



2005 ICAP Mid-Career Professionals

Maha Armush currently works as a Training Manager for Chemonics International, a consulting firm for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). In this capacity, she designs programs and coordinates logistics for international visitors coming to the United States for training activities. Prior to working at Chemonics, she spent a year as an evaluations analyst at the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA). Ms Armush received her Master's Degree in Public Policy from the University of Maryland, College Park, and her Bachelor's Degree in International Affairs from the University of Miami in Florida. She also spent two years at the American University in Cairo (Egypt) where she received a Graduate Diploma in Middle East Studies. She was raised in the Middle East, and has spent extensive time traveling and doing community work in Latin America. She speaks Spanish, Arabic and French fluently.

Jill Arriaga-Meeks currently serves on the Country Desk Unit to Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda in the Africa Region of Peace Corps Headquarters in Washington, DC. Ms. Meeks is also the Regional Women and Development/Gender and Development (WID/GAD) coordinator for the Africa Region. Ms. Meeks works on the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) by serving on the core team for Ethiopia and Uganda. Before moving to the Africa Region, Ms. Meeks worked in the Director's office in the American Diversity Program and was an integral part of managing the special emphasis (Black History, Hispanic Heritage, etc.) months at Peace Corps Headquarters.

Ms. Meeks came to the Peace Corps with an extensive background in education with a focus on multicultural education and at-risk youth. Before moving to Washington, DC, she worked with refugee families in Burlington, Vermont and was the ESL coordinator for the Burlington Schools District.

Ms. Meeks also worked with at-risk youth with Hispanic and Native American populations for three years in New Mexico. While teaching in New Mexico, she developed curriculum for Santa Fe Public Schools and developed a Spanish curriculum that focused on the Native American perspective.

Ms. Meeks served as a teacher trainer in the Peace Corps in Guinea Bissau, West Africa. She taught African Literature, ESL and Methodology to teachers-in-training. She also organized a National English Curriculum Workshop and used participatory methods to develop community content-based curriculum that was used throughout Guinea Bissau. While in the Peace Corps, she founded the Women in Development Committee and organized two very successful Take Our Daughters to Work Days.

Ms. Meeks has a B.S. from the University of Georgia in Education and a Master's in Sociology from American University in International Training and Education with a focus on Gender and Development. She speaks Spanish, Portuguese and Guinean Creole. In her spare time, she makes jewelry, does pottery and loves to dance.

Clayton Bond is a third-tour Foreign Service Officer. His present assignment is as a recruiter for the Southeast region of the United States. He served previously as a Watch Officer in the State Department's 24-7 Operations Center, and as a Consular Officer in Bogotá, Colombia. Mr. Bond graduated with a BA in Political Science from Hampton University, and has a MPP from the Kennedy School and an MSC in Environmental Change and Management from the University of Oxford. He is a native of Detroit, and loves to travel, read, watch movies, and exercise.

Earl Carr is the Associate Director for Asia Pacific Programs at the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise. He is responsible for managing and implementing projects that focus on international development and trade in Thailand and the greater Mekong Subregion. He has also written articles analyzing the US-Thai FTA. Previously, Mr. Carr was a Research Associate in the Asia Studies Department at the Council on Foreign Relations, where he focused on policy issues in Asia and worked with Senior Fellows, the Meetings team, and the Corporate Affairs division on business development activities. He also conducted research on the CFR Bi-Partisan "North Korean Nuclear Challenge Task Force Report." and published articles on U.S. and Chinese Foreign Policy. Mr. Carr has conducted extensive research on Chinese economic integration in Asia, analyzing Chinese socio-economic linkages in Southeast Asia via the ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement. He has also held positions at Ecantata International Holdings in Beijing, China; The Far East Economic Review in Beijing, China; Merrill Lynch; and served as a member of the PricewaterhouseCoopers Collegiate Nike Monitoring Program. He has an M.A. in Comparative Regional Studies (Asia Studies) from American University, and a B.A. in International Relations (East Asia) from the College of William & Mary. He has also lived and studied abroad, in China and Japan, and is proficient in Chinese and Japanese.

Juanita Chen is an Import Administration Officer, Second Secretary, with the inaugural Trade Facilitation Office, which she helped launch in 2002 at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, China. In this capacity, Ms. Chen monitors the Chinese government entities tasked with enforcing China's trade laws, particularly antidumping and safeguards measures. She meets with Chinese government officials on behalf of the U.S. government and serves as liaison between Chinese respondents and the U.S.-based officials conducting trade remedy investigations.

Prior to joining the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, Ms. Chen conducted investigations as a Senior Trade Analyst with Import Administration in Washington, DC, working primarily on antidumping disputes and suspension agreements. Ms. Chen also practiced as an attorney specializing in commercial litigation in Chicago, Illinois.

Ms. Chen graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Massachusetts where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and minored in Mandarin Chinese. She received her Juris Doctorate from the George Washington University Law School in 1995. Ms. Chen also studied at the East Asia Institute of Politics and Law in Shanghai, China, in 1993. She interned at the Department of Justice with both the Criminal Division and the Immigration and Naturalization

Service, dealing with immigration, denaturalization, and deportation issues. She also worked at the George Washington Law School Immigration Clinic, representing clients at deportation and exclusion proceedings.

Brinille E. Ellis currently serves as a Public Diplomacy Officer to the U.S. Mission to NATO in Brussels, Belgium. Prior to her arrival in October 2004, Ms. Ellis served in a two-year consular/political rotation at the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti (2002-2004). She also served three months in the Office of Caribbean Affairs at the Department of State as a Haiti desk officer during the Haitian political crisis in 2004. From 1997 to 2002, she served as a Foreign Service security officer in the Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security. During her tenure in the Bureau, Ms. Ellis served as a Special Agent in the Bureau's New York City field office, a Regional Security Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Dakar, and as a Special Agent in the Bureau of Diplomatic Security's Office of Visa Fraud. Ms. Ellis is the recipient of the State Department's Meritorious Honor Award and the Senegalese government's Medal of Honor for her interagency work on the U.S. Government's anti-terrorism efforts in Senegal.

She earned a dual B.A. in Literature & Rhetoric and French from the State University of New York at Binghamton. She received a certificate of study from La Sorbonne for her undergraduate studies in French Language, Culture and Literature. Ms. Ellis holds a Master of Public Administration from The George Washington University where she studied as a Patricia Roberts Harris fellow. She is fluent in French and conversant in Italian.

Suchitra Gururaj has been a communications professional for the past eleven years. Over the course of her career, she has led print and online media product development, marketing, and production. She has worked in non-profit, university, and corporate settings, including the global media company CNET Networks, where she served as Director of ZDNet Reviews. At the same time, Ms Gururaj has maintained a commitment to teaching. She has taught ESL to multi-lingual immigrants, supported the writing goals of at-risk high school students, and led creative writing classes for adults. Recently, she conducted teacher-training workshops at El Cultural, a Peru-based institution providing English-language instruction and promoting cultural exchange between Peru and the U.S.

Ms Gururaj received her B.A. in English literature from Yale and her M.A. in English, with a concentration in post-colonial literature, from the University of Chicago. She is currently pursuing her M.S.Ed. at Northwestern University. She lives in Chicago with her husband.

Ajit Joshi is a Lead Program Analyst in USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance's Office of Private Voluntary Cooperation-American Schools and Hospitals Abroad. In this capacity, he has a portfolio of ten grants in the Matching Grant Program and the NGO Sector Strengthening Program that focus on organizational development, civil society and NGO capacity building. Mr. Joshi is leading the Office's effort to develop an electronic grant management information system, is the primary point of contact for the Office on conflict and fragile states, and is a collateral duty Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor. Prior to joining this Office, he was a Supervisory Democracy Specialist in USAID's Bureau for Africa where he managed a staff of five people and was responsible for the tracking of \$41 million in FY 2004. Mr. Joshi is the recipient of two Administrator-level awards at USAID. He

received an Equal Employment Opportunity Award "in recognition of the achievements and continuing work in promoting diversity in the workforce" in part for including sexual orientation in USAID's non-discrimination statement, issuance of USAID's Member of Household policy, and organizing USAID's first gay pride month in 2001 - all raising the profile of gay/lesbian issues as a human rights and personnel issue at USAID. He also received a Superior Honor Award "in recognition of your exceptional performance during the course of the 2000-2001 period, during which time you single-handedly spearheaded the Africa Bureau's work in all aspects of conflict management." Mr. Joshi earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Tufts University, a Fulbright Fellowship to study in India, a Master of International Affairs in Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, and Economic and Political Development, from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. He is also an alumnus of the Presidential Management Internship Program. Outside of USAID, Mr. Joshi teaches Yoga at Capitol Hill Yoga, www.capitolhillyoga.com.

Paul Jung is a physician trained in internal medicine and epidemiology. He is the Chief of Epidemiology and Surveillance for the Peace Corps. Dr. Jung lobbied for universal health care issues on Capitol Hill with Citizen Action before working for the Clinton Administration Health Care Reform Task Force. As a campaign coordinator for California Proposition 186, he fought for state-level health care reform before serving as the Legislative Affairs Director for the American Medical Student Association ("AMSA"). Dr. Jung's career included time as a medical officer in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, where he received the Secretary's Distinguished Service Award for his work in bio-terrorism related to the nation's food supply. He has served on the American College of Physicians' Council of Associates, the national board of Physicians for a National Health Program, the board of the American Lung Association of Maryland, and the Montgomery County (Maryland) Commission on Health. He also chaired the National Consortium of Resident Organizations. Dr. Jung has been awarded the Fitzhugh Mullan MD Award for Outstanding Resident Physician Leadership, the American Medical Association's 2000 Leadership Award, and AMSA's National Golden Apple teaching award. Dr. Jung received his B.A. in Philosophy and his MD from the University of Maryland. He completed his internal medicine residency at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital where he received the Chairman's Award. He earned his M.P.H. while he was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Jung is a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service.

Ron Martinez Looking Elk considers himself a cultural ambassador and conducts himself with the bearing befitting such a title. An Isleta and Taos Pueblo native, he is an International Program Development Specialist for Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO). He also works with the American Indian Ambassadors Program – a national initiative designed to cultivate a new generation of Native leaders. The program combines traditional values with contemporary vision to empower emerging Native Americans with a more progressive style of leadership to build strong tribal governments and Native communities. The position resulted from a New Voices fellowship in the area of International Policy and Economics he secured at AIO, an organization dedicated to creating opportunities for Native Americans. AIO uses traditional tribal values to promote innovative problem solving, develop leadership and create dynamic institutions for Native peoples around the world. Mr. Martinez, himself a graduate of the Ambassadors Program, acts as a teacher and mentor to the aspiring Ambassadors, who represent

a cross-section of the indigenous population – traditional and contemporary; tribal and urban, American Indian, Alaskan and Hawaiian Natives. Two of his key responsibilities as International Program Development Specialist are building a network of international program contacts and planning international gatherings of Ambassadors – both of which can expand AIO’s global mission. He has traveled extensively in an effort to reach out to indigenous peoples around the world.

Aside from his work with AIO, Mr. Martinez has another passion – tradition Pueblo pottery. An international award winning artist, his work can be seen in many museums, exhibitions and private collections. His clay creations are the product of tremendous patience and painstaking attention to detail. Patience is the thread that connects his molding of clay and his molding of young Native leaders.

Rodrick Miller is an intellectually curious professional whose principal interests revolve around the link between the public and private sectors in economic development, domestically and internationally. This interest includes a liberal exploration of related factors such as public-use infrastructure, democracy, and corporate governance. Currently, Mr. Miller serves as the Economic Development Administrator for the City of Glendale, Arizona, where he is responsible for recruiting new companies to the city, putting together the deal structure for complex real estate and financial transactions, and forecasting the economic and fiscal impact of projects to the City. Previously, Mr. Miller served as a consultant for a boutique Washington DC, firm that specializes in managing privatization of public-use infrastructure assets in the areas of real estate, transportation, aviation, and public utilities.

Mr. Miller earned his Masters in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a Bachelors of Science in International Business from St. Augustine’s College. Mr. Miller completed a Fulbright Fellowship with an international management focus at the Instituto Tecnologico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM) in Mexico. Additionally, he has undertaken other advanced studies in Mexico, Cuba, and Spain. He is fluent in Spanish and proficient in Portuguese.

Judith Morrison is the executive director of the Inter-Agency Consultation on Race in Latin America (IAC). The IAC secretariat is comprised of seven donor agencies: the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, Pan-American Health Organization, Organization of American States, Ford Foundation, and the Inter-American Foundation. She previously served as director of the Brazil program at the Inter-American Foundation and the division chief for the Eastern South American, Southern Cone, and Caribbean region.

Ms Morrison has extensive experience working on issues of social development in grassroots communities throughout Latin America, and has unique expertise in development programs for communities of African descent. She has spoken and published widely on development policy in English, Portuguese, and Spanish and has presented before expert panels in the U.S., South Africa, Brazil, Colombia, Uruguay, Guatemala, Argentina, Nicaragua, and Honduras. Since 1998, Ms Morrison has negotiated over \$10 million in social investment agreements with U.S. and Latin American steel, defense, automobile, consumer goods, and manufacturing industries.

Ms Morrison was a contributing editor of Economic Development in Latin American Communities of African Descent, a contributor to Africana: The Encyclopedia of the African and African-American Experience, and a contributor to Afropedia. She has published articles on the political history of Latin America with Harvard University. Her current research interests include economic development in marginalized communities.

Morrison earned a master's degree in income distribution and poverty alleviation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she graduated with a Carroll Wilson Award for international research and a Woodrow Wilson fellowship. She serves on the board of the Public Policy and International Affairs Program and is a member of the Association of Black Foundation Executives.

Leah Newell currently holds the position of Senior Director, Advanced Education Services at NAFSA: Association of International Educators tasked with leading a team in the development and implementation of professional development opportunities for senior-level international educators. Additionally she is responsible for securing and implementing numerous concurrent grants through the U.S. Department of State that support the work of all levels of international education professionals.

Her interest in the international arena began with an American Field Service (AFS) summer experience in Ecuador and grew through her service as a Peace Corps volunteer in Mali, West Africa focusing on improving family health through small individual gardens. Her study of differences between people began with an examination of various aspects of gender via an undergraduate degree in Women and Men's Studies from the University of Southern California (USC) evolving into a more education-based approach by means of a Master's in International Administration from the School for International Training (SIT), specializing in training and international education.

Training, program development and department and volunteer management have been welcome constants in past international related-positions ranging from Director of the Office of International Programs at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland to Deputy Director of the Mississippi Consortium for International Development (MCID), an International training organization located in Jackson, Mississippi. While it is my intention to always have an international component to any position I hold, an equally notable goal is to continually strive to master the art of effective leadership, with knowledge and consideration of diversity issues.

Bisola Ojikutu is serving as a political analysis and reporting officer at the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia, Brazil, where she monitors developments in human rights, labor, race relations, and trafficking in persons. She is responsible for coordinating and implementing President Bush's \$9 million anti-trafficking in persons projects between the Government of Brazil, Brazilian NGOs, international organizations, the U.S. Departments of State and Labor, and the US Agency for International Development (USAID). Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Ojikutu monitored key developments in trade, aviation, and telecommunications at the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She actively promoted and defended American business interests in Haiti, and reported on developments during the political crisis that led to former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's departure in February 2004. Ms. Ojikutu researched and analyzed Senegalese involvement in the

African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA), Senegalese labor trends, and American business interests in Senegal and West Africa at the U.S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal, in 2001. In 2000, she promoted economic, political, and security relations between the U.S. and Belgian governments as the Country Desk Officer for Belgian Affairs at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Ojikutu received a Masters of Arts in Law and Diplomacy (MALD) from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in 2001. She also pursued graduate coursework at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. In 1998, she received a BA in French from the University of Kansas and was a visiting student at L'Universite Paul Valery in Montpellier, France. Ms. Ojikutu is a U.S. Department of State Graduate Foreign Affairs Pickering Fellow and is fluent in French and Portuguese.

Judith Pennywell is the Director of International Student and Scholar Services at Vanderbilt University. Her office provides immigration and visa related advice and programming for 1,700 international students, scholars, and dependents at the University and its medical center. She has worked in the fields of student affairs and international education for thirteen years. She previously held positions as Associate Director of International Student Services at Texas Christian University and as Assistant Dean of Students at Bellarmine College. A graduate of Indiana University, Ms Pennywell has a Bachelor's degree in Spanish (including overseas study in Spain) and a Masters degree in College Student Personnel Administration. Currently, she is pursuing a doctorate in Higher Education Leadership and Policy at Vanderbilt. As an active member of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, Judy has served as the Dean of the International Student Advising professional development curriculum and is currently the Lead Trainer for the Academy for International Education program. In addition to tourist related travel abroad, Judy has spent time overseas for various purposes, including a leadership program in Scotland, a faculty-staff seminar in Mexico, a short term study in South Africa, and the Fulbright International Educator Administrator program in South Korea.

Alexandra Riboul is currently a Senior Information Specialist for the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA). In this capacity, she has served as the Information Officer on USAID Disaster Assistance Response Teams (DARTs) deployed in response to humanitarian crises in Darfur, Sri Lanka, and Niger. In addition, she was the Information Officer on the Washington-based USAID Response Management Teams (RMTs) for Haiti, Darfur, the West Africa locusts, and the Asian tsunami. Prior to joining OFDA, Ms. Riboul was a consultant in the Global Public Sector unit of Grant Thornton, LLP, a consulting and accounting firm. She also worked as a consultant at Atinchik, a development-consulting firm in Lima, Peru, and interned at the Public Diplomacy section at the U.S. Embassy in Managua, Nicaragua. She has a BA in Political Science and French from Bryn Mawr College and a MS in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.

Alicia Robinson-Morgan is the Deputy Director for the Office of Africa at the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration. As the first-line supervisor for the office, she coordinates the work of staff economists and international trade specialists. Ms. Robinson-Morgan advances U.S. commercial interests by managing programs involving critical economic issues with Africa.

Prior to this position, she was a Senior International Economist for the Office of Africa responsible for developing trade and commercial relations and establishing policy between the United States and South Africa. She was previously responsible for developing trade and commercial policy between the United States and a host of countries throughout Africa. Ms. Robinson-Morgan came to the Office of Africa after being nominated as a participant in the Presidential Management Internship (PMI) Program.

In September and October 1997, she managed Commerce's West Africa Regional Office as Acting Senior Commercial Officer. She was responsible for managing commercial activities in West and Central Africa, while supervising a staff of six. Prior to this assignment, Ms. Robinson-Morgan completed her graduate studies at the Johns Hopkins University - School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) where she received a Master of Arts in International Economics and African Studies. Ms. Robinson-Morgan completed her undergraduate studies in International Relations at Brown University, during which time she spent a year abroad studying at the Institute of Political Studies in Lyon, France.

Ms. Robinson-Morgan has been published in *www.just-auto.com* (May 2001), *Commerce's Business America Journal* (Jan/Feb 1997, August 1997), and she has been featured in *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* (December 1994). She has received the U.S. Department of Commerce Gold Medal Award for Personal and Professional Excellence - Office of Africa (1999) and the U.S. Department of Commerce William E. Morton Memorial Award (1997).

Santiago Sedaca is an experienced economic development professional with extensive expertise in the areas of national competitiveness, cluster growth strategies, micro/small/medium enterprise development, international trade, and organizational development and strategy. He has worked in the private and public sector helping firms, clusters, and governments understand their strategic positioning and has developed and implemented action plans for change and growth. Mr. Sedaca leads CARANA Corporation's Competitiveness Practice, where he has designed and currently leads the Colombia Enterprise Development Program, developed a cluster development program for the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States and Barbados, and is leading several special studies for USAID in new research areas for economic development. His previous experience includes serving as an Economist at SRI International, where he assisted in the introduction of leading-edge competitiveness and cluster-development concepts from the U.S. to the developing world, working with USAID, the Inter- American Development Bank, and governments in Latin America and the Middle East.

Mr. Sedaca has extensive research and management experience, having led successful consulting and implementation teams in a variety of functional and regional settings. Among his achievements are leading the successful tourism cluster development program for USAID-Lebanon. In this capacity, he created a private-public tourism promotion board, reformed the regulatory environment and formed partnerships between the academic and firm cluster members; conducting a competitive evaluation of tourism in Egypt, leading to a public-private program that is currently improving the skills of thousands of micro/small/medium enterprise hospitality professionals in Cairo. He also conducted a benchmarking and best practices study on micro/small/medium enterprise registration leading to significant streamlining of Colombian registration processes; and he helped the states of Florida, Iowa and Oklahoma refocus their

development strategies on high-tech growth clusters through linkages between upstart enterprises and mature anchor firms. Mr. Sedaca is a native Spanish speaker.

Marc London Shaw is a Foreign Service Officer, currently the Staff Assistant to The Honorable J. Thomas Schieffer, U.S. Ambassador to Japan. Prior to Ambassador Schieffer's arrival in April, 2005, Mr. Shaw held the same position under Ambassador Howard H. Baker, Jr. Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Shaw was posted to the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where he served as chief of the Non-Immigrant Visa Section, and also in the Economic and Commercial Section.

Mr. Shaw began his State Department career as a Pickering Fellow in 1998. As a Pickering Fellow, he worked at the State Department in Washington, DC, in the offices of South Central European Affairs and Bosnia Implementation during the Kosovo Conflict, and overseas at the U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, he was a Princeton-in-Asia intern at the World Health Organization Collaborating Center in Tokyo, Japan.

He holds a master's degree in international economics and international relations from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor's degree in economics from Emory University. He graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover high school. He speaks Japanese and Spanish.

Rhonda Sinkfield is a consultant at Deloitte Consulting in the Federal Practice group. Prior to joining Deloitte she worked as a Jacob Javits Fellow and policy analyst with the Senate Committee on Finance, where she worked on international tax and trade legislation. She also worked on trade issues at the Department of Economic Affairs Western Cape in South Africa, the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service in Rome, and Japan External Trade Relations Organization (JETRO) in Atlanta. She has an undergraduate degree in Political Science from Clark Atlanta University and a Masters in International Affairs with a concentration in international trade from Columbia University. She is an Institute for International Public Policy fellow and former Mitsui Foundation Fellow. She is an executive board member for the Jodi George Financial Education Council (JGFEC). JGFEC is non-profit organization that teaches financial literacy to low-income families. Her hobbies include travel, interior design and singing.

Justina Torry is a Foreign Service Officer for the US Department of Agriculture's Foreign Service (FAS), currently serving at the US Mission to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium. Ms. Torry is the lead advisor for US-EU trade in veterinary products, a billion dollar portfolio. In addition, she manages the publication of several annual and semi-annual reports forecasting the production, supply and distribution trends for EU dairy, livestock, and poultry products. As the responsible Attaché for these products, Ms. Torry analyzes and reports on EU legislation covering veterinary exports and advises management on potential technical barriers to trade.

Prior to being assigned in Brussels, Ms. Torry served as an International Economist at the FAS headquarters in Washington, DC, providing policy support on US-Canada agricultural trade issues. Canada is the second largest market for US agricultural products. While serving in this position, Ms. Torry represented FAS during the US – Canada WTO Dairy Dispute as part of the US Delegation. Additionally, she was responsible for the formulation and coordination of U.S.

agricultural policy concerning Canada, with the goal of ensuring market access for US agricultural products.

Ms. Torry holds an MBA from the European School of Management, Paris, France, a B.A. in International Finance and Marketing from the University of Miami in Florida, and has studied international business in Colombia, England, Spain, and Thailand.

Amy Wong is a China specialist with nine years of international work experience. She is currently the Associate Project Director of the Global Suppliers Institute (GSI) at the Washington Center of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise. To be launched in the Fall of 2005 in Shanghai, China, the GSI is a management training center that was designed in partnership with multinational corporations committed to working with China-based suppliers and joint-venture partners to improve compliance with Chinese workplace standards. Prior to joining Kenan, Ms. Wong helped American companies break into markets in Greater China and Southeast Asia, at a DC-based consulting firm; managed a fellowship program for mid-career level researchers from the United States and Asia, at a DC-based think tank; and taught English at one of southern China's top high schools. Ms. Wong helped found the DC chapter of Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy and is an active alumna of the Princeton-in-Asia network. Ms. Wong has a B.A. from Princeton University and speaks both Mandarin and Cantonese.

Arica Young is an international trade specialist and policy advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Africa, the Middle East and South Asia in the International Trade Administration's Market Access and Compliance unit. In this position, she provides policy and logistical support for the Deputy Assistant Secretary; serves as a liaison with other U.S. government agencies, as well as foreign embassies and the private sector; and manages the internal resources of the three regional offices in the DAS office.

Ms. Young joined the Department of Commerce in 1994. Prior to her current position she worked as a Brookings Institute Federal Fellow on the Joint Economic Committee Senate Majority staff and in the office of Congressman Christopher Shays (CT-4). Ms. Young also has worked in various offices in the Commerce Department and other Federal agencies, including four years at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, three years in Office of the Under Secretary for International Trade at the Commerce Department, and three years in Commerce Department district offices in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Ms. Young is a native of Philadelphia and holds a master's degree from Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree from La Salle University. She was a Fulbright scholar to Vienna Austria (1991-1992) and a Robert Bosch Fellow in Germany (1997-1998).