, and War Childhood. He is a Fellow of the New York Institute for the Humanities and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Law Institute, and the New York City Bar Association where he serves on the Council on International Affairs.



Burry Jobe

African Network against Extrajudicial Killings and Enforced Disappearances – The Gambia

Burry Jobe is a highly skilled and adaptable professional with 15 years of diverse experience in various fields, including financial services, transitional justice, and advocacy work. Currently, she serves as the Operations Manager for the Gambia office of the African Network against Extrajudicial Killings and Enforced Disappearances (ANEKED). In this position, she ensures the smooth functioning

of the team's day-to-day activities, among other vital responsibilities. Before joining ANEKED, Burry worked as the Business Development Manager for a financial services company in The Gambia.



Carlota Maldonado Montserrat

White Helmets – The Netherlands

Carlota Maldonado Montserrat currently serves as the Senior Legal Officer at the White Helmets' Justice and Accountability Program based in the Netherlands, A certified lawyer in Spain and member of the Barcelona BAR Association, Carlota holds a Dual Master's Degree in International Law and Legal Practice from ESADE Law School (Spain) and Maastricht University (The Netherlands). She also pursued studies at Georgetown's Law Center for Transnational Legal Studies. Her professional experience has developed in

several international tribunals such as the International Criminal Court (ICC), the Extraordinary



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Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) and the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (KSC), as well as NGOs focused on atrocity crimes and international law. She had previously clerked at the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations (UN) in New York and at the Criminal Law Division of the Council of Europe (CoE) in Strasbourg.

Clara Diamond

US Department of State – United States



Clara Diamond is a Program Officer in the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor's Office of Global Programs, where she sits on the Transitional Justice team managing East Asia Pacific and Africa programming. Prior to joining DRL, Clara managed DRL and USAID programs at the National Democratic Institute focused on Southern and East Africa. She has served as a consultant at the United Nations for numerous projects around the globe, including the UN prevention and response to sexual exploitation and abuse from UN Peacekeepers. Clara holds a Master's Degree in International Peace Studies from the University of Dublin, Trinity College.

Dario Colmenares Millan

Organization – Colombia



Dario Colmenares Millán is a Program Director for ICSC's Global Initiative for Justice, Truth, and Reconciliation, currently focusing on enhancing truth-telling and documentation efforts in Colombia and Bangladesh. Before joining ICSC as a staff member, Dario actively contributed to its Latin American network, and, as a specialized consultant in documentation and memorialization, led GIJTR's program "Supporting Truth, Justice and Reconciliation in Colombia" in 2018 focused on strengthening participatory processes with the Truth Commission and the Unit for Searching the Disappeared. Prior to joining ICSC, he played a central role in the Centre for Memory, Peace, and Reconciliation in Bogotá since its creation in 2008, where he coordinated participatory truth-telling programs in arts and culture with ethnic and rural communities for nearly a decade. He has also been a consultant in transitional justice for several international donors in the implementation of the Colombian peace process, including the Embassy of The Netherlands and the Embassy of France and has extensively participated in promoting memorialization initiatives in the Latin American region. He has also been a book editor and documentary producer with several Colombian NGOs and institutions.



Daud Gideon

Remembering The Ones We Lost – Uganda



Daud Gideon A. Yellewa is South Sudanese and the Executive Director of Remembering The Ones We Lost. Now a statistician by profession, he started his career as a teaching assistant in Juba University in 1992. Later Daud developed a passion to work in peacebuilding and worked in that field for 9 years. As a witness to the armed violence that started in December 2013 in South Sudan, he decided to become an advocate for human rights. Since 2014, he has been working on the establishment and management of Remembering

The Ones We Lost, an initiative that is devoted for documentation of conflict related killings and disappearances in South Sudan.

David Mandel-Anthony

U.S. Department of State – United States



David Mandel-Anthony is the Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice at the U.S. Department of State. He has over fifteen years of experience at the State Department, the U.S. Congress, and at leading international non-governmental organizations. David advises senior U.S. government officials in formulating U.S. foreign policy around transitional justice, democracy and governance, atrocity prevention, international

humanitarian law, development, conflict prevention and peacebuilding. He has represented the State Department on the Atrocity Prevention Board and served as a U.S. negotiator to the U.N. Human Rights Council. David is a former adjunct professor at Georgetown Law, a frequent public speaker, and has published on emerging trends in international relations on atrocity crimes. David served as the foreign affairs, human rights, and national security advisor to Congress and the Executive Committee of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. David is a senior fellow in national security, human rights, and foreign policy organizations, including the Truman National Security Project, Humanity in Action, the Partnership for a Secure America, and the European Union Visitors Programme. David holds a law degree from Fordham University and a BA in Plan II from the University of Texas at Austin.

Devon Gulbrandsen

International Coalition of Sites of Conscience – United States



As a Program Manager for ISCS's Global Initiative for Justice, Truth and Reconciliation, Devon partners with communities around the world to advance local truth and justice initiatives, with a special emphasis on working with youth. She is currently a master's candidate pursuing a degree in International Development at American University. Devon also has experience in contract management, program logistics, and field experience living overseas. She most

recently lived in Nepal where she taught English to adult women pursuing their high school degrees and ran a Children's Home in Kathmandu. Devon also holds a double B.A. degree in International Relations and Global Studies from St. Lawrence University, where she concentrated in Middle Eastern Studies.



Diana Naoum

International Coalition of Sites of Conscience – United States

As Senior Program Manager of the Global Initiative for Justice, Truth and Reconciliation, Diana Naoum assists in the management of ICSC's flagship program on transitional justice, currently helping to facilitate its Forensics Academy and a program on commemorative cultures. Before joining ICSC, Diana Naoum was the Middle East and North Africa coordinator at Human Rights Watch, providing programmatic support to investigative research on human rights violations across the region. Diana has also served as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant at Afyon Kocatepe University in Afyonkarahisar, Turkey. Diana received her M.A. in the Politics of Conflict, Rights, and Justice from SOAS University of London. Diana enjoys attending Middle Eastern film festivals and learning how to cook the traditional Lebanese food she grew up with.



Eduardo Gonzalez

Organization – Peru

Eduardo González is a human rights consultant and sociologist, specialized in transitional justice. A Peruvian national, he participated in his country's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, at the end of a twenty-year internal armed conflict. Later, as an expert, he contributed to the establishment and operations of truth and reconciliation processes in about 20 countries, providing technical and strategic advice. In addition to his expertise, he is an avid participant in policy debates on the intersection of human rights, democracy and peace; as well as a creative researcher and educator.



Elena del Hoyo

International Coalition of Sites of Conscience – Spain

As Global Networks Associate, Elena del Hoyo supports logistical coordination and implementation (including for regional meetings and the Project Support Fund) for the work of ICSC's Global Networks department. She earned her M.A. in International Cultural Heritage Management from Durham University and her M.A. in International Affairs from the Autonomous University of Barcelona. She is most interested in dissonant heritage, the ethics of commemoration, political uses of the past and post-conflict transformation. She also worked as a children's art teacher for six years and has just started pottery lessons. She loves having tzatziki for breakfast.



Elizabeth Silkes

International Coalition of Sites of Conscience – United States

As Executive Director of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC), Elizabeth Silkes guides the strategic growth and direction of a thriving coalition of over 350 museums, historic sites, and memory initiatives in 65 countries. Prior to joining ICSC, Liz served as CEO of Cinereach, a foundation supporting film and media projects focused on social change, and as Executive Director of FilmAid International, a humanitarian relief organization using film and video to address the needs of refugees and other displaced communities.

Prior to joining FilmAid, she led the major gifts program at Amnesty International USA to record growth while advocating for human rights in the U.S. and abroad. Her extensive experience with community-based media projects gives her a unique perspective on the power of the personal story to engage broad audiences in moving from past to present and memory to action.



Elizabeth Van Schaack

U.S. Department of State – United States

Dr. Beth Van Schaack was sworn in as the State Department's sixth Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice in March of 2022. In this role, she advises the Secretary of State and other Department leadership on issues related to the prevention of and response to atrocity crimes, including war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. Prior to returning to public service in 2022, Ambassador Van Schaack was the Leah Kaplan Visiting Professor in Human Rights at Stanford Law School, where she taught

international criminal law, human rights, human trafficking, and a policy lab on Legal & Policy Tools for Preventing Atrocities. In addition, she directed Stanford's International Human Rights & Conflict Resolution Clinic.



Elyse Wanzenried

American Bar Association – United States

Elyse Wanzenried (she/her/elle) joined the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) in February 2021 as a Program Associate working on programs in the Philippines such as the Access to Justice and Support for the Rule of Law in the Philippines (ACCESS) and Against Child Exploitation (ACE) programs as well as on the Regional Anti-Corruption Advisory program in Southeast Asia. In September 2022, she moved to ABA ROLI's Business

Development team as a Business Development Specialist, then in July 2023, she became a Senior Specialist for the team. She earned her BA in English literature and International Relations with a minor in French and Francophone Studies from Carleton College in Minnesota. Prior to her current Program Associate role at ABA ROLI, she worked as an English Language teaching volunteer in Kyrgyzstan with the Peace Corps and subsequently as an editor in chief for the national Kyrgyz English textbook project in partnership with Arcus Publishing in Bishkek.



Eneko Barbería Marcalain

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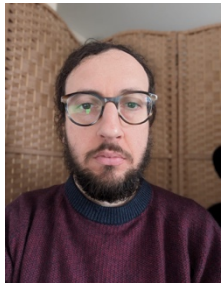
Eneko Barbería Marcalain, M.D., based in Barcelona, Catalonia, serves as the Director of the Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences of Catalonia within the Department of Justice, Law, and Memory, under the Government of Catalonia. He is also an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Rovira and Virgili, Tarragona. Dr. Barbería Marcalain is a Member of the Forensic Medical Council under the Ministry of Justice, Government of Spain, and an Associate Editor of the Spanish Journal of Legal Medicine, Elsevier. With international collaboration experience, he has contributed to projects with the Catalan Development Cooperation Agency, Spanish International Cooperation Agency, and participated in the ICRIME project in Central America with the European Union and the International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies.



Ereshnee Naidu

International Coalition of Sites of Conscience – United States

Ereshnee Naidu is the Senior Director for the Global Initiative for Justice, Truth and, Reconciliation (GIJTR), ICSC's flagship program on transitional justice. Ereshnee has over twenty years of experience designing and implementing community outreach strategies and programs in critical post-conflict settings that include South Africa, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, and Colombia, among many others. She is a seasoned educator with extensive curriculum and workshop design experience, and has broad content development, training, and facilitation skills. A thought leader and global transitional justice practitioner, Ereshnee pioneered ICSC's work in transitional justice in 2014 with the founding of GIJTR, which under her stewardship has worked with partners in 76 countries, fostered over 463 grassroots projects, and engaged more than 760 local civil society organizations in building capacities and laying the groundwork for community-wide participation in transitional justice processes. Ereshnee earned her Bachelor of Arts and two Masters of Arts degrees from the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa, the first in Dramatic Arts (1998) and the second in Forced Migration Studies (2004). She subsequently earned her Ph.D. in Sociology from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.



Fabien Maitre-Muhl

Sigrid Rausing Trust – Ethiopia

Fabien Maitre-Muhl is Programme Manager for Human Rights and the Rule of Law at the Sigrid Rausing Trust. Prior to joining the Trust he worked with various organisations including Plan International UK, UNHCR in Cote d'Ivoire and the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH). Fabien also worked with various civil society organisations in Colombia where he did research on the guarantees of non-recurrence, the participation of victims in reparations processes, and the prosecution of the crime of forced displacement.



Ferdoushi Akter

SAVE Arts Program – Bangladesh

Ferdoushi Akter is an Architect, Artist, and a Humanitarian Worker. For the last 5 years, Ferdoushi has worked for the Rohingya Community in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh with different organizations. She has also worked with other indigenous communities, physically disabled people, and transgender communities. She enjoys exploring new skills, new places, and People with stories, as well as researching History and culture-based communities and

wants to keep working with other communities around the world.



Fredy Peccerelli

Forensic Anthropology Foundation of Guatemala (FAFG)– Guatemala

Fredy Peccerelli is an internationally renowned Forensic Anthropologist, Human Identification expert, and founding member of the Forensic Anthropology Foundation of Guatemala (FAFG). As Executive Director, Mr. Peccerelli has led the investigation of over 1,900 cases from Guatemala's internal armed conflict. Mr. Peccerelli has served as a mentor to State Search Mechanisms in Mexico, Colombia, Sri Lanka, and El Salvador as well as

testifying in high-profile cases in Guatemala, the International Criminal Court for the former Yugoslavia, and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Mr. Peccerelli holds an MSc in Forensic & Biological Anthropology from Bournemouth University and has received numerous international honors, Honorary Doctorates, and awards for human rights activism.



Gegê Joseph

International Coalition of Sites of Conscience – South Africa

Gegê Leme Joseph is an architect and urbanist (FAUUSP–Brazil), set and production designer (AFDA, South Africa), and museologist (University of Leicester, UK). As Senior Program Manager in the Global Networks department, she oversees ICSC's activities in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. Gegê also leads much of ICSC's global thematic work, including the Migration Network. She started her career in culture as a member of J.C.

Serroni's creative atelier, a renowned Brazilian theatre design practice. She moved to South Africa in 2003, where she collaborated on several flagship museum planning and implementation projects, as well as exhibitions and other media experiences for heritage and culture, especially those re-signifying difficult pasts. She developed several projects beyond museum walls such as heritage routes, television shows and publications, for both public and private sectors. In 2013 she started Much | Media and Culture, a consultancy specializing in museums, culture and heritage related to contested histories and legacies, focusing on social impact and change. She was involved in flagship museum projects in Brazil, such as the Museu da História e da Cultura Afro-Brasileira – MUHCAB (Museum of Afro-Brazilian History and Culture) in Rio de Janeiro, and grassroots initiatives such as Museu do Samba.



Gemma Simon

Government of Catalonia – Spain

Minister of Justice, Rights and Memory of the Government of Catalonia. Professor of Political Sciences at the Law Faculty (University of Girona). The topic of her research and teaching are the analysis of public policies, welfare policies, political conflicts and criminal policies.



Glaucia Marinho

Justiça Global – Brazil

Glaucia Marinho (39) is the executive director of the Brazilian human rights organization Justiça Global. She is vice-president of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH). She has a degree in journalism and a PhD in Communication and Culture. She was an activist in social movements for the right to housing and against police violence.



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Han Gyi

ND Burma – Thailand

Han Gyi left Burma in 1988 after the student uprising and joined the ABSDF (All Burma Students' Democratic Front) on the Thailand-Burma border. He stayed with the student armed group for over ten years before starting to work on human rights documentation following his interest in transitional justice. In 2006, Han Gyi joined ND-Burma (Network for Human Rights Documentation- Burma), which was formed in 2004 in order to provide a way for Burma human rights organizations to collaborate on the human rights documentation process. The 13 ND-Burma member organizations seek to



collectively use the truth of what communities in Burma have endured to advocate for justice for victims and holding perpetrator accountability. Moreover ND-Burma aims to provide all the documents when Burma reaches a genuine transition to any form of Transitional Justice mechanism.



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Inaam Altayeb is a data-driven feminist researcher based in Nairobi. Using open source tools and fluent Arabic, she analyzes data to shed light on human rights issues, investigates and reports on underreported human rights violations, from documenting sexual violence to verifying online footage. She also uses open source tools to verify information and build compelling narratives, ensuring no narrative gets buried. and she always strive to achieve justice and empowerment through information.



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Videre – United Kingdom

Jesse is a Senior Director at Videre Est Credere, a non-profit organisation supporting persecuted communities to use customised technology to document human rights violations. Prior to this he held positions in both London and Washington D.C. with the Institute for War and Peace Reporting, focusing on promoting freedom of expression and access to information in conflict-affected and closed societies. He began his career in human rights with Global Witness, and worked in Sri Lanka for the Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust during the final stages of the country's civil war to protect local human rights defenders and support civil society development. Jesse holds a MA in International Studies and Diplomacy from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at the University of London.



Jordan Watkins

International Coalition of Sites of Conscience – United States

Jordan was born in Cambridge, England and relocated to Colorado Springs, Colorado as a young child. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degrees in Criminal Justice and Psychology before moving to Boston and attending New England Law | Boston, where she received a J.D. with a concentration in International Law in May of 2022. Jordan's interest and academic research consisted of creating a comprehensive mapping program of transitional justice initiatives developed in response to racial and civil unrest within the United States as well as research on the role of businesses and the private sector in human rights violations through the analysis of truth commissions. In her free time, she enjoys reading, catching up on new TV shows and being outdoors as well as traveling whenever possible.



Justine di Mayo

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As Senior Program Manager for the Global Networks department, Justine Di Mayo oversees ICSC's activities in Europe/Eastern Europe and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). For over 10 years, she has worked on transitional justice initiatives in Lebanon, Syria, and MENA more broadly. As the founder and director of a Lebanese Site of Conscience, Act for the Disappeared, she worked on strengthening local peace building and on generating greater political and societal support for the right to know in regard to families of the disappeared. She has developed intergenerational and intercommunity oral history projects, documentation efforts into the fate of the missing, and psychosocial programs for victims including memory initiatives. In 2017, Justine moved to France where she worked for a policy network advocating for gender equality and women's rights in the Euro Mediterranean region. In this capacity, she organized conferences and provided support to local organizations in MENA to promote victims' participation and gender perspectives in transitional justice mechanisms.



Kasia Zdunczyk

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Katie Stana

US Consulate General Barcelona – Spain

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Mahmoud Aswad

Lawyers and Doctors for Human Rights – Syria

Dr. Mahmoud Aswad is the CEO of Lawyers and Doctors for Human Rights (LDHR), an NGO based in Turkey which provides survivor response and medical expert evidence for accountability in relation to conflict-related sexual violence in the Syrian conflict. LDHR was established through a group of Syrian doctors and lawyers who trained by international experts in documenting human rights violations and sexual violence launched in 2016. Dr. Mahmoud is a founding member of this organization and is committed to its long-term success. Dr.

Mahmoud is an orthopedic surgeon by profession and has spent the entire Syrian conflict working to ensure humanitarian aid and medical care to Syrians. He has contributed to the establishment of several health projects to serve the affected areas inside Syria and serve Syrian refugees in Turkey. He began his work as a volunteer like many doctors and activists in Syria since the beginning of the Syrian revolution in 2011 to alleviate the suffering and deliver support to people in need.



Makmid Kamara

Africa Transitional Justice Legacy Fund (ATJLF) – South Africa

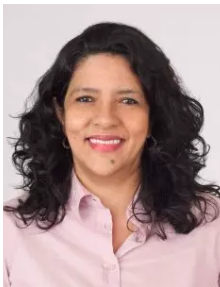
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Mamadou Boussouriou Diallo

The Consortium of Youth Associations for the Defense of Violence Victims – Guinea

Mamadou Boussouriou Diallo is the President of the Consortium of Youth Associations for the Defense of Violence Victims in Guinea. He is married and the father of a 4-year-old boy and a daughter born on June 4, 2022. Mamadou's commitment to human rights began in 2009 during Guinea's democratic transition after the death of President Lansana Conté. He has since obtained a degree to work as a computer engineer to promote democratic values, respect for human rights, education of young people for citizenship, nonviolence and peace. His organization provides protection to activists and human rights defenders fighting in the civic space, defending public freedoms through a partnership with Freedom House.



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International Commissions of Jurists – Nepal

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Mariana Gómez Godoy

Circular de Morelia– Mexico

Mariana Gómez Godoy holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Public Administration with a specialty in gender and human rights. Additionally, she serves as a trainer in popular education. Over the course of five years, she collaborated with Afro-descendant and indigenous communities to enhance the political participation of women at the community level. Her work also focused on the autonomy and governance of indigenous municipalities in Guerrero, Mexico. Since 2019, she has been actively involved in the government, advocating for memory actions and a public policy centered on truth and memory. Currently, she holds a position as a Member of the Memory Committee of the Truth Commission of Mexico. Furthermore, she serves as the Coordinator of the Morelia Circular Memory Site, marking it as the first government site dedicated to public memory. Her commitment to preserving historical truths extends to her role as a promoter of the memory law in Mexico.



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Marina Gallego Zapata

Ruta Pacifica de las Mujeres – Colombia

Marina Gallego Zapata is a lawyer and has master's in Human Rights, International Humanitarian Law and International Courts, with more than 25 years of experience in the Women's Social Movement and the Peace Movement. She is recognized for having the skill for national and international political impact on human rights and peace building issues from the perspective of women. Marina is the founder and currently the National Coordinator of the Women's Pacific Route Movement. She has held various national and international presentations in academic, social and political spaces, on the construction of Peace, women's rights, transitional justice and negotiated conflict processing. She is currently the chair of the Monitoring and Monitoring Committee for the recommendations of the Final Report of the Commission for the Clarification of Truth (CEV).



Marlies Stappers

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Marlies Stappers is the founder and Executive Director of Impunity Watch. As director, she has been deeply involved in research and policy work related to the fields of human rights, transitional justice, impunity reduction, and strengthening the role of civil society; and particularly victims and affected communities in countries such as Guatemala, Honduras, Burundi, the Great Lakes region, the Western Balkans, MENA and Cambodia. Between 1995 and 2001, she worked in Guatemala as a researcher for the Guatemalan Historical Truth Commission and as an observer of the Peace Accords for the United Nations Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA). Her academic background is in Latin America Studies.



Milena Sterio

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Monica Cunha

Movimento Moleque – Brazil

Monica Cunha, a councilwoman from Rio, a black woman and mother, is a human rights defender who works to defend the rights of adolescents and young people. In 2003, after her son Rafael da Silva Cunha was apprehended and placed under socio-educational measures at DEGASE and she witnessed the terrible conditions in the correctional center, Monica began to denounce abuses committed by security agents, police violence and discrimination against young Afro-Brazilians. She founded the "Movimento Moleque", an organization of mothers of young people whose rights have been violated by the state.

Monica was also coordinator of the Network of Communities and Movements against Violence and in 2019, she coordinated the Human Rights Commission of Alerj. She was elected as an alternate for PSOL in 2020 and in 2023 took office as a councillor. She proposed the installation and was the chair of the first Special Commission to Combat Racism in a legislative house in Brazil. Since then, she has focused her work on promoting an anti-racist society. She is also vice-president of the Human Rights Commission.



Muthulingam Periyasamy *Institute of Social Development – Sri Lanka*

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Nilson Vieira Oliverira

Instituto Lima Barreto– Brazil



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Noel Didla

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Noel is an immigrant from the Global South making home in the Deep South. Noel is the Co Executive Director of the Center for Ideas, Equity & Transformative Change. She is a resource generator, cultural strategist and capacity builder. Noel's work is in the areas of policy, practice and governance and impacts sustainable development, transformation of regional economies and critical production of knowledge and culture that is true to the legacies of people and places. Noel advises the Community of Learning & Practice, Center for Livable Future (CLF), Johns Hopkins University, and South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT). Noel serves as the co- chair of Mississippi Votes and the chair of the Mississippi Food Policy Council. Noel is the co-steward of the Center for MS Food Systems. Noel produced the music video Optimistic, featuring Common, Karriem Riggins, Robert Glasper and Brandi. She is the executive producer of the documentary, Promised Land: A story about Mound Bayou. Noel co-leads the Southern Economic Corridor, a cultural investment strategy that prioritizes southern cities led by black mayors and southern communities that have been historically uninvested in. Noel is the co-steward of the Deep



South Solidarity Fund, a 5 year relational giving experiment that focuses on funding biopic individuals, communities and infrastructure in Louisiana, Mississippi Georgia & Alabama.



Oksana Pokalchuk

International Partnership for Human Rights (IPHR) – Ukraine

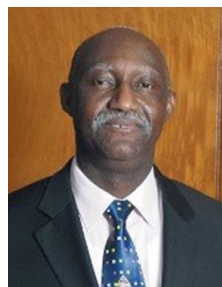
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Parusha Naidoo

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Patricia Davis

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Radhika Hettiarachchi

Herstories – Sri Lanka

Radhika Hettiarachchi is a researcher, public historian and peacebuilding practitioner with nearly 20 years of experience based in Sri Lanka. She works through art, oral history and facilitated dialogue on creating a public discourse on issues of gender, security, history, justice and sustainable peace. She is the co-founder of the Herstories project and The memorymap.lk project, and the women's histories of sex work archive. As a curator, some of her work include the first edition of the travelling history museum – It's About Time, Colomboscope (2014, co-curated in 2015) and the multi-country online exhibition – Shared Journeys (2021) on marginalised histories that challenge dominant narratives. She holds a Masters in Development Management from the London School of Economics and Political Science, London, U.K.



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Ranitha Gnanarajah is an Attorney at Law and Head of the Legal Department of the Center for Human Rights and Development (CHRD). She began her career as Attorney-at-Law at the Home for Human Rights (HHR) in 2006, where she was placed in charge of the Women's Desk that addressed violence against women issues across the country. She was selected to participate in the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) of the U.S. Department of State in 2015, under the theme of "Women and Justice". She was selected to receive the prestigious "International Women of Courage Award in 2021" by the United States Secretary of State selected by the Department of States, US.



Sabina Puig Cartes

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Sabina Puig Cartes holds a degree in Political Science and Administration from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) and an LLM in International Human Rights Law from Essex University. She has been working at ICIP since 2010, where she coordinates the “Violence in non-war settings” work area. She has also been in charge of various outreach and networking ICIP projects. Her most significant previous work experience includes the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the International Criminal Court, Amnesty International and Justícia i Pau. In addition, she has lectured on the international protection of human rights at several universities.



Sara Bradshaw

International Coalition for Sites of Conscience – United States

As Program Director for the Global Initiative for Justice, Truth, and Reconciliation (GIJTR), the Coalition’s flagship program on transitional justice, Sara supports organizations and activists in conflict and post-conflict countries in using memory and memorialization-based tools to engage communities in coming to terms with the past and building futures based on justice and non-repetition. Through the GIJTR, she has worked on projects in Sri Lanka, Guinea, The Gambia and other countries, and has provided technical support and sub-grant administration for dozens of community-based memorialization projects. Sara previously served in ICSC’s Development department before earning her MSc in Human Rights at the London School of Economics, where she received a departmental grant to conduct her thesis research at the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre. Sara has experience in the education, collections management, and development departments of several New York museums, and she previously administered programs at an intercultural learning organization. Sara also holds a self-designed B.A. in Museum Studies from New York University, where she concentrated on the ethics of ethnic identity museums.



Sarah Case

International Coalition for Sites of Conscience – United States

Sarah Case is the Deputy Program Director for ICSC’s Global Initiative for Justice, Truth and Reconciliation (GIJTR), through which she has managed a range of projects, including a Transitional Justice Academy for activists in the MENA region; a multi-year collaboration with Guinean civil society organizations to advance community memorialization, psychosocial support, and violence prevention; the development of a manual and resource center on digital archiving for civil society organizations; and a research and exchange project aimed at highlighting the unique needs of survivors of conflict-related sexual violence and their children within transitional justice processes. Sarah joined ICSC following eight years of work with the Global Arts Corps, where she served as managing director and played a key role in the development of innovative theatre and film projects dedicated to advancing reconciliation in post-conflict societies. Sarah is an Associate Producer on the award-winning documentary *A Snake Gives Birth to a Snake* and a Producer on the forthcoming documentary, *The Journey Back to Now*. Sarah received her master’s



degree in Human Rights Studies from Columbia University, where her research focused on the arts and storytelling as tools for truth-telling and social change. She also holds a B.A. in Art History from Columbia University.



Silvia Fernandez

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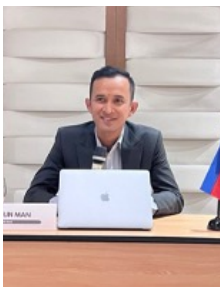
As the Global Networks Program Director, Silvia Fernández leads ICSC’s programmatic work in Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Latin America/Caribbean, Europe, and the Middle East and North Africa, helping to build the capacity of more than 350 members in 65 countries through trainings and workshops, collaborative projects, cross-regional exchanges, and advocacy campaigns. Silvia has worked with ICSC in various roles since 2008, providing overall support to its membership and leading the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of projects devoted to transforming sites of trauma into centers for positive social change. Throughout her career, Silvia has worked for and collaborated with a variety of public and private institutions dedicated to a spectrum of human rights work including education, advocacy, and public engagement; organized conferences and workshops on human rights, memorialization, and transitional justice around the globe; and spoken widely in international fora on memorialization and new methodologies for human rights education and social change.



Silvia Plana Subirana

Institut Català Internacional Per La Pau – Spain

Since 2019, Silvia Plana Subirana has been part of ICIP and is currently responsible for the institution’s strategic partnerships. Before, she was the coordinator of the area of “Memory, Coexistence and Reconciliation”. Silvia is a conflict specialist with international experience coordinating social and political advocacy projects and human rights and peacebuilding processes, particularly with a gender focus. Before joining ICIP, she worked in Colombia, focusing on protecting human rights defenders and the active participation of women victims of armed conflict in the peace process. She has previously worked for the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom and NGOs in Chile and Nigeria. She has also worked as a collaborating professor of “Law and social, political and armed conflicts” at the Open University of Catalonia (UOC).



Sokkoeun Man

Youth For Peace – Cambodia

Mr. Sokkoeun Man is currently the Executive Director of Youth For Peace Organization. He earned his first master's degree in education management and planning from the Royal University of Phnom Penh in 2015 and his second master's degree in applied Conflict Transformation (Peace and Conflict Studies) from Panhasastra University, and the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPCS) in 2022. With over 17 years of practical experience, he has worked in peacebuilding, leadership, memorialization, and reconciliation with young people,



community, national, and international, notably, victim-survivors and former Khmer Rouge. He has a deep commitment to engaging and mobilizing community resources with various peace and justice actors, including community members, local authorities, CBOs, national civil society organizations and international. He actively participates in reconciliation and memory work through education and artwork, creating space for dialogue between youth and victim-survivors. Additionally, he initiated and mobilized communities and relevant stakeholders to building community memorials and Community Peace Learning Centers and Community-Healing Approach by encouraging former survivor-victims who were forced into marriage during the Khmer Rouge times to remarry. He also coordinated to establish a teacher guidebook on Study Tour to integrate the Democratic Kampuchea Historical Mass Killing Sites into Cambodia's education system.



Sonia Desai

US Department of State – United States

Sonia Desai serves as a Senior Program Officer on DRL/GP's Transitional Justice team. She has been with DRL/GP for seven years, and she currently manages DRL's transitional justice programming strategy in the South and Central Asia region, which includes Nepal and Sri Lanka, in addition to the next iteration of the Global Initiative for Justice, Truth, and Reconciliation (GIJTR) on behalf of DRL. Sonia has experience managing transitional justice and atrocity prevention programming in both conflict and post-conflict states, including Myanmar, Syria, Guatemala, Mexico, and the Central African Republic. Prior to working at the State Department, Sonia was as a Legislative Counsel at the District of Columbia Council as well as a Legal Fellow at the Public International Law and Policy Group. She also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Botswana. Sonia has a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies and Political Science from the University of Miami and a Juris Doctor degree from The George Washington University Law School.



Stephen Rapp

United States Holocaust Museum; Oxford University – United States

Stephen Rapp was United States Ambassador-at-Large heading the Office of Global Criminal Justice during 2009-2015, where he coordinated US Government support for international, hybrid, and national courts and tribunals prosecuting atrocity crimes. From 2007-2009, Rapp served as the Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, where he led the prosecution of former Liberian President Charles Taylor. From 2001-2007, he served as Senior Trial attorney and Chief of Prosecutions at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, where he headed the team that achieved the conviction of media leaders for incitement to genocide. Before his international service, he was the US Attorney for N. Iowa during 1993-2001. Rapp is currently a Senior Fellow at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Center for Prevention of Genocide, and at Oxford University's Center for Law, Ethics and Armed Conflict.



Susan Azor

International Coalition for Sites of Conscience– United States

As Director of Finance and Operations, Susan Azor is responsible for the leadership and oversight of ICSC’s financial and operational functions, risk assessment, information technology, and human resources. Susan has over 20 years of financial, administrative, and operational experience and has worked with and for several non-profits. Susan graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where she studied Political Science and English and later went on to receive a Masters in Nonprofit Management & Leadership in 2008. Susan lived and worked in Wisconsin, Washington, D.C. and San Francisco before moving to Charlotte in 2016 where she currently lives with her family.



Tássia Mendonça

Ibirapitanga Institute – Brazil

Tássia Mendonça has a degree in Social Sciences and a master's degree in Anthropology (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro). She is currently a PhD candidate in Ethnic and African Studies (Federal University of Bahia) - she researches the relationship between gender and coloniality in African-based religions. She is the portfolio coordinator of the Racial Justice Program at the Ibirapitanga Institute.



Teresa Vasquez

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Prior to joining ICSC, Teresa co-founded and served as the inaugural Executive Director for the Museum of the Courageous, curating the stories of courageous Americans who have taken a stand against hate. She has also served as a Special Advisor to the board, Chief of Staff, and Chief Development Officer for Echoing Green, a global nonprofit that supports emerging social entrepreneurs and invests deeply in their ideas and leadership. Before joining Echoing Green, Teresa was an economic development advisor for two terms of the Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg Administration. Teresa also served as a Director for the Nonprofit Finance Fund, a leading national Community Development Financial Institution that builds a more just and vibrant society by helping mission-driven organizations adapt, thrive, and drive social change. She graduated from Vassar College and NYU’s Robert F. Wagner School for Public Service. She also holds a certificate in management from Columbia Business School’s Institute for Nonprofit Management.



Tim Hansen

Videre – United States



Tim Hansen is Chief Executive Officer of Videre. He is a lawyer and engineer with two decades of experience across strategic development, human rights law, peacebuilding and project management. As an engineer, Tim has built and managed operations across Europe, Asia-Pacific and Sub Saharan Africa. As a lawyer, Tim has provided advice to several Pacific states and self-determination movements, advising on international human rights law, international humanitarian law, interactions with the United Nations and on engagement with negotiation and dialogue processes. Tim was previously Chief Operating Officer of peacebuilding organisation Conciliation Resources, working with people impacted by war to develop creative solutions for sustainable peace. Prior to that he was Operations Director at Reprieve, working to end the death penalty and challenging human rights abuses through strategic litigation. Tim has also co-founded an NGO providing electricity and wifi in informal refugee camps.

Valerie Barber

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As the Grants Compliance and Logistics Associate, Valerie works as the liaison between ICSC's Global Initiative for Justice, Truth and Reconciliation (GIJTR) and the Finance department to ensure accurate and efficient reporting of federal grants. Before joining ICSC as a full-time employee, she supported GIJTR in a consulting capacity. Valerie brings over 20 years of experience in accounting and finance in the non-profit and public sectors. She has extensive experience with state and federal grants management, budgeting and reporting, focusing on creating efficiencies and improving procedures. In her spare time, Valerie enjoys spending time outdoors.

Victor Almela Menjón

Institute for Integrated Transitions – United States



Víctor Almela Menjón is a Project Assistant at the Institute for Integrated Transitions (IFIT) in Barcelona, working with IFIT's Law and Peace Practice Group and on the Peace Treaty Initiative. Previously, Víctor trained at the European Union Delegation to Russia and the OSCE's High Commissioner on National Minorities, focusing on human rights issues and conflict prevention in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. He also has experience in the humanitarian field, having worked for an NGO consortium specialised in Cash and Voucher Assistance in Latin America. Víctor holds a Bachelor's degree in Translation and a research-focused Master's degree in Human Rights and International Politics.



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Višnja Šijačić

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Višnja Šijačić has worked in the CSO sector in Serbia for the last fifteen years. Since March 2017, she has worked as a legal analyst and project coordinator at the Humanitarian Law Centre (HLC). She graduated in law and obtained a master's degree in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, where she is currently enrolled in Doctoral studies. The scope of her work includes following and reporting on current issues in war crime proceedings in Serbia and the implementation of other transitional justice mechanisms. In 2021, she started coordinating several projects on behalf of HLC, implemented within the Global Initiative for Justice, Truth, and Reconciliation coalition.