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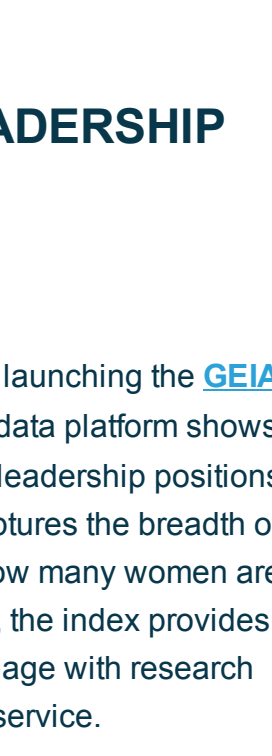


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## REMEMBERING RUTH BADER GINSBURG

We are deeply saddened by the passing of [Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#), a feminist icon whose tireless work championing gender equality is evidenced by policies and practices once perceived as unattainable. As a [co-founder of the ACLU's Women's Rights Project](#), Justice Ginsburg and other gender equality advocates argued cases against pregnancy discrimination and laws denying equal parenting opportunities for fathers. As Justice Ginsburg said, "Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."



For reflections on Justice Ginsburg's life and the critical impact of her work, read "[Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the Great Equalizer](#)" in *The New Yorker*, "[The Glorious RBG](#)" in *New York Magazine Intelligencer*, the [NPR interview](#) with Fatima Goss Graves, president and CEO of the [National Women's Law Center](#), or listen to this [discussion from Berkeley Law](#) on the future of Justice Ginsburg's legal legacy.

## FALL 2020 EVENTS

### GEIA INDEX LAUNCH: WOMEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE LEADERSHIP

October 7, 2020  
11:00am - 12:00pm EDT

Join [GEIA](#) and [LEAP](#) for a discussion with [Gwen Young](#) launching the [GEIA data index](#) on women in public service leadership. This data platform shows which policies and practices will ensure women rise into leadership positions across all sectors of government. This data and index captures the breadth of leadership positions women hold across functions and how many women are at the highest-ranking positions in leadership. Additionally, the index provides a valuable opportunity for GW students and faculty to engage with research aimed at fostering gender equality in public service.

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### SAVE THE DATE

### BOOK LAUNCH: THE GENDER & SECURITY AGENDA

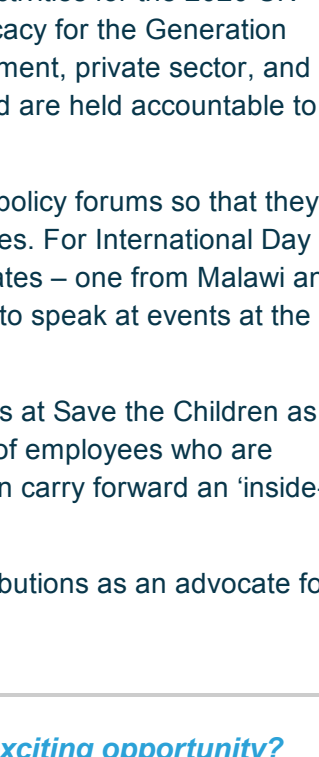
October 19, 2020  
12:00pm - 1:15pm EDT

Save the date for a panel discussion moderated by GEIA Director Shirley Graham to launch *The Gender and Security Agenda*, with editors [Chantal de Jonge Oudraat](#) and [Michael Brown](#) and featuring [Ellen Haring](#), [Anne Marie Goetz](#), and [Rob Jenkins](#).

Registration details coming soon!

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Emily Heimsoth is a 2018 MAIA graduate who concentrated in Global Gender Policy. She is currently a Gender Policy and Advocacy Specialist at Save the Children, where she develops and executes advocacy strategies that advance gender equality in childhood and empower girls globally.



On the U.S. front, Emily supports efforts to ensure that USAID, the State Department, and the White House prioritize and promote a holistic vision of gender equality. Recently, she spearheaded efforts among various DC-based NGOs to critique problematic elements of a new draft of the USAID Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Policy. She also shapes and lobbies for foreign policy legislation that would advance gender equality globally. Notably, she has been instrumental in the development and introduction of the Girls' Leadership, Engagement, Agency, and Development (LEAD) Act in the House and the Senate, which promotes girls' civic and political participation around the world. She represents Save the Children in Washington-based gender coalitions, including the Coalition for Adolescent Girls and the GBV Coalition, and works closely with these civil society allies to push forward a more feminist foreign policy landscape.

On the global front, Emily project manages a multi-country campaign on investing in girls and ending child marriage. When COVID-19 hit, the campaign's goal shifted to ensuring that governments address GBV in their national COVID-19 response plans, with a special focus on making sure adolescent girls are not excluded from these interventions. Currently, she is supporting Save the Children's events and activities for the 2020 UN General Assembly. In 2021, she will resume supporting advocacy for the Generation Equality/Beijing+25 process, specifically ensuring that government, private sector, and civil society actors make commitments to adolescent girls, and are held accountable to them.

Emily also coordinates the participation of adolescent girls in policy forums so that they can speak directly to policymakers and share their perspectives. For International Day of the Girl in 2019, she organized and supported two girl advocates – one from Malawi and one from Albania—to come to New York and Washington DC to speak at events at the UN, on Capitol Hill, and at the World Bank.

Finally, Emily helps with internal gender mainstreaming efforts at Save the Children as a member of the organization's Gender Hub. This small group of employees who are passionate about feminism and inclusion help the organization carry forward an 'inside-out' approach to gender equality.

We are very proud of Emily, and we are grateful for her contributions as an advocate for gender equality!

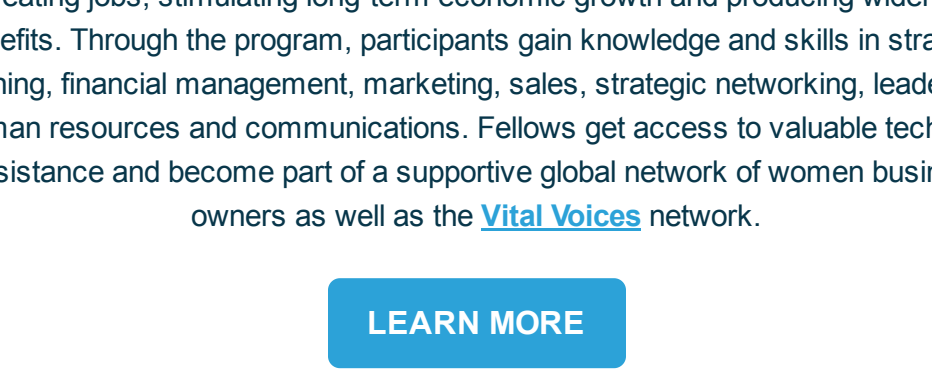
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## JOBS, OPPORTUNITIES & UPDATES

### Job Openings:

- [COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS - Research Associate, Women and Foreign Policy](#)
- [FHI 360 - Research Intern](#)
- [United States Institute of Peace - Research Assistant](#)
- [Planned Parenthood - Coordinator Public Policy](#)
- [Planned Parenthood - Multicultural Communications Booker](#)
- [Pathfinder International - Gender and Youth Lead](#)
- [World Resources Institute - Intern, Monitoring, Evaluation, & Gender Mainstreaming](#)
- [Department of Health and Human Services - Recent Graduate, Public Health Analyst](#)
- [United Nations Development Programme - Research & Communications Intern](#)
- [Washington Post - Rapid Response Reporter for The Lily](#)
- [Washington Post - Deputy Editor for The Lily](#)



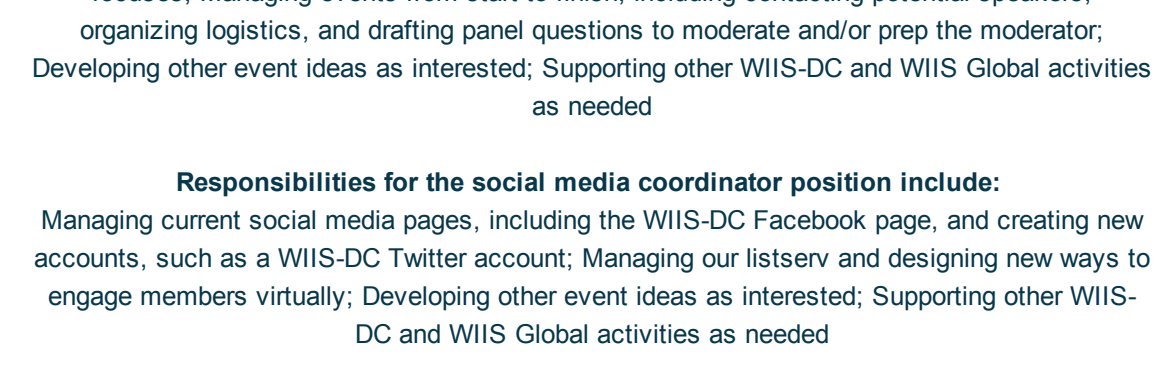
### Re-imagining Manufacturing: Mainstreaming Gender and Inclusion

September 29, 2020  
8:00am - 9:30am EDT

Following the launch of the first ever [study on women in manufacturing in Kenya](#), the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) and the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) invite you to a conversation on mainstreaming gender and inclusion in the manufacturing sector.

Join us on September 29, 2020 to learn more about the status of and opportunities for women in manufacturing. Speakers will include experts from ICRW, KAM, and development partners, as well as women working in the manufacturing sector.

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October 8, 2020  
11:00am - 12:15pm EDT

Join [Foreign Policy](#) magazine in partnership with [Our Secure Future](#) for a high-level [Virtual Dialogue](#) examining Women, Peace, & Security in the 21st century.

This year, the world celebrates the 20th anniversary of the UN Security Council's landmark resolution (UNSCR1325) on Women, Peace & Security, and to date, more than 80 countries have adopted national action plans for Women, Peace and Security. However, this year has also thrown into sharp focus the urgent need to fully realize women's leadership and agency in shaping the systems and policy frameworks that can help empower security, peace and stability around the globe.

Tune in to hear from some of the world's foremost thinkers and leaders who have been driving the Women, Peace & Security agenda: We will highlight the progress that has been achieved; new challenges and security threats that the WPS lens can help address; and ways in which institutions can adapt the WPS framework to challenge traditional narratives around global security, conflict and peace.

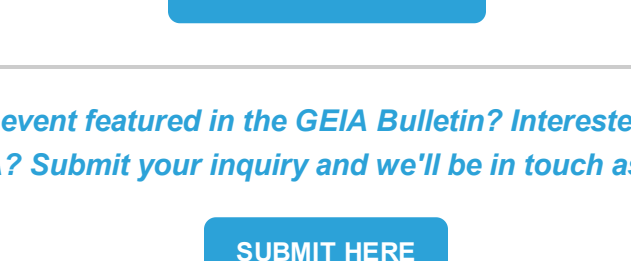
#### Speakers will include:

U.S. Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL 21)  
Ambassador Jacqueline O'Neill, Canada's Ambassador for Women, Peace, and Security

General John Allen, President, The Brookings Institution  
Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Bangladesh Diplomat

Sahana Dharmapuri, Director of Our Secure Future, One Earth Future Foundation  
Katherine Maher, Executive Director, Wikimedia Foundation

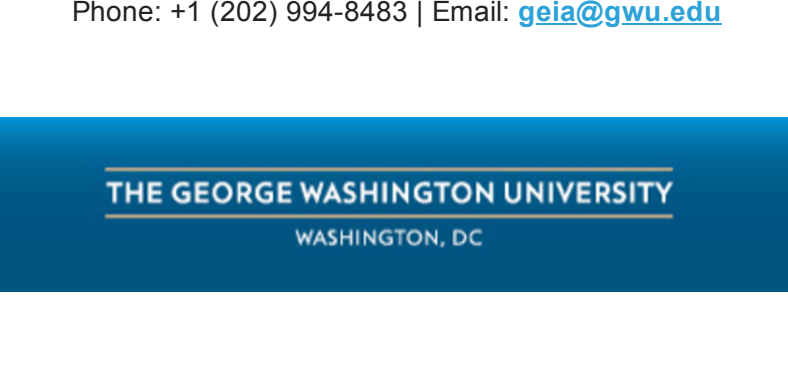
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### 2021 VV GROW Fellowship Now Accepting Applications

The [VV GROW Fellowship](#) is a leading global accelerator program for women owners of small and medium sized businesses. The program includes customized business skills training, leadership development, technical assistance, and access to networks. Through online trainings, fellows focus on strategy and long-term business value, and put those concepts to work with action-oriented strategic plans to grow their businesses. They amplify their role as leaders in their businesses and communities by creating jobs, stimulating long-term economic growth and producing wider social benefits. Through the program, participants gain knowledge and skills in strategic planning, financial management, marketing, sales, strategic networking, leadership, human resources and communications. Fellows get access to valuable technical assistance and become part of a supportive global network of women business owners as well as the [Vital Voices](#) network.

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### WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

#### Call for WIIS-DC Board Positions Applications Due October 2

Are you interested in getting involved with [WIIS-DC](#)? Do you want to support women's leadership in the international security field? Apply to serve on the WIIS-DC board!

WIIS-DC is seeking two new board members: an event coordinator to lead our "Navigating Your Career" series and a social media coordinator to manage our listserve and social media pages. Candidates should be passionate about, and motivated to execute, the WIIS-DC mission, possess strong organizational abilities, and enjoy collaborating within a small team. Previous experience planning events and/or managing social media is preferred. Both positions are virtual for the foreseeable future.

**To apply, please send a completed application to [wis.washingtondc@gmail.com](mailto:wis.washingtondc@gmail.com) with "WIIS-DC Board Application" in the title by Friday, October 2nd. Applicants will receive confirmation at the end of the application period.**

**Responsibilities for the event coordinator position include:**  
Crafting ideas for "Navigating Your Career" series events with a variety of functional and regional focuses; Managing events from start to finish, including contacting potential speakers, organizing logistics, and drafting panel questions to moderate and/or prep the moderator; Developing other event ideas as interested; Supporting other WIIS-DC and WIIS Global activities as needed

**Responsibilities for the social media coordinator position include:**  
Managing current social media pages, including the WIIS-DC Facebook page, and creating new accounts, such as a WIIS-DC Twitter account; Managing our listserve and designing new ways to engage members virtually; Developing other event ideas as interested; Supporting other WIIS-DC and WIIS Global activities as needed

Given the range of activities that WIIS-DC supports, serving on the board will involve a time commitment of approximately five hours per week.

**For both positions, a completed application includes the following:**  
• A maximum 2-page resume  
• A 100-word statement that explains why you are applying  
• A 250-word statement that, depending upon which position you are applying, describes your experience (1) planning events and/or (2) managing social media pages

International applicants are welcome to apply but the selected board members must reside in the Washington, D.C. area. Both positions are unpaid and all genders are encouraged to apply.

## Our Generation for Inclusive Peace

### OGIP Advocates Network Open for Membership

[Our Generation for Inclusive Peace \(OGIP\)](#) is a feminist initiative that aims to advance, shape, and influence the Women, Peace & Security and Youth, Peace & Security agendas to be more inclusive, intersectional, and decolonized through advancing young voices and experiences. We aim to advocate for the redistribution of power in security spaces, to contribute to an inclusive and sustainable peace. One of the ways in which we are doing so is through the [recently launched OGIP Advocates Network](#). The Network is a forum to raise the profile of young people working to make peace and security more inclusive and equitable.

**Applications are open now until October 3rd, 11:59pm EDT.**

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### From Recognition to Action: UN Affirms Vital Role of Youth in Peacebuilding

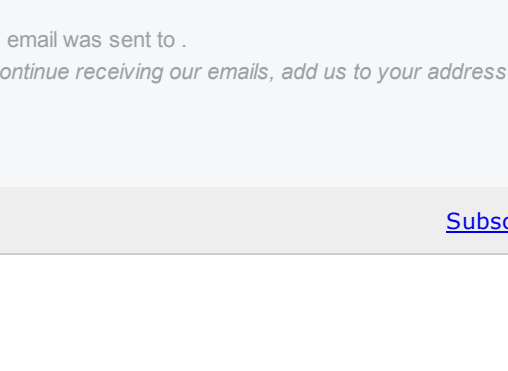
When violent conflict erupts, young people are often among the most impacted. Indeed, globally, one in four youths are affected by conflict and violence. But their voices are frequently among the most marginalized in efforts to resolve or prevent conflict. Young men are regularly depicted as the perpetrators of violence and young women are portrayed as victims. This narrative severely discounts the important role young people play in building peace. Research shows that peace processes are more successful when they are inclusive and in many conflict-ridden societies youth account for a large percentage of the population, making their participation all the more vital. A [new United Nations Security Council resolution](#) passed in July aims to enshrine the critical role of youth in building peace.

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*Would you like your event featured in the GEIA Bulletin? Interested in co-sponsoring an event with GEIA? Submit your inquiry and we'll be in touch as soon as we can.*

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## GLOBAL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



The Global Women's Institute (GWI) at the George Washington University launched in the Fall of 2012 as a university-wide measure to advance gender equality through various initiatives such as interdisciplinary research, education, policy and outreach.

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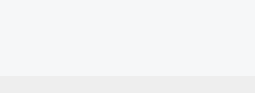
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