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Speakers

CHRISTINA E. BARRINEAU

Christina Barrineau currently works with Millennium Promise where she is building an alliance amongst major American development leaders to support, bolster, benchmark and partner their efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in Africa. In this capacity, she also leads two key partnership initiatives: a rainfall insurance product and a private equity investment structure, for Africa. Independently of Millennium Promise, Christina advises country governments and private sector institutions on their strategies to build deeper and more inclusive financial sectors.

Christina Barrineau has most recently completed her work at the United Nations as Chief Technical Advisor for the International Year of Microcredit 2005. In this position, she brought global attention to the importance of access to financial services in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Christina coordinated the activities of countless country teams of central bankers, universities, government officials, and private and public sector bankers; as well as an international awareness campaign that touched hundreds of thousands of people in more than one hundred countries.

Prior to the United Nations, Christina set up and managed the Global Network for Banking Innovation in Microfinance for Women's World Banking. The network comprised financial institutions that collectively provided a wide range of financial services to more than 14 million poor and low-income clients. Before joining WWB, she spent ten years as an independent international advisor in the field of financial sector development. In this role, she negotiated partnerships between financial institutions to design products and delivery processes for micro, small and medium business enterprises. Among other accolades, she has pioneered work on pension plans and asset building models for informal sector workers, and initiated the Global Microentrepreneurship Awards Program now owned by Citigroup and the "Data Project" on access to finance which is now managed by the World Bank. Christina is a well known public speaker on microfinance and holds an MBA from the University of British Columbia.

NANCY BARRY

Ms. Barry has been President of Women's World Banking since 1990, and has served on the WWB Board of Trustees since 1981. WWB is a global not-for-profit financial institution devoted to increasing poor women's economic access, participation and power. Founded in 1979, WWB is at the forefront of microfinance globally. The WWB global network of 51 microfinance institutions and banks provide financial services to over 18 million low income women and men in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe, North America and the Middle East.

Ms. Barry is recognized as a global leader in building financial systems that work for microfinance. She is a frequent speaker in forums of top bankers, policy makers and microfinance practitioners. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, serves on the Advisory Board of the Harvard Business School Social Enterprise Initiative and Asia Society's Asian Social Issues Advisory Committee, and chairs the Donald A. Strauss Foundation Board. Ms. Barry has received a number of awards including the Forbes Executive Women's Summit Trailblazer Award in 2002, the Kellogg-McKinsey Award for Distinguished Leadership in 2004, the Harvard Business School Achievement Award in 2005, and the AARP Impact Award in 2006. In both 2004 and 2005 she was named one of the 100 Most Powerful Women in the World by Forbes magazine.

Prior to joining WWB, Ms. Barry spent 15 years with the World Bank, where she pioneered the Bank's involvement in small enterprises, designing operations in Asia, Latin America, and Africa. As head of the global Industry Development Division, she led the World Bank's work on industry, trade and finance. She chaired the Donor's Committee on Small and Medium Enterprises, and was a founding member of the CGAP Policy Advisory Group. Ms. Barry has a bachelor's degree in economics from Stanford University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

LUCY BILLINGSLEY

Lucy Billingsley has spent her career in real estate, developing and managing marts, design centers, office buildings, apartments and industrial properties. She was with the Dallas Market Center for 15 years, leading three expansions resulting in a 7 million square foot development and a \$450 million refinancing. Mrs. Billingsley left the Dallas market Center in 1991 and founded Wyndham Jade, a corporate travel and incentive company that she grew to the largest regionally owned travel agency in the Southwest before selling in 2001.

Henry Billingsley launched Crow-Billingsley in 1974 as a raw land investment company then in 1978 Henry and Lucy started Billingsley Company to manage their growing industrial portfolio. In 1996, Lucy launched the office development, multi-family and single family divisions of Billingsley Company. Billingsley Company is now developing office and industrial parks and master planned communities, multifamily, mixed use and single family projects. In 2007, Billingsley will open One Arts Plaza, a million square foot mixed use development in The Arts District and the first of a four building urban campus in downtown Dallas.

Billingsley Company has been fortunate to be recognized in 2002, 2004 and 2005 for design excellence in both their office and multi-family developments. In multi-family they are known as setting the standard for "The New Sub urbanism".

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The University of Texas Business School Board

Lucy is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, with a B.B.A. in Finance. She lives in University Park with her husband, Henry. They have four children, Trammell, Lucy, George and Anne.

ISOBEL COLEMAN

Dr. Isobel Coleman is senior fellow for U.S. foreign policy at the Council on Foreign Relations and director of the Council's U.S. foreign policy and women program. Her areas of expertise include economic and political development in the Middle East, regional gender issues, educational reform, and microfinance. She recently coauthored *Strategic Foreign Assistance: Civil Society in International Security* (Hoover Institution Press, 2006). Her forthcoming book, *Quiet Revolution: Women and Social Change in the Middle East*, is due for publication in 2007.

Dr. Coleman's publications have appeared in the *Financial Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, *USA Today*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, *Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*, and *Foreign Affairs*. She is a frequent speaker at academic, business and policy conferences. Her media experience includes interviews on CNN, CNN International, ABC, BBC, PBS's *Frontline*, *al-Arabiya*, and NPR. She testified before the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, "Post-Conflict Reconstruction: The Importance of Women's Participation in Afghanistan and Iraq," on March 11, 2004.

Prior to joining the Council, Dr. Coleman was CEO of a health-care services company, and a partner with McKinsey & Co. in New York. She was formerly a research fellow at the Brookings Institution and an adjunct professor at American University, where she taught political economy. Dr. Coleman holds a DPhil and MPhil in international relations from Oxford University, which she attended on a Marshall Scholarship, and a BA in public policy and East Asian studies from Princeton University.

ALEX COUNTS

Alex Counts is President and CEO of Grameen Foundation USA (GFUSA) a dynamic, nonprofit, Washington D.C.-based organization that has grown to a global network of 52 microfinance partners in 22 countries. Counts became GFUSA's first Executive Director in 1997, after several years honing his skills and vision in microfinance and poverty reduction. A 1988 Cornell University graduate, with a degree in economics, Counts' commitment to poverty eradication deepened as a Fulbright scholar witnessing dire poverty as well as innovative solutions in Bangladesh. He then trained to be a catalyst for change under Dr. Muhammad Yunus, the founder and managing director of the Grameen Bank.

Through much of the 1990's, Counts worked in Bangladesh establishing Grameen Bank's flagship publication *Grameen Dialogue*, and working as a regional project manager for CARE-Bangladesh, CARE's largest mission worldwide. In between stints in Bangladesh, Count's served as the legislative director of RESULTS, an international grassroots citizen's lobbying group working to create the political will to end hunger and that has played a leading role in advocating for increased funding and better targeting of resources to support global health, education and microfinance initiatives.

Counts founded Grameen Foundation USA (www.gfusa.org) in 1997 with a mere \$6,000 in seed capital and a charge from Dr. Yunus. This new organization was to play the role of catalyst, channeling human, financial and technological resources in the United States to support the growth of the poverty-focused microfinance movement.

Today, under Counts' leadership, Grameen Foundation USA impacts an estimated eleven million lives in Asia, Africa, the Americas, and the Arab World.* GFUSA's annual budget has grown in each year of its existence, from \$100,000 in 1997 to over \$11 million in 2005, and its breakthrough impact has been chronicled in the Economist and elsewhere.

Counts has propelled GFUSA's philosophy and approach through numerous articles on poverty and microcredit for the poor and has authored a book entitled Give Us Credit: How Muhammad Yunus' Micro-Lending Revolution is Empowering Women from Bangladesh to Chicago, which was published by Random House in 1996. The Indian edition of his book was the inspiration behind the establishment of Grameen Koota, a microfinance institution in Bangalore, India that served 14,000 women as of March 2005. He has been published in the Washington Post, the International Herald Tribune, the Miami Herald, the Christian Science Monitor and elsewhere.

Counts serves on the Board of Directors of two microfinance institutions. He chairs the board of Project Enterprise in New York City, and is a board member of Fonkoze USA that supports microfinance in Haiti, and the PLAN Fund, a microfinance institution serving low-income people in Dallas, Texas. He is also a member of the Board of Advisors of the Katalysis Bootstrap Fund and a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of Grameen Dialogue.

Counts speak fluent Bengali and lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife Emily and cat, Seymour.

DANA DAKIN

In 2003, to officially celebrate her sixtieth birthday and the beginning of the "return" phase of her life, Dana Dakin headed to Ghana with a list of bootstrapped names to "adopt" a village. On the initial trip she was taken to Pokuase, within the outside northern perimeter of the capital Accra, where she pitched the concept of microlending to small groups of women. She engendered enough interest to return in six months, with funding that came from the sale of her second car.

Today, WomensTrust in the village of Pokuase is thriving, with more than 400 women in the loan program and repayment rates consistently above 90 percent. Additional funding is directed toward such pressing needs as scholarships for girls, adult literacy and a pilot initiative to shore up local healthcare. The 501c(3) organization (with NGO status in Ghana) has become a viable community-based partnership approach to long-term social change: bottom-up, playing to the entrepreneurial drive that is alive and well in developing countries, with money going directly into the hands of the beneficiaries. The model is now being replicated by others.

Dana's career is in the investment business, where she has been a pioneer in marketing consulting to institutional investment firms, both on the trading side as well as for leading money management organizations. Her experience began on Wall Street with a research project at the NYSE that led to negotiated commissions. In 1971, she

joined what became Callan Associates, a top pension consulting firm. With a five-year inside perspective on evaluating money managers, she formed Dakin Partners in 1976, the first firm to creatively package institutional investment organizations. She has worked on some of the great launches in the business, and has authored a summary of the essentials of investment marketing in *Five for the Road*, available at www.dakinforum.com. She also co-produced the eight-part PBS series "Beyond Wall Street: The Art of Investing" with a companion book published by John Wiley.

She was educated at Scripps College, where she graduated with a B.A. in 1964. Her concentration was in international relations, with an honor's thesis on pan-Africanism. She was a member of the college's Board of Trustees for nine years, heading up the endowment's asset allocation as part of the Investment Committee. Other board commitments over the years have included Alumnae Resources in San Francisco, NH Writers' Project and the Women's Fund of New Hampshire. Her office is based in a converted volunteer fire house in Wilmot Flat, New Hampshire. It has been featured on HGTV and in Accent Magazine.

EMILIO GHERSI

Emilio Gheresi, Vice President of Capital Markets & Services, ACCION International. Mr. Gheresi is responsible for the management of the ACCION Bridge Funds, which provide access to capital for microfinance institutions (MFIs) around the world through several debt mechanisms. Prior to joining ACCION, Mr. Gheresi worked for 14 years in emerging markets, primarily in the financial and banking sectors. As an international consultant and as an investment banker, he has advised financial institutions, corporations, governments, and multilateral agencies in issues of corporate finance, debt capital markets, financial restructuring, structured finance, and privatizations. A native of Peru, Mr. Gheresi holds an undergraduate degree in Industrial Engineering from University of Lima in Peru and an MBA degree from William E. Simon School of Business Administration, University of Rochester in New York.

ELIZABETH LITTLEFIELD

Elizabeth Littlefield, a joint U.K./U.S. national, is one of the World Bank's senior spokespeople on microfinance. She is the Chief Executive Officer of the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), a multi-donor organization created to help build a large scale permanent microfinance industry providing flexible, high-quality financial services on a sustainable basis to the poor. CGAP provides technical assistance and strategic advice, development and dissemination of technical tools and services, delivery of training, and in-depth research products.

Prior to joining CGAP in 1999, Ms. Littlefield was the Managing Director in charge of J.P. Morgan's financing business in Central, Eastern and Southern Europe, Central Asia, Middle East and Africa. Her responsibilities encompassed public and private financings for governments, corporations, and banks, and related advisory work such as debt management and credit rating advisory. She also held positions at J.P. Morgan as a Vice President and Head Debt Trader in Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia, and as a Director in J.P. Morgan's Paris office, among others.

Ms. Littlefield also spent 1989-1990 providing banking consultancy to several microfinance institutions in West and Central Africa. She has served on the Board of

Trustees of Women's World Banking from 1992-1994 and on the Executive Committee of the Board as treasurer from 1994-1999.

ANN J. MILES

Ann Miles is a Director at BlueOrchard Finance, S.A., ('BlueOrchard'), www.blueorchard.com, a for-profit asset management company based in Geneva, Switzerland that specializes in microfinance commercial debt instruments. BlueOrchard began operations in 1998 and now manages approximately \$300 million in assets for several institutional clients including Dexia International Bank, Luxembourg (the Dexia Micro-Credit Fund), Credit Suisse (the responsAbility Fund) and Rothschild Bank (the St. Honore Fund). Through its debt funds, BlueOrchard has made loans to more than 58 microfinance institutions in 20+ countries. BlueOrchard completed the first collateralized debt obligation for microfinance institutions for a total of \$87 million. This transaction was completed in partnership with JPMorganChase, OPIC and Developing World Markets. In April 2006, BlueOrchard closed its second collateralized debt obligation for \$99 million in partnership with Morgan Stanley.

Prior to joining BlueOrchard, Ann worked for Women's World Banking ('WWB'), a not-for-profit organization based in New York. WWB is a network of 55 microfinance and other financial institutions engaged in microfinance. Ann managed the Financial Products and Services team which helped WWB's network members access funding in the local and international financial markets.

Ann was a Vice President at Citibank, N.A. from 1982 to 2000. She graduated with a B.A. in Economics and French Literature from Drew University. Ann is a member of the Board of Women Advancing Microfinance International and she serves on the external investment committee of the Calvert Foundation.

JONATHAN MORDUCH

Jonathan Morduch is Professor of Public Policy and Economics at the Wagner Graduate School at New York University. His current focuses are on microfinance, global poverty and international development. He is the co-author of *The Economics of Microfinance*, described by Thomas Easton of *The Economist* as: "The single best book on the economics of banking and finance, period, and certainly the most encompassing book I have read on microfinance." Morduch is currently chair of the United Nations Steering Committee on Poverty Statistics, advises Pro Mujer, and is a member of the SafeSave cooperative based in Dhaka, Bangladesh. He has taught on the Economics faculty at Harvard University, and has held fellowships or visiting positions at Stanford, Princeton, and the University of Tokyo. Morduch received his Ph. D. in Economics from Harvard and his B.A. from Brown.

CAMILLA NESTOR

Camilla Nestor, manager of Grameen Foundation's Growth Guarantees program, joined GFUSA in August 2005. She brings over 10 years of experience in microfinance and banking, honed through working with microfinance institutions in Southeast Asia and the Balkans, and in the commercial banking sector. Before joining Grameen Foundation, she was an associate in Citigroup's Structured Corporate Finance Department where she executed guarantee-enhanced debt financings for emerging markets firms in

Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa. She has also worked for Catholic Relief Services, overseeing the start-up, growth and management of MFIs. A graduate of Columbia Business School, Camilla also holds a masters degree in International Affairs from Columbia University and a bachelor's degree in Political Science and International Relations from Colorado College. She speaks Bahasa Indonesia and is conversant in French.

MARIA OTERO

María Otero is president & CEO of ACCION International, a global leader in microfinance that provides technical assistance, equity investment and financial services to a network of microfinance institutions serving just over 2 million borrowers with an active portfolio of \$1.5 billion. Ms. Otero first joined ACCION in 1986 as director of its lending program in Honduras. She opened ACCION's office in Washington, DC in 1989 and in 2000 was named president & CEO. Ms. Otero is a leading voice on commercial microfinance, and has published extensively on the subject, including as co-editor of *The New World of Microfinance*, published by Kumarian Press. She chairs the board of ACCION Investments, a US\$20 million investment company for microfinance. She also serves on the boards of directors of three regulated microfinance institutions in Latin America: Mibanco in Peru, BancoSol in Bolivia and Compartamos Bank in Mexico, and on the board of BRAC, the highly respected Bangladeshi microfinance institution. She is also coordinator of the Council of Microfinance Equity Funds, which convenes 22 equity investment funds dedicated to microfinance. Ms. Otero serves on several other boards, including that of the Calvert Foundation and the United States Institute of Peace. In 1994, President Clinton appointed Ms. Otero to serve as chair of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation, a position she held until January 2000. Ms. Otero has been an adjunct professor at the John Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS). She holds an MA in Literature from the University of Maryland and an MA in International/Relations from Johns Hopkins SAIS. Among her many honors, in Oct. 2005 *Newsweek* named Ms. Otero as one America's most influential women in a special issue focused on "How Women Lead."

LYNNE PATTERSON

Lynne Patterson, Co-Founder of Pro Mujer and Executive Director of Pro Mujer International, lived for eight years in Bolivia, where she helped develop Pro Mujer's model for delivering integrated microfinance and human development services. She took the lead in replicating this model in Nicaragua, Peru and Mexico. Now based in New York City, she works with Pro Mujer International staff to support Pro Mujer microfinance institutions and to expand operations to other countries in Latin America. She is on the boards of Pro Mujer Mexico, Pro Mujer Peru and Pro Mujer Argentina. Lynne holds a doctorate in Educational Administration and a Masters degree in American History from New York University; a Master's degree in Education from Teachers College a Columbia University; and a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from Principia College.

ROBIN RATCLIFFE

Robin Ratcliffe is Vice President & Special Assistant to the President, ACCION International. She joined ACCION in 1997 as Vice President, Communications, with overall responsibility for the organization's marketing and public relations, materials,

websites and field visits for donors. Since 2004, as Special Assistant to ACCION president María Otero, Ms. Ratcliffe works closely with the organization's senior management team to develop programs, partnerships, conferences and speaking opportunities to support ACCION's expansion to a global presence. She also serves as ACCION's liaison with numerous international organizations including the United Nations, World Economic Forum and Inter-American Development Bank. Recently, Ms. Ratcliffe was responsible for the Feb. 2006 New York conference, Who Will Buy our Paper: Microfinance Cracking the Capital Markets? The conference brought together 240 bankers, investors, fund managers and leading MFIs to examine the realities of linking microfinance with domestic and international capital markets. Before joining ACCION, Ms. Ratcliffe spent 18 years in the travel and tourism industry working in advertising and public relations, events management and operations. Ms. Ratcliffe holds a B.A. degree in political science and Spanish from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

LOUISE SCHNEIDER-MORETTO

Ms. Schneider-Moretto is the Financial Products & Services Manager for Women's World Banking (WWB). Her focus is on helping WWB partners access capital to expand their program outreach. She manages the following services provided to WWB's network members: the Loan Guarantee Program, brokering and advisory services for securing commercial debt and equity, annual Capital Markets Workshops, financial performance monitoring of network members, launching of a pilot equity investment program, and development of training tools to assist WWB partners in Treasury Risk Management and Capital Markets capacity building. Prior to joining WWB, Ms. Schneider-Moretto worked for a Nicaraguan MFI and additionally, as a consultant for MF and rural programs in Bolivia and Peru. During these assignments, her work covered: market research and branch expansion strategies, agricultural credit program design, operational guides, funding diversification strategies, assessment of capital market proposals, and management of donor funding.

Ms. Schneider-Moretto has nine years of banking experience at JP Morgan Chase and National Westminster Bank, where she last served as a Vice President in their Special Markets Group. She has a Masters in Latin American Studies and International Economics from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and an undergraduate business degree from University of Vermont. She speaks English and Spanish fluently with basic knowledge of French.

HANNAH SIEDEK

Hannah Siedek, Microfinance Analyst, CGAP. Hannah Siedek joined CGAP in 2003 on the aid effectiveness team in Paris helping private and public microfinance funding organizations use their resources more effectively. In this capacity, she has conducted research on the different funding sources for microfinance, managed an on-line resource to help donor staff capacity, and focused on increasing funders' transparency and accountability by developing disclosure guidelines and performance standards for microfinance investment funds. Ms. Siedek has also done significant work with the donor community in Nicaragua to improve their effectiveness. Since early 2006, Ms. Siedek is based in Washington, DC where she also provides support to CGAP's Technology Programme which looks at technology-enabled delivery channels for financial services and how these channels can increase outreach to more remote and poorer clients on a profitable basis. Before starting at CGAP, Ms. Siedek completed internships with NM Rothschild & Sons in London and the Momentum in Madrid. She has a Master's degree from ESCP-EAP, Paris, and has studied in England, Spain, and France. Ms. Siedek speaks German, English, French, and Spanish.

SHARMI SOBHAN

Sharmi Sobhan serves on the Board of Fonkoze Financial Services, a commercially oriented microfinance institution in Haiti. She has ten years of experience in the fields of microfinance and international development and has worked with Fonkoze USA, Grameen Foundation USA, and Save the Children. She has also served as a Peace Corps volunteer and a Fulbright Scholar. She holds a BA in Public Policy, an MA in Economic Development and an MBA in International Finance.

DIANA L. TAYLOR

Diana L. Taylor was nominated Superintendent of Banks for the State of New York by Governor George Pataki on April 25, 2003 and confirmed by the State Senate on June 10, 2003.

Ms. Taylor has more than 20 years of experience serving in both the public and private sectors. She has served as Deputy Secretary for Finance and Housing to Governor Pataki, Chief Financial Officer for the Long Island Power Authority, and as Vice President for Governmental and Regulatory Affairs at KeySpan Energy.

Ms. Taylor was the Founding Partner of M.R. Beal and Company, a successful investment banking firm concentrating primarily in municipal bonds. She also served in a variety of capacities within investment banks Donaldson Lufkin and Jenrette, Lehman Brothers, and Smith Barney Harris Upham.

Under her leadership, the Banking Department has undergone essential change, including reorganizing the operating divisions along functional lines; creating a unit for financial education and community outreach; reforming the way the Department raises operating revenue; and how it examines, supervises, and regulates its licensed entities. Her financial philosophy is embodied in the Department's new Mission Statement: To allow the financial industry to expand and prosper through judicious regulation and vigilant supervision, to educate and protect consumers while promoting economic growth and ensuring that the financial system is safe and accessible to all.

Ms. Taylor serves on several non-profit boards including The After School Corporation, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, the Empire State Development Corporation, the Hudson River Park Trust, Literacy Partners, and the New York Women's Foundation.

She graduated from Dartmouth College where she majored in economics. She also has a Masters in Finance from Columbia Business School, and in 2006 obtained a Masters in Public Health from the Mailman School at Columbia University. She resides in Manhattan.

MICHAELA WALSH

Michaela Walsh has combined a career in investment strategies with wide experience, both professional and pro bono, in the not-for-profit sector. In the 1960's and early 1970's, she broke the gender barrier as the first woman manger of Merrill Lynch International and the first woman Partner of Boettcher and Company. She helped formulate the Rockefeller Brother's Fund's strategy to encourage innovative and small scale sustainable projects worldwide, and she directed The Assessment of Technology for Local Development for the U.S Congressional Office of Technology Assessment. In addition to working with private clients through her Women's Asset Management consulting firm, Ms. Walsh helped design and launch several new private venture capital funds that link equity for small-to-medium-scale businesses with management and marketing assistance in emerging market countries. Ms. Walsh is Director of Women's Leadership at Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y. Currently she is helping to launch the Global Student Leadership Network designed to stimulate confidence in young people as global citizens working together.

Ms. Walsh's proudest accomplishment has been as the Founding President of Women's World Banking, a unique agency developed to respond to the need to provide women - particularly in Third World countries - with access to credit and financing. Planning began at a time when there were few women bankers anywhere in the world, and when women, even those of substantial means in the most advanced Western countries, were systematically denied banking services in their own right. During her tenure, WWB's expanding capital fund (which grew from US\$80,000 in 1980 to nearly US\$7 million in 1990) allowed WWB to make over 57,000 loans totaling US\$11.6 million in 37 countries. With an innovative structure, unlike that of any other international development program, WWB (its capital is now nearly US\$60 million and its client and associate base over 10 million people) has become a model for development assistance programs around the world.

Throughout her nearly four-decade career pioneering new finance strategies, Ms. Walsh has been active in numerous organizations including: The Synergos Institute; Alternate Nobel Peace Prize, Council on Economic Priorities; Financial Women's Assoc. of NY; Committee of 200; International Women's Business Council; Graduate Women in Business; Overseas Development Council; Baltic-American Partnership Fund; IPPF Investment Committee, USAID Citizens Advisory Committee; The Asian Securities Industry Institute; Council on Foreign Relations; and Union Theological Seminary.

She has written and spoken widely-from the Aspen Institute and NBC "TODAY" to the Swedish Parliament; from the World Bank to the United Nations; from the University of Virginia-Darden School of Business Administration to the Philippine Council for Sustainable Development, the Salzburg Seminar Summer Faculty, VOLVO's Executive Seminars, The Harvard Divinity School, and University of Maine. She is a contributing author of *Developing Power* (The Feminist Press 2005).

Her work has been widely recognized with honors including NOW (National Organization of Women)-NYC Women of Vision Award, Global 500 Environment Achiever's Award, and United Nations Paul G. Hoffman Award for outstanding work in development.