

“Research is the lifeblood of my academic life. When I am in the field, rigid theory is grounded and made supple. Experiences with real people and places add legitimacy and relevance to discussions in the classroom. And on a personal level, fieldwork restores my deep sense of wonder at the diverse ways in which humans create their homes on earth, despite enormous obstacles.”

— Marie Price,
Associate Professor of Geography
and International Affairs and Chair,
Department of Geography



Research



Marie Price shares a photograph in Cochabamba, Bolivia, where she researched transnational migration in January 2008.

RESEARCH

AT THE ELLIOTT SCHOOL, WE ARE COMMITTED to creating and sharing knowledge. Our dynamic research institutes provide venues where scholars and policymakers can come together to develop, test, and disseminate new ideas. Faculty members work individually and collaboratively across disciplines to sharpen intellectual debates and deepen academic and policy conversations about international affairs. Together, they contribute to the evolving and expanding body of knowledge that helps scholars, policymakers, and citizens better understand the world in which we live.

AN INCUBATOR FOR IDEAS

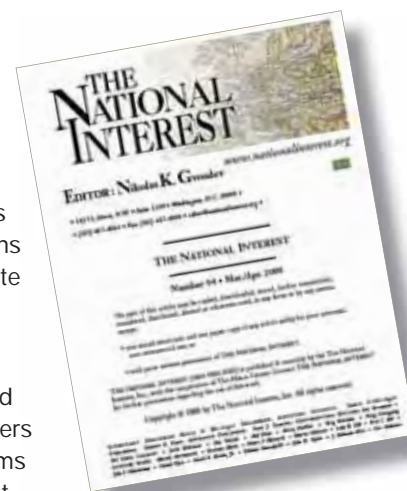
Elliott School faculty members published more than a dozen books and hundreds of scholarly articles, research papers, policy analyses, and book chapters during the 2007-08 year. They traveled to six continents to present their research and engage with colleagues from other parts of the world. Our faculty received numerous fellowships and grants in support of their work.

The Elliott School capitalized on its strong cross-disciplinary scholarly expertise in democracy by sponsoring the Future of Democracy Initiative. The school and its research institutes hosted 14 events throughout the year that examined the evolution of democratic governments and processes around the

world. These events served as catalysts for further discussions and analyses that will culminate in a major book project.

With generous support from Elliott School parents Jack and Pam Cumming, faculty members Joanna Spear and Paul Williams hosted a book conference that examined the relationship between security and development problems. This workshop brought together scholars and practitioners from Europe and North America who will contribute chapters on these issues to a book that Spear and Williams will produce.

In September 2007, the Elliott School's Sigur Center for Asian Studies and Institute for European, Russian, and



Eurasian Studies sponsored a day-long conference on "Worldviews of Major and Aspiring Powers: Exploring

National Identities." The

conference examined how major powers view their roles and the position of the United States in the international system. Elliott School faculty members Nikolas Gvosdev, Harry Harding, Henry R. Nau, Deepa Ollapally, and David Shambaugh participated in the event, and all five contributed papers based on their presentations to the March/April 2008 issue of *The National Interest*.

Shawn McHale, associate professor of history and international affairs, at the temple Angkor Wat in Cambodia. McHale used a Fulbright-Hays Faculty Award to conduct research in Vietnam in 2007-08 on "The Mekong Delta in the Third World Revolution."



EXPANDING OUR RESEARCH CAPACITY

The Elliott School's research institutes draw on the regional and topical expertise of our faculty and provide important forums for the analysis of critical issues. In 2007-08, we launched two new institutes: the Institute for International Economic Policy and the Institute for Middle East Studies. These institutes serve as powerful platforms for research, teaching, policy engagement, profile raising, and community building in these two vital areas.

While broadening and deepening our focus in some areas, we understand that many of today's critical issues are not confined to one topic or geographic region. Our research institutes

collaborate to provide multidimensional approaches to some of the world's biggest problems. This collaboration enhances our work by drawing a broad range of interested participants, providing for rich discussions, and fostering new intellectual communities among experts specializing in different fields. It also increases the Elliott School's capacity to engage the policy community on pressing cross-disciplinary and cross-regional questions.



Former GW president Lloyd Elliott and his wife Betty—the school's namesakes—sit with Chantal de Jonge Oudraat of the United States Institute of Peace at the launch of the Institute for International Economic Policy.

INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY

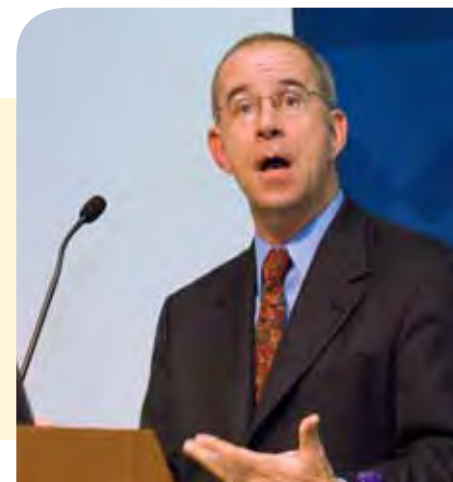
In July 2007, the Elliott School launched the Institute for International Economic Policy (IIEP) in recognition of the critical need for impartial research on economic globalization. IIEP supports and disseminates high-quality and innovative research on the opportunities and challenges of the increasingly globalized world economy. The institute's research program focuses on international trade, international finance, and economic development.

In its first year, IIEP hosted or co-sponsored more than 60 public events that included activities focused on economic policy, seminars on cutting-edge academic research, and a research conference. IIEP-affiliated faculty—which includes 16 faculty members from the Elliott School, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, and GW's law and business schools—published numerous articles and books in leading journals and university presses.

The institute began a practice of hosting high-level policymakers and scholars with an inaugural event featuring Amb. John J. Danilovich, chairman of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, who spoke on "Reducing Poverty in

Developing Countries: MCC's Role in Globalization and Stimulating Growth."

The tradition continued when IIEP hosted Venezuelan Finance Minister Rodrigo Cabezas as part of its International Finance Forum, organized by IIEP Director Michael Moore and faculty member Graciela Kaminsky. Other speakers included Augusto de la Torre, chief economist for the World Bank's Latin American and Caribbean Division, and Enrique Gelbard of the International Monetary Fund. IIEP's International



IIEP Director Michael Moore addresses the audience at an IIEP-sponsored event.

Trade Policy Forum featured GW faculty member Steven Suranovic on "Will Democracies Choose Free Trade?"; Arvind Panagariya of Columbia University on preferential trading; and Dan Griswold of the Cato Institute and Sarah Rogge of Debt AIDS, Trade, Africa (DATA) on the future of U.S. trade policy. In another policy forum, Nora Lustig, visiting Shapiro professor of international affairs, organized a series of talks on "Poverty and Inequality in the Global Economy" that featured some of the world's leading development economists.





Venezuelan Minister of Finance Rodrigo Cabezas discusses "The Financial Dimensions of 21st Century Socialism in the Bolivarian Republic."

IIEP co-sponsored two weekly academic seminar series that brought leading scholars to GW to discuss their current research. The two series, organized by Department of Economics faculty with IIEP support, focused on topics in international trade and development as well as macroeconomics and international finance. A parallel effort brought some of the world's experts on free trade agreements to the GW campus as part of the new University Seminar on Regionalism and Economic Development. Finally, a major conference on firm heterogeneity and its effects on



Amb. John J. Danilovich, chairman of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, speaks at IIEP's inaugural event.

trade and investment outcomes took place in April 2008. This conference further highlighted the Elliott School as a superb venue for presenting and discussing path-breaking work on one of the hottest areas of academic research in international trade.

IIEP-affiliated scholars contributed to the vibrant intellectual activity on international and development economics issues through articles and books in leading academic publications. For example, the *Canadian Journal of Economics* published an article by Shahe Emran on economic liberalization and private investment, and Michael Moore wrote an article on anti-dumping that appeared in the *Pacific Economic Review*. Steve

Charnovitz wrote about the World Trade Organization and the environment in the *Journal of International Economic Law* and contributed a chapter in *WTO at Ten: Governance, Dispute Settlement and Developing Countries* (Juris Publishing). Nora Lustig built upon her Poverty and Inequality series with a co-edited special issue of *Estudios Economicos* – "Poverty and Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean." Susan Aaronson's book *Trade Imbalance* was published by Cambridge University Press, and her op-eds appeared in the *Financial Times* and *YaleGlobal*. Stephen Smith co-authored the 10th edition of *Economic Development*, published by Addison Wesley, and an article in the *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.



J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Visiting Professor Nora Lustig with (left to right) Gerardo Esquivel, professor of economics at El Colegio de Mexico; John Scott, professor and researcher at Mexico's Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas; and Luis Felipe Lopez-Calva, chief economist of the United Nations Development Program's Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean. The three were part of a panel that addressed NAFTA and migration and social policy in Mexico as part of the Poverty and Inequality in the Global Economy series.

INSTITUTE FOR MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

GW has a longstanding and impressive record of faculty research and teaching on the Middle East, and the launch of the Institute for Middle East Studies (IMES) in 2007 marked a new stage in our commitment to the study of this important region. In promoting and publicizing new research on the Middle East, IMES aims to deepen understanding of this critical region among scholars, students, policymakers, the media, and the public.

In its first year, IMES hosted or co-

hosted more than 30 events that examined the region from political, economic, historical, and cultural perspectives. The October 2007 launch featured IMES faculty and two top journalists—Robin Wright of *The Washington Post* and Hafez Mirazi, formerly of Al Jazeera—discussing “The U.S. and the Middle East: Perception and Misperception.” Another event, organized in collaboration with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, featured IMES Director Nathan Brown and faculty member Marc Lynch

analyzing the Muslim Brotherhood’s draft party platform. In April 2008, IMES served as the host for the Iraq Policy Forum, a full-day event sponsored by a coalition of U.S.-based NGOs focused on the humanitarian situation in Iraq. The event featured up-to-date reports from the field, analyses of current trends in violence and forced migration, assessments of the U.S. and international humanitarian response, and policy options for improving humanitarian conditions for vulnerable populations affected by the Iraq war.

IMES hosted four major academic workshops including an inaugural workshop on citizenship in the Middle East, a workshop on the conflict in Iraq, a workshop on Islam and the state—hosted in collaboration with the Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies—and a reprise of a 2007 conference on Islamist political movements, with a focus on Islamist movements and electoral politics. The latter two workshops were part of the Elliott School’s Future of Democracy Initiative.

In 2007-08, IMES faculty members published dozens of scholarly articles, chapters, and books on the region.



Amb. Edward W. Gnehm Jr. talks with GW students and visiting Jordanian students.



(Left to right) IMES Director Nathan Brown; Amb. Edward W. Gnehm Jr., Kuwait Professor of Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Affairs; Robin Wright, diplomatic correspondent for The Washington Post; Marc Lynch, associate professor of political science and international affairs; and Hafez Mirazi, former host of Al Jazeera's program "From Washington," speak on a panel at IMES' inaugural event.

Nathan Brown is working on two books: one on Islamist electoral participation in the Arab world supported by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Peace, and an edited volume, which is the culmination of the Future of Democracy Initiative. Brown also wrote several articles, including one on the new Middle East, which *Newsweek* hailed as "brutally accurate."

In addition to conducting research in Jordan in summer 2008 and publishing three articles, Ilana Feldman published her first book, *Governing Gaza: Bureaucracy, Authority, and the Work of Rule, 1917-1967* (Duke University Press). Steven Livingston co-authored the book *When the Press Fails: Political Power and the News Media from Iraq to Katrina* (University of Chicago Press). Marc Lynch published several articles, including an article in *Middle East Policy* based on the findings of an online symposium he hosted on "Thinking Strategically about Iraq."

Several IMES faculty members received fellowships in 2007-08. Dina Khoury used a Guggenheim fellowship to study war and remembrance in Iraq and two fellowships from The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq to interview Syrian war veterans and intellectuals. While serving as a fellow at Princeton University, Melani McAlister contributed a chapter to a book on contemporary U.S. culture published by Duke University Press.

IMES faculty members also shared their research with a wide variety of audiences last year. Amb. Edward W. Gnehm Jr. delivered his annual Kuwait Chair lecture on the profoundly important yet troubled relationship between Saudi Arabia and the United States. Christopher A. Kojm was a speaker on a U.S. State Department program to Turkey and Syria. Robert Weiner discussed oil price causes and consequences at the International Energy Agency in Paris and with the U.S. intelligence community at Langley.



IMES sponsors the Middle East Policy Forum, an event series which brings leading scholars, analysts, journalists, diplomats, and policy-makers to campus to discuss current and emerging issues in the region. The forum, which is supported by ExxonMobil, hosted 10 events in 2007-08, including a lecture on political and social reform in Egypt by Dr. Ahmed Fathi Sorour (pictured above), speaker of the People's Assembly. Other events included a talk on prospects for Arab-Israeli peace with Marwan Muasher, former Jordanian foreign minister; a panel on Iran's 2008 elections with scholars from GW, the New America Foundation, and the Council on Foreign Relations; and a lecture by Trita Parsi, co-founder and president of the National Iranian American Council, on whether conflict is inevitable between Israel, Iran, and the United States.

In April, the Space Policy Institute, NASA, and the Lockheed Martin Corporation co-hosted a lecture by noted astrophysicist Stephen Hawking and his daughter Lucy, who spoke on "Why Go Into Space?" to a capacity crowd of space professionals and students at GW's Jack Morton Auditorium.



CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The Center for International Science and Technology Policy (CISTP) conducts research on the policy issues affecting science and technology worldwide. CISTP focuses on the policy implications of scientific and technological innovations, especially comparative analyses across countries and regions.

CISTP faculty members conducted and shared research on a variety of issues in 2007-08. Nicholas Vonortas delivered presentations in Taipei, Taiwan; Tokyo, Japan; and Siuzhou, China. Three CISTP faculty members, two graduates, and three second-year master's students traveled to Hyderabad, India, to attend the leading annual international space

meeting. At the conference, faculty members John Logsdon and Ray Williamson presented papers, and Henry Hertzfeld coached GW's team to victory in the Manfred Lachs International Space Law Moot Court Competition.

CISTP received important grants in 2007-08 from the U.S. National Science Foundation, NASA, and the U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation, totaling more than \$675,000. These grants helped CISTP faculty members provide Iraqi scientists with access to important research through the Iraqi Virtual Science Library, study how humans and earth are likely to co-evolve in the future, and create an important

international database of research and technology partnerships.

CISTP's Space Policy Institute (SPI) in partnership with the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, the Monterey Institute of International Studies, and the Secure World Foundation, hosted a workshop in January 2008 that was the culmination of seven years of study on space weaponization and security. Over that span, SPI also released four publications and held multilateral workshops in Paris and Tokyo. These projects were supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.



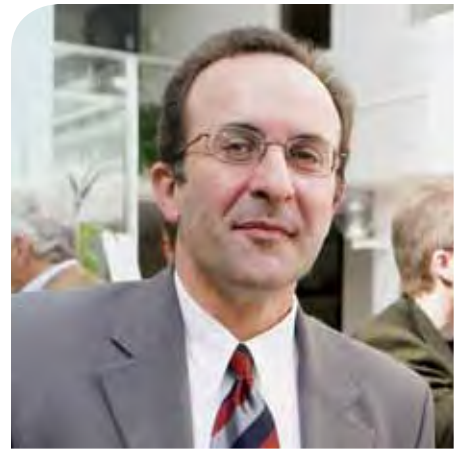
CISTP faculty members Robert Rycroft (second from left), John Logsdon (center), and Nicholas Vonortas (far right) with 2008 graduating students.



After 40 years of extraordinary service at GW, John Logsdon, director of SPI, announced that he would be leaving the Elliott School for a year-long appointment as the Charles A. Lindbergh chair in aerospace history at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington. The Elliott School celebrated Logsdon at a May 2008 dinner, which was attended by many of his friends and colleagues, including NASA Administrator Mike Griffin. Scott Pace, formerly the associate administrator for program analysis and evaluation at NASA, will take over as director of SPI. The institute also welcomed two new research professors, Pascale Ehrenfreund and Colleen Hartman.



John Logsdon, director of the Center for International Science and Technology Policy and the Space Policy Institute.



Professor of Economics and International Affairs Nicholas Vonortas, a board member of the evaluation unit of the Swedish government's agency for research and innovation, at a meeting of that board in Stockholm, Sweden.



The D. Allan Bromley Annual Lecture on Science and Society was co-organized for a third year by the Telfer School of Management of the University of Ottawa and the Elliott School's Center for International Science and Technology Policy. Named for the late science advisor to former U.S. President George H.W. Bush, the lecture rotates between Ottawa and Washington. CISTP's Nicholas Vonortas delivered the lecture, titled "Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy for Knowledge-based Economies," in April 2008.



James Millar, former IERES director, talks with Hope Harrison, the current IERES director, at an event sponsored by the Millar Family Fund.

INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN, RUSSIAN, AND EURASIAN STUDIES

The Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (IERES) sponsors a wide spectrum of research on the region, drawing together faculty members with expertise on history, politics, economics, language, literature, and other disciplines. The 2007-08 academic year showcased IERES as a world-class research institute focusing on this vast and dynamic region.

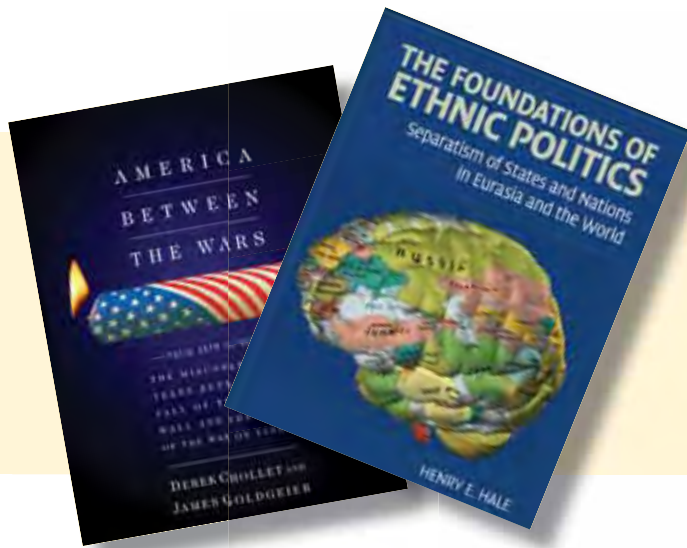
James Goldgeier co-authored *America Between the Wars: From 11/9 to 9/11*, which *The New York Times* called "astute and highly informed." The American Political Science Association awarded Henry Hale an outstanding book award for *Why Not Parties in Russia? Democracy, Federalism, and the State*, and he published *The Foundations of Ethnic Politics: Separatism of States and Nations in Eurasia and the World*

(Cambridge University Press). IERES faculty members also published scholarly articles in a variety of journals, including *Comparative Politics* and *Cold War History*.

Faculty members received funding from several important sources to support their work. The Carnegie Corporation of New York awarded Hale an \$18,000 grant to run a conference

In spring 2008, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded IERES a \$330,000 grant to fund its Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research (SICAR)—a program that trains doctoral students in the use of historical archives. The grant will fund the summer institute, as well as a pre-doctoral fellowship, for the next three years. Students (pictured) traveled from around the United States and the world to participate in the summer institute.





on Russia's 2007-08 elections. Hale also held fellowships from the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research and the Woodrow Wilson Center's Kennan Institute. Both Hale and Daina Eglitis won Fulbright fellowships; Hale traveled to Moscow and Eglitis to Latvia. Sharon Wolchik was awarded fellowships from the National Endowment for Democracy and the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center. IERES faculty members presented their research at conferences across the United States, as well as in Russia, Germany, Latvia, the Netherlands, and Italy.

In fall 2007, IERES held an inaugural lecture to honor James Millar, professor emeritus and former IERES director. At the event, Paul Gregory of the Hoover Institution discussed Millar's agricultural surplus hypothesis. The Millar Family Fund raised \$32,000 for the institute.

Throughout the year, IERES reached out to the academic and policy communities with more than 40 events, including a conference on the challenges of integrating Islam in Europe. IERES also hosted a panel on the European Union with the ambassadors of Germany, Portugal, and Slovenia, and sessions with European policymakers and diplomats.



HOFFMAN DISSERTATION AWARDS

Thanks to the generous contribution of A. Michael Hoffman, IERES offers dissertation prizes to assist GW Ph.D. students in political science, history, or economics in their research. In 2007-08, the Hoffman awards were given to Yangmu Ku and Jennie Schulze, both Ph.D. candidates in political science.

Ku will use the award to conduct field research in Germany and France for his dissertation titled, "International Reconciliation in a Postwar Era: A Comparative Study of Japan-ROK and Franco-German Relations."

Schulze is writing her doctoral dissertation on the effects of international actors on language policies in the Baltic States. The Hoffman award will enable her to complete her fieldwork in Lithuania and to travel to Strasbourg to meet with officials in charge of monitoring minority rights in member states at the Council of Europe.

INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Institute for Global and International Studies (IGIS) fosters intellectual exchange and collaborative research on important global issues, including international organizations and law, trade regimes, international development, international security, U.S. foreign policy, and global governance. The institute supports research that “brings practice

to theory” by focusing on challenges that real world problems pose to disciplinary debates, with the goal of spurring theoretical innovation.

Two established series—the IGIS Lecture Series and the IGIS Research Seminar Series—highlight the institute’s prominence as a highly regarded forum

for intellectual discussion, debate, and analysis of global topics. A highlight of the 2007-08 Lecture Series was an event featuring Thomas Christensen, a Princeton professor on leave while serving as deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, speaking on U.S.-China relations. Other IGIS Lecture Series events featured GW alumnus Roy Ginsburg of Skidmore College on “The European Union at 50: An American Perspective”; Douglas Farah and Stephen Braun on their new book, *Merchant of Death: Money, Guns, Planes, and the Man Who Makes War Possible*; and GW faculty member Harvey Feigenbaum on “Resisting Hollywood: The Politics of Cultural Diversity.”

The IGIS Research Seminar Series invites scholars and professionals to present their research and works-in-progress to IGIS faculty, students, and affiliates. In one event, GW’s Emmanuel Teitelbaum and Graeme Robertson of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill discussed “Do Investors Flee or Fight? Examining the Relationship between Labor Protest



CIGA Director Barbara Miller was awarded the 2008 Harry Harding Teaching Prize for sustained excellence in teaching.



IGIS Director Susan Sell.

and Foreign Direct Investment." IGIS Visiting Scholar Geraldo Zahran focused on "American Liberalism and Institutional Arrangements after World War II" in another event. In total, the series hosted 14 speakers over the course of 2007-08.

In November 2007 and March 2008, IGIS Director Susan Sell and faculty member Martha Finnemore hosted two workshops in support of their project on "Who Governs the Globe?" These workshops, which were supported by an International Studies Association grant, gathered scholars to evaluate new and unconventional global governors whose decisions and actions affect world affairs. The 20 authors and discussants attending the workshops presented their work in November and then reconvened in March to receive further feedback on their ideas. The manuscript will be revised and submitted to Cambridge University Press.

In May 2008, IGIS brought together GW professors and students, as well as faculty from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dartmouth College, and Stony Brook University to analyze the



nature of international threats. Workshop participants examined issues such as the cognitive and emotional bases of threat; the role of rhetoric, language, and discourse in the presentation of threat; and the ways threat and threat perception affect political outcomes.

The Diaspora Program is an IGIS-affiliated research and policy program that focuses on issues confronting diaspora communities worldwide. In 2007-08, the program hosted an event with Nassim Assefi, a global women's health specialist and fiction writer. Assefi discussed deracination and read from her novel *Aria*.

The Culture in Global Affairs (CIGA) program, another IGIS-sponsored research and policy program, brought scholars to campus to discuss cultural contributions to policymaking. In 2007-08, the CIGA Seminar Series focused on the theme of "Borders, Bodies, and Policies in a Globalizing World." Events included discussions of forced migration in Latin America and Africa, and included a talk by GW faculty member Stephen Lubkemann, who discussed post-

conflict displacement in Mozambique. In another event, "A World Cut in Two: Global Justice and the Traffic in Human Organs," Nancy Scheper-Hughes of the University of California at Berkeley discussed her ongoing research on international organ trafficking and her ideas about what should be done to prevent victimization of poor people. CIGA Director Barbara Miller edited and contributed to four volumes of work on cultural anthropology in 2007-08.



Professor of Political Science and International Affairs Martha Finnemore, who co-hosted two IGIS workshops with Susan Sell.

SIGUR CENTER FOR ASIAN STUDIES

Through education, research, and public programs, the Sigur Center promotes deeper understanding of Asia and improved links between Asia and the world. The Sigur Center is home to both undergraduate and graduate teaching programs on Asian studies as well as more than 60 full-time faculty members, visiting scholars, and researchers.

The Sigur Center's research on Asia informs scholarship and policy. In 2007-08, Sigur Center faculty published six books:

- Gregg Brazinsky, *Nation Building in South Korea: Koreans, Americans, and the Making of a Democracy* (UNC Press).



Indian Ambassador to the United States Ronen Sen speaks at the Sigur Center's India Initiative.

- Richard Grinker, *Unstrange Minds: Remapping the World of Autism* (Basic Books).
- Kirk Larsen, *Traditions, Treaties and Trade: Qing Imperialism and Choson Korea, 1850-1910* (Harvard University Asia Center).
- Mike Mochizuki, co-editor, *Japan in International Politics: The Foreign Policies of an Adaptive State* (Lynne Rienner).
- David Shambaugh, *China's Communist Party: Atrophy and Adaptation* (University of California Press).
- Ronald Spector, *In the Ruins of Empire: The Japanese Surrender and the Battle for Postwar Asia* (Random House).

Sigur Center scholars also published numerous articles and book chapters. Faculty members Henry R. Nau, David Shambaugh, and Deepa Ollapally published articles in *The National Interest* as part of a Sigur Center-sponsored project on major powers. Amb. Karl F. Inderfurth co-authored "Breaking More Naan with Delhi" in *The National Interest*. Bruce Dickson published "Integrating Wealth and Power in China: The Communist Party's Embrace of

the Private Sector" in *China Quarterly* and "The Future of China's Party-State: The Party Is Far from Over" in *Current History*.

In 2007-08, the Sigur Center built upon its strong reputation for promoting dialogue with and about Asia. It organized more than 70 events aimed at enhancing understanding of this diverse and rapidly changing region, attracting nearly 2,400 audience members throughout the year. The center continued to sponsor two lecture series – Transnational Asia and Subnational Asia. It expanded its India Initiative with both cultural events and



Deepa Ollapally, associate director of the Sigur Center for Asian Studies.



Sigur Center Director Kirk Larsen (second from left) participates in an unveiling of a statue of Philip Jaisohn at the Korean embassy.

substantive lectures, including an event co-sponsored with the Indian embassy featuring Indian Ambassador to the U.S. Ronen Sen. As part of the initiative, the center hosted a concert of India's most ancient form of classical music, Dagarvani dhrupad, co-sponsored by the Asia Society, and it also received seed funds from the India American Education Foundation to establish a student scholarship in Indian studies. As part of its commitment to promoting dialogue, the Sigur Center sponsors two policy programs: the China Policy Program, led by David Shambaugh, and the Japan-U.S. Legislative Exchange Program, led by Henry R. Nau.

The Sigur Center created a new Friends of Korea program, which enhances the center's reputation as one of the country's leading research venues on contemporary Korea. The program hosted high-level symposia and policy dialogues and supported scholarly and policy research, visiting fellows, and student scholarships. The Korea Foundation and the Sigur Center collaborated on two separate events: the first, a part of the Korea Foundation's Korean Speakers Forum, and the second, a conference on Korean nationalist and GW alumnus Philip Jaisohn (Sô Chae-p'il), funded

by a generous grant from the Korea Foundation.

In December 2007, the Sigur Center created the William R. Johnson Fund to support student scholarships and program activities. The fund, named for a former Sigur Center associate director, honors Johnson's passion for teaching Chinese history, devotion to students, and tireless stewardship of the center.

The Memory and Reconciliation in the Asian-Pacific Program, co-directed by Mike Mochizuki and Daqing Yang, received support from the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission for an event culminating the project on "The Tokyo Trial: Legacy and Reassessment at 60."

A grant from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office funded two conferences on democracy in Taiwan, a roundtable on U.S.-Taiwan economic relations, and a conference on the Taiwanese presidential elections.

Also in 2008, Taiwanese businessman Albert Wang and his family committed \$1 million to GW in part to enhance a special collection housed at Gelman Library focused specifically on the study of Taiwan. The collection was created with a \$300,000 grant from Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



A FOCUS ON TAIWAN

In 2007-08, the Sigur Center enhanced its reputation as a prominent center for the study of Taiwan. The Taiwan Education and Research Program (TERP), directed by GW faculty member Edward McCord, is a policy program affiliated with the Sigur Center that advances academic and policy-related education and research on Taiwan. The program's Taiwan Forum brings together visiting scholars, academics, journalists, students, policy analysts, and leading members of the Taiwan-American community for discussions about Taiwan's current affairs. In 2007-08, the forum hosted 12 presentations by Taiwan experts as part of a Taiwan Democracy and Security Seminar Series, with support from the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy. The Foundation, along with the Formosa Foundation, worked with the Sigur Center to sponsor an event titled "Can Democracy Survive Globalization? Lessons from Taiwan." This event featured a keynote address by former Senator Bob Dole, as well as participation from Amb. James Lilley and Senator Sherrod Brown (pictured above).