

In Our Hands:

Our experts

This project is based upon a series of interviews that took place in 2008/2009 at the Georgetown Symposia on U.S. International Religious Freedom Policy. All of the experts listed below presented papers at the conference, although these interviews were not a part of their formal presentation, but rather excerpts from short unscripted conversations. Portions of conversations with the experts listed below are featured in this DVD presentation.



Nina Shea, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute and Commissioner, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

Shea has served on the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom since 1999. She has been appointed as a U.S. delegate to the United Nation's main human rights body by both Republican and Democratic administrations. Shea has focused on the advancement of individual religious freedom and other human rights in U.S. foreign policy as it confronts a resurgent Islamic extremist ideology. She was the organizer and leader of a coalition of churches and religious groups that worked to end a religious war against non-Muslims and dissident Muslims in southern Sudan, an advisor in the drafting of the Iraqi constitution's religious freedom provision, and she is the author and editor of two widely-acclaimed reports, *Saudi Arabia's Curriculum of Intolerance* (2006), and *Saudi Publications on Hate Ideology Invade American Mosques* (2005), both of which translated and analyzed Saudi governmental publications that teach hatred and violence against the religious "other."



William Inboden, Sr., Vice President of the Legatum Institute and Former Director Strategic Planning, White House National Security Council

At the White House, Inboden worked on a range of foreign policy issues, including the *National Security Strategy*, democracy and governance, contingency planning, counter-radicalization, and multilateral institutions and initiatives. Prior to that, Dr. Inboden worked at the Department of State as a member of the Policy Planning Staff and a Special Advisor in the Office of International Religious Freedom. Dr. Inboden was also a Civitas Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, and has worked as a staff member in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. He has lectured widely in academic and policy settings and received numerous research and professional development fellowships. Dr. Inboden received his PhD, MPhil., and MA degrees in history from Yale University and his A.B. from Stanford University.

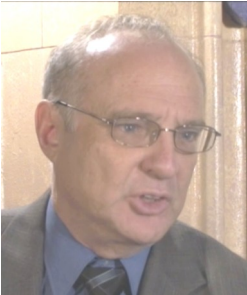


William F. Schulz, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress, Former Exec. Director Amnesty International, USA

During his 12 years at Amnesty, Dr. Schulz led missions to Liberia, Tunisia, Northern Ireland, and Sudan and visited other places as diverse as Cuba and Mongolia. He also traveled tens of thousands of miles in the United States, spreading the human rights message from campuses to boardrooms to civic organizations. A frequent guest on television programs, such as Good Morning, America, The Today Show, Hardball, and Nightline, Dr. Schulz is the author and editor of numerous books on human rights. An ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, Dr. Schulz came to Amnesty after serving for 15 years with the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, the last eight (1985 to 1993) as president of the association. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Oberlin College and holds a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Chicago, as well as a doctorate of ministry degree from Meadville/Lombard Theological School at the University of Chicago and seven honorary degrees.

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Rabbi David Saperstein, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, First Chair, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom

Saperstein represents the national Reform Jewish Movement to Congress and the administration. He currently co-chairs the Coalition to Preserve Religious Liberty, which comprises more than 50 national religious denominations and educational organizations, and serves on the boards of numerous national organizations, including the NAACP and People For the American Way. President Barack Obama recently named Rabbi Saperstein to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, a volunteer advisory council composed of 25 religious and secular leaders and scholars. In 1999, he was elected as the first Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. A prolific writer and speaker, Rabbi Saperstein has appeared on a number of television news and talk shows including Nightline, Oprah, Lehrer News Hour and ABC's Sunday Morning. He is also the author of numerous books and articles.



W. Cole Durham, Jr., Susan Young Gates University Professor of Law and Director International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School

Durham has been a guest professor at Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany and at the University of Vienna, and since 1994 has also been a Recurring Visiting Professor of Law at Central European University in Budapest. Durham advises governments worldwide on laws dealing with religious freedom and religious associations in countries such as: Albania, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Peru, Romania, Russia, Slovakia and Ukraine. Durham is an editor, contributor and author of many books and law review articles dealing with religious liberty. He is a graduate of Harvard College and the Law School at Harvard University.



Elizabeth Prodromou, Asst. Professor of International Relations, Boston University, Commissioner, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom

Prodromou is a regional expert on Southeastern Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean. Her scholarship and policy work concentrate on religion and international relations, nationalism and conflict resolution, and non-traditional security threats. Prodromou has published articles and chapters in books in several languages in numerous academic and policy journals in the United States and Europe. Prodromou holds a PhD and an SM in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as well as an MALD from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and a BA in International Relations and History from Tufts University. She has held teaching appointments at Princeton University, as well as teaching fellowships at Harvard and Tufts Universities.



Robert A. Seiple, Former Ambassador-at-large for International Religious Freedom

Seiple previously served as president and CEO of the First Freedom Center. He was also the founder and chairman of the board of the Institute for Global Engagement and has spent much of his career fashioning humanitarian solutions that endure. Prior to his ambassadorship, he served for eleven years as the president of World Vision, Inc., and for four years as president of Eastern College and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer Theological Seminary). After graduating from Brown University, Seiple served in the U.S. Marine Corps attaining the rank of Captain, flying 300 combat missions in Vietnam, and earning five Battle Stars, the Navy Commendation Award with Combat 'V,' 28 Air Medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross. In retirement, Seiple continues to be an active proponent of international religious freedom through state visits, conferences, numerous publications and speaking engagements.