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INAUGURAL ALUMNI EVENT



THE
TREBUCHET
Breaking Down Barriers
Building Bridges

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WELCOME



I am the Emeritus Founding Director of the Institute for Global Leadership (1985-2016) and the Founding President of *The Trebuchet* (<https://www.the-trebuchet.org/>), proud to be among the mentors of its community, *Convisero*.

This event was stimulated by my alum and good friend, Padden Murphy. To acknowledge the vitality of our alumni over the 30 years I directed the Institute, he wanted to use the occasion of my 80th birthday as an opportunity to gather and celebrate one another. I also understood it as an excellent opportunity to integrate alumni into the extensive mentorship community of *The Trebuchet*.

I turned 80 on October 27, 2023. Iris photographed me with Remi on that day at the Fisher Hill Reservoir in Brookline.

Sherman Teichman

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Throughout my sixty years of teaching, mentoring, and activism to date, I have been privileged to encounter many wonderful people and extraordinary students. Upon becoming Emeritus, I envisioned and created *The Trebuchet* as an "extraterritorial" Institute (certainly during COVID-19 exigencies). It encompasses many of my policy initiatives and my new teaching and advising responsibilities. I ran scores of programs annually, including webinars featuring many of my alumni and mentors to address pertinent, compelling issues, and to promote their work.

Now in my Emeritus years, together with you, I hope to harvest the yield of my prior exciting decades with my recent activities and your concerns to strengthen the creation of an already vital community – *Convisero* (Latin, "to unite"). It is an essential aspect of *The Trebuchet*, a human and intellectual incubator, and a dynamic network that reflects our vibrancy and engagement.

I want us to nurture an interactive, intergenerational network able to support you in your studies, activities, and careers. And, I want us to continue to create distinctive collaborations, ever more capable of confronting your and the world's challenges.



A recent Convisero gathering; Israeli Arab and Jewish citizens with Palestinian peers of 50/50, a joint entrepreneurial initiative in my home (August 2023).

MENTORS



Iris Adler

Iris Adler was a 2021 Fellow at the Shorenstein Barone Center on Media, Politics, and Public Policy at the Harvard University Kennedy School. She currently teaches in journalism programs and consults with producers and journalists. She is a former reporter, News Director, and Executive Director for Programming and Podcasts at WBUR Radio in Boston. In these roles, she has reported widely on Boston and New England and has overseen the station's news coverage, special projects, and national and local programs. Additionally, she created WBUR's Innovation Lab, overseeing new programming initiatives, including all of the station's original podcasts and wbur.org's opinion site, Cognoscenti.



Eva Armour

Eva Armour supports communities in conflict to imagine, practice, and build a more just and peaceful world. For nearly 20 years, she has worked with Seeds of Peace to bring together courageous leaders from the Middle East, South Asia, and the United States who work in solidarity across lines of difference to build more just and inclusive societies. As the Director of Impact, she gets to explore questions about what drives transformative social change. She serves on the Board of Directors of Rhize, Activate Labs, and Empathy for Peace.



Marc Asnin

A documentary photographer and anti-death penalty activist, he is the moving force behind the book and project Final Words. Some places are life-defining. The streets of Brooklyn in the '60s & '70s defined Marc Asnin. He was formed in a Goodfellas world where every family had a wise guy, and his was Uncle Charlie. Asnin explains odds were you either became a gangster or a cop, and what they both had in common was being great storytellers. Asnin chose the middle ground and became a different kind of storyteller. His subjects are people with broken dreams and disappointments who have the resiliency to find slivers of happiness in their oppressed existence. Asnin's images are unapologetic yet empathetic. Asnin recognizes the central role of the written word in telling these stories. It is a collaboration of sorts: their words and Asnin's images. We witness this in his book Uncle Charlie, an ultra-personal diary. The book uses imagery and the written word to portray a dark chronicle of misplaced hero

worship and heroic survival. Asnin's photographic style is determinedly old-fashioned, a fly-on-the-wall. Asnin chronicles one man's descent into a prolonged purgatory of his own making through intense images. Wisely, he allows Uncle Charlie to recount his own tale in vivid and always revealing remembrances.



Carmen Avcioglu

Carmen is a pharmacist living in Andover, MA. Carmen was born and raised in Puerto Rico, where she became a pharmacist. She moved to Boston, MA, during her mid-twenties to expand her professional and personal horizons. She has continued her career as a pharmacist in several diverse areas in fields like Hospital, Pharmaceutical Sales, HIV Specialty Pharmacist, Home Infusion, and the latest, as Community Pharmacist. Her most significant belief is about patient care and well-being. Practicing her career in a for-profit healthcare system has been a challenge. Nowadays, she is looking for her third Act.



Ilhan Avcioglu

Ilhan Avcioglu is a teacher and advocate of civics and human rights education currently residing in Andover, Massachusetts. Ilhan has advocated for a more prominent role for civics education at the public school level. He believes that citizens must be aware and knowledgeable about their government to participate successfully. He was part of a Chicago Public Schools group that collected data and provided it to the Illinois State legislature, which in 2015 passed a law requiring public schools to offer at least a semester of civics education. Since returning to Massachusetts in 2017, he has been actively promoting civics education and ethnic studies at Andover High School and Boston Public Schools, where he was part of a

Civics Teacher Leader Cohort with Facing History and Ourselves.



John Barrengos

After working as a commercial banker to schools, hospitals, and non-profits, John began his career serving independent schools in 1990, when he served as development director at his alma mater, Moses Brown School (RI). John served as Associate Director of CITYterm, an experiential semester program at The Masters School (NY), as director of summer programs and leadership education at Miss Porter's School (CT), and as Head of School at The

Independent Day School, a PK-8th grade day school in CT. Since 2013, John has served as Director of Admission & Financial Aid at the Putney School (VT), one of the most progressive boarding schools in the U.S..



Heather Barry

Special Adviser for Global Strategy and Student Initiatives at the Jonathan M Tisch College for Civic Engagement at Tufts University. She was formerly the Associate Director of the Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts University. She was part of the Institute's growth from just the EPIIC program to the more than 30 initiatives it has developed over the years, including Inquiry, which she still runs. She is the author of "Educating for Global Leadership: The Education for Public Inquiry and International Citizenship (EPIIC)

Program" in Innovations in International Education and co-author of "Educating Global Leaders" (New Designs for Youth Development) and was the content consultant for Secrecy and Democracy for Educators for Social Responsibility.



Shaharris Beh

Shaharris is the founder and Supreme Commander (actual title) of NeedList.ORG, a tech charity that helps shelters get free groceries delivered weekly. Recently, during the 2021 pandemic, he helped launch Taco Bell in Malaysia as Head of Marketing and Technology; as of November 2023, there are 22 outlets. Most of his professional life was spent as founder and CEO of HackerNest. This global nonprofit produced 1200+ tech events (hackathons, tech socials, innovation training, job fairs, etc.) in 65+ cities with partners including the US/UK/Canadian governments, Facebook, Microsoft, Amazon, Stanford, Harvard, Dove, Deloitte, Grindr, Airbnb, banks, law firms, and

hundreds of others.



Felix Bhattacharya

Felix is a Junior at Tufts University studying International Relations and Civic Studies. Coming from an Indian-German background, Felix grew up in Berlin, Germany, but now lives in Pittsburgh, PA, with his family. Academically, he is very interested in citizenship, international law, and AI. This past summer, he helped organize Berlin Global Dialogue, a new global forum on the public and private sectors. Outside of school, Felix loves tennis, theatre, and competes for Tufts' Mock Trial Team.



Yoni Bock

Since graduating from Tufts, Yoni has worked primarily for USAID in positions across the Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance, focussing on financial and operational support to countries impacted by disaster and on the relationships between civilian and military actors in humanitarian situations. His most recent position has been working with USAID's Global Health Bureau to design processes and systems for how USAID can more efficiently respond to situations of global pandemics and other health-related emergencies.



Tracy Bourke

Tracy Bourke is passionate about bringing stakeholders together to create value and impact. Tracy was born in Melbourne, Australia, and grew up in the diverse suburbs south of the city. She graduated top of her class and went on to complete degrees in business from Melbourne University and applied finance from Monash down the road. She started her career at Ernst & Young's office in Melbourne before moving across the world to New York to join the team's innovation and digital practices. She has led projects looking at digital transformation work for a range of Fortune 500 companies and is passionate about creating accessible banking products and financial literacy.

Tracy recently completed her executive MBA at Stern, NYU, and was named by poets and quants as one of the "best and brightest" EMBA's of the year.



Asi-Yahola Boutelle

I've been committed to social justice and activism my whole life, a calling nurtured by my family, my San Francisco Bay Area upbringing, and my time with Professor Sherman Teichman. I went on from Tufts to earn Master's Degrees in Bioethics, Biomedical Sciences, and Business Administration, and I'm currently completing my fourth Master's Degree in Public Health. I've researched and written on topics from Indigenous public health to novel ways to fight antimicrobial resistance, heart disease, and global health. I've also published my research on the impact of climate change on kidney disease in the American Journal of Kidney Diseases. I currently work for a non-profit in Upstate New York doing community development and case management work while raising my two beautiful children. My ultimate goal is to practice clinical

medicine, which I will work towards after completing my Public Health Degree.



Ehren Brav

Ehren is an attorney and investor based in Seattle. He works with the Ferncliff Law Office PLLC, a firm he founded, and his legal practice focuses on corporate and transactional law for tech companies, with an additional specialty in open-source software licensing. He is also an active investor, trading US-listed derivatives using quantitative models developed by Klahhane Capital Management LLC, a startup investment fund.



Ina Breuer

Ina Breuer is the Executive Director of New England International Donors, which is a unique peer-to-peer learning community of global donors, grant-makers, social investors, and family foundations. NEID's mission is to convene and empower donors to help address the world's big problems. It does so through approximately 35 events per year, two simultaneously run Giving Circles, and a bi-annual skill-building Symposium. NEID offers its members an ongoing learning journey that helps them learn, connect, inspire, and act as a community.



Turhan Canli

Turhan is an internationally renowned expert on the biology of emotion, personality, and psychopathology, using tools from psychology, neuroscience, and genomics. He is a Full Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry at Stony Brook University (Long Island, New York). He is the editor of The Oxford Handbook of Molecular Psychology.



Matthew Camack

Matthew D. Cammack, Managing Director, represents strategic and financial sponsors, investors, and capital providers in connection with the acquisition, disposition, and financing of utility-scale renewable energy projects throughout the United States. He combines in-depth industry knowledge, a strong network of industry relationships, and a unique perspective gained over the course of 20+ years in various roles as a lawyer, banker, and financial advisor.

With the benefit of a long-term perspective, he strives to clearly understand client objectives, develop thoughtful strategies, and deliver innovative, customized solutions.



Marni Chanoff

Dr. Marni Chanoff, Founder and CEO of Joy In Health, is a Harvard-trained psychiatrist on the faculty of Harvard Medical School and McLean Hospital, and she practices and teaches Integrative Psychiatry. She completed her residency at Harvard's MGH/McLean Psychiatry Training Program, receiving the Mel Kayce Award for Excellence in Psychotherapy. She attended the University of Miami School of Medicine, where she graduated with research distinction and was honored as the most distinguished graduate in psychiatry.



Sasha Chanoff

Sasha Chanoff is the founder and executive director of RefugePoint. This humanitarian organization finds lasting solutions for the world's most at-risk refugees and supports the humanitarian community to do the same. He is the co-author of From Crisis to Calling: Finding Your Moral Center in the Toughest Decisions, with a foreword by David Gergen.



Walker Diekmann

Walker Diekmann is a startup executive passionate about building and leading high-performing teams to achieve extraordinary results. He is presently a Senior Director of Operations for Next Gen Fulfillment at Instacart, leading a team focused on supply chain innovation. Walker joined Instacart in 2014 as employee #42, and over the past decade, has been privileged to play a role in building and scaling the Operations organization, developing and executing playbooks that are used across the business today, and working with teams across the country to deliver exceptional experiences to shoppers, customers, and partners.



Denise Drower Swidey

Denise Drower Swidey is a television producer, food stylist, cooking instructor, and food writer. She earned a James Beard nomination for her latest project, “The Food Flirts with the Brass Sisters,” which airs on PBS in primetime. Denise received an Emmy nomination as culinary producer of PBS’s Simply Ming and worked on the show for a dozen years. She contributes to The Boston Globe’s food pages and travel section. She has served as an on-air chef, industry consultant, and recipe-tester for The New York Times Magazine and other publications. She is currently teaching a popular course on food media at Tufts University.



William Elias

The Executive Director of the Legal Division and Chief Legal Officer for Sandia National Laboratories Will also serves as Secretary of NTESS, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Honeywell International, Inc. NTESS operates Sandia National Laboratories as a contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration.



Alfonso Enriquez-Castro

After graduation and a significant period in the non-profit sector, Alfonso underwent a profound career transformation. He harnessed his entrepreneurial drive within the tech industry, founding Beam—a startup designed to revolutionize telemedicine by enabling doctors to launch their digital practices. As a software engineer at Justworks, Alfonso is currently streamlining the process for small businesses to manage international workforces. His role is a harmonious blend of his belief in technology as a catalyst for good, promoting growth and opportunity.



Maria Figueroa Kupcu

Maria is a senior advisor to boards and executive teams on strategic communications, stakeholder engagement, crisis, and reputation. She draws on decades of experience reconciling public, private, investor, and NGO positions in the arenas of environmental sustainability, climate risk, and social impact. Through her work, Maria helps clients to define and communicate ambitious leadership programs -- and to transform the decision-making, organizational culture, and operational structures that enable these programs to succeed. Previously, Maria was a Partner at Brunswick Group, a global critical issues and financial situations advisory firm. Over 15 years, she helped establish and grow Brunswick’s Business and Society practice and launched four related offers: ESG, Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Foundations and Nonprofits, and Stakeholder Engagement. She was concurrently head of Brunswick’s New York office for six years, the second largest in the global network.



Rachel Fleishman

Rachel Fleishman is a sustainability professional, scholar, and advisor, active in corporate sustainability, climate change, and climate security. Rachel earned her MBA at Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University; her MPM at the School of Public Policy, University of Maryland; and her BA in international relations and history at Tufts University.

Rachel's first professional passion was nuclear arms control. Following studies at Tufts and the University of Maryland, she went to work for a consultancy designing arms control options for the US Government, then went in-house full-time at the Pentagon. When the Soviet Union dissolved, some in the US defense and diplomatic corps shifted focus to environment, security, and technology. Rachel did the same, helping to found and run the International Affairs office for the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security). In this role, Rachel helped pioneer military environmental collaboration as a soft diplomacy tool, bring environmental security issues to NATO's core, and designed and ran the first US environmental, security, and intelligence conferences.



Alexandra Flores-QUILTY

Alexandra Flores-QUILTY is a political organizer, strategist, and trainer devoted to social justice and movement building. She serves as the Campaign Director for Free Speech For People, a national non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to defending our Constitution and strengthening our democracy.

Through their cutting-edge legal advocacy, public education, and organizing work, they focus on challenging big money in politics, confronting corruption in government, fighting for free and fair elections, and advancing a new jurisprudence grounded in the promises of political equality and democratic self-government.



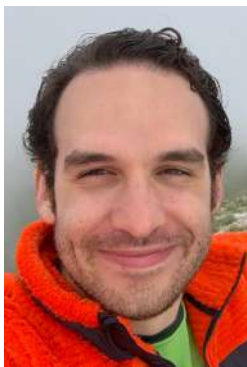
Anne Gibbon

A graduate of the US Naval Academy at Annapolis and an ALLIES leader, Anne Gibbon likes to cause trouble by asking better questions. Through a career spanning service in the Navy, working for Maori iwi (tribes) in New Zealand, amateur boxing, and leading skeptical professionals through improv and design thinking exercises, she's pushed herself and those around her to become better leaders of teams attacking wicked problems.



Roland Gillah

Roland is a Master's Candidate in SIPA at Columbia University. This past summer, he served as a Research Fellow on the Protection of Civilians at U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, and before graduate school, he was a conflict analyst and humanitarian access negotiator. He worked for Mercy Corps' Libya Analysis Team during the 2019-2020 Tripoli offensive and the Congo Humanitarian Analysis Team during the 2018-2020 Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Most recently, he served as Humanitarian Access and Security Manager with Humanity & Inclusion in North East Syria, working on demining and health activities.



Iraklis Gkritsis

Iraklis Gkritsis is a management consultant and entrepreneur. He is pursuing an MBA at Columbia Business School with a concentration in finance. Iraklis was a consultant at McKinsey & Company, where he worked extensively in banking, energy, and public sector projects, including helping a European government tackle the economic impact of the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Before that, he worked in the technology sector developing software for European institutions for a major enterprise software company and as a founder of two tech startups in the news aggregation and face animation spaces.



Jeff Golden

I've spent a good portion of the last twelve years researching and writing a book and have been richly rewarded. It won the Grand Prize at the Nautilus Book Awards this year. Previous winners include the Dalai Lama, Barbara Kingsolver, and Thich Nhat Hanh. *Reclaiming the Sacred* is a vital asset for anyone concerned about the global climate disaster or the vast environmental destruction caused by humans worldwide. This book explores the cultural and psychological underpinnings of the materialism that drives much of this destruction. The book explores the psychology of happiness- those factors that contribute to human well-being—far more than money and possessions—and the psychology of money- the ways money nonetheless hooks so many of us. It explores the immense costs of materialism, particularly global warming, and points the way beyond materialism toward healthy and integrated relationships with ourselves, each other, and nature. But it's also so much more than that—a deep dive into love, belonging, and spirit.



Erica Goldstein

Erica Goldstein is a palliative medicine physician at North Shore University working within an interdisciplinary team specializing in serious illness across several clinical conditions. She has particular interests in care coordination and accessibility, health policy and management, physician engagement, global partnerships, social medicine, and diversity and inclusion within the health field. Her training includes medical school at NYU Langone, emergency medicine residency at McGovern Medical School (formerly known as the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston), and palliative medicine fellowship at NYU Winthrop. She took time between years in medical school to complete a Master of Public Administration degree in Health Policy and Management at the NYU Wagner School of Public Service, which developed her skills of managing and working within teams, conducting program analysis and evaluation, communicating patients' needs to essential decision-makers and stakeholders, and understanding the business of medicine.



Meg Grieve

Meg is a senior at Tufts University studying International Relations and Arabic. On campus, she is the president of the Middle East Research Group (formerly NIMEP) under the IGL and is the Women's Club Soccer Team captain. She also interns for Sherman at The Trebuchet and last summer, she was an Oslo Scholar working for the Centre for Applied Non-Violent Action and Strategies. Before Tufts, she spent a gap year living in Rabat, Morocco and spent last semester studying Arabic at the University of Jordan.



Tamy Guberek

Tamy Guberek's career as a human rights advocate spans the non-profit sector, academia, and the technology industry. She is currently a Senior Researcher in Meta's Privacy and Data Practices organization. She leads research to help the company align with people's online privacy expectations, meet regulatory requirements, and reduce risks of harm, especially among populations with heightened risks. Previously, she was the co-founder & project lead for PRIMA (Partners for Human Rights Information, Methodology & Analysis) and the Latin America Coordinator for Benetech Human Rights Data Analysis Group.



John Hennessey-Niland

John T. Hennessey-Niland is the former U.S. Ambassador to Palau. He is one of the most experienced "Pacific hands" in the Department of State. He has served previously at the White House as the National Security Council, as a UN War Crimes Investigator in the former Yugoslavia and in Rwanda and at a number of posts in Europe and in the Pacific, where he has served in Fiji, in Australia, as well as in Hawaii where he was the "POLAD", the foreign policy advisor, to the Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC). His last boss there is the current Commandant of the Corps, General David Berger.



Biz Herman

I am a Borders and Boundaries postdoctoral fellow at the Perry World House at the University of Pennsylvania and received my Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley. My book project, Individual Trauma, Collective Security: The Psychological Consequences of Conflict and Forced Migration on Social Cohesion, examines how the psychological implications of living through conflict and forced migration affect social cohesion.

I am a Visiting Scholar at The New School for Social Research's Trauma and Global Mental Health Lab and the Human Trafficking Vulnerability Lab at the University of California, Berkeley. I am an Emmy-nominated photojournalist published in The Washington Post, TIME, The Boston Globe, and The Nation. For The New York Times, I pitched, researched, and co-photographed The Women of the 116th Congress, which included portraits of 130 of 131 women members of Congress, shot in historical portrait paintings.



Jim Herschberg

James G. Herschberg, professor of history and international affairs at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., is a historian of the Cold War and the nuclear arms race. His first book, James B. Conant: Harvard to Hiroshima and the Making of the Nuclear Age dealt with a critical figure in the early atomic story: a scientist and Harvard University president who became a critical science and then nuclear adviser to Presidents Roosevelt and Truman during and after World War II.



Ayan Ahmed Holmberg

Ayan Ahmed Holmberg is from Mogadishu, Somalia. She started working for UNICEF during the civil war in Somalia. She relocated to Nairobi where she worked for UNDP Somalia War Torn Societies project, The BBC, UN HABITAT in South Sudan, INGO Progressive Interventions in Somaliland & Steadman Research Group. All of this work in the Horn of Africa was realized while raising three kids and relocating to Khartoum, Islamabad, Boston, and Addis Ababa. Ayan currently lives in the Boston area and works at Beth Israel Lahey Health.



Dan Holmberg

Daniel H Holmberg has 30+ years of experience as a principled humanitarian Assistance professional in Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia. He is currently the senior program policy advisor for the UN World Food Program Country Offices in Libya and Iraq on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus.



Lucas Kello

Lucas Kello is an Associate Professor of International Relations and co-director of the interdisciplinary Centre for Doctoral Training in Cyber Security at Oxford University. His publications include The Virtual Weapon and International Order, "The Meaning of the Cyber Revolution: Perils to Theory and Statecraft" in International Security, and "Security" in The Oxford Companion to International Relations. His newest book, Striking Back, considers how Western nations can fight back to preserve the international order against relentless technological aggression occurring below the threshold of war – i.e., in the realm of what he calls "unpeace," a term that he coined in his first book. The new book "dives

into recent history to reveal the failures of the present policy in preventing and punishing cyberattacks and other forms of technological aggression. Drawing upon case studies and interviews, Kello develops a bold new solution—a coordinated retaliation strategy that justly and effectively responds to attacks and deters further antagonism."



Kathleen Klech

I bring three decades of experience managing global project teams and collaborating with photographers, editors, art directors, politicians, government agencies, and non-profits to my real estate approach. Committed to exceptional results, I can achieve clients' visions on desired budgets and under white-knuckle deadlines. I balance strategic thinking with attention to detail by building outstanding real estate deal teams whose skills complement and enhance my own. My day-to-day goal is to strive to meet new challenges in a fast-paced, socially and environmentally conscious culture.



Blade Kotelly

Blade is the CEO of Blade Kotelly Inc., the Data-Driven Innovation Company™, an innovation and user-experience expert, and a Senior Lecturer at MIT on Design-Thinking and Innovation. Blade provides consulting services in Design-Thinking, helps top brands to innovate radically on their product and services, and teaches organizations how to create solutions that customers love. Customers include Bose, Anheuser-Busch, CPI International, VMware, Lufthansa, The D.C. Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.



Beth Silverman Kotis

Beth Silverman Kotis has spent more than three decades living and working in countries around the world (nine in total) as part of a Foreign Service family. Her work spans more than 30 years leading significant communications efforts and international programs in government and the private sector, founding an organization participating in volunteer non-profit work, and serving on the board of two international schools. Now living full-time in the U.S., Beth currently works for the Massachusetts Judiciary as Senior Communications Manager in the Executive Office of the Trial Court. In this role, she leads internal and public-facing communications efforts for the Trial Court's 6,400 judges and employees.



Sam Kotis

Samuel Kotis is currently the chief groundskeeper, cook, cleaner, and dog walker at his and his wife Beth's bucolic and architecturally interesting mid-century home in the back woods of Wellfleet, MA. Before his current responsibilities, Sam was a career Foreign Service Officer with the US Department of State and served at diplomatic posts around the world, including Jakarta, Singapore, Washington DC, Tunis, Amman, the US Mission to the UN in New York, Budapest, Baghdad, London, New Delhi, and the US Mission to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal. Sam was the recipient of several awards during his diplomatic career, including the Department of State's 2015 Frank E. Loy Award for Environmental Diplomacy and the American Foreign Service Association's 2015 William R. Rivkin Award for Constructive Dissent, both for his work in India fostering bilateral cooperation to combat air pollution. Following his career at the State Department, Sam was the Associate Vice President for Global Energy at the Environmental Defense Fund, responsible for developing and implementing EDF's international strategies for cutting oil and gas methane emissions and advancing the global transition to a clean, low-carbon energy future.



Mary Kurey

In 1984, Mary spent a year studying in Paris (Sorbonne) and has been a lifelong Francophile. My career was spent with the same firm under various names (Hewitt Associates, Aon-Hewitt, and Alight). She worked in Employee Benefits & HR Business Outsourcing, providing consulting and management support to several global S&P 500 clients. Throughout her career, she gravitated to the role of (and was assigned to clients as the) "problem solver."



Peter Kurey

In 2006, Peter was asked to join a corporate strategy group within Dow Jones. In 2008, he found it necessary to re-invent his career with the collapse of the publishing industry due partly to the recession. Given the research and product development focused on financial advisors, he was engaged in at Dow Jones Newswires, and he was hired by Merrill Lynch as part of their Wealth Management Communications Department as a Senior Vice President, where he wrote various types of communications and produced presentations for the Head of Wealth Management and Chief Operating Officer, among others. Due

to his work at Merrill, he was recruited by the Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS) as a Director to run their Advisor Communications Department within the U.S. in 2016.



Jérôme Krumenacker

Jérôme is a senior Aspen Institute, Energy and Environmental Program associate. Before joining the Aspen Institute, he served as Operations Manager to the Oslo-based Katapult Foundation, which creates educational programs and events for impact investors and successful entrepreneurs seeking to transition to impact investing. Jérôme worked for four invaluable years with Sherman to help establish The Trebuchet.



Sofia Ladak

Sofia is a junior at Tufts studying Economics and Education. She is co-President of the Middle East Research Group (formerly NIMEP) and Vice President of International Club (i-Club). She was raised in Dubai and took a gap year before coming to Tufts, interning at a college counseling company and a development network based in Afghanistan. She then participated in a 6 week volunteer program teaching English at a girls orphanage in Sri Lanka. Sofia participated in Tufts in Talloires last summer and will be studying at the University of Jordan next semester.



Debra Linick

Debbie Linick's federal government and non-profit service spans four decades of work in international diplomacy and federal resource management, as well as non-profit advocacy, fundraising, and strategic leadership. Debbie chairs a Development Committee for the Educators' Institute of Human Rights, "Where the world's teachers partner to end hate." She co-chairs legislative and regulatory work for the Refugee Physicians' Advocacy Committee. She leads partnership and fundraising efforts for Specialisterne North America (SPNA) and Specialisterne Global (SPG), which help expand employment opportunities for neurodiverse individuals.



Michael Linick

Michael Linick is a Senior Defense and Political Science Researcher at The RAND Corporation and an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown, teaching graduate courses in "Strategy, Policy, and Military Operations" and "Insurgency and Counterinsurgency. A retired Army Colonel with 30 years as an Infantry and Force Management officer, Michael's research focuses on finding ways for the Army to function more effectively and efficiently, on Active Component/Reserve Component integration, and on how to tailor the Army best to meet current and emerging strategic challenges. He is the lead designer for Hedgemony: A Game of Strategic Choices."



Mae-ling Lokko

Mae-ling is an Assistant Professor at Yale University's School of Architecture (YSOA). Her research at Yale's Center for Ecosystems in Architecture focuses on ecological design, integrated material life cycle design, and the broad development and evaluation of renewable biobased materials. Her practice, Willow Technologies, Ltd., based in Accra, Ghana, upcycles agro-waste into affordable biobased building materials and for water quality treatment

applications. Her work was nominated for the Visible Award 2019, the Royal Academy Dorfman Award 2020, and she was a finalist for the Hublot Design Prize 2019.



Matt Lorin

Matt is a seasoned advocate, activist, advisor, and thought leader in the social justice, social change, and citizenship spaces. He has over three decades of local, state, national, and international service, managing projects and programs, leading organizations, building alliances, and earning movements. Matt is a principal education and engagement consultant to PBS Hawai'i, ŌLELO Community Media, and the CASE Center for Student Entrepreneurship at Punahou School on digital storytelling, narrative therapy, student voice, and the voices of marginalized communities.



Lauren Lovelace

Lauren is a career Foreign Service Officer and currently serves as a Senior Advisor to the State Department's Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, focusing on the Indo-Pacific region. Her previous diplomatic assignments include Public Affairs Officer (PAO) in Chennai, India; Director of the Transatlantic Diplomatic Fellowship program; PAO Dublin, Ireland; Executive Director of the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council at Georgetown University; PAO and Acting Deputy Chief of Mission, Dhaka, Bangladesh; Assistant Information Officer, Cairo, Egypt; Political Officer and Staff Assistant, New Delhi, India; Vice Consul, Mumbai, India; Special Assistant on UN Reform at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York; and speechwriter to the Secretary of State and Bureau of European Affairs

leadership on transatlantic security.



Kristina Lyons

Kristina is a humanitarian, filmmaker, consultant, entrepreneur, writer, and mother with a particular interest in impact media and global public health. She currently sits on the governing boards of 3 public health-oriented non-profits: The Population Media Center, The Population Institute, and Rehearsal for Life. She started her own business in 2007, Portobello Road, a retail concept that emphasized local, ethical, and sustainable products. More recently, she consulted with the Ministry of Health in Liberia through the Harvard Ministerial Leadership program on efforts to address tragically high rates of maternal

mortality and is developing content at her film company, Lyonshare Pictures. Kristina holds a Masters in Public Health and Population from Harvard, a Masters in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School, and a BA from Tufts. Her passions include travel, tennis, nature, reading, social justice, photography, art and design.



Dan Mandell

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I am a senior at Dartmouth College studying International Relations and Geography. My time in school has focused on subjects of nuclear non-proliferation and geopolitical conflict with my regions of interest being the Middle East and Russia. At Dartmouth, I have been named a War and Peace Fellow at the Dickey Institute of International Understanding.

These academic interests and a family connection led me to Sherman, who introduced me to Trebuchet and Student Pugwash USA. With Sherman's guidance, I have created a Pugwash Student organization at Dartmouth, intending to develop a community to reflect and discuss subjects of Nuclear and advanced weaponry technologies and their implications on geopolitics. Our meetings involve dissecting publications such as The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists or the International Security Journal and exploring recent

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More is needed to know about other countries here in America, which is very near-sighted.



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I'm a rising junior at Brookline High School, and at BHS, I'm part of the Mock Trial, Model UN, and Speech and Debate clubs. I am co-founding the first Human Rights Foundation chapter at a high school. I've found that they're incredible platforms through which I can engage in exciting discourse, create change, challenge and improve my argumentative skills, and meet many wonderful people. Additionally, I participate in my school's Climate and Food Justice club, through which I write for the Greenzine, a forum for news, opinion, and creative expression about climate change, outdoor education, and the environment. Engaging in this club and contributing to the zine this year has ignited my growing interest in international environmental policy, a field I am enthusiastic about pursuing in the future.



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