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GEIA SURVEY RESULTS

Last spring, GEIA conducted a survey of current and former students to assess their experiences with gender courses at the Elliott School. GEIA Scholar [Dr. Jessica Turner](#) analyzed the survey results with the support of research assistants Shirley Song, Jessica Butehorn, and Katie Chambers. The GEIA team thanks the researchers for their amazing efforts!



Dr. Jessica Turner shared this overview and analysis of the GEIA survey:

- 90% of students reported experiences of **empowerment** in their gender classes
- 73% of students felt a strong **sense of community**, a **connection** with their classmates and/or found a **safe space** in gender classes
- Over 70% of students reported that their gender course had a **positive impact** on their: **leadership skills, career networking, presentations, research, advocacy, knowledge acquisition, writing, analysis, public speaking, sense of confidence**

[Click here](#) to learn more about the survey and research findings.



Quotes from GEIA Survey respondents

Additionally, the survey results helped the GEIA team develop informational graphics to share with current and prospective students. [Visit the GEIA website](#) to view in detail.



FAREWELL TO KATIE

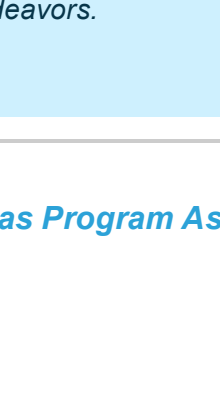
Dear GEIA Community,

I'm sadly departing my role as GEIA Program Assistant on October 9th. It has been a pleasure engaging with students, alumni, and faculty, and I'm especially grateful to Dr. Graham for the opportunity to support GEIA's vision and growth.

The highlight of my time with GEIA was the March 2020 International Women's Day Conference - it was a special day celebrating the anniversaries of women's suffrage in the United States, the Beijing Platform for Action, and UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. Most importantly, it was a valuable opportunity to connect with gender experts and, of course, the Elliott School's passionate students.

I look forward to staying connected with the GEIA community. Thanks again to everyone who made my time with GEIA enriching, fun, and memorable.

Stay safe and well, Katie



Katie has been a breath of fresh air. I would like to thank her for being a calm, professional, and efficient presence. It has been an absolute pleasure working with her this past year, and I wish her every success in all her future endeavors.

Dr. Shirley Graham

[Are you a GWU student interested in working for GEIA as Program Assistant?](#)

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FALL 2020 EVENTS

Join the GWU Elliott School of International Affairs and Women in International Security (WIIS) for a virtual discussion about *'The Gender & Security Agenda: Strategies for the 21st Century'*

Monday October 19, 2020 | 12/noon - 1:15 pm ET

EDITED BY CHANTAL DE JONGE OUDRAAT AND MICHAEL E. BROWN

THE GENDER AND SECURITY AGENDA
Strategies for the 21st Century

Routledge Studies in Gender and Security

WIIS MEMBERS AND EVENT ATTENDEES GET A 20% DISCOUNT ON THE GENDER & SECURITY AGENDA: STRATEGIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

- Moderator:
 - Dr. Shirley Graham, Director of the Gender Equality Initiative - GWU Elliott School
- Panelists
 - Dr. Michael E. Brown, Professor of International Affairs & Political Science - GWU Elliott School
 - Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat, President - WIIS
 - Dr. Anne Marie Goetz, Clinical Professor - New York University
 - Dr. Ellen Haring, Senior Fellow - WIIS
 - Dr. Rob Jenkins, Professor of Political Science - The City University of New York

BOOK LAUNCH:

THE GENDER & SECURITY AGENDA

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

Join [GEIA](#) and [Women in International Security \(WIIS\)](#) for a virtual discussion about the new book, [The Gender & Security Agenda: Strategies for the 21st Century](#), edited by [Dr. Michael E. Brown](#) and [Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat](#).

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[This book](#) examines the gender dimensions of a wide array of national and international security challenges. The volume examines gender dynamics in ten issue areas in both the traditional and human security sub-fields: armed conflict, post-conflict, terrorism, military organizations, movement of people, development, environment, humanitarian emergencies, human rights, governance. The contributions show how gender affects security and how security problems affect gender issues.

Each chapter also examines a common set of key factors across the issue areas: the obstacles to progress, drivers of progress and long-term strategies for progress in the 21st century. The volume develops key scholarship on the gender dimensions of security challenges and thereby provides a foundation for improved strategies and policy directions going forward. The lesson to be drawn from this study is clear: if scholars, policymakers and citizens care about these issues, then they need to think about both security and gender. This will be of much interest to students of gender studies, security studies, human security and International Relations in general.

SHAPE ACT

Speier, Castro, and Engel Take On Harassment and Discrimination in the State Department

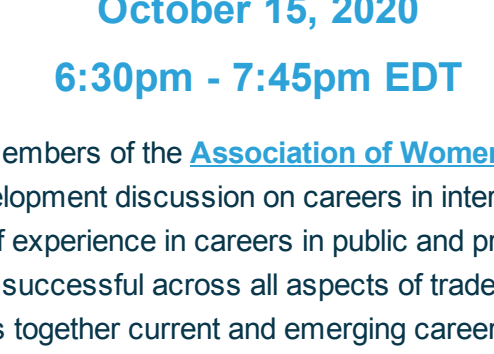
Congresswoman [Jackie Speier](#) (CA-14), Co-Chair of the Democratic Women's Caucus; Congressman [Eliot Engel](#) (NY-16), Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs; and Congressman [Joaquin Castro](#) (TX-20), Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; introduced the [State Harassment and Assault Prevention and Eradication \(SHAPE\) Act of 2020](#). The

SHAPE Act requires stronger anti-harassment and discrimination policies and resources and better survivor care and accountability at the State Department on behalf of the brave employees who spoke up about the toxic climate they have endured while making significant sacrifices in service to our nation.

#metoonatsec

[CNN PROFILE ON SHAPE ACT](#)

COMMEMORATING UNSCR 1325 ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY



Women Transforming Peace

October 20, 2020
10:00am - 11:30am EDT

Join [USIP](#) and the [U.S. Civil Society Working Group on Women, Peace and Security](#) to mark the 20th anniversary of [U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325](#). The discussion will look at how countries are expanding on the Women, Peace and Security agenda by adopting feminist foreign and development policies—and how civil society organizations have invested in masculinities programming as a complementary approach. These and other frameworks may prove more effective in advancing gender equality in peace and security, especially in light of the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic.

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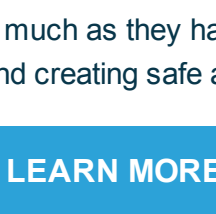
JOBS, UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Speier, Lee, and Frankel Introduce Resolution in Support of a Feminist Foreign Policy

Co-Chairs of the Democratic Women's Caucus Congresswomen [Jackie Speier](#) (CA-14) and [Lois Frankel](#) (FL-21), and Co-Chair of the Pro-Choice Caucus [Barbara Lee](#) (CA-13) were joined by 20 Members in introducing a House resolution calling for the adoption of a feminist foreign policy across all areas of foreign policymaking, including foreign assistance and humanitarian response, trade, diplomacy, defense, immigration, funding, and oversight mechanisms.

"...(W)omen's rights are human rights and foreign policy in the United States should be representative, inclusive, responsive, and accountable to stakeholders, and should take an intersectional approach, utilizing a power-based analysis that reveals, acknowledges, and seeks to correct for inequalities...[and]... feminist foreign policy includes a focus on key thematic priorities of bodily autonomy, peace, environmental integrity and justice, which are often left behind in foreign policy development and discourse," the resolution states.

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International Day of the Girl: An Interactive Dialogue

["Creating Opportunity from Chaos: Reimagining Education, Equality, and Community through Leadership"](#) is FHI 360's virtual event in recognition of the October 11 International Day of the Girl, as declared by the United Nations. The program showcases youth-led leadership during crisis with a panel featuring young men and women who are taking action and creating community change, catalyzed by the pandemic. The program explores the topics of:

Reimagining learning during the COVID era

Reimagining gender-responsive youth development

Taking risks; learning to fail and rebound

What can the development community learn from youth resilience?

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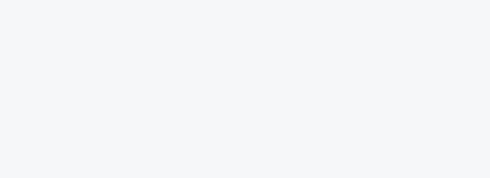
Careers in International Trade with WIIT: The Association of Women in International Trade

October 15, 2020
6:30pm - 7:45pm EDT

Join GW alumni and members of the [Association of Women in International Trade \(WIIT\)](#) for a skills development discussion on careers in international trade. Panelists will share their range of experience in careers in public and private sectors, as well as relevant skills to be successful across all aspects of trade policy. With over 700 members, WIIT brings together current and emerging career professionals across a wide range of disciplines for personal and professional networking in DC.

All GW students are invited to participate.

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New Report:

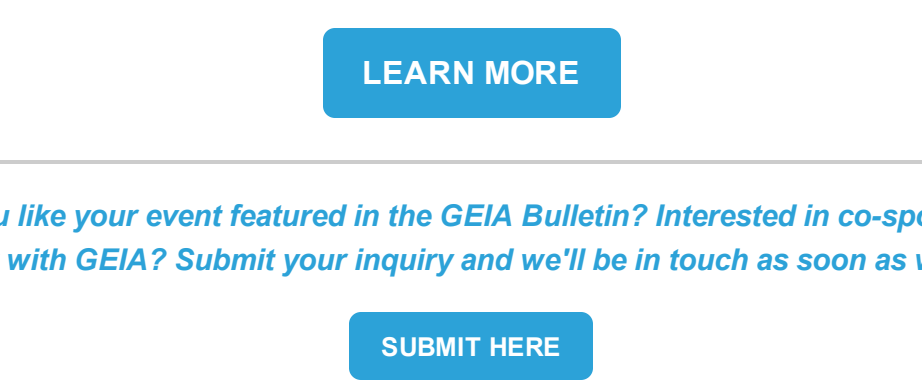
"Recognizing Women Peacebuilders"

In 2000, women peacebuilders were the inspiration and engine behind UN Security Council Resolution 1325 that for the first time in history called for the inclusion of women in matters of war prevention and peacemaking. Evidence proves that women's inclusion increases the quality and sustainability of peace processes. But they are still overwhelmingly absent from track one negotiations. Acknowledging the existence, skills, influence, values and approaches of women peacebuilders is a necessary preliminary step to ensure their rightful and systematic place at the tables of negotiations and decision-making that end wars and foster future peace around the world.

Drawing on two decades of desk and primary research and interviews, policy development, and experiences in advocacy and Track One mediation practices, ["Recognizing Women Peacebuilders: Critical Actors in Effective Peacemaking"](#), delves into the motivations and factors that propel women to become peacebuilders in the face of violence and conflict; the activities they engage in that bridge the local and the global arenas; and how across time and geography, they willingly and strategically harness, reframe, and deploy existing traditions, cultural practices, religious teachings, and kinship structures, alongside national and international laws, in their pursuit of peace, justice, and the power to influence adversaries and belligerent forces.

The brief explores how the lexicon and labels in the policy arena hinder or help women's greater inclusion in peace processes, and factors that capture the complexity and commonality of WPBs' experiences in relation to and distinct from other forms of socio-political activism. Produced as a part of the [She Builds Peace](#) campaign led by the [International Civil Society Action Network \(ICAN\)](#).

[READ REPORT](#)



Work to End School-Related Gender-Based Violence

School Related Gender Based Violence (SRGBV) is violence that undermines the bodily integrity, human rights, and gender equality of all those involved in the school but primarily that of the school child. Since 2016, G@W in partnership with the Education International (EI) and United Nations Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI) has been working with teacher unions in parts of Africa to create schools free of SRGBV. What we have in this series are stories and experiences of unionists, employees, teachers and staff who not only decided to break the silence surrounding SRGBV but also took active action to end it. These stories which are extremely personal and raw in nature, speak of their courage and perseverance, bearing testimony to the hard work, these unionists, teachers have put in to address SRGBV. We share these stories with the hope that they inspire you, as much as they have inspired us, in our commitment to ending SRGBV and creating safe and inclusive spaces.

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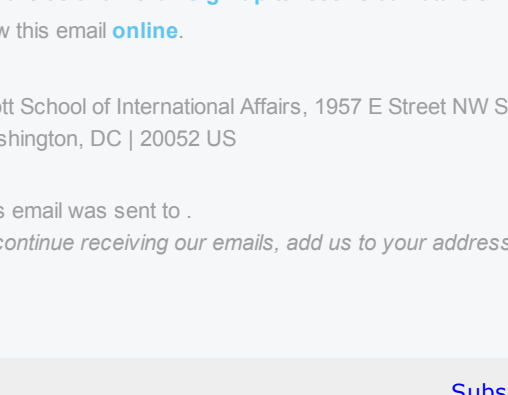
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Job Openings:

- COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS - Research Associate, Women and Foreign Policy
- TETRA TECH - Gender Research Intern (Remote)
- CARE - Food Security and Resilience Advisor
- CARE - GBV in Emergencies Advocacy Officer
- ACLU - Winter/Spring 2021 and Summer 2021 Internships
- US DEPARTMENT OF THE AIRFORCE - Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Manager
- UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION - Program Coordinator, Teen Advisory Board, Girl Up
- ENGENDER HEALTH - Philanthropy Intern

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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