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Ms. Lauren Buitta

Lauren is founder and CEO of Girl Security. Lauren began her career in national security in Chicago, IL in 2003 as a policy analyst with the National Strategy Forum, a nonpartisan national security think tank. In 2009 while attending law school, Lauren launched her consulting firm, Stele Consulting, which advised clients on urban security and policy challenges. In this role, Lauren managed one of the largest federal lawsuits ever filed against the City of Chicago for civil rights violations and systemic racism.

In 2016, Lauren recognized both the continued underrepresentation of women in national security and the need for a more intersectional approach to security. In response, she launched Girl Security - the only organization dedicated to preparing girls, women, and gender minorities for national security.

Lauren is a former Fellow with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (2003), Truman National Security Project (2006), American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security (2012) and Chicago Council on Global Affairs (2017). She has authored articles, reports and book chapters on national security, foreign policy, and public policy. In February 2021, Lauren was named one of “50 Women Making the World a Better Place” by Instyle Magazine.

Admiral (ret.) Michelle J. Howard

Michelle J. Howard served 35 years in the United States Navy. She led Sailors and Marines multiple times in her career as the Commander of: a ship, an Expeditionary Strike Group, Task Force, and a Naval theater. Her last command was from 2016 to 2017 as U.S. Naval Forces Europe and U.S. Naval Forces Africa. She simultaneously led NATO's Allied Joint Force Command Naples with oversight of missions from the Western Balkans to Iraq.Operations in her career include NATO peacekeeping, West African Training Cruise, Indonesia Tsunami Relief operations, and the rescue of Maersk Alabama from Somali Pirates. Michelle is a Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran.

In 1999 Michelle J. Howard became the first African American woman to command a ship in the Navy. In 2014, she was the first woman to become a four-star Admiral in the U.S. Navy and the first woman to be appointed to the position of Vice Chief of Naval Operations (number two in a Military Service). She is the first African American woman to reach the rank of three-star and four-stars in the Armed Forces.

Michelle J. Howard was the Shapiro Visiting Professor at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University from 2018 to 2020.She taught courses on cyber and policy. She is on the board of directors for IBM and holds a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Masters Military Arts and Science in History from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Mr. Shaun Kelly

Shaun recently retired as Global Chief Operating Officer for KPMG International. In this position, he managed the day to day operational aspects of the firm's Global Strategy and oversaw the delivery of global initiatives. Working with the Global leadership team he drove high performance and efficient service delivery across the KPMG network. He currently chairs KPMG's Northern Ireland Advisory Board.

Shaun is a Non-Executive Director of CRH plc, an international group of diversified building materials businesses, where he is the Chair of the Audit Committee. He also sits on the Board of Park Indemnity a private Bermuda based captive insurance company. Shaun held numerous leadership roles within KPMG in including Vice Chair – Operations for KPMG LLP (2010-2015), Vice Chair in charge of KPMG's U.S. Tax practice and Regional Head of the Americas Tax practice (2005-2010) , member of the firm's Management Committee (2005-2015) and leader for KPMG's US and Global Transaction Services practices and Regional Coordinating Partner for the Transaction Services practice in the Americas (2001-2005)

Shaun grew up in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and joined KPMG International's Irish member firm in Dublin in 1980 and transferred to the U.S. firm's San Francisco office in 1984. He was admitted to the U.S. partnership in 1999.Shaun earned a Bachelor of Commerce, First Class Honors from University College, Dublin.He is a Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland.

In 2015 Shaun was awarded a degree of Doctor of Science Economics, honoris causa by Queens University, Belfast. In December 2020, Shaun was awarded an honorary Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) by Her Majesty the Queen in recognition of his services to economic development in Northern Ireland.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Ambassador (ret.) Susan M. Elliott

Ambassador (retired) Susan M. Elliott is President & CEO of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, a position she assumed in August 2018. Ambassador Elliott is an accomplished diplomat who held a variety of leadership positions at the U.S. Department of State during her 27 year career as a Foreign Service officer.

From 2015 to 2017, Ambassador Elliott served as the Civilian Deputy and Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commander of the United States European Command. Ambassador Elliott was the U.S. Ambassador to Tajikistan from 2012 to 2015. Prior to her Ambassadorial appointment, she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

Ambassador Elliott worked in a variety of overseas and Washington-based assignments. Her previous overseas assignments include Moscow, Russia (twice); Belfast, Northern Ireland; Athens, Greece; and Lima, Peru. In Washington, Ambassador Elliott worked on the staff of former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Earlier in her career she reported on conflicts in the countries of the former Soviet Union when she worked in the Office of the Coordinator for Regional Conflicts in the New Independent States.

The Honorable Jeffrey R. Shafer

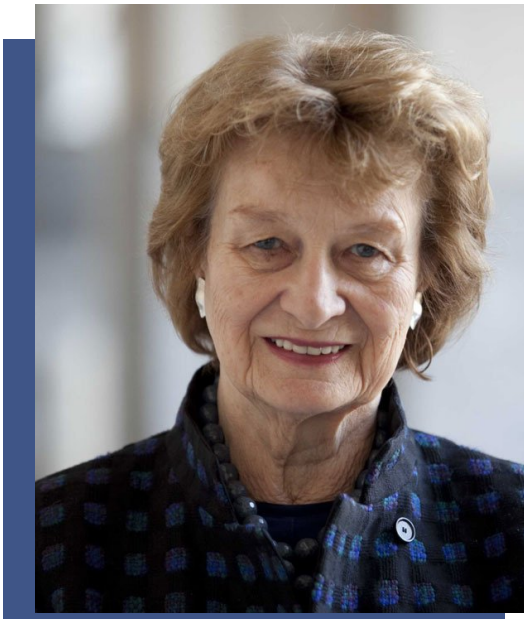
Jeffrey R. Shafer Is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy. He is a Member of the Management Board of S&P Global Ratings. He is Chairman of the Board of mCD IP corporation, a fintech startup offering a new deposit product to provide liquidity at lower cost in the post financial crisis bank regulatory environment. From 2011 to 2019 he provided advice on economic and political developments as principal of JRSHAFER INSIGHT.

From 1997 to 2011 he was Vice Chairman of Global Banking in Citigroup and predecessor institutions. He served as Senior Asia Pacific Officer in New York. Prior to this, he established and headed Citi's Economic and Political Strategies Group. Still earlier in his fourteen years with Citi he worked with governments in Asia, Latin America and Europe on financial stabilization, liability management, debt issuance and privatization.

From 1993 to 1997, Mr. Shafer was Assistant Secretary and subsequently Under Secretary of the U.S. Treasury for International Affairs. At the Treasury Department, he focused on strengthening economic growth and financial stability in both developed and developing countries, fostering financial market development and liberalization, and strengthening the IMF and multilateral development banks. He was also responsible for the inter-agency CFIUS process to review foreign investment in the United States.

From 1984 until 1993, Mr. Shafer held a series of high-level positions at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Prior to the OECD, he served with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Federal Reserve Board and the Council of Economic Advisors. He served as an officer with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam in 1967-68 and was awarded the bronze star with "V" device and oak leaf cluster.

Mr. Shafer holds a B.A. in Economics from Princeton University and M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees in Economics from Yale University. He has taught at Princeton, Columbia, Carnegie Mellon and Yale Universities. In addition to his role with the NCAFP, he is a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



Ms. Grace Kennan Warnecke

Grace Kennan Warnecke has had a lifelong association with Russia and the former Soviet Union. She is formerly Chairman of the Board of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, and is outgoing chair of the National Advisory Council, Harriman Institute, at Columbia University, as well as a member of the Advisory Council of the Kennan Institute. She served as country director for Winrock International in Kyiv, Ukraine, from 1999 to 2003. The former president of SOVUS Business Consultants, she was also the founder and project supervisor of the Volkhov International Small Business Incubator in Russia and executive vice president of the Alliance of American and Russian Women.

She was founding executive director of the American-Soviet Youth Orchestra and associate producer of the prize-winning PBS documentary The First Fifty Years: Reflections on U.S.-Soviet Relations. As a professional photographer she was senior editor of A Day in the Life of the Soviet Union. She has served as an election observer in Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Georgia. In 2013 she was named a senior scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C.

Grace is the author of Daughter of the Cold War, published by the University of Pittsburgh Press in 2018.

Brendan R. McGuire, Esq.

Brendan R. McGuire is a partner with the law firm WilmerHale. Mr. McGuire advises clients on managing, anticipating and mitigating complex legal and regulatory issues related to white-collar enforcement, as well as money laundering, national security, cybersecurity and privacy, and export controls and economic sanctions. An accomplished trial lawyer and litigator, he joined the firm after serving for more than 10 years as an Assistant US Attorney in the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.

During his tenure as Assistant US Attorney, Mr. McGuire was appointed to lead the two most sensitive units within the Southern District's Criminal Division. First, he served as Chief of the Public Corruption Unit for three years, and then, more recently, as Chief of the Terrorism and International Narcotics Unit. Prior to his supervisory positions, as a member of the Terrorism Unit, Mr. McGuire handled some of the most significant terrorism cases within the Department of Justice, including the 2009 kidnapping of Captain Richard Phillips by Somali pirates on the Indian Ocean, the 2010 prosecution of Faisal Shahzad for the attempted bombing of Times Square, and the 2011 prosecution of Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout for conspiring to kill Americans.

As Chief of the Public Corruption Unit, Mr. McGuire led some of the most notable investigations and prosecutions of New York officials in recent years, as well as cases involving violations of the federal fraud and bribery statutes, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, securities fraud, healthcare fraud and tax evasion. He also oversaw multiple corporate prosecutions, including the settlement of the largest municipal fraud case in history.

During his tenure as Chief of the Terrorism and International Narcotics Unit, Mr. McGuire supervised investigations and prosecutions of international and domestic terrorism, money laundering, violations of economic sanctions and export control laws, espionage and global narcotics trafficking. In that position, he regularly coordinated criminal investigations with the intelligence community, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Defense, the Department of State and foreign governments.

Prior to his government service, Mr. McGuire practiced as a litigator at two prominent New York law firms where he specialized in white-collar defense and corporate investigations. He also clerked for the Honorable Peter K. Leisure of the US District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Dr. Marisa Porges

Dr. Marisa Porges is known for her work on gender and education, leadership, and national security and is the author of *What Girls Need: How to Raise Bold, Courageous, and Resilient Women* (Viking Press, 2020). She is currently the eighth Head of School of The Baldwin School, a 130-year-old all-girls school outside of Philadelphia, that is renowned for academic excellence and preparing girls to be leaders and changemakers. She is an alumna of Baldwin and personally understands the power of its approach to educating girls: it provided the foundation for her own military service and work on national security and foreign affairs.

Prior to joining Baldwin, Dr. Porges was a leading counterterrorism and national security expert. Most recently, she served in the Obama White House as a senior policy advisor and White House Fellow at the National Economic Council, where she oversaw the development of domestic cybersecurity and consumer protection policies. She also has served as a research fellow at Harvard Kennedy School and at the Council on Foreign Relations, where her research focused on counterterrorism. In these roles, she traveled alone throughout the Middle East and Afghanistan to conduct research, interview former members of Al Qaeda and the Taliban, meet with Syrian rebel fighters in hiding, and serve as an embedded civilian advisor at NATO military headquarters in Afghanistan. She also worked as a counterterrorism policy advisor in the U.S. Department of Treasury and as a foreign affairs advisor in the U.S. Department of Defense. In all these roles, she stood out as one of a few – if not the only – women present, at any given time.

Dr. Porges started her career on active duty in the U.S. Navy, flying jets off carriers as a naval flight officer on EA-6B Prowlers. Ten years after the Navy first allowed women to fly jets into combat, she pursued her dream of being launched off an aircraft carrier while serving her country. She earned a B.A. in geophysics from Harvard, an MSc from the London School of Economics, and a PhD in war studies from King's College London. Her awards include the National Committee on American Foreign Policy 21st Century Leader Award and the NATO Medal for service in Afghanistan. Dr. Porges lives outside of Philadelphia, with her family.

Ms. Jacqueline Adams

Jacqueline Adams launched a second career as a communications strategist after more than two decades as an Emmy Award winning CBS News correspondent. Her boutique firm, J Adams: Strategic Communications, LLC., has served a variety of corporate and non-profit clients.

She has co-authored a new book which is scheduled for publication in the fall of 2020, "A Blessing: Women of Color Teaming Up to Lead, Empower and Thrive." For more information or to pre-order the book, visit www.leadempowerthrive.com.

Ms. Adams covered the groundbreaking campaigns of Jesse Jackson for President and Geraldine Ferraro for Vice President before spending five years as a White House correspondent during the Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush administrations. In the 1990s, she was a prolific contributor to the CBS Evening News with Dan Rather and CBS News Sunday Morning. She won a News and Documentary Emmy Award for the 48 Hours broadcast, "The Search for Matthew."

A graduate of Harvard Business School, Ms. Adams serves on the Board of Directors of the Harvard Business School Club of New York and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations as well as the U.S. Institute of Peace International Advisory Committee. A music aficionado, she is studying the classical composers at the Juilliard School of Music's Evening Division.

Congratulations to this year's honorees and thank you to the NCAFP's Board of Trustees!

Shaun Kelly

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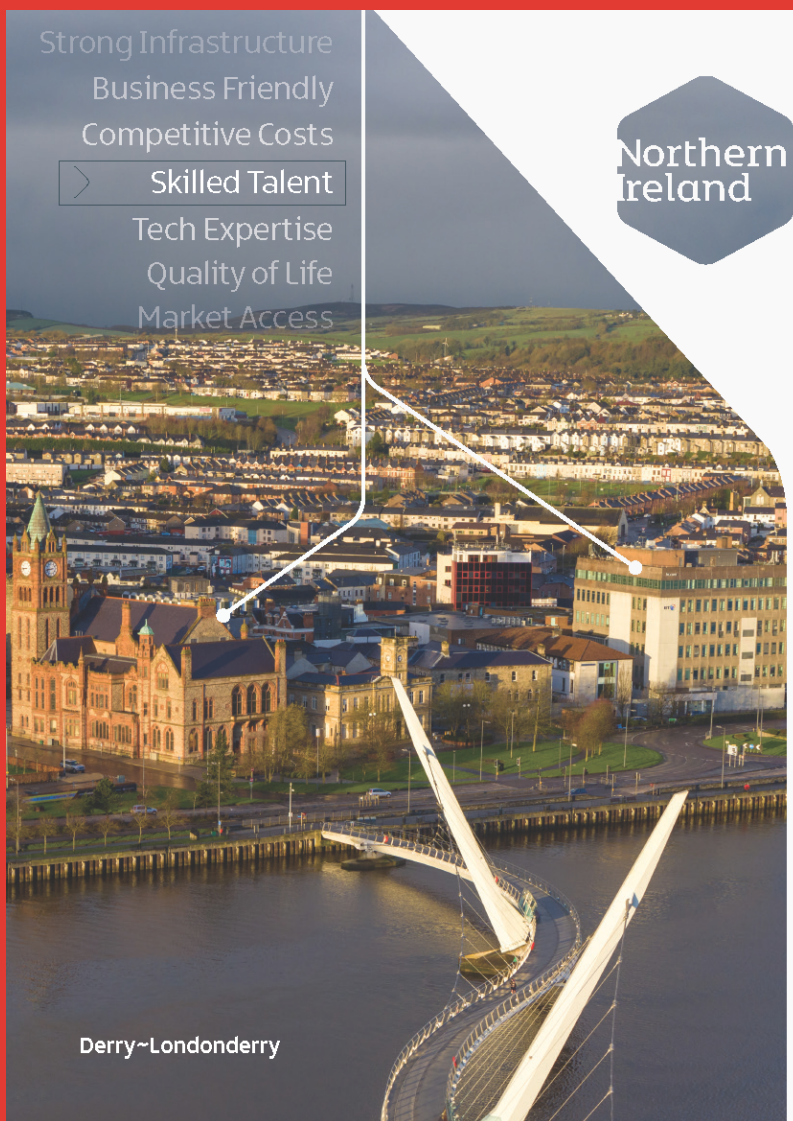

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Shaun Kelly

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Congratulations to my wonderful, inspiring friend and this year's William J. Flynn Initiative for Peace Honoree, Shaun Kelly.

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Nancy Soderberg

Vice Chairman of the Board, NCAFP