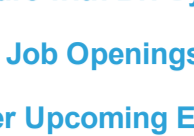




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Stay connected with the Gender Equality Initiative in International Affairs, the Elliott School's resource for curriculum, scholarly research, and engagement in the policy and practice of promoting and achieving gender equality globally.

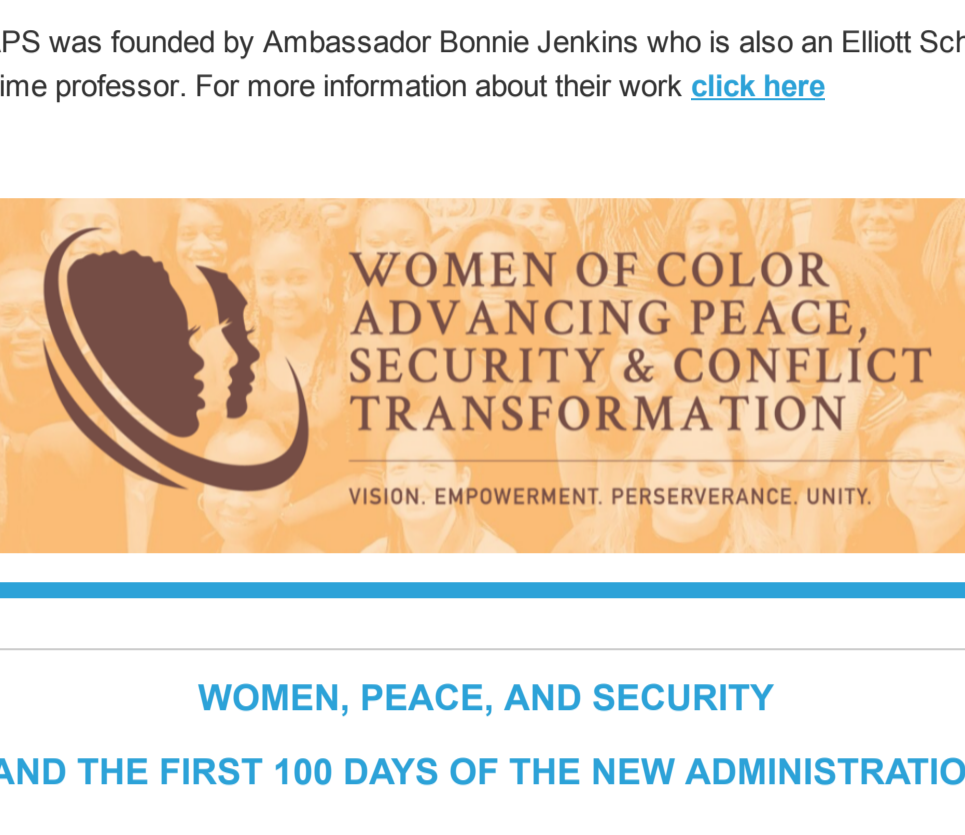


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## GEIA CONGRATULATES KAMALA HARRIS THE FIRST WOMAN VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE USA

GEIA celebrates the historic election of Senator Kamala Harris as the [first woman of color](#) Vice President - elect ever in the United States. Harris's win represents a turning point in American politics. Harris's election comes amidst a global trend of electing more women and especially women of color to executive offices. In 2018, Ethiopia elected their first woman president, [Sahle-Work Zewde](#) and Costa Rica their first black woman Vice President; and in 2017 Jacinda Ardern became the youngest ever Prime Minister of New Zealand. In 2020, Ardern made history once again as she was re-elected in a [massive landslide victory](#) and then appointed the [first indigenous female foreign minister](#) in early November. GEIA is happy to house the [GEIA Women's Leadership Index](#) which tracks these breakthroughs in global women's leadership - profiling their pathways, positions, and power in public offices. Check out the data and stay tuned for more information from this project [here](#).



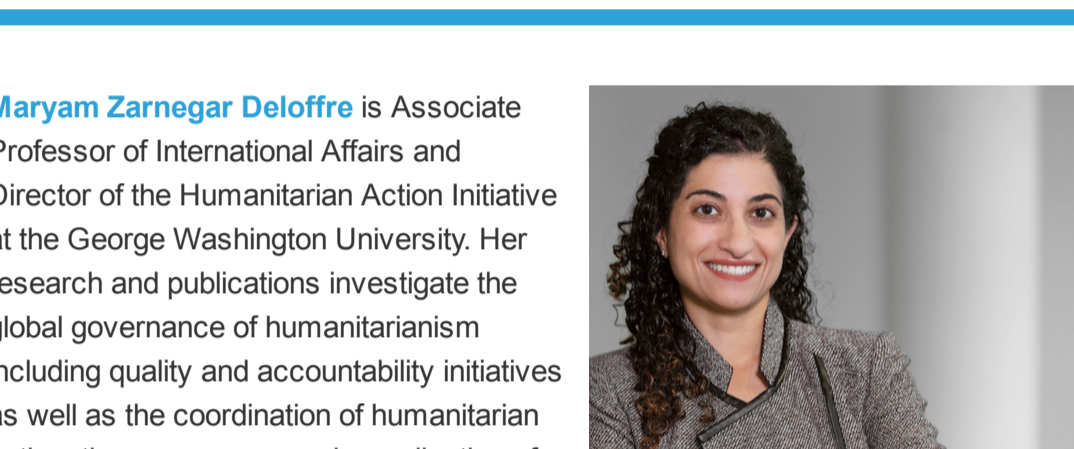
## WCAPS STATEMENT ON VICE PRESIDENT ELECT KAMALA HARRIS

GEIA is pleased to share the [following statement](#) by Women of Color Advancing Peace & Security (WCAPS).

*"Women of Color Advancing Peace, Security & Conflict Transformation (WCAPS) congratulates Kamala Harris, the first woman of color elected to be Vice President of the United States.*

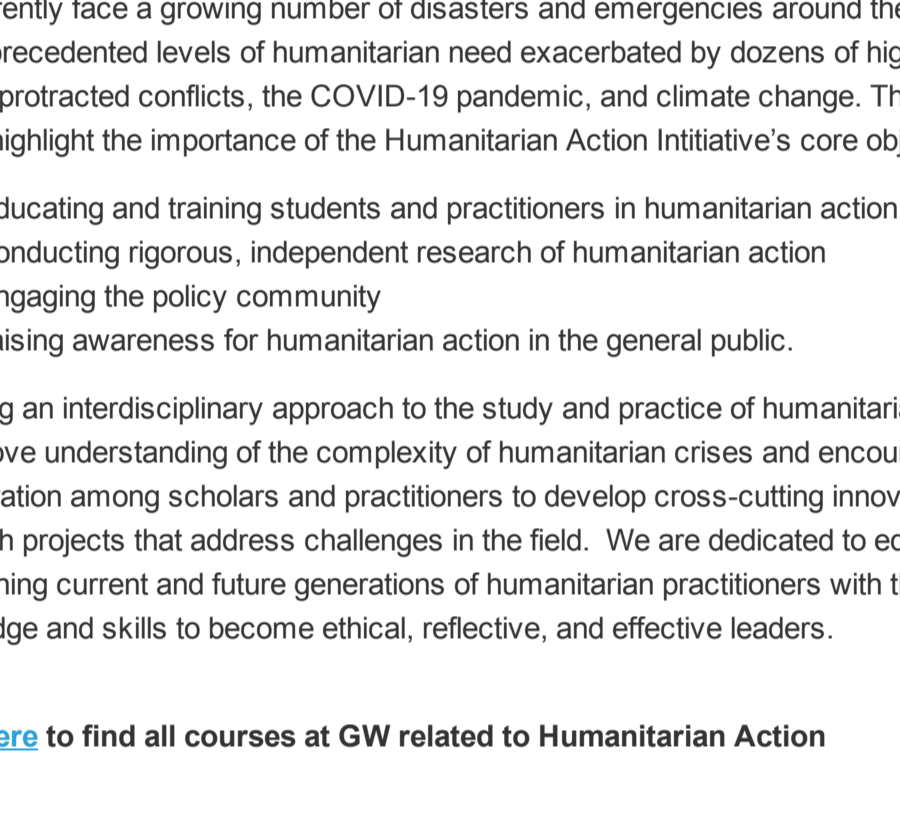
*Vice President Kamala Harris has pushed open the door wider for other women of color to enter and have their voices heard and to be part of the decision making processes. The road to positive change has just gotten a bit clearer. As the United States moves forward with a new administration, women of color look forward to continuing breaking barriers, and shaping institutions to be more inclusive of diverse voices that reflect a global perspective that positively impacts us all."*

WCAPS was founded by Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins who is also an Elliott School part-time professor. For more information about their work [click here](#)



## WOMEN, PEACE, AND SECURITY AND THE FIRST 100 DAYS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

GEIA is a proud member of the [U.S. Civil Society Working Group \(CSWG\) on Women, Peace, and Security \(WPS\)](#) represented by Dr. [Shirley Graham](#) on their Executive Committee. The US CSWG have recently published a transition memo to the next Administration of the United States of America, highlighting the need to further prioritize women's meaningful leadership in political and civic life, ensure their active participation in efforts to establish and maintain peace, and facilitate their contributions to post-conflict and disaster reconstruction in the U.S. and around the world.



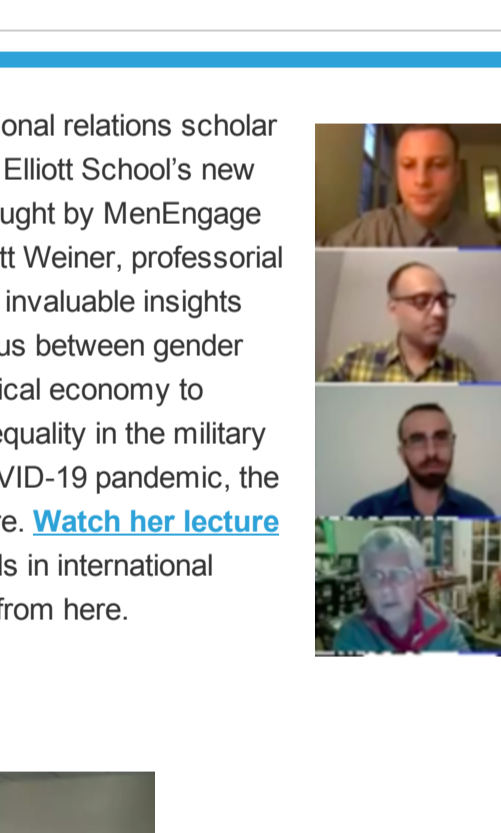
### A MEMO TO THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Since the adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) recognizing the vital role of women in peacebuilding, peacekeeping, and post-conflict recovery, the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Agenda has gained global recognition. Despite important measures taken over the last two decades, the WPS Agenda requires further prioritization by the next Administration in order to substantively achieve women's meaningful leadership in political and civic life, ensure their active participation in efforts to establish and maintain peace, and facilitate their contributions to post-conflict and disaster reconstruction in the U.S. and around the world. [Click here](#) to read the memo.

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: MARYAM ZARNEGAR DELOFFRE

Director of the Humanitarian Action Initiative

**Maryam Zarnegar Deloffre** is Associate Professor of International Affairs and Director of the Humanitarian Action Initiative at the George Washington University. Her research and publications investigate the global governance of humanitarianism including quality and accountability initiatives as well as the coordination of humanitarian action; the governance and coordination of global pandemic response (with a focus on the Ebola outbreak in West Africa and COVID response in crisis-affected countries); and non-governmental organization cooperation, accountability and legitimacy. In 2019-2020 Dr. Deloffre was a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Global Cooperation Research affiliated with the University of Duisberg-Essen in Germany. She has consulted for NGOs such as the Alliance for Peacebuilding, Oxfam (Oxford, UK), Action Against Hunger (Paris, France) and WorldVision. Dr. Deloffre earned a B.A. in political science from the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris-Fondation, a M.A. in International Relations from the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris-Fondation Nationale de Sciences Politiques (Sciences Po), and a Ph.D. in Political Science from The George Washington University. She speaks English and French fluently and has lived, studied, and worked abroad in France, Germany and the U.K.



### The Humanitarian Action Initiative

The Humanitarian Action Initiative is an academic and research hub housed in the Elliott School of International Affairs that convenes and cultivates the school's curriculum, scholarly research, and policy expertise on topics related to Humanitarian Action. Humanitarian Action is a systemic response to crisis and human suffering resulting from conflict, natural phenomena, and epidemics. In these crises, the focus of humanitarian action is centered on basic and immediate human needs with the objective of alleviating human suffering. Humanitarian Action is thus distinct from, though inextricably linked to, development, peace, and state building.

We currently face a growing number of disasters and emergencies around the world and unprecedented levels of humanitarian need exacerbated by dozens of highly violent, protracted conflicts, the COVID-19 pandemic, and climate change. These trends highlight the importance of the Humanitarian Action Initiative's core objectives:

- educating and training students and practitioners in humanitarian action
- conducting rigorous, independent research of humanitarian action
- engaging the policy community
- raising awareness for humanitarian action in the general public.

We bring an interdisciplinary approach to the study and practice of humanitarian action to improve understanding of the complexity of humanitarian crises and encourage collaboration among scholars and practitioners to develop cross-cutting innovative research projects that address challenges in the field. We are dedicated to educating and training current and future generations of humanitarian practitioners with the knowledge and skills to become ethical, reflective, and effective leaders.

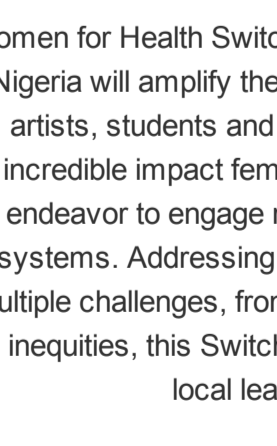
[Click here](#) to find all courses at GW related to Humanitarian Action

### Call for Interest for Civil Society Member Global Board of the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF).

Composed of representatives from donors, United Nations entities, and civil society organizations, the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) is a global pooled funding mechanism which aims to re-energize action and stimulate a significant increase in financing for women's participation, leadership, and empowerment in peace and security processes and humanitarian response. WPHF's funding is exclusively directed at civil society organizations.

Click [here](#) to view concept note

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



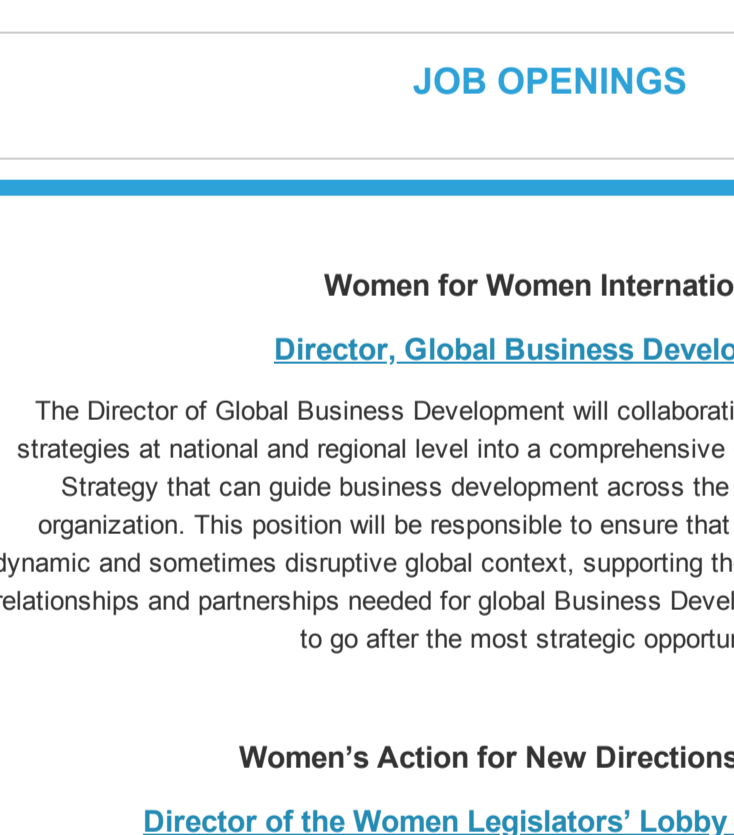
Congratulations to **Luca DiDomenico** who will shortly join the board of [Women in International Security-DC](#) as Social Media Coordinator. Luca will be responsible for managing the organization's listserve and social media presence, notably on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Luca is a scholar of Gender in International Affairs and a passionate advocate of gender equality. After earning his BA in International Affairs from The George Washington University, Luca is now in the second year of his Master's in International Affairs where he is undertaking a gender specialization. His thesis is a policy paper assessing the effectiveness of gender-segregated transportation.

## A LECTURE ON

### Masculinities in International Affairs with Dr. Cynthia Enloe

On October 21, world-renowned feminist international relations scholar **Cynthia Enloe Ph.D.** gave a guest lecture to the Elliott School's new course on Masculinities in International Affairs, taught by MenEngage Global Co-Director Laxman Belbase and Dr. Scott Weiner, professorial lecturer in political science. Dr Enloe drew on her invaluable insights and contributions to our understanding of the nexus between gender and militarism, policing, human security, and political economy to explore the implications of gender/intersectional equality in the military and policing, the gendered dimensions of the COVID-19 pandemic, the global backlash against feminism, and much more. [Watch her lecture](#) for an analysis of where feminism currently stands in international relations and security policy and where it can go from here.



For Dr. Enloe's full bio, follow [this link](#)

## JOB OPENINGS

### Women for Women International

#### Director, Global Business Development

The Director of Global Business Development will collaboratively weave together existing strategies at national and regional level into a comprehensive Global Business Development Strategy that can guide business development across the geographic footprint of the organization. This position will be responsible to ensure that the strategy is adaptive to a dynamic and sometimes disruptive global context, supporting the global organization to build the relationships and partnerships needed for global Business Development staff and staff in-country to go after the most strategic opportunities.

### Women's Action for New Directions (WAND)

#### Director of the Women Legislators' Lobby (WiLL) Program

The WiLL Director is responsible for leading the program which engages women state legislators from around the US through events, trainings, and communications. WiLL members represent some of the most active legislators – both those in leadership positions and those who are newly elected. WiLL empowers its members to better understand issues around the federal budget, national security, denuclearization, and ending endless wars and how those issues impact their states.

### Student PIRG's

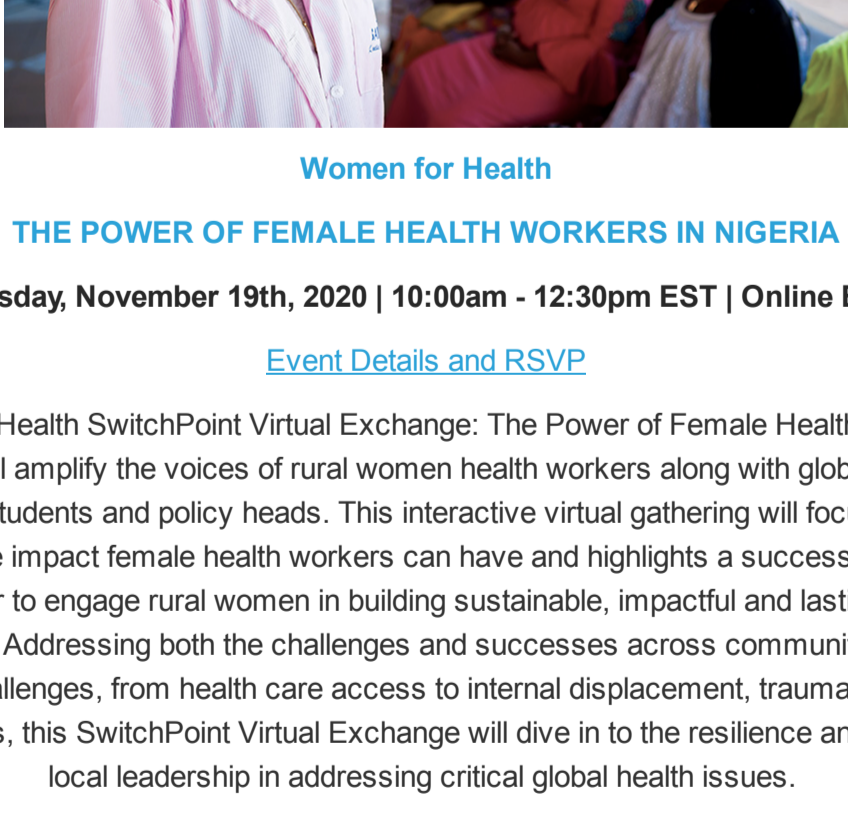
#### Multiple Positions

This job gives recent graduates the opportunity to work with great people, gain real skills, and start making a difference on important issues right away!

The Student PIRGs set out to increase youth voter turnout this Election cycle and organized youth mobilization campaigns in states across the country. Our efforts recruited more than 2,000 student leaders that helped make over 360,000 GOTV contacts to make sure students were heard on Election Day. The numbers are still coming in, but we know lots of young people have turned out! Our chapters on campuses across the country will now continue to provide the resources students need to tackle climate change, protect public health, revitalize our democracy, feed the hungry and more.

To Apply: Apply today at [jobs.PIRGs.org](#). We are hiring for positions starting in August 2021. Immediate positions also available. A representative will be hosting two virtual info sessions on **Wednesday, November 18 at 2 and 6 pm**. you can [RSVP here](#).

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



### Women for Health

#### THE POWER OF FEMALE HEALTH WORKERS IN NIGERIA

Thursday, November 19th, 2020 | 10:00am - 12:30pm EST | Online Event  
[Event Details and RSVP](#)

Women for Health SwitchPoint Virtual Exchange: The Power of Female Health Workers in Nigeria will amplify the voices of rural women health workers along with global leaders, artists, students and policy heads. This interactive virtual gathering will focus on the incredible impact female health workers can have and highlights a successful 8 year endeavor to engage rural women in building sustainable, impactful and lasting health systems. Addressing both the challenges and successes across communities facing multiple challenges, from health care access to internal displacement, trauma, shortages, and inequities, this SwitchPoint Virtual Exchange will dive in to the resilience and ingenuity of local leadership in addressing critical global health issues.

## UN WOMEN

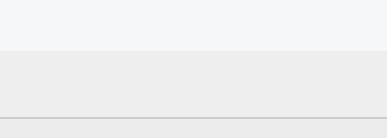
### UN official commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 | 10:00am - 11:30am EST | Online Event  
[Event Details and RSVP](#)

The Official Commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women will be a virtual multi-stakeholder event with the participation of high-level representatives of Member States, United Nations agencies, Goodwill Ambassadors, and civil society organizations. In the current context of COVID-19 and in line with the SG Political Engagement Strategy on Gender-Based Violence, the event will:

- Highlight achievements and initiate additional commitments by Member States on the issue of ending violence against women;
- Honour women's organizations as first responders and acknowledge their leadership in ending violence; and
- Activate UN-wide mobilization under the umbrella of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign and promote zero tolerance across all spheres of society everywhere.

## GLOBAL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



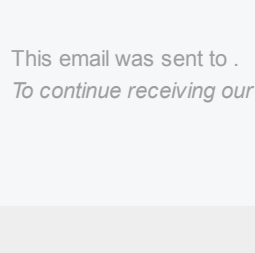
The Global Women's Institute (GWI) at the George Washington University launched in the Fall of 2012 as a university-wide measure to advance gender equality through various initiatives such as interdisciplinary research, education, policy and outreach.

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