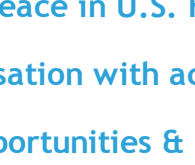


# GENDER EQUALITY INITIATIVE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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## BIDEN-HARRIS ANNOUNCE FORMATION OF WHITE HOUSE GENDER POLICY COUNCIL

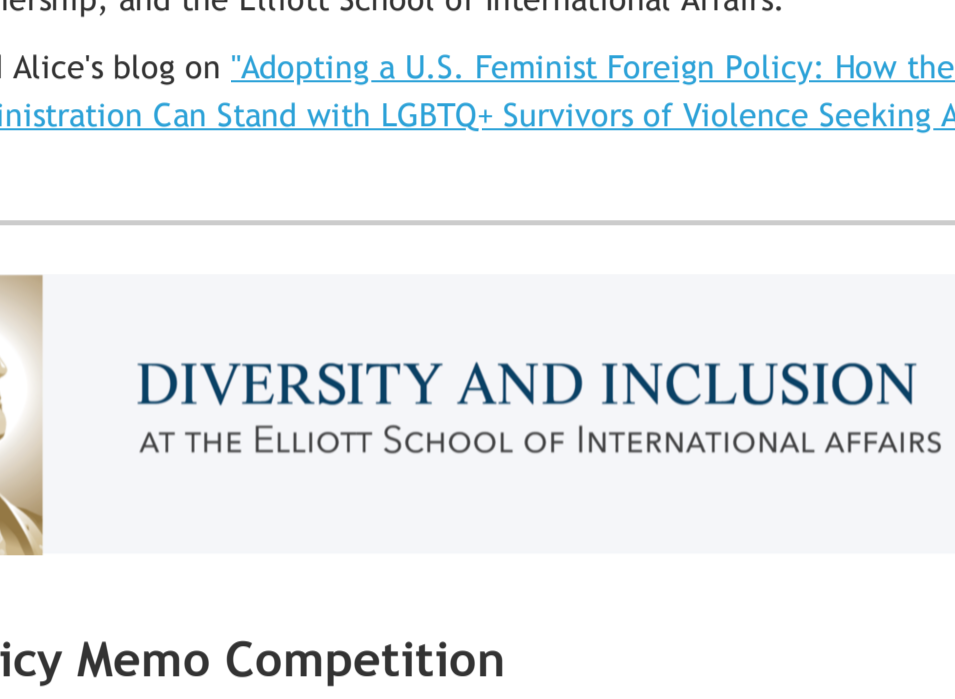


President Biden and Vice President Harris on Tuesday, January 19, announced the formation of a White House Gender Policy Council, an effort they said will be aimed at advancing the country toward gender equality as their administration works to build the "nation back better."

The Biden-Harris transition team announced that the council will be co-chaired by [Jenniffer Klein](#), CSWG Board Member and chief strategy and policy officer at TIME'S UP, and [Julissa Reynoso](#), the incoming assistant to the president and chief of staff to Dr. Jill Biden who also previously served as the U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay under former President Obama.

The goal of the Council is to facilitate government policy that positively impacts women and girls on a range of issues including health care, economic security, racial justice, gender-based violence, and foreign policy. The Council will work with and across other White House policy councils to create positive change.

[Read More Here](#)



GEIA is excited to bring back [GEIA Virtual Coffee Hours](#) for the Spring 2021 semester! Casual happy hours to come together virtually, touch base on how we are all doing, and discuss gender related issues. We look forward to connecting with you in a relaxed setting, to engage with each other through our common goals and interests!

If you, or a group of individuals would like to lead a [GEIA Virtual Coffee Hour](#), please share your ideas with [geia@email.gwu.edu](mailto:geia@email.gwu.edu). We look forward to collaborations!

[Upcoming GEIA Virtual Coffee Hour:](#)

### Latinx Voices

Friday February 5th, 2021

12pm - 1pm

Join GEIA's Virtual Coffee Hour with with speakers including GW's Colonial Chisme Podcast Host [Eric Moreno](#), [Ana Paula "AP" Velasco](#), and the president of the [Organization of Latin American Students](#), [Josemanuel Tello](#).

Take part in a dynamic discussion on what it's like to be Latinx at GW, as well as explore larger societal issues having to do with gender in Latin America such as machismo, domestic violence, gender roles and stereotypes, and femicide.

[Register Here](#)

## STUDENT BLOG SPOTLIGHT

[Alice Schyllander](#) is a second-year graduate student at the George Washington University in the Elliott School of International Affairs in the Master of Arts in International Affairs program concentrating in Global Gender Policy and International Law & Organizations. Alice has focused her studies and professional work on addressing issues of gender equality, gender-based violence, immigrant rights, refugee rights, and LGBTQ+ rights globally with a regional interest in Latin America. She has worked previously at the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, the Tahirih Justice Center, Vital Voices Global Partnership, and the Elliott School of International Affairs.



Read Alice's blog on "[Adopting a U.S. Feminist Foreign Policy: How the Biden Administration Can Stand with LGBTQ+ Survivors of Violence Seeking Asylum](#)"



## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT THE ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### Policy Memo Competition

The [Council on Diversity and Inclusion](#) is hosting a policy memo competition for undergraduate and graduate students! We would like to invite students to identify areas for improvement in terms of diversity, equity, and inclusion in International Affairs at Elliott. The memo should provide feedback on aspects of the Elliott School program or discipline needing diversity or reflecting bias. For example, the memo can propose new scholarship and studies in the program. The memo could also provide feedback on the structure of degree programs. The format should be a one-page policy memo format including the problem, background/analysis, policy options, and recommendations. We are providing a few examples below. Originality of policy recommendations and implementation will be valued highly. The top finalists will be invited as panelists to discuss these issues in a student/faculty event subsequently.

The deadline for submission will be **Wednesday February 10, 2021**. The winner for the best memo for the undergraduate category will be awarded \$250 and the winner for the best memo from the graduate category will also be awarded \$250.

### Guidelines for Writing the Policy Memo

The memo should be no more than 1 page single spaced. The memo should be targeted to the Elliott School, an organization that can do something or create policy to solve the problem.

1. Start at the top with a type of memo format (memo, to, from) (We need your name)
2. Give some background on why the topic is important and what we should know to make an informed decision, include the current policy or lack of policy
3. Explain some policy options
4. Give your recommendation of one or more of the options and why you choose this option
5. If you have space, you can add what some possible challenges might be to the implementation and how to address these.
6. Do not go over the page limit. 12 point font, 1 inch margins.

### Possible Structures

Structure 1:

1. Summary
2. Background
3. Concerns/Opportunities
4. Policy Recommendations
5. Potential Barriers

Structure 2:

1. Subject
2. Facts
3. Opportunities
4. Challenges
5. Recommendations

Please direct any questions to [Dr. Rollie Lal](#) at [rollielal@gwu.edu](mailto:rollielal@gwu.edu)

[Submit Your Memo](#)

## PRIORITIZING PEACE IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY



A Virtual Event | Tuesday February 2nd 10:00-11:15 AM EST

The Friends Committee on National Legislation invites you to a discussion on the need for a fresh approach to U.S. foreign policy with peacebuilding at the center.

In its recent report, "[Prioritizing Peace: A New U.S. Foreign Policy for a Post-COVID-19 World](#)," the FCNL Education Fund has charted a roadmap for President Biden to establish peacebuilding as a priority in his first one hundred days.

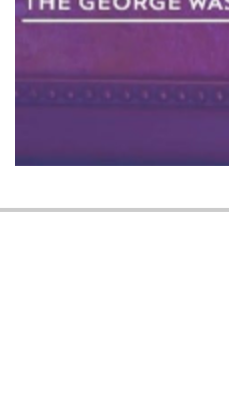
Join for a conversation with Ambassador Rick Barton, Former Assistant Secretary of State for Conflict and Stabilization Operations.

Followed by a panel on addressing today's global challenges featuring:

- [Bridget Moix](#), U.S. Executive Director, Peace Direct (moderator)
- [Christian Cito Cihirigiri](#), Congolese peacebuilder and founder of Peacemaker 360
- [Dan Mahanty](#), Director of U.S. Program, Center for Civilians in Conflict
- [Ursula Knudsen-Latta](#), Legislative Representative for Peacebuilding, FCNL

[Register Here](#)

## UPLIFT: A CONVERSATION WITH ACTRESS MALIA BAKER

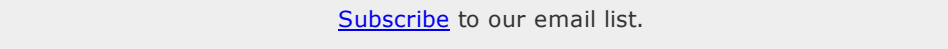


Conversations to raise awareness, lift voices, inspire



[Malia Baker](#) is an actress perhaps best known for her role as Mary-Anne in Netflix's series *The Baby-Sitter's Club*. From a young age, she was interested in the arts, with both of her parents setting the stage for the passion that arose in her. From dance to musical theater and film, the Vancouver-based performer has immersed herself since the age of two. As Malia gains recognition for her acting chops, she has also dedicated herself to social and environmental causes—from gender-based violence to climate change to the Black Lives Matter movement.

Read Malia's [interview with the International Center for Research on Women](#) through the Uplift series that is intended to raise awareness, lift voices, and inspire.



## JOBS, OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



### Julia Gillard and Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala – Women and Leadership: Real Lives, Real Lessons

Monday, February 1, 2021 - 6 p.m. EST

Join Julia Gillard and Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala as they discuss their new book: *WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP*.

Women make up fewer than ten per cent of national leaders worldwide, and behind this eye-opening statistic lies a pattern of unequal access to power. Through conversations with some of the world's most powerful and interesting women—including Jacinda Ardern, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Christine Lagarde, Michelle Bachelet, and Theresa May—*Women and Leadership* explores gender bias and asks why there aren't more women in leadership roles.

Julia Gillard was the 27th Prime Minister of Australia, serving from 2010 to 2013. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala was Nigeria's Minister of Finance from 2003 to 2006 and from 2011 to 2015, and Foreign Minister in 2006. She was Managing Director of the World Bank from 2007 to 2011, overseeing South Asia, Europe, Central Asia, and Africa. She is the author of *Reforming the Unreformable: Lessons from Nigeria*.

[Register for the Event](#)



### Report Launch | Malign Creativity: How Gender, Sex, and Lies are Weaponized Against Women Online

Monday, January 25, 2021 from 1pm - 2pm EST

"Malign Creativity: How Gender, Sex, and Lies are Weaponized Against Women Online" is a landmark research study that explores gendered abuse and disinformation across six social media platforms over two months in late 2020. In the study, the Wilson Center and Moonshot CVE define, quantify, and evaluate the use of online gendered and sexualized abuse and disinformation campaigns against women in public life, and strive to build awareness of the direct and indirect impacts of the phenomenon. The study provides recommendations for social media platforms, government policymakers, and employers to mitigate the problem in service of a more equitable, democratic future.

[Register for the Event](#)

Are you beginning a new job, fellowship, or other exciting opportunity? We want to celebrate your achievement! Send a photo and short description of your new role to [geia@email.gwu.edu](mailto:geia@email.gwu.edu) and we'll feature you in an upcoming GEIA bulletin.

### Job Openings:

- **NEW:** Congressional Research Service (CRS): [Assistant Director and Senior Specialist \(Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division\)](#)
- **NEW:** Congressional Research Service (CRS): [Deputy Assistant Director and Specialist \(Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division\)](#)
- **NEW:** The Public Health Institute: [Gender and Sexuality Diversity Intern](#)
- **NEW:** The Public Health Institute: [Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition Communications Intern](#)
- **NEW:** United Nations Foundation: [FELLOW, PARTNERSHIPS, GIRL UP](#)
- **NEW:** The Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth: [Operations and Program Assistant](#)
- [The United Nations Migration Agency \(IOM\)](#): [Communication Expert on Communication Strategy of SMD - Albania \(mostly remote-based\)](#)
- [The United Nations Migration Agency \(IOM\)](#): [Local Consultant - Migration Expert / Team Coordinator - Albania](#)
- [The United Nations Migration Agency \(IOM\)](#): [International Consultant / Training expert Homebased with visits in Albania](#)
- [Alliance for Peacebuilding](#): [Multiple Internship Opportunities](#)
- [fhi360](#): [Global Connections Program Officer](#)
- [fhi360](#): [Online Events Program Officer](#)
- [Education Equality](#): [Coordinator, Policy & Advocacy](#)
- [United States Institute of Peace](#): [Program Officer, Gender Policy and Strategy](#)
- [United States Institute of Peace](#): [Research Assistant, Public Affairs and Communications](#)
- [International Foundation for Electoral Systems](#): [Senior Global Gender Advisor](#)
- [Vital Voices](#): [Program Coordinator VW Urgent Assistance](#)
- [Vital Voices](#): [Program Coordinator, Latin America & The Caribbean - Human Rights](#)
- [Women in International Security](#): [President/Executive Director](#)

## HAVE YOU TAKEN THE GEIA CAREER DEVELOPMENT SURVEY YET?



The Gender Equality Initiative in International Affairs is interested in knowing how to best support students in their career goals. We want to know how our services can contribute to your career success by understanding what you are doing now and where you want to grow professionally.

Alumnae/Alumni participating in this survey will be eligible to win a free audited [Professional Skills course](#) on Gender Equality at the Elliott School. We would greatly appreciate your participation in this [short 3 minute](#) survey and hear your feedback.

[Take the Survey Here](#)

## GLOBAL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



### The 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.

[Click Here](#) to subscribe to GWI's weekly newsletter to stay updated with GWI news, events and more.

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