

# FORD INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SECURITY

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2011 - 2012



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## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Ford Institute for Human Security is to promote effective responses to severe threats faced by individuals and their communities as a result of conflict and deprivation. To that end, the Institute conducts research on the causes and consequences of political violence and economic underdevelopment, and works to advance the idea that governments have a sovereign responsibility to protect their people.

## **History and Funding**

The Ford Institute is a part of the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) at the University of Pittsburgh. It is dedicated to advancing the study and practice of human security by conducting policy-oriented academic research, providing resources on human security to a broad audience, and reaching out to a network of scholars and organizations engaged in human security work.

The Institute began in 2003 as a research institute with an endowment from the Ford Motor Company. Under the direction of Professor Simon Reich, the Ford Institute was instrumental in developing one of the first human security courses of study in the United States. In 2009, Dean John T. S. Keeler appointed Professor Taylor Seybolt as Director of the Ford Institute.

In 2011-2012, the Ford Institute underwent some major changes, most notably by naming Professor Louis A. Picard as the new director. Professor Picard, whose research and consulting specialization includes international development, governance, development management, and capacity building, is the Institute's third director.

GSPIA's human security major and opportunities provided by the Ford Institute now attract graduate students from across the United States and around the world. The Institute's faculty affiliates conduct cutting-edge research from a wide range of disciplinary perspectives, including political science, economics, public health, and education. Graduate students provide vital research assistance. The Institute's work is generously supported by the Ford endowment and project-specific grants from other funders.

## **Objectives**

To fulfill its mission, the Ford Institute activities are designed to achieve four core objectives.

- Build the human security program at GSPIA by providing students with educational programming and experience.
- Develop a collaborative network of scholars and practitioners throughout the University and in the wider Pittsburgh community.

- Contribute to the growing field of human security nationally and internationally through policy-oriented academic research.
- Expand the research capacity of the multidisciplinary University of Pittsburgh Governance Group in support of democracy and human rights.

## **Ford Institute Programs in 2011-2012**

Ford Institute programs are designed to provide educational resources, reach out to build interest, and promote progressive research for a broad audience of students, practitioners and intellectuals. During the 2011-2012 academic year, we brought a wide-ranging set of people, resources, and ideas to GSPIA and the broader Pittsburgh community.

### **Ford Institute Speaker Series**

The Ford Institute Speaker Series continued to be one of the Institute's most important outreach activities this past year. The Speaker Series remains a signature promotional component for the Institute, advancing the Institute's objectives through engaging presentations and lectures from a variety of different speakers. During the 2011 – 2012 academic year, the Ford Institute hosted ten speakers, who ranged from academics, to practitioners, to policymakers.

The Speaker Series were held in a variety of locations. Some speakers lectured in classrooms in GSPIA or other areas of the university, while others had more intimate discussions with students over lunch. The Speaker Series attracts a broad range of audiences. While it is most popular with GSPIA students, the Series draws a considerable presence from students in other areas of the university, faculty members, as well as the public. Audience members found that the Series allowed them to engage in discussions on human security issues on a different level.

Below is a list of speakers who participated in this year's Speaker Series. Data on attendance of the Speaker Series and Film Series is available in Annex A of this report.

- Betty Makoni, Founder of the "Girl Child Network" | Sept. 21, 2011  
*Championing the Rights of Girls*
- William Dunn, Associate Dean, GSPIA | Oct. 5, 2011  
*Peace Corps 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*
- David Mendeloff, Carleton University | Nov. 2, 2011  
*War Crimes and Hollow Threats: Assessing the Coercive Logic of ICC Intervention in Ongoing Conflicts*
- Brooke White, University of Mississippi | Nov. 7, 2011  
*Bright Kids Uganda: Big Change through Collaborative Efforts*
- John R. Schmidt, George Washington University | Nov. 10, 2011  
*The Unraveling: Pakistan in the Age of Jihad*
- Robert Hitchcock, Michigan State University | Jan. 18, 2012  
*Human Security and Indigenous Peoples: Lessons from Southern Africa*
- M. Najeeb Shafiq, University of Pittsburgh | Jan. 25, 2012

- Education, Employment, and Protest Participation in the Arab World*
- Taylor B. Seybolt, University of Pittsburgh | Jan. 30, 2012  
*Health Humanitarian Aid and Conflict*
  - Doug Brooks, International Stability Operations Association | April 4, 2012  
*From Tikrit to Tripoli: Why Contractors Matter in International Peace Operations*

### **Film Series**

- *The Boy Mir* | Nov. 15, 2011  
Featured Q&A with producer Phil Grabsky. This documentary, a follow up to the film *The Boy who Plays on the Buddhas of Bamayan* follows Mir as he grows into adulthood in post-Taliban Afghanistan.  
See below for other film screenings.

### **Collaborative Presentations and Film Screenings**

In addition to its Speaker Series, the Ford Institute worked with other University Centers and Institutes, and faculty members to bring additional expertise to the University of Pittsburgh.

- Book Launch/Panel Discussion: *African Security and the African Command* | Sept. 7, 2011  
Co-sponsored with the Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies, this event celebrated the recent publication of the book *African Security and the US African Command*. The book is based on the conference, "Conflict, Human Security and Energy: African Reaction to the New US-Africa Command," held at the University of Pittsburgh in March 2009.
- Film: *Staging Hope* | Feb. 7, 2012  
Co-sponsored with Pitt STAND, *Staging Hope* documents a two-week theatre program in northern Uganda. Through the intensive drama workshop, the Ugandan teens were able to tell their remarkable stories, teach their communities about important social issues such as peace building and HIV/AIDS, and begin to heal from the trauma of living for years with the Lord's Resistance Army in their midst.
- Film: *Blood in the Mobile* | Feb. 7, 2012  
Co-sponsored with Pitt STAND, *Blood in the Mobile* shows the connection between our mobile phones and violence in the Congo. It is a project about one of the most dangerous places on earth, about human courage, and above all, about hope and the search for solutions.
- Presentation: Aili Mari Tripp, University of Wisconsin-Madison | Feb. 10, 2012  
*Women, Power and Peacemaking in Africa*. Sponsored by the Sociology Department, Women's Studies, African Studies, Global Studies, the International Development Program and GSPIA.
- Film: *Sand and Sorrow* | Feb. 16, 2012  
Co-sponsored with Pitt STAND, featured a Q&A with John Prendergast. *Sand and Sorrow* examines the international community's "legacy of failure" to respond to crimes against

humanity. The film analyzes the historical events that have given rise to the willingness of Sudan's government to kill and displace its own indigenous people.

- Presentation: Sameena Nazir, Executive Director of the Potohar Organization for Development Advocacy and President of the Pakistan section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom | March 12, 2012  
*A Day in the Life of a Pakistani Woman*. In collaboration with the Women's Studies Program.
- Panel Discussion: Müge Finkel, University of Pittsburgh | March 15, 2012  
In Celebration of International Women's Day 2012: *Trafficking of Women and Girls: A Global Challenge in Our Own Backyard*. Sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh and YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh.
- Presentation: Andrew Natsios, Former Director of USAID | March 15, 2012  
Professor Saul M. Katz International Lectureship on Economic & Social Development: *The Past and Future of U.S. Foreign Aid in an Uncertain World*. In collaboration with International Orthodox Christian Charities.

### **Collaborative Conferences**

*Achieving Sustainable Development in Africa*. Sponsored by the Ford Institute, the University Center for International Studies (UCIS), UCIS African Studies Program, UCIS Global Studies Center, School of Education's Institute for International Studies in Education, University Honors College, Office of the Provost, and the Matthew B. Ridgeway Center for International Security Studies. March 29 – 30, 2012. The Conference was co-chaired by Prof. Louis A. Picard and Dr. Macrina Lelei, Acting Director of the African Studies Program.

- This two-day conference featured panels on Millennium Development Goals, Health and Environmental Sustainability, Educational Sustainability, Governance, Conflict Mitigation and Development, and Gender Equity. Several GSPIA scholars presented at the conference, including those who are affiliated with the Ford Institute: Dr. Louis Picard, Dr. Taylor Seybolt, and Dr. Müge Finkel, along with Ford Institute research associate, Zachary Karazsia. Other GSPIA alumni and PhD candidates were among the impressive list of speakers.

*Assessing the Contributions and Legacy of the Special Court for Sierra Leone to Africa and International Criminal Justice*. Sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh School of Law; Center for International Legal Education, University of Pittsburgh School of Law; Ford Institute for Human Security; the Africa Law Institute (Ottawa, Canada); University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh; International Criminal Law Interest Group, American Society of International Law; Africa Interest Group, American Society of International Law. April 19 – 21, 2012.

- This conference assessed the contributions of the Special Court of Sierra Leone (SCSL) to Africa and international criminal justice. The conference, which featured a keynote speech from Stephen J. Rapp, President Obama's Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes and former chief prosecutor for the Sierra Leone Tribunal, featured seventy-five scholars and practitioners from around the world. Professor Charles Jalloh, the conference convener, plans to produce a book based on the conference.

### **Visiting Fellows**

The Institute began the Visiting Fellows program in 2010-2011. During the 2011-2012 academic year the Institute welcomed John Prendergast as its visiting fellow. (See Annex B for complete 2012 schedule).

#### **John Prendergast**

John Prendergast is a human rights activist and best-selling author who has worked for peace in Africa for more than 25 years. He is the co-founder of the Enough Project, an initiative to end genocide and crimes against humanity affiliated with the Center for American Progress. John has worked for the Clinton White House, the Department of State, two members of Congress, the National Intelligence Council, UNICEF, Human Rights Watch, the International Crisis Group, and the U.S. Institute of Peace.

Mr. Prendergast was a visiting fellow for two weeks, from Feb. 7 until Feb. 12, 2012. While at the Ford Institute he participated in a film series, gave lectures, spoke to students, and was featured on a panel at the Carnegie Library in Squirrel Hill. Mr. Prendergast's lecture on Feb. 8, "Why South Sudan Succeeded, Darfur Failed & the Implications of the Arab Spring," discussed why South Sudan peacefully seceded, after struggling to do so for two decades, and why President al-Bashir of Sudan accepted the outcome but still poses many threats to the region. He also spoke about Sudan's neighbors that have been transformed by the Arab Spring, and what Sudan might expect to happen next. Mr. Prendergast also participated in a Q&A session following the screening of a film, "Sand and Sorrow", which examines the international community's "legacy of failure" to respond to crimes against humanity, using the Sudanese government's willingness to kill and displace its own indigenous people as a backdrop. During his second week as a visiting fellow, Mr. Prendergast joined the Ford Institute's director, Dr. Louis A. Picard, on a panel hosted by the Pittsburgh Darfur Emergency Coalition. "Challenges for Sudan, Challenges for Advocates," also featured Abdalmageed Haroun, founder of the Human Rights and Advocacy Network for Democracy in Sudan, and Benedict Killang, representing the Sudanese Community in Pittsburgh.

Besides his numerous talks about his own experiences in the field, Mr. Prendergast gave career advice to groups of students, as well as made himself available for one-on-one sessions with students interested in meeting with him. During his stay at the Ford Institute, Mr. Prendergast was also featured in an article on the front page of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. [Waging Peace – Pittsburgh Post-Gazette March 14, 2012](#)

During Mr. Prendergast's two-week tenure as a Ford Institute Visiting Fellow, over 130 students, faculty and community members attended his lectures, film screenings and scheduled time to speak to him directly during office hours. See Annex A for figures on attendance.

#### **Radio & TV**

**TV:** Professor Picard Featured on Voice of America Mandarin Service 10/24/2012. Topic: "The Relationship between Africa and China." The show has an interview and call-in format and is broadcast all over China a 9 p.m. during their primetime. Mr. Yu Cong, the moderator of the show, focused the discussion and debate around a comment Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made that China's activities in Africa were "neo-colonial." Dr. Picard was featured on the show as the subject of Mr. Yu Cong's interview. [See YouTube Video.](#)



**Radio:** John R. Schmidt, Professional Lecturer on Pakistan and South Asia at Elliot School of International Affairs at George Washington University was featured on the World Affairs Council “KQV Global Press Conference” in November 2011. Professor Schmidt was in Pittsburgh to speak at the Ford Lecture Series about his book, “The Unraveling: Pakistan in the Age of Jihad.” The interview aired from November 25 – 27. [Listen here](#)

**Radio:** KQV-AM Radio in Pittsburgh interviewed Dr. Louis A. Picard about the details and implications of the conflict in Libya. The show aired September 2011.

**Radio:** The World Affairs Council’s “KQV Global Press Conference” is a 30 minute radio program broadcast twice weekly on KQV-AM Radio in Pittsburgh. About 26,000 listeners tune in and the programs are available to download for one year from the Council’s website. Through a partnership with the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, Andrew Natsios, a guest of the Ford Institute, was interviewed by Steve Sokol, Council Director. The show aired May 19-20, 2012. [Listen here](#)

## Research in 2010-2011

### Working Groups

Over the past two years the Ford Institute has had three working groups. Each of these groups is led by faculty members, but the groups are essentially student-driven research teams. The working groups provide students with valuable research experience while also offering faculty the chance to advance their own research agenda. The following is a description of the Ford Institute’s three working groups:

#### Gender, Islam and Development

*Muge Finkel, Faculty leader*

This working group explores how religion, Islam in particular, influence gender policies in contexts marked by different histories of nation-building, state-society relations, political systems, and religious and secular traditions.

#### Property Rights in Post-Conflict States

*Jennifer and Iliia Murtazashvili, Faculty leaders*

This working group assesses property rights and land reform in post-conflict countries, where one of the defining features is property insecurity. Weak or ineffective property rights reduce prospects for economic development, resource management, and even development of the state itself.

#### The Responsibility to Protect

*Taylor Seybolt, Faculty leader*

This working group addresses the implications of the argument that governments have a sovereign responsibility to protect their people from atrocities and, if a government fails to provide protection, outside actors have a responsibility to step in. One dimension of the work looks at the causes of mass atrocities, specifically the triggers of genocide and mass killing. The second dimension looks



at international responses, specifically whether the concept of R2P has led to changes in the frequency or conduct of military interventions to protect civilians.

The Ford Institute is expecting several new groups focusing on indigenous peoples and sub-national conflict to begin working in the Fall 2012.

### **CountingCasualties.org**

The Ford Institute collaborated with faculty from Carnegie Mellon University to develop the website CountingCasualties.org. The aim of the new website is to advance the science of casualty recording and estimation. The website is developing into a forum for members of the civilian casualty recording and estimation community to share, discuss, debate, and hopefully to begin to resolve the wide variety of methodological and theoretical challenges they face on a daily basis. Over the past year the Ford Institute has continuously updated the website with news on casualties throughout the world.

This site grew out of a National Science Foundation (NSF) funded conference, held in October 2009 at Carnegie Mellon University. The Ford Institute interns and administrator maintain the website on a daily basis.

### **Publications in 2011-2012**

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Aronson, J. (2012). Humanitarian DNA Identification in Post-Apartheid South Africa. Genetics and the Unsettled Past: the Collision of DNA, Race, and History. A. N. Keith Wailoo, and Catherine Lee, Rutgers University Press: 295-312

Condra, L. N. "Ethnic Group Rebellion in Civil War."

Condra, L. N. "Perils of the Periphery: Ethnic Group Rebellion in African Civil Wars, 1980-2006."

Condra, L. N. and E. Berman. "Shifting Tactics and Hard Targets: Insurgent Violence in Iraq."

Condra, L. N. and R. R. Bhavnani. "Electoral Support for Corruption in Afghanistan: Experimental Evidence on Extent, Causes, and Remedies."

Condra, L. N., J. Felter, et al. "Insurgent Math: The impact of Civilian Casualties in the Afghan Insurgency."

Condra, L. N. and R. K. Lyengar. "Competition in Insurgent Conflicts: Theory and Evidence from Afghanistan."

Condra, L. N., R. K. Lyengar, et al. "Estimating the Symbolic Value of Police during the 2010 Elections in Afghanistan."

Condra, L. N. and J. N. Shapiro (2012). "Who Takes the Blame? The Strategic Effects of Collateral Damage." American Journal of Political Science 56(1): 167-187.

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Murtazashvili, I. and D.A. Downs. (2012). "Arms and the University: Military Presence and the Civic Education of Non-military Students." Cambridge University Press.

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Picard, L. T. Buss, and N. Buss (2011). "Al-Qaeda in Africa: The Threat and Response," in African Security and the African Command: Viewpoints on the U.S. Role in Africa. Sterling, VA: Kumarian Press.

Picard, L. (2011). "Development Management: Renewal and Discovery in the Twenty-First Century" in The State of Public Administration: Issues Challenges, and Opportunities. Armonk, NY: M.C. Sharpe.

Picard, L and Z. Karazsia (2011-2013). "Delivered featured address at the Truman Library Annual Conference on the legacy of President Harry Truman's Foreign Aid policies. To be published as, "The Truman Administration and Foreign Aid: From the Cold War to the War on Terrorism," The Foreign Aid Legacy of President Harry Truman. Independence, MO: Truman State University Press, estimated publication date, July, 2013.

Seybolt, T. B. (2011). "Unpacking the Process of Mass Killing: Motives, Means, and Opportunities." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Seattle, WA.

Seybolt, T. B. (2012). "Can Information Constrain Killing? Or is George Clooney Right?" International Studies Association Annual Convention. San Diego, CA.

Seybolt, T. B. (2012). "The Process of Mass Killing: Motives, Means, and Opportunities of Elimination Politics." International Studies Association Annual Convention. San Diego, CA.

Seybolt, T. B., J. D. Aronson, et al., Eds. (2012). "Counting Civilian Casualties: an Introduction to Recording and Estimating Civilian Deaths in Conflict." Oxford University Press.

Shafiq, M. N. (2011). "Do School Incentives and Accountability Measures Raise Skills in the Middle East and North Africa? The Cases of Jordan and Tunisia." Review of the Middle East Economics and Finance 7(2).

Shafiq, M. N. (2011). "What Criteria Should Policymakers Use for Assisting Households with Educational Expenditure? The Case of Urban Bangladesh." South Asia Economic Journal 12(1): 25-37.

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Shafiq, M. N. (2013). "School Enrollment in Iraq during the U.S. Led Invasion: A Statistical Analysis." International Journal of Education Development.

## **Strengthening and Expanding the Ford Institute**

### **Ford Institute Website**

The website remains a central location for providing information about the Ford Institute's upcoming events, recent publications, and general information about the Institute. The site features an active "Recent News" section containing news stories written by Ford Institute interns as well as other affiliated students. It also serves as an important marketing tool by publicizing the numerous activities and research that the Ford Institute is involved in.

Additionally, incoming and prospective students refer to the website to learn about the Institute as well as find out more about the human security major.

The site is hosted by a GSPIA server and is regularly maintained and updated by Ford Institute staff.

### **Contact List**

The Ford Institute created a contact database in 2010 to promote our programs to a wider audience. By obtaining audience email addresses from the Speaker Series and other events, as well as through identifying key colleagues in Human Security, the database added an additional 200 contacts during the 2011-2012 year. Currently the database has more than 700 contacts of students, faculty, alumni, and colleagues worldwide.

## **Publicity**

Over the past year the Ford Institute has continued its strategic marketing plan to raise awareness about the Institute's research and events, both within the university community and beyond. The Ford Institute's logo is prominently featured on all materials (i.e. publications, brochures, flyers, etc.) The branding initiative also extended to electronic materials such as the website, social media and email news alerts.

GSPIA's E-Newsletter regularly features Ford Institute news items. GSPIA -News not only reaches a broad audience through its database, but current and archived issues are also available on GSPIA's website. Additionally, Ford Institute staff and interns coordinate regularly with the Office of Communications on marketing materials and stories.

A student-led social media publicity effort was also initiated this year. A Facebook group geared towards Human Security majors in GSPIA was created to host discussions around human security issues and inform members about Ford Institute activities. It also acted as an important forum to let first-year GSPIA students know about the Ford Institute and what it has to offer.

## **Governance Group**

The Governance Group is a partnership of the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) and the Department of Political Science, along with faculty from three other units, Economics, Law, and Education. It serves as the primary center for applied research on governance and institutions in the University of Pittsburgh. It is the entity within the University that implements activities in the democracy and governance areas that are supported by grants and contracts. The Group is comprised of 24 full time Pitt faculty members. Their work can be supplemented by more than a dozen fellows who are linked to the University but work for other organizations or independently. The Governance Group Website is: <https://www.governance.gspia.pitt.edu/>.

The Governance Group's main objectives are to extend, integrate, and focus the University of Pittsburgh's commitment to exploring issues related to governance, both internationally and domestically, through its own initiatives and in response to public sector and private sector requests for proposals. It seeks to support interdisciplinary, collaborative research projects among teams of faculty and graduate students to work on understanding and solving critical problems related to governance and institutional strengthening, and to maintain a productive dialogue between the academic and policy making communities in the process of translating theory into practice.

The Governance Group has expertise in six substantive areas including political institutions, processes and parties; capacity building and public sector reform; rule of law; decentralization, sub-national governance and civil society; conflict stabilization and property rights and land tenure.

The group also brings a full spectrum of assessment and evaluation skills to its democracy and governance work, including qualitative and quantitative assessments, and impact evaluation using randomized field experiments and/or longitudinal or other observational methods. Drawing on

these capabilities, the Group brings expertise in institutional design and reform; participatory processes; applied research and training; impact evaluation; and advanced survey research and statistical methodologies. Governance Group Faculty have worked in a variety of geographic areas worldwide.

Recent projects undertaken by the Group include an assessment of USAID political party strengthening programs supported under a grant from USAID; research on the design and management of elections in Afghanistan under a subcontract from Democracy International; a macro-statistical analysis of the effects of USAID Democracy and Governance programs supported under a grant from USAID; and a planned set of six impact assessments to be conducted under a sub-contract from Social Impact.

### **Partnership with University of Witwatersrand's Graduate School of Public and Development (P&DM) in Johannesburg.**

Ford Institute Director Dr. Louis A. Picard traveled to South Africa with Dean John Keeler in September 2011 to strengthen university partnerships and explore international learning opportunities for GSPIA students. The visit revitalized a partnership with P&DM, one of the top policy schools in Africa. P&DM is developing a new program in human security and applied research; GSPIA is expected to collaborate on the project. Dr. Picard played an important role in the creation of P&DM at "Wits" in 1991 and hopes that students from both schools will be able to participate in a semester exchange and internship opportunities.

### **Human Security Practitioners in Western Pennsylvania**

Over the past year the Ford Institute made a concerted effort to create a coalition of human security practitioners located in Western Pennsylvania. On February 16<sup>th</sup> Visiting Fellow John Prendergast hosted a workshop with various practitioners to discuss strategies to mobilize support for these organizations at a local and regional level. The Practitioners Initiative will provide support for the development of a Western Pennsylvania Coalition of human security and human rights organizations.

### **Director's Award**

This year the Ford Institute sponsored a grant competition. The Director's Award is a \$4,000 award given to a local organization with some affiliation to GSPIA that is focused on human security issues. The award aims to support policy-oriented research, program development, and/or policy dissemination activities on a human security issue by a Western Pennsylvania profit or nonprofit organization that has an annual operation budget of less than \$100,000. This past spring the Director's Award granted funding to Anzar Exchange (\$1,000) and the Foundation for the Realization of Economic Empowerment (\$3,000).

Anzar Exchange is a non-profit organization that seeks to strengthen the global community by promoting cross-cultural understanding and sustainable development. Anzar Exchange fulfills its mission through three main programs in the Middle Atlas Mountains of Morocco: Anti-Desertification, Ecotourism, and Goods Exchange & Promotion. Anzar Exchange will use the grant

money to make the organization more professional as well as for programming activities in Pittsburgh.

Foundation for the Realization of Economic Empowerment (FREE) is a faith-based Christian developmental organization committed to empowering women to rise above poverty. Its three main areas of focus are teaching sewing skills and developing sewing-related enterprises, teaching financial literacy, and building self-esteem. With the grant money, the project will target a group of women in poverty living in Ng'ombe Compound, a slum of Lusaka, Zambia. Most of the women in the group are HIV+ and many are widows with dependents and are currently living on less than \$1 per day. As part of the project, these women will make jewelry using Zambian copper (and eventually silver) and semi-precious stones.

## **Ford Institute People**

The Ford Institute for Human Security faculty and student affiliates provide significant support to the institute's staff, as well as contribute valuable ideas and energy to the institute.

### **Ford Institute Staff**

Louis A Picard, Director

Diane Roth Cohen, Assistant to the Director

Stephen Coulthart, Research Assistant

Shena Cavallo, Program Support

Zachary Karazsia, Research Assistant

Aurora Matthews, Communications

Giacomo O'Neill, Program Support

Kristin H. Frye, Outreach/Communications

Chris A. Belasco, Grant Development Officer

Hallie Powell, Program Support

Brandon M. Boylon, Research Assistant

### **Affiliated Faculty**

Lisa S. Alfredson, Visiting Assistant Professor

Luke Condra, Assistant Professor

Muge Kokten Finkel, Assistant Professor

Shanti Gamper-Rabindran, Assistant Professor

Iliia Murtazashvili, Visiting Assistant Professor

Jennifer Murtazashvili, Assistant Professor

Lisa Nelson, Associate Professor

Paul J. Nelson, Associate Professor, Director, International Development Fund

Louis A. Picard, Professor

Taylor Seybolt, Assistant Professor

Martin Staniland, Professor, Director, International Affairs Program

### **Associated Faculty**

Jay Aronson, Professor, Carnegie Mellon University

Charles S. Gochman, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

Charles C. Jalloh, Assistant Professor, School of Law, University of Pittsburgh

Shafiq M. Najeeb, Assistant Professor, School of Education, University of Pittsburgh

### **Affiliated Students**

During the year, 19 students were associated with the Institute doing in-depth analysis of cutting-edge issues, authoring news stories about our programs, and working on administrative tasks of the Institute. The names of our students appear in Annex C.

## **Looking Ahead**

The Ford Institute plans to continue expanding the scope of its projects, programs and research over the next year. The goal for the Governance Group is to propel it to become self-sustaining and involve more students in professional-level activities, while providing support for research and development for various academic departments. A new initiative by the Ford Institute will seek to involve human security groups working in the field. Focus will be on providing assessments, evaluations and strategic planning research for human security groups. Funding may be either from the collaborating organization or through a third party. The Ford Institute also plans to begin an aggressive search for funding sources, within the range of \$10,000 - \$25,000, for Ford projects that are specific to the research working groups. Additionally, the Ford Institute intends to expand its links with the Human Security practitioners of Western Pennsylvania by continuing outreach and collaborations. Finally, the Ford Institute will increase and expand the role that students play in the Institute's operations.

The Ford Institute plans to seek additional funding for select students to carry on administrative and research projects – particularly opportunities with the Governance Group. Another plan of the Ford Institute is to have the working groups take on additional tasks and expand their scope. At this time each faculty coordinator has been asked to identify any funding needs or potential opportunities for his/her group and begin to plan the next step for each group. Most importantly, the Ford Institute wishes to continue its mission to promote effective responses to severe threats faced by individuals and their communities as a result of conflict and deprivation through the involvement of students, scholars and practitioners.

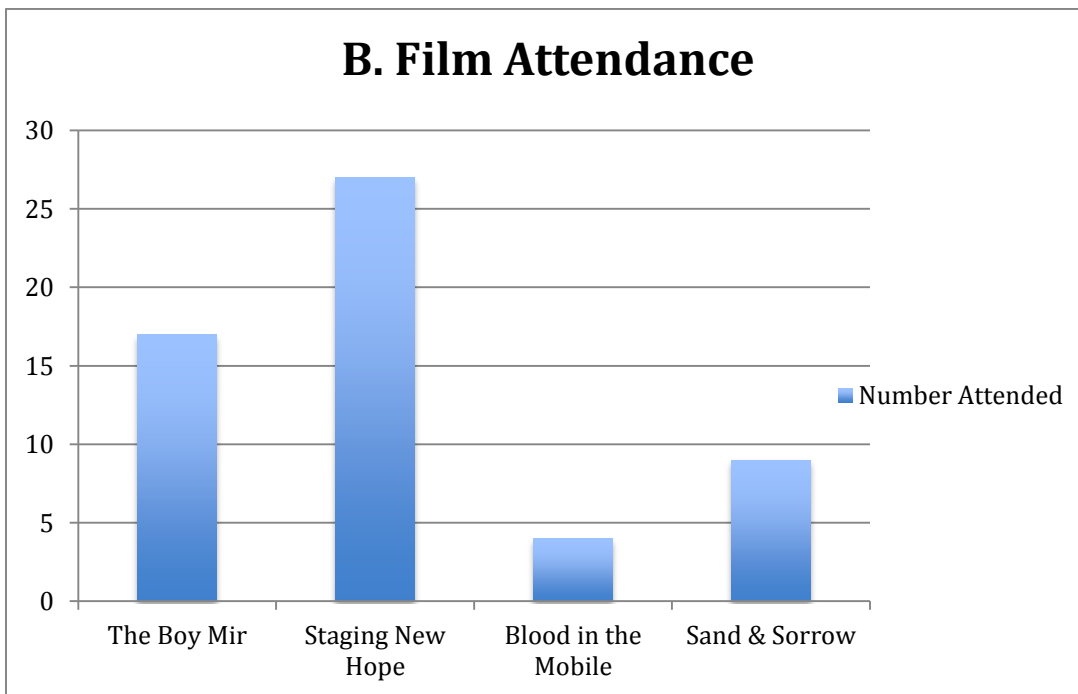
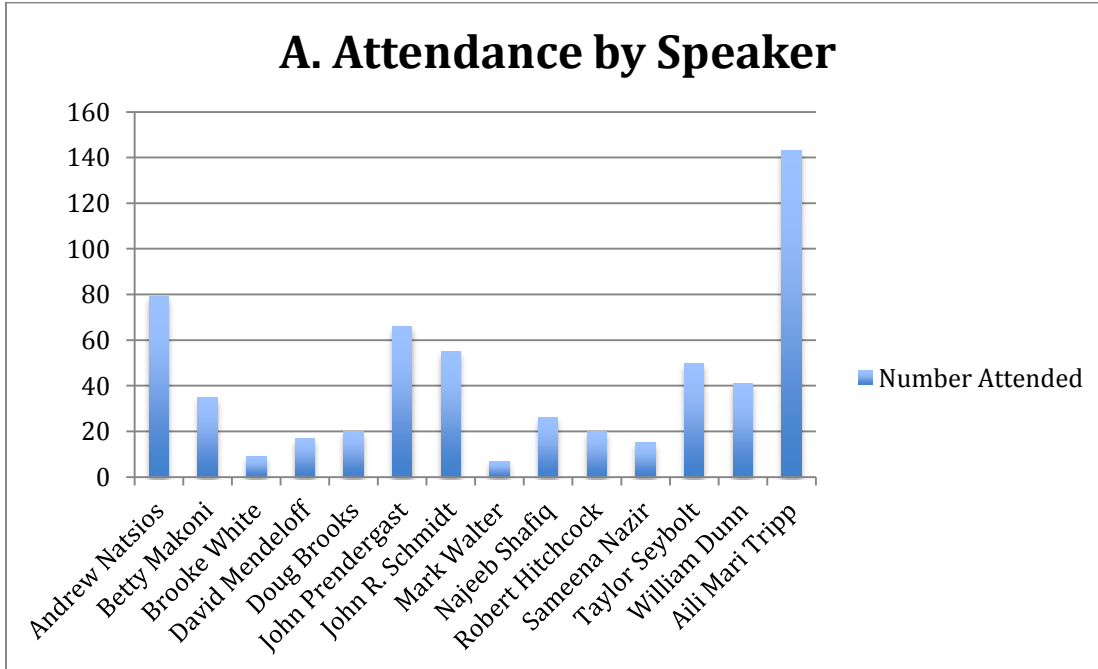


Annex A: Attendance Statistics<sup>1</sup>

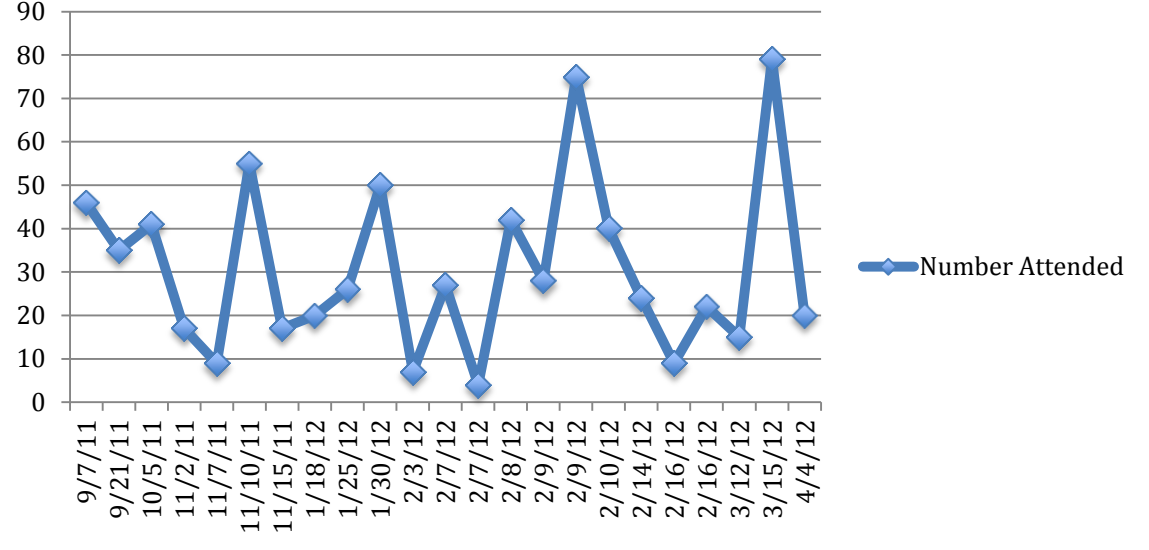
Date	Title	Speaker	# Attended
9/7/11	African Security and the African Command	Taylor Seybolt	46
9/21/11	Championing the Rights of Girls	Betty Makoni	35
10/5/11	Peace Corp 50th Anniversary	William Dunn	41
11/2/11	War Crimes and Hollow Threats Assessing the Coercive Logic of ICC Intervention in Ongoing Conflicts	David Mendeloff	17
11/7/11	Bright Kids Uganda: Big Change through Collaborative Efforts	Brooke White	9
11/10/11	The Unraveling: Pakistan in the Age of Jihad	John R. Schmidt	55
11/15/11	The Boy Mir	Film	17
1/18/12	Human Security and Indigenous Peoples: Lessons from Southern Africa	Robert Hitchcock	20
1/25/12	Education, Employment, and Protest Participation in the Arab World	Najeeb Shafiq	26
1/30/12	Health, Humanitarian Aid and Conflict	Taylor Seybolt	50
2/3/12	Mark Walter from Nathan Inc.	Mark Walter	7
2/7/12	Staging New Hope	Film	27
2/7/12	Blood in the Mobile	Film	4
2/8/12	Why Southern Sudan Succeeded, Darfur Failed & the Implications of the Arab Spring	John Prendergast	42
2/9/12	Women, Power and Peacemaking in Africa: GSPIA Presentation	Aili Mari Tripp	28
2/9/12	Women, Power and Peacemaking in Africa: University Club Iris Marion Young Presentation	Aili Mari Tripp	75
2/10/12	Aili Tripp: sociology lecture	Aili Mari Tripp	40
2/14/12	Reception Welcoming John Prendergast	John Prendergast	24
2/16/12	Sand & Sorrow	John Prendergast	9
2/16/12	Model of Advocacy	John Prendergast	22
3/12/12	A Day in the Life of a Pakistani Woman	Sameena Nazir	15
3/15/12	The Past and Future of U.S. Foreign Aid in an Uncertain World	Andrew Natsios	79
4/4/12	From Tikrit to Tripoli: Why Contractors Matter in International Peace Operations	Doug Brooks	20
03/29/2012-03/3/2012	Achieving Sustainable Development in Africa	Conference	85
2/7/2012-02/16/2012	Office Hours with Students	John Prendergast	41

<sup>1</sup> Table 1 and Charts A and C do not contain information for Muge Finkel's presentation at the World Affairs Council on March 15, 2012.

Table 1



### C. Attendance by Date



Annex B:

**John Prendergast**  
**Visiting Fellow of the Ford Institute for Human Security**  
**February 6 – February 17, 2012**

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<b>Event</b>	<b>Date, Time, Location</b>
<b><i>Staging Hope</i></b> Film Screening followed by Q&A	Tues., Feb. 7, 9:30 am - noon
<b><i>Blood in the Mobile</i></b> Film Screening	Tues., Feb. 7 from 7-9 pm in Frick Fine Arts
Ford Institute Speaker Series: "Why South Sudan Succeeded, Darfur Failed & the Implications of the Arab Spring"	Wed., Feb. 8, 12:30-1:30 pm in Posvar Rm 3911
Career Services Presentation	Thurs., Feb. 9, 10:30 - Noon
Pittsburgh Darfur Emergency Coalition Panel Discussion	Mon., Feb. 13, 5-7 pm, Carnegie Library Squirrel Hill
Johnson Institute Leadership Portfolio Program LLP	Tues., Feb. 14, Noon-2pm, University Club
Welcome dinner with Faculty	Wed., Feb. 14, 4:30 – 6pm
Career Services Presentation	Wed., Feb. 15, Noon-1 pm
"Model of Advocacy" Session for Human Security Practitioners in SWPA	Thurs., Feb. 16, 1:30-3:30 pm
<b><i>Sand and Sorrow</i></b> Film Screening followed by Q&A	Thurs., Feb. 16, 4-6 pm
Office Hours (12 total hours in 15 minute appointments)	Ford Institute, 3930 Posvar

Annex C:

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