

## 2013 DOCTOR OF LIBERAL STUDIES CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

**John Barham** is senior strategy officer in the Sub-Saharan Africa department of the IFC, the World Bank Group's private sector arm. Since joining IFC in 2008, he has led initiatives on issues such as urbanization, long term forecasts, and investment strategies. John was previously a Managing Director at Kroll Associates, the New York-based risk consulting firm. He was head of the firm's São Paulo office, where he advised major Brazilian and multinational clients and managed confidential investigations. Before joining Kroll, he worked as editor-in-chief of *Latin Finance* in Miami, and built the award-winning magazine into the leading source of news and analysis on Latin America's financial markets. He was previously an international correspondent for the *Financial Times* for ten years, based in Buenos Aires, São Paulo, and Istanbul. John holds a Master of Liberal Studies degree from Georgetown University and an undergraduate degree in International Relations from Sussex University in England. He speaks fluent French, Portuguese, and Spanish.

**Angela Beatty** is a Director of Communication and Change Management for Towers Watson, a global professional services firm specializing in helping organizations manage human capital and risk. She has more than 16 years of experience working with both private and public sector organizations, including a number of international financial institutions and government agencies, to support various organizational, programmatic and cultural transformations. Angela taught public speaking at Colorado State University, where she received her M.A. degree in speech communication and completed her thesis on the use of persuasive appeals in the American Cancer Society's breast cancer prevention campaign. Through the DLS program, Angela hopes to explore the values-based factors that influence organizational culture change.

**Julie Annette Blanks** is the Director of the Department of Defense Civilian Expeditionary Workforce and manages the policy and operations for the Department's civilians working in support of emergency and contingency operations. Her previous professional positions have focused on Human Resources, to include evaluating DoD HR business operations, and advising on personnel issues while serving as a Defense Fellow in the United States Senate. Julie is a 2011 graduate of the United States Naval War College, where she earned a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. She also holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Alabama and an undergraduate degree in Communications from Auburn University. In her doctoral studies, Julie plans to explore the relationship between the development and the implementation of defense policy in contingency operations. Her research will emphasize the policy-influencing factors, at multiple levels, internal and external to government, whose consequences impact the operational forces. Julie is a native of Alabama and in her free time enjoys writing, calligraphy, and reading.

### **Susan E. Bond**

I am an adjunct professor in religious studies at George Mason University, instructor at Montgomery College Lifelong Learning Institute, and lecturer at Christ Church, Georgetown Adult Forum. I am also the principal of Scholarly Writing Services, for which I edit manuscripts

in religious studies. I hold an MATS (Masters in Theological Studies) in Hebrew Bible/New Testament from Claremont School of Theology. I teach courses in Religions of Asia, Religions of the West, and the Human Religious Experience (a survey course of world religions) at George Mason, and Mystics, Gnostics, New Religions, Cults: Everything Old is New Again (a student favorite) and the Book of Job in Bible and Film at Montgomery College. I enjoy lecturing at area churches, most especially, Christ Church, Georgetown, where my lectures include topics in the areas of Christendom, Old Testament, and Holy Lives. I am returning to Georgetown to focus on writing a dissertation on the history, practice, and present applicability of the sacrament of confession.

**Elaine Chou** completed Georgetown's MALS degree requirements, with a concentration in Ethics & the Professions, this Spring 2013. She holds a baccalaureate degree in history from The College of William & Mary since 1996 and earned a master's degree with honors in history from University of Richmond. In 2002 she founded a boutique web firm that catered to the specialized needs of small and mid-sized companies, serving locations in Virginia and Chicago. Aside from presenting and publishing, she instructs top institutions on web design issues across the nation. Based on her fieldwork, Elaine's doctoral research will explore the multidisciplinary aspects of intellectual property patent law and human-interactive-design principles particular to emerging technologies, and how these factors influence U.S. Strategic Policy on American Innovation.

**Fulvia Ciarla** was born in Rome, Italy. She is a professor of Italian and a full-time member of the faculty at Georgetown University. After completing a baccalaureate degree in English, and a Masters Degree in Applied Linguistics, with emphasis on Teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language, she pursued formal training in incorporating drama techniques in the teaching of foreign languages. Following her certification in 1986, she founded and directed the Language Through Drama School in San Francisco, California. Fulvia is also a painter and a juried member of the Studio Gallery in Washington, DC. Her works have been featured both in solo and group shows since 2006. In 2009, she created and directed a documentary (Library of Congress, 2009) on oral cancer patients for a cancer fund raising event at the Katzen Arts Center, Washington, DC. The organization has recently invited her to join the Board. In 2012, she earned a Masters in Museum Studies at Georgetown University. Fulvia has received numerous awards for best teaching practices. She is also the recipient of two grants by the Center of New Designs in Learning and Scholarship at Georgetown University (2003; 2013). Fulvia's doctoral research in the DLS program will focus on the convergence of museums, information technology, and educational programming.

**Anne Garcia** is from Arlington, Virginia. She received her BA in Philosophy from Villanova University and her MA in Applied/Experimental Psychology from Catholic University. Anne has over 20 years of experience in adult education and applied research. She taught psychology at St. Mary's College of Maryland, and was a course manager at the Federal Aviation Administration's Center for Management and Executive Leadership. She also developed and managed applied psychological research programs for the Defense Department in human factors and artificial intelligence systems and presented papers at various conferences and professional association meetings. In the midst of this, Anne took time off of her career to raise her family. She is currently at the University's Medical Center, working with allogeneic stem cell donations. Her research interests include bioethical issues in health disparities and diminished autonomy situations, and neuroethics in translational science. Her personal ministry has led her to

missionary work in Honduras, post- Katrina New Orleans, and prisons in Florida and Virginia in the Jesuit spirit of Accompaniment.

Born in Bogota, Colombia, **Camilo Garcia** grew up in Woodside, Queens, New York. He earned a Bachelor's degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a Master's degree from GW's school of Education, with a concentration in Higher Education Administration and International Education. He is an higher education professional, with over twenty years' experience in student services. His career has included leadership roles at a number of private and public higher education institutions, among these, Camilo served as Deputy University Registrar at George Washington University and as Registrar for the Rutgers' University Camden Campus. Throughout his career Camilo has been a change agent with a commitment to excellence in student service, recognized for his ability to improve the use of technology in light of best practices in the heavily regulated and rapidly changing field of registrarial services.

Camilo is currently Associate University Registrar for Strategic Initiatives at Georgetown. His primary research interest is the impact of emerging technology on higher education, particularly the impact of new course delivery models such as MOOCs on first generation latino and latina College students. Camilo lives in DC with his wife, Cindy; they are the parents of four children. Camilo enjoys running, reading,(the biography of Steve Jobs was a recent favorite), and cheering on the NY Yankees.

**Laura M. Thurston Goodroe** attended Willamette University from 1987-1991, and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and in Religious Studies. While at Willamette, she completed her junior year abroad at the Oxford Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies, a program operated by St. Cross College. Laura attended the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs from 1999-2001, and obtained a Master of Public Administration, and attended National Intelligence University at the Defense Intelligence Agency from 2010-2011 and obtained a Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence. After moving to Washington, D.C. in 2003 when her husband was assigned to the Pentagon with the Air Force, Laura worked for six years for U.S. Senator Mike Crapo, as his staff writer/speechwriter, and as a policy analyst. From 2009-2010, she worked as the Defense Intelligence Agency Command Element editor, and in August 2011, she was hired as an intelligence analyst at Marine Corps Intelligence Activity. She currently works as a Levant analyst in the Middle East Branch, Regional Analysis Division. Laura is married to Lt Col Tim Goodroe, USAF. He is currently serving as the 333<sup>rd</sup> Recruiting Squadron Commander at Patrick AFB, FL. Between the two of them, they have four boys aged 26, 20, 17, and 17. She is a long-distance athlete and runs marathons regularly. She enjoys the East Coast, and one day hopes to get back to the Northwest.

**Joshua Harris** is a 2008 graduate from Wabash College, one of the two remaining all-men's colleges in the country. After completion of his coursework in religion and French, he earned 'high-pass' status on his oral and written comprehensive exams, and graduated cum laude. Following Wabash, he enrolled at St. John's College of Annapolis, Maryland. While at St. John's, Joshua began teaching in the theology department at DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, Maryland. Since 2009, Joshua has taught courses in Christian Ethics, Sacred

Scripture, and an anthropological course entitled The Search for God. He has also sponsored a number of independent studies: Plato's "Republic," Dante's "Purgatorio," Freud's "Introductory Lectures" and the works of T.S. Eliot. After graduation from St. John's College with a Masters in Liberal Arts, Joshua enrolled at Georgetown, where he began further coursework in Catholic Studies. He plans to focus his doctoral work on the phenomenon of memory through an interdisciplinary lens. It is his intention to trace the history of memory through four major transitional epochs – philosophically in Plato, theologically in Augustine, psychologically in Freud, and neurologically in Proust. When not in the books or at the lectern, Joshua enjoys social functions through the Young Benefactors of the Smithsonian, operas at the Kennedy Center, or plays at the Shakespeare Theatre Company.

**Elisabetta Lanzilao** is an Italian graduate student of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan (Italy), where she earned a Master in European and International Policy and a B.A. in Political Science and International Relations. During her graduate studies, she worked as an intern at the Italian Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg (France). She later completed an extensive research project on Turkey and its national defense policy as a research intern at the Inter-University Center for Terrorism Studies (IUCTS) at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies in Arlington, VA. In her Master's thesis, she explored the evolution of the civil-military relations in the secularist republic of Turkey after the rise to power of the Islamist AKP party. Supported by a scholarship from the Catholic University, she recently to carry out research activity on ethics and religiosity applied to human rights in Washington, DC. Elisabetta's genuine interest in Islamic inclusive religion, culture, thought, as combined with her passion for the modern theoretical debate on human rights and their principles of legitimacy – more importantly, religion – potentially effective in promoting a wider internalization in Middle eastern policies and culture, is the starting point for her doctoral research. She intends to investigate the Islamic theoretical and practical approach to International human rights, and more particularly to the right to health care, with a specific focus upon Islamic bioethical implications and gender issues in the Mediterranean basin.

**Kevin Patrick** received his BA from Brown University in Comparative Literature and completed the MALS at Georgetown in 1994. He spent several years as a staffer on Capitol Hill and then represented the nation's police chiefs for four years, working on passage of the Brady Bill, Assault Weapons Ban, and other measures. Kevin left work in DC to pursue international development. His work, in this regard, has focused on anti-corruption and governance. The majority of his international development experience has been in South Africa, where he lived for over eight years. He has assisted all levels of government from NGOs to the Office of President Mandela. In addition to international development, Kevin directed and taught an experiential and service learning course to US undergraduates studying in Cape Town. He expects, in the DLS program, to consider the intersection of aesthetics with civic and political life.

**Free Robinson** is a senior government officer, with over twenty years experience in national security issues and international relations; during this time, he served in East Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. Mr. Robinson's academic pursuits have been similarly focused—he researched national security strategy, foreign policy, and the nature of conflict and was awarded the Master

of International Service degree from American University. Mr. Robinson's doctoral research will seek to further examine the underlying factors of conflict with the aim of identifying triggers that have driven oppressed societies toward democracy. Drawing from the strength of liberal tradition, his research will incorporate the role of philosophy, religion, culture, and communication of these socio-political movements.

**Heather Sanders** is a Summa Cum Laude graduate from the University of Maryland and earned a Masters of Arts in History from George Mason University and a Master of Arts in Psychology from American University. Her area of interest in psychology was on personal values and how they influence political choices. Her two great passions are teaching and sports. She has taught at Gonzaga College High School since 1995. At Gonzaga she has served as department chair and has taught a range of subjects within the social sciences but currently specializes in United States history and psychology. She was the 2009 Archdiocese of Washington Teacher of the Year. Heather was the first female varsity coach at Gonzaga, coaching her team to numerous championships in her fifteen years in that position. Heather believes that above all, her mission as a teacher is to help her students understand what it means to be an American citizen, the first nation to have been specifically created around the central human values of freedom, equality, and individualism. Her DLS research will focus on these core values and how conflicts with these values have been central to the social and political revolutions in American history. Heather is proud to be the third member of her family to attend Georgetown. Both her husband and son are graduates of the Georgetown School of Medicine. She lives in Mclean with her husband, one dog, three cats, and fifteen horses.

**Annette L. Torrasi** grew up in the Albany, New York region. She graduated from Siena College, Loudonville, New York with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Subsequently, she earned Masters degrees in Science of Strategic Intelligence, Military Art & Science and in Strategic Studies from the National Intelligence College, the School of Advanced Military Studies and the U.S. Army War College respectively. She has recently retired as a Colonel, with over 25 years of leadership experience, from the active duty U.S. Army. During her military career, Annette has traveled and partnered with U.S. joint forces, interagency organizations, host-nation governments and multi-national military forces throughout the U.S., Asia, Central America, Europe and the Middle East. She has served in diverse missions ranging from combat tours in Panama, Saudi Arabia / Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as nation-building and humanitarian relief efforts. Much of her career has focused on support to current, crisis operations as well as tailoring operational - strategic plans and policy to meet the decision-making needs of senior military and civilian government officials. In the DLS program her area of interest lies in security studies and contemporary foreign policy issues. She lives with her husband and two young sons in northern Virginia.

**Anne Wakefield** is a Mexican journalist of American descent. She has an MA in Liberal Studies from Georgetown University. Currently she lives in Washington, DC, where she works as a radio producer and film critic for an AARP's show produced in Spanish for Sirius/XM

Radio. She is also the political correspondent for the radio Mexican network Grupo Radio Centro. Before moving to Washington in 2000, Anne worked in the electronic and print media in Mexico City, mainly at Televisa, the largest media group in the Spanish-speaking world, but also at the Latin American Institute of Educational Television (ILCE), local radio and several magazines. For Televisa, she did film reviews with a cultural and social perspective and conducted exclusive interviews with Catherine Deneuve, Alain Delon, Anthony Hopkins, Edward Albee, Oprah Winfrey and David Mamet, among others. In June, 2002, she helped launch Telemundo's first newscast from Washington, as anchor. A short version of her "Marges et Confins: un enfoque multidisciplinario de la frontera". A short version of her MA thesis ("Chicano Cinema and Identity: Crossing the Border from Self to Other"), appeared in the book "Marges et Confins: A Multidisciplinary Approach to the Border", published by the University of Paris X in 2008. Her story "Mexicans Going Back to Their Homeland" won the Best Broadcast Story at the New America Foundation & American University Ethnic Media Awards in 2011.