

# **Global Business Leadership Award**

**Ms. Audrey Choi,**  
Senior Advisor and Former CSO of Morgan Stanley



**Audrey Choi** is a Senior Advisor at Morgan Stanley; the founding CEO of the Institute for Sustainable Investing; and founded the firm's Global Sustainable Finance group in 2009. Audrey became the first Chief Sustainability Officer on Wall Street in 2017, in recognition of her pioneering work to make sustainability core to business and finance.

Under Audrey's leadership, Morgan Stanley launched the Investing with Impact Platform in 2012, the first-of-its-kind sustainable and impact-oriented wealth management investing platform, now with \$70+ billion in AUM. She founded the Community Development Finance group which has invested more than \$21 billion to strengthen communities, built 116,000 units of affordable housing and created 140,000 jobs. She spearheaded the firm's Plastic Waste Resolution, an industry first to reduce, remove and prevent 50MM metric tons of plastic waste through the capital markets, focusing on solutions across the entire plastic value chain. More recently, Audrey launched the Sustainable Solutions Collaborative, which identifies breakthrough innovators globally to scale systemic solutions to the world's most pressing environmental and social challenges.

For four years, Audrey also served as Morgan Stanley's Chief Marketing Officer, stewarding the global brand to all-time highs. She spearheaded the award-winning "We Are Morgan Stanley" advertising campaign, which highlighted the best thinking of the firm's thought leaders in the "Morgan Stanley Minutes."

Prior to joining Morgan Stanley, Audrey held senior policy positions in the Clinton Administration, including serving as Chief of Staff of the Council of Economic Advisers and Domestic Policy Advisor to Vice President Al Gore. She was a foreign correspondent and bureau chief at The Wall Street Journal. Audrey has served on the boards of numerous national nonprofits focused on sustainability, community development and social justice, including the Sustainable Accounting Standards Board (SASB), StoryCorps, and the Wildlife Conservation Society. She is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Business School.

Audrey is recognized globally as a thought leader, with publications in the Harvard Business Review, the Times of London, Stanford Social Innovation Review, and Fast Company. She is the host of the award-winning podcast "At Scale" and gave a recognized TED talk on how the capital markets can become a catalyst for environmental and social change, which can be viewed here [https://www.ted.com/talks/audrey\\_choi](https://www.ted.com/talks/audrey_choi).

# **George F. Kennan Award for Distinguished Public Service**

**Ambassador (ret.) Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.,**  
Former U.S. Ambassador to Russia, Singapore, and China



Jon Huntsman currently serves as Vice Chair of Ford Motor Company. He has spent considerable time in public service at the state, national and international levels. Huntsman began his career in public service as a staff assistant to President Ronald Reagan. He has served each of the five U.S. presidents since then in critical roles around the world, including as U.S. Ambassador to Singapore, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Asia, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, U.S. Ambassador to China, and most recently, U.S. Ambassador to Russia. Huntsman is the only American in history to have served as Chief of Mission in both China and Russia. In all four Senate confirmations, he received unanimous votes.

Twice elected governor of Utah, Huntsman brought about historic economic and tax reforms, tripled the state's rainy-day fund, and helped bring unemployment rates to historic lows. While doing so, he was one of Utah's most popular governors, reaching approval ratings as high as 90 percent. During his tenure, Utah was named the best managed state in America and ranked number one in the nation in job growth. Recognized by others for his service, Huntsman was elected Chair of the Western Governors Association, serving nineteen states throughout the region. He was a candidate for the Presidency in 2012 where he ultimately placed third in the New Hampshire primary before bowing out.

Jon Huntsman currently serves on the board of directors of Ford Motor Company, Chevron, the Nuclear Threat Initiative and co-chairs Intel corporation's advisory board. He previously served as Chairman of the Atlantic Council, as a trustee of the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation, the University of Pennsylvania, the Reagan Presidential Foundation, as well as Chairman of the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. He is a member of the American Academy of Diplomacy and has received the U.S. State Department's top honor – the Distinguished Service Award – along with service awards from other federal agencies.

A California native, Huntsman is a seventh generation Utahn and together with Mary Kaye Huntsman are parents of seven children, including two adopted daughters from China and India. Their two sons, both graduates of the U.S. Naval Academy, are active-duty naval officers. Huntsman is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and has ten honorary doctoral degrees.

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leader Award

**Ms. Shalonda Spencer,**

Former Executive Director of Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security



**Shalonda Spencer** is the Former Executive Director of Woman of Color Advancing Peace and Security (WCAPS), a member-driven international organization seeking to raise the voice and prominence of women of color in foreign affairs, diplomacy, and international relations. She is a proud HBCU graduate of Jackson State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and her master's in Public Policy and Administration. Shalonda is a current student at Syracuse University seeking an Executive Master's in International Relations to help further her education and professional career.

Shalonda has over a decade of experience in government affairs, human rights, social, racial justice, and civil liberties. Since transiting to the field of foreign affairs, Shalonda has led conversations on diversity, equity, and inclusion for national and international audiences addressing foreign policy. Her portfolio consists of women's peace and security issues as a [Gender Champion in Nuclear Policy](#). She has stood in line in marches to end racial disparities and elevated young women through mentorship as an activist.

Before joining WCAPS, she was Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs at Trying Together in Pittsburgh, PA, advocating for high-quality early learning education for children and families. She also served as a Legislative Assistant for the United States House of Representatives for the 2nd Congressional District of Mississippi and as a Foreign Policy Analyst for the Mennonite Central Committee. Shalonda was an adjunct professor at Millsaps College in Mississippi. She taught Urban Politics within the Government and Politics Department. Shalonda was the Advocacy Coordinator for ACLU of Mississippi, focusing on the affiliate's criminal justice reform and voter rights centers of work. She also had the privilege to work on federal presidential campaigns.

## **2022 Gala Host**

### **Ms. Jacqueline Adams**

President of J Adams: Strategic Communications, LLC



Jacqueline Adams launched a second career as a communications strategist after more than two decades as an Emmy Award winning CBS News correspondent. A natural “connector,” she has the unique ability to hear clients’ strategic concerns and find creative solutions, drawing upon her wealth of contacts and experiences in media, business, academic and civic circles.

Through her boutique consulting firm, J Adams: Strategic Communications, LLC, she counsels a variety of corporate and non-profit clients. She has had multi-year engagements with the global communications strategy firm then known as Burson-Marsteller, and with the Ford Foundation. She serves as a senior advisor to the new payment platform for publishers, [NICKLPass](#) and she is a co-founder of the training program for rising star managers of color, [The Diverse Future](#). In 2020, she launched a bi-monthly column, #TeamUp, in *The Christian Science Monitor*, following the publication of the book she co-authored, “A Blessing: Women of Color Teaming Up to Lead, Empower and Thrive.” She currently writes the [Climate Stories](#) blog for the Harvard Business School Business and the Environment Initiative.

At CBS News, 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 deliberately saves time for a number of non-profit activities in the arts, education and foreign policy sectors. Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors of the Harvard Business School Club of New York and was among the alumnae profiled during the school’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of women and African-American students. She recently retired as communications officer of the Harvard Business School African-American Alumni Association (HBSAAA) after 20 years of service.

She has served on the boards of NYC Global Partners during the Bloomberg administration and the Off-the-Record Lecture Series, the oldest, largest women's foreign policy lecture series in the United States. For a decade, Ms. Adams co-led HBSAAA alumni in a mentoring program with 200+ 7th graders at KIPP Academy, the highest performing middle school in the Bronx and also served on the Board of the KIPP Charter Schools in NYC. She founded the Frederick Douglass Council of the New-York Historical Society while a member of its major donor group, the Chairman's Council. Twice, she has traveled to the Venice Biennale, the international arts festival, as a member of the Studio Museum in Harlem's Global Council.

Ms. Adams is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Advisory Committee of the United States Institute of Peace, and the Advisory Council of the Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream. She was recently named to the board of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy. She is a patron of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and is in the seventh year of a planned decade-long study of classical composers at the Juilliard School of Music's Extension Division.