

The WIIS Gender Scorecard: Spotlight on the Nuclear Security Community

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Remarks



Dr. Emma Belcher is president of Ploughshares Fund. Prior to arriving at Ploughshares, Emma spent nearly a decade at the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, where she led the foundation's Nuclear Challenges grantmaking program. There, she developed and built the foundation's Nuclear Challenge Big Bet team—from ideation to planning to management of a nearly \$20 million budget. Emma served as a Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. She also served as an advisor in Australia's Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on national security and international affairs and as a public affairs officer at the

Australian embassy in Washington, DC. She has a background in international security (Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, PhD and MALD; University of Melbourne, BA [Hons]). While completing her PhD, she was a fellow in the International Security Program and Project on Managing the Atom at Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.



Ambassador Laura S. H. Holgate is vice president for Materials Risk Management at Nuclear Threat Initiative. She is responsible for designing and executing NTI's activities to prevent nuclear terrorism, such as reducing quantities and enhancing security of nuclear and radiological materials around the world, promoting cooperation between the United States and key partners on nuclear and radiological security, and strengthening the global nuclear security architecture.

Ambassador Holgate was posted as the US Ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency and other UN Agencies in Vienna, Austria, from 2016-2017. She served 15 years in the US Departments of Defense and Energy and the National Security Council, designing and implementing policies to reduce threats from weapons of mass destruction. She led the US preparations and participation in the Nuclear Security Summits, and co-led the development of the Global Health Security Agenda.

Speakers



Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat is President of WIIS since February 2013. She was the founding Executive Director and CEO of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's (SIPRI) North America office. She has also held senior positions at the U.S. Institute of Peace; the Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies; the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research in Geneva. She has been an adjunct faculty member at Georgetown University. She received her PhD in Political Science from the University of Paris II (Pantheon). She is the co-editor of *The Gender and Security Agenda: Strategies for the 21st Century* (London: Routledge, July 2020)



Kayla McGill is the Program Manager and Fellow at Women In International Security (WIIS). She graduated with her Master of International Affairs from the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M where she focused on Women, Peace & Security, Diplomacy, and Intelligence. She received her B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Civic Engagement from Brigham Young University. Kayla has consulted with various U.S. government agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Defense and USAID, on international security and gender issues. Kayla previously worked for the WomanStats Project contributing to publications, working with qualitative and quantitative data, and representing the Project at events such as Beijing+20/CSW59 at the United Nations.



Zi Xue is the Program Assistant and Research Fellow at Women In International Security (WIIS). She received a M.A. in International Relations from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, with a concentration in International Law and Organizations, and a B.A. in Political Science with minors in Gender Women Sexuality Studies and Studies in Cinema and Media Culture from the University of Minnesota. Zi's research focuses on the role that international organizations play in international security; the relationship between gender equality and global security; and Foreign policies. She has previous experience in working at Cairo, Egypt; Cebu, Philippines; and Tbilisi, Georgia.

Moderator



Dr. Jana Wattenberg is a Lecturer in International Politics and Security at the Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University, the Deputy Director of the David Davies Memorial Institute for International Studies and a fellow with Women in International Security. Jana was awarded a PhD from Aberystwyth University. Her thesis *Ideas that Stand in the Way of Nuclear Disarmament* shows how entrenched ideas about nuclear weapons and disarmament have made global nuclear abolition more difficult. Jana was awarded a BA in Sociological European Studies from University of Bremen and a MA in International Studies/Peace and Conflict Studies from Goethe University Frankfurt. She studied

security, conflict and peace at universities in Germany, the UK and South Africa and worked on the stability of peace after violent conflict with the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt. Jana is an active member of the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium network and the UK Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI) network. Jana's current research projects focus on the roles of women in the nuclear weapons field, gendered dimensions of nuclear discourses and nuclear stigmatization processes.

About WIIS

Women In International Security (WIIS) is the premier organization in the world dedicated to advancing the leadership and professional development of women in the field of international peace and security. WIIS (pronounced "wise") sponsors leadership training, mentoring, and networking programs as well as substantive events focused on current policy problems. WIIS also supports research projects and policy engagement initiatives on critical international security issues, including the nexus between gender and security.