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Dear WIIS members and friends;

The University of Maryland School of Public Policy has established a fellowship in honor of WIIS founder and friend Catherine M. Kelleher. The fellowship will be awarded to an outstanding and worthy student pursuing a graduate degree at the School of Public Policy.

We, Presidents of WIIS, are delighted by this initiative of the University of Maryland. The fellowship will highlight Catherine's many accomplishments, including founding both the Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM) and Women In International Security (WIIS). In addition to her efforts to promote, mentor, and seek out opportunities to connect women in the field, Catherine has had a distinguished career in academia and in government service. Catherine was also a Professor of Strategy at the Naval War College and only the second woman faculty member at the College. Her public service career included posts in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the Department of State, and the White House's National Security Council.

The [Catherine M. Kelleher Fellowship Fund for International Security Studies](#) will help the next generation of security experts prepare to emulate this very impressive career. It will also add women's voices to the challenges and important work in the field of international security.

WIIS Presidents thank you for joining us in support of the fellowship!

Sincerely,

*Sheila Buckley*, WIIS President, 1992-1996

*Gale A. Mattox*, WIIS President, 1996-2003

*Pamela Aall*, WIIS President, 2003-2007

*Laura Holgate*, WIIS President, 2007-2009

*Linda Staheli*, WIIS President, 2009-2011

*Melanie Greenberg*, WIIS President, 2009-2011

*Chantal de Jonge Oudraat*, WIIS President, 2013-Present