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Message From the Acting Dean

As we look around us, we see that not only is the world in transition, but higher education is in the midst of a paradigm shift. We're at a critical moment in global politics and international relations. Now, more than ever, our nation and the world need talented, skilled, and compassionate practitioners working innovatively to advance the common good.

At the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, we are rising to that moment and looking to the future—and we know we must equip our students to tackle the challenges of their generation. We are also addressing the opportunity to be a part of the reform so desperately needed in higher education today. We are working across disciplinary boundaries and transnational borders to address some of the most pressing problems of our time.

In this review, you'll read about Korbel's Tactical Plan, aimed at modernizing our curriculum and giving our students the interdisciplinary grounding necessary to navigate the global stage.

You'll read about the impressive work our centers and faculty have done over the past year, and wisdom from high-profile visitors and alumni, including Madeleine Albright's insights on academia's role in preventing fascism as well as Michelle Kwan's observations on diplomacy.

You'll read about an alumna and donor who initiated, launched, and sustains the Inclusive Global Leadership Initiative (IGLI), a summer institute and research project that measures the impact of women's engagement in social movements. IGLI is an excellent example of how institutes in higher education and global leaders can work together to support each others' initiatives.

You'll read about some of our alumni who are working on critical issues including climate change, national security, and rural economic development.

And you'll read about the plans of several graduating students who are heading to exciting career opportunities and fellowships in Denver, DC, and around the world.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, I thank you for your continued engagement and support—in this critical moment and beyond.

Sincerely,

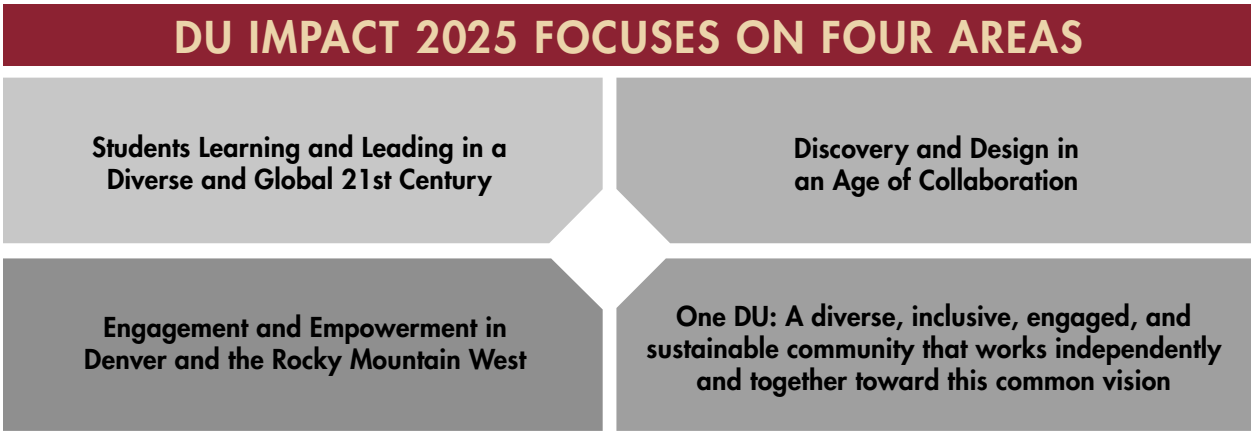


Pardis Mahdavi, PhD
Acting Dean, Josef Korbel School of International Studies



Tactical Plan

The 2018-19 Korbels Tactical Plan is the result of months of collaborative work by Korbels faculty, staff, students, Social Science Foundation board members, and alumni. These initiatives lay the foundation for continuing work on a transformative five-year Korbels strategic plan, correlating with the University's broader strategic plan, DU Impact 2025.



MISSION

To educate skilled, ethical, and innovative global leaders who think critically and advance the common good.

VISION

Our dynamic and inclusive intellectual community will reflect the diversity of the world and address its political, economic, and social challenges.

VALUE

Inclusivity and diversity.
Integrity.
Respect.
Collaboration.
Engagement.

Chancellor Rebecca Chopp and the Board of Trustees approved Korbels Tactical Plan in April 2018. The school has since implemented the following tactical initiatives:

DEVELOP NON-DEGREE PROGRAMS

An example of these programs includes the Global Environmental Change and Adaptation (GECA) certificate which will be offered to students beginning in January 2019.

CREATE AN EFFECTIVE AND INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

A Korbels diversity statement unanimously passed and the Korbels Opportunity Scholarship Fund for underrepresented minorities and international students was established in spring 2018.

FINALIZE AND PUBLISH KORBELS MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

The guiding principles were drafted, voted on, and approved by faculty and staff in spring 2018.

Looking forward, Korbels leadership will continue to build upon this Tactical Plan as the foundation for a large-scale strategic plan.

Both DU Impact 2025 and the Korbels Tactical Plan can be found on our website:

- du.edu/korbels/about
- imagine.du.edu/du-impact-2025



Centers and Programs

The Josef Korbel School is home to a number of research centers and institutes, each adding depth and breadth to the school's commitment to global engagement through education and research. The Centers continued to be actively engaged in building our international community through providing students access to networking and learning opportunities. Below is an overview of some of the Centers' work throughout the 2017-2018 academic year.



Center for China-US Cooperation

The China Center has had a busy and fruitful year. In addition to the Jackson/Ho China Forum series and other programs, the Center co-hosted, with the Strauss Center at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of University of Texas at Austin, a two-part conference on domestic drivers of Chinese foreign policy and US-China Relations. Additionally, the Center hosted its third annual Sabel Award Dinner to honor the authors of the best article published in the *Journal of Contemporary China*. This year's dinner also presented the inaugural Lee-Stahlgren US-China Bridge Award and launched the Lee-Stahlgren Endowment for the Center for China-US Cooperation.

Crossley Center for Public Opinion Research

The Crossley Center produced research papers and presentations on the status of democracy at the American and World Associations of Research in New Orleans and Lisbon, Portugal. The Center led presentations before Colorado audiences on the Trump administration and foreign policy, many with former Dean, Ambassador Christopher Hill, and hosted a number of panels on public policy topics related to marijuana legalization and Colorado's political transition. Finally, the Center published several articles on public policy and political issues on Colorado's leading political news site, *Colorado Politics*.

Center on Human Rights Education

The Center on Human Rights Education (COHRE) focused on the broader theme of displacement this year. Each quarter, the Center explored an aspect of displacement as it relates to current human rights: homelessness in and around Denver, immigration, migration, and refugee-related issues. The team's decision to focus on sub-themes each quarter allowed the Center to unpack different topics, increase student and staff engagement, and host events around a variety of issues, bringing in additional outreach and new partnerships. COHRE hosted five events for DU and the larger Denver community as well as gave human rights presentations to various Denver and Jefferson County public schools.

Center for Middle East Studies

The Center focused much of its programming on the destabilizing effects of Donald Trump's foreign policy on the Middle East. The Center organized several open forums and panel discussions on global authoritarianism, protests in Iran, the rise to power of a new Saudi Crown Prince (MBS), the war in Syria, and the US withdrawal from the Iran nuclear accord. The Center's research agenda focused on Middle East sectarianism, political authoritarianism, Islam and human rights.



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Josef Korbel School human rights

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The Colorado European Union Center of Excellence

The Colorado European Union Center of Excellence ran its speaker series on European affairs, completed its team study of the politics of economic disparities in Europe to be published in the fall, and saw a number of publications on European banking and capital markets come to fruition.

The Conflict Resolution Institute and Center for Conflict Engagement

The Conflict Resolution Institute and Center for Conflict Engagement continued a grant-funded project on anti-Muslim immigrant sentiment and the impact of intergroup relations initiatives in Sweden and the US, finishing up its literature review for the project. The Center hosted or co-hosted 14 events this academic year, with over 400 people attending. The Co-Director of the Institute, Tamra Pearson d'Estrée, completed her book project with Professor Ruth Parsons, *Cultural Encounters and Emergent Practices in Conflict Resolution Capacity-Building*. Additionally, the Center worked with DU Dialogues to train students, staff, and faculty in sustained dialogue all over campus and hosted problem-solving workshops and community conversations among antagonistic ethnic groups in the Denver area.

The Frederick S. Pardee Center for International Research

The Pardee Center extended its work by securing research and publishing with the following organizations: African Union (through NEPAD), European Union, Atlantic Council and Hague Center for Security Studies, UN Environment and Development Programmes, USAID (Central America, Ethiopia, Southern Africa, and Uganda), and Western Cape provincial government (South Africa). The Center worked with over 100 graduate and undergraduate students at DU, placed some in paid internships on three continents, and further developed the International Futures model by extending representations of education quality, labor dynamics (employment), migration, trade, and social violence/fragility.



The Human Trafficking Center

The Human Trafficking Center continually researches and advocates while seeking to understand forced labor and human trafficking. This year it provided research that improves inter-organizational cooperation and accountability, influences anti-trafficking policy, and raises public awareness about the problem. The Center also partnered with academics, students, legislators, NGOs, and international organizations to provide the public balanced information about human trafficking.



Institute for Public Policy Studies

The Institute for Public Policy Studies (IPPS) was in its second year of integration with operations at Korbel, continuing its rich 30-year tradition of multi-disciplinary academic excellence and program innovation in public policy. In addition, the Institute hosted several Great Issues Forums including: Robots and Revolution; Rectitude, Rebellion, and Revolution: Ethics and Public Policy; The Public Policy of Higher Education; Defense Strategy and the Federal Budget; and The Public Policy of Technology and Antitrust. Every year IPPS also conducts two notable travel courses. "Getting Results Inside the Beltway" features opportunities for students to travel to Washington, DC, and interact with top Congressional staff, policy experts at influential think tanks, and IPPS Washington alums. "The Denver Dynamic" gives students an unparalleled opportunity to meet with top Denver officials, along with influential developers and policy analysts, with a view to understanding how Denver works from the inside.

Latin America Center

The Latin America Center expanded its focus on popular resistance to the multiple crises sweeping the hemisphere. The Center organized immersion experiences in Mexico and Brazil and panels on topics such as immigration and environmental justice, and supported research on conflict, equitable development, and improving US-Latin American relations.

The Sié Cheou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy

The Sié Center continued its focus on inclusive strategies to reduce violence and improve peacebuilding as it engaged with other researchers, policymakers, students, and the public. As Britain, the United States, and many European governments showed increasingly exclusionary policies, the Center highlighted successful activism with its first Inclusive Global Leadership Institute, brought together researchers on conceptualizing and measuring the political inclusiveness of regimes and non-state groups, and hosted academics and policymakers for a two-day discussion of inclusive responses to the liberal order's crisis. Among its many research projects were those examining inclusion's effects on violence, peacebuilding, and governance. The Center hosted post-doctoral researchers looking at inclusion with respect to migration and post-conflict political orders and continued to involve MA and PhD students as research assistants and discussants for its monthly research seminar series.



2018 Graduating Students

Fellowships at Korbel

A record number of 32 students were awarded nationally competitive fellowships this year. These awards fund a variety of opportunities including study, research, foreign language acquisition, travel, skills development, work experience, cross-cultural exchange, and more. The activities funded are critical in helping students and recent graduates gain the experience needed for their field and are often career-launchers. Thirty-eight staff and faculty were involved in mentoring and advising students, leading to the 12 different fellowship awards:

- The Boren Fellowship
- Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals Award
- Critical Language Scholarship
- Fulbright Scholarship
- Global Health Corps Fellowship
- IIE Adell and Hancock Scholarship
- Mercatus Center Frederic Bastiat Public Policy Fellowship
- NNSA Graduate Fellowship
- State Human Services Applied Research Practicum (SHARP Fellowship)
- Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF)
- Princeton in Asia
- The US. Department of State Foreign Service Internship

By the Numbers

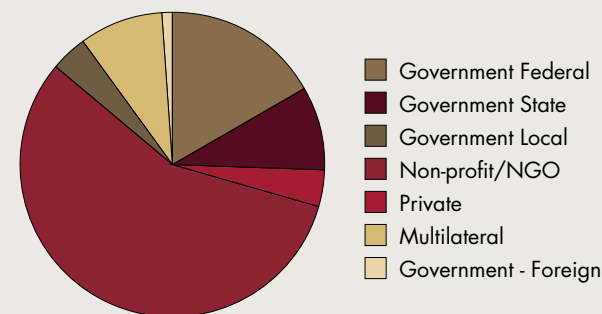
- 156** Total Graduates
- 142** International Studies and Public Policy undergraduates
- 39** Latin Honors for all International Studies and Public Policy students
- 7** PhD Candidates
- 5** Distinction in International Studies
- 3** Distinction in Public Policy
- 3** Pioneer Awardees from Korbel

101 internships completed by **98** unique students

Locations



Internship Sectors



Employed Rate

93%
Post Graduation



“I continued the legacy of my father and grandfather by coming to DU. Now I have several career options that will propel me into my future goals.”

— Gianni Le Melle Di Cioccio, MA, International Studies

“I enjoyed and appreciated participating in the Korbel DC Program, where I developed my professional network and experienced the nonprofit world first-hand.”

— Margot Heraud, MA, International Studies

“Korbel transformed me in more ways than I could have expected—from developing a broader grasp of international systems, to understanding the practical implications of a globalizing world. I’ve been pushed to be a better learner, a better listener, a better ally, and a better human being.”

— Jenna Ross, MA, Global Finance, Trade & Economic Integration

“I have done significant research in the matters of Public Health and Global Stability Models. I love the Korbel School because it gives me the accessibility to learn and achieve.”

— Sophie Hendrick, dual MA/BA, International Studies

Leading by Example

Korbel visitors continue to inspire students, staff, and faculty long after they leave the halls of the school. This year, we were fortunate to have several guests from a variety of different backgrounds who shared wisdom, insight, and encouragement for the Korbel community.

Madeleine Albright, Former Secretary of State



Former Secretary of State, Madeleine Korbel Albright visited the Josef Korbel School in April to speak about her new book, *Fascism: A Warning*. During her hour-long conversation with the Korbel School’s Acting Dean Pardis Mahdavi, Albright entertained her audience with her wit, old war stories, and advice for the future, reiterating both a warning and hope. She fears fascism is gaining a foothold in what has been a trying time for her beloved but cash-strapped State Department, yet she believes today’s students have a better understanding of the world than their predecessors and are capable of fighting back.

“Academics are some of the most effective soldiers in the fight against fascism. Their job is to uncover the truth and teach their students to explore and respect differing opinions,” Albright explained. “Therefore, institutions of higher education must play a leading role in encouraging civil discourse, welcoming speakers with opinions at odds with campus consensus and hearing them out.”

Michelle Kwan, Senior Advisor for the US State Department and Olympic Figure Skater

The Josef Korbel School welcomed Michelle Kwan on May 17 to speak to Korbel students and fellow alumni. Kwan was in town to receive a Distinguished Alumni Award as part of the annual Alumni Weekend festivities. Kwan graduated from DU in 2009 with a BA in International Studies. As the most decorated figure skater in US history, Kwan shared her reflections about her journey to DU and described her time at DU as a turning point in her life. In her interview with Acting Dean Pardis Mahdavi, Kwan said her classes, classmates and professors gave her a sense of identity she was afraid she would never find after retiring from professional ice skating. Notably, she stated that DU taught her the importance of following a passion and lifelong learning. “It [hasn’t been] rainbows and butterflies,” she said. “It’s challenging. You need to follow your passion to a place where you can move the needle, being creative where you land and being fluid: if you don’t like the place that you land, just be flexible enough to adjust where you want to go and do good.” Kwan also shared her practical experience in public diplomacy, citing fellow alumnae Condoleezza Rice and her mother as guiding influences.



Pioneer Women's Panel

Korbel hosted notable alumnae in the security field in the spring. The all-female panel included Marjorie K. Eastman, a former US Army Combat Veteran and Intelligence Officer who is now an author and speaker and Deborah Lynn, a Foreign Service Officer from the State Department who has served many assignments across the Middle East, Asia, and Eastern Europe. They discussed aspects of security from their different perspectives and experiences and detailed modern security issues, including the role of the internet in complicating the field and how it's altered how threats and risks are assessed. In addition, the panelists spoke about how their work shifts with each new government administration and shared candidly the various challenges and advantages women experience in the field of security. Finally, the panel offered students advice on the importance of character, ethics, mentorship, and relationships as they look to a future in the field.

Stewart Devine, Diplomat in Residence '16-'17



Stewart Devine was selected in 2016 to become the Korbel School's first Diplomat in Residence. He is a Foreign Service officer and specialist who provides guidance and advice on careers, internships, and fellowships to students and professionals in the communities they serve. Devine's focus is on providing information to students and professionals in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming. To date, he has conducted over 220 events, including speaking engagements, university guest lectures, and individual consultations (1,250+) in Denver and the five states that he oversees.

Daniel Baer, Diplomatic Fellow '17-'18

The Korbel School was pleased to host Dan Baer as a visiting diplomatic fellow at the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Affairs during the 2017-2018 school year. He was US Ambassador to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe from 2013 to 2017. He previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor from 2009 to 2013. Baer was an assistant professor at Georgetown's McDonough School of Business, a faculty fellow at Harvard's Safra Center for Ethics, and a project leader at The Boston Consulting Group. He is now the Executive Director of Higher Education for the State of Colorado.



Jason Dickerman, US Army War College Fellow '17-'18



Since 2010 the Josef Korbel School has been honored to host US Army War College Fellows, one of 90 distinguished career field grade officers, who spend one academic year with us auditing courses, giving lectures, and conducting research. Lieutenant Colonel Jason Dickerman, was selected as Korbel's 2017-2018 Army War College Fellow.

During his year at the Korbel School, Lieutenant Colonel Dickerman published his final Research Project: *"The US - Mexico Partnership: Evaluating Ten Years of the Merida Initiative."*

Alumni Highlights

Endowment Honors Legacy of Alumni Couple



Debbie McGraw-Block describes meeting her future husband, Rennie Block—in a Korbel School classroom as someone whom she found intriguing and thought-provoking. The Blocks, both

graduated from Korbel in 1979 and had a wonderful life together. They retired from fulfilling careers in higher education in San Diego. In 2016, Rennie passed away unexpectedly, and Debbie wanted to honor his life through a gift to Korbel. In December 2017, Debbie established the Debbie McGraw-Block and Rennie Block Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide scholarship support for first-generation students in the graduate program at the Korbel School.

"Although Rennie died way too young, I can think of no better way to remember him than to help other young people pursue their dreams of a bigger and better world," she said.

Debbie grew up in Orange County, CA and went away to Notre Dame for college. As a sophomore, she studied abroad at Innsbruck, Austria. Meanwhile, Rennie received a scholarship to the University of San Diego, lived at home with his parents and worked part time for the US Navy. Both received full scholarships for the Korbel School and for Rennie it was the first time he had lived away from home.

Debbie and Rennie worked all through graduate school. Debbie was a typist and Rennie worked multiple jobs: as a night manager for an undergraduate dorm, in a fresh fish store, and on the graveyard shift at the downtown bus terminal. Debbie remembers him riding his bike to and from DU in the dark.

"I can think of no better way to remember him than to help other young people pursue their dreams of a bigger and better world."

Marjorie K. Eastman, US Veteran and Award-Winning Author



Marjorie Eastman is an author and Veteran, as well as Korbel grad. Winner of the 2017 National Independent Publisher Book Award, for her book; *The Frontline Generation: How We Served Post 9/11*.

She is proud to be a representative of the new generation of American Veterans. The book became the first to define post-9/11 service and leadership. It was a featured title for Hudson Booksellers in airports across the US (2016-2017) and is on the recommended reading list for the US Army Military Intelligence Center of Excellence library and museum. She is a member of the Veterans for Smart Power network for the US Global Leadership Coalition and a champion for veteran entrepreneurs through her work with Bunker Labs.

Publications and Media

Korbel faculty continue to be at the forefront of both domestic and global affairs, actively engaging in the critical research and dialogues shaping our world. Over the past 12 months, they have published content in several fundamental fields, covering topics as diverse as US protest data, the #MeToo movement, the FARC guerrilla action in Colombia, and the US stance on the Iranian Nuclear Deal. Here is a selection of this year's faculty engagement in the media.



Public Engagement

Korbel hosts a number of events that offer perspective and encourage dialogue. Below are a few of the 100+ events hosted in 2018 to engage students and community members in the global news and research that impact our world.



Charlottesville and Beyond: Why Monuments and Memorializing Matter

In August 2017, the city of Charlottesville suffered an invasion by local and outside white supremacists. The violence was sparked by new efforts to tell more complete racial histories, including the decision to remove the statue of General Lee from the city's most prominent public park. Dr. Frank Dukes, University of Virginia faculty, member of the Charlottesville commission that voted on the monuments, and director of the Transforming Community Spaces project—spoke about what happened in Charlottesville, the ways that our community spaces often sustain narratives of white supremacy, and efforts to address ongoing racial harms through dialogue for action.

One Year After the Trump Election: Is America Great Again?

Ambassador Chris Hill and Director of the Crossley Center for Public Research, Floyd Ciruli, assessed the change in American democracy and the impact on American foreign policy one year after Donald Trump's election victory.

Protests in Iran: How Should the US Respond?

In late December and early January, a wave of protests in Iran shocked the world. Acting Dean Pardis Mahdavi and Professor Nader Hashemi led an engaging discussion on what these protests mean, how they differed from the 2009 Green Movement protests, and how Trump's decision on the Iran nuclear deal will impact the conditions that sparked the protests.



A Journey in Nonviolent Struggles: A Denver Dialogue With Mary King

Mary Elizabeth King, Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Peace in Costa Rica, discussed her involvement in the U.S. civil rights and women's liberation movements, her research and scholarship on nonviolent civil resistance movements of the 20th century, and how social movements open political space.



Visiting Scholars Academic Salon Series

This past Fall, the Center for China-US Cooperation (CCUSC) launched the Visiting Scholars' Academic Salon Series, inviting CCUSC Chinese Visiting Scholars to present the research they have been conducting here at DU. These events are conducted in Chinese, and have attracted audience from a diverse range of fields, enriching the international environment here at the Korbel School of International Studies.

Presentation on Media Consumption in the EU and US, and Issues of Trust and Polarization

Dr. David Levy, Director of the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at Oxford University, spoke on media consumption in the EU and the US, and issues of trust and polarization. Topics included structure of the news industry in the US and key EU markets, current trends in consumption and technology, and news brand appeal. Dr. Levy also discussed the polarization of news consumption and gave some thoughts on what the current trends mean for the interaction of news media, politics, and the sustainability of news provision.

How the European Union Depicts Itself in Its Crisis Management

CEUCE hosted Stephanie Anderson, Professor and Head of the School of Politics, Public Affairs, & International Studies at the University of Wyoming. Using a critical, feminist, and post-colonialist analysis, Professor Anderson evaluated the information campaigns of the EU Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP) Rule of Law missions, such as Kosovo's EULEX, to assess the narrative the EU uses to justify its intervention in other countries.

Security and LGBT Rights in Europe

Daniel Baer, Former US Ambassador to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), shared his perspective on the status of LGBT rights in Europe, the regional implications of Russia's anti-gay crackdown, and his experiences as an openly gay diplomat.



Public Engagement - continued

Sustainable Energy Development in Africa

This panel discussion on energy policy and development in the US and across Africa featured Dr. Frank Laird, Associate Professor and Dean of Academic Affairs; Dr. Tarekegn Tadesse, Associate Professor at Addis Ababa Science & Technology University, Ethiopia; Dr. Pius Kasolo, CEO at ZCCM Investment Holdings, Zambia; and Mr. Steve Katsaros, CEO at Nokero Solar, Denver.

The Saudi Crown Prince: Committed Reformer or Acting the Part?

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman visited the United States for a multi-city tour starting March 19. He's been hailed as a courageous reformer by some Western media outlets and several prominent American foreign policy names have urged the West to support his policies. Critics warn against this praise given continued human rights abuses within the kingdom and a disastrous war in Yemen that has led to one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. How should the US respond to these developments? What are the implications for the future of the Middle East? Nader Hashemi, CMES Director; Gary Grappo, CMES Distinguished Fellow and former US Ambassador; and Claude d'Estree, Korbel teaching professor and Executive Director of the Human Trafficking Center, discussed these topics.



Cultural Diplomacy Series Launched

In spring of 2018, Korbel launched a new Cultural Diplomacy program series in partnership with the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation. The first event featured a three-part introduction to Cultural Diplomacy by Laura Bloomberg, Dean of the Humphreys School at the University of Minnesota, followed by a lecture demonstration of northern Indian Kathak dance introduced by Dr. Sarah Morelli, Associate Professor and Chair of Ethnomusicology at the Lamont School of Music and performed by her former student, Carrie McCune. The finale of the lunchtime program was a performance of the first movement of Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir de Florence* by students from Lamont. The additional events from this series included a book talk by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright with Acting Dean Pardis Mahdavi and a conversation with Korbel alumna, Michelle Kwan and Dean Mahdavi (see page 11). This program will be continued annually due to an endowment established at the Korbel School by Mae Bonfils-Stanton in 1965.



Allyship Summit



The first full-day Allyship Summit was held Thursday May 3, 2018, with over 100 participants. The intention of the summit was to move individuals from neutral to active allyship, and to encourage participants to delve deeper into allyship regardless of their starting point with the subject.

The day opened with Regan Byrd, Dr. Pardis Mahdavi, and Dr. Frank Tuitt discussing the approaches and pitfalls to allyship. Throughout the day, Denver and DU community members conducted workshops and presentations which allowed participants to critically think about the

implications and best practices of allyship. The day highlighted the interrelated nature of allyship on a university campus and in the community.

The summit ended with a performance from a jazz trio by the Lamont School of Music, a community engagement opportunity with various social justice and advocacy agencies from the Denver metro-area and a spoken word performance by renowned local poets Dominique Christina and Niyankor Ajuaj. The student-organized efforts were recognized as a way to connect to the local community and will be a part of Korbel's key events in the future.

Donor Spotlights

We are fortunate to count on many alumni and friends for their financial support of our students. It is largely due to the generous philanthropy of others that we are able to bring world-renowned speakers to our community, facilitate international internship opportunities, and provide private scholarship support to help students succeed at Korbel.



Creating Opportunities For Women's Leadership



Patricia Cooper is a force of nature, passionate about supporting women's and human rights, whose influence is felt in all corners of the globe.

Pat has more than 50 years of experience in the private and public sectors as a policy analyst, strategic planner, and entrepreneur. She

established the Women's Regional Network (WRN), an organization that amplifies women's voices in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India to address corruption, extremism and increasing militarization, with a focus on the forced displacement of women and children.

Pat received an MA in Global Studies at the Korbel School, has served on the Advisory Board at the Colorado Women's College, and with her sister, Anne Carter, established the Two Sister's Scholarship Fund for women.

In 2015, Pat assembled a group of thought leaders to develop a concept paper on women's leadership with Korbel faculty members Marie Berry and Erica Chenoweth. This led to a program to establish

training, empirical research, and programming focused on the importance of women's leadership and engagement in bringing forth non-violent social and political change around the world. The Inclusive Global Leadership Initiative (IGLI) was launched in October 2016 and incorporates a speaker series, a Summer Institute, and an active research project funded in part by the Carnegie Corporation that measures the impact of women's engagement in social movements.

The inaugural Summer Institute was held at the Korbel School in August 2017, bringing together 15 women leaders from around the globe for four days of workshops, training, and programs. These activities and resources were designed to empower the women to be more effective leaders in organizations and movements that are improving the human rights of women around the world. The workshops culminated in a two-day mountain retreat where they rested and reflected prior to returning to their important work in their communities. The second Summer Institute will take place at the Korbel School in August 2018.

Pat has provided sustainable multi-year support for IGLI and has helped to generate additional gifts for the successful implementation of these programs and the Summer Institute.

We are grateful to Pat for her vision, tenacity, passion, and continued financial support to ensure these programs thrive at the University of Denver.

Enhancing Global Impact Through Scholarships



Before becoming a prominent attorney with Holme, Roberts and Owen, Ed Benton was the grateful recipient of scholarships to Colorado College and Yale Law School. In 2012, Ed established the Stephanie and Ed Benton Endowed Scholarship for Korbel students. In 2016 he donated an additional estate gift that was matched by DU's Momentum Scholarship Match to enhance its impact. In recognition of Ed's significant support and longtime engagement in the mission of the school, Korbel is pleased to honor both Ed and his beloved wife Stephanie (deceased) with a plaque on a classroom in the Sie Complex.

Ed cites his close friendships and wonderful conversations over the years with the first chair of the Korbel School's Social Science Foundation (SSF) board, Ben Cherrington, along with Josef

Korbel, and more recently former Chancellor Dan Ritchie, with nurturing his interest in the University of Denver. He has been deeply engaged in the Korbel School since 1997 when he was asked to join the SSF board by Don Hoagland, the board's chair at the time. Today, Ed is an Emeritus Board member and rarely misses a meeting, nor the opportunity to ask the last question and/or provide a meaningful observation about the importance of a liberal arts education.

At age 92, Ed is a regular attendee of Korbel programs, often accompanied by his daughter Margrit and her husband Mark, where he takes his traditional spot in the front row, always eager to engage with the speaker in conversation about international affairs, politics or philosophy.

The advice Ed shared with young lawyers translates to everyone who seeks balance in life: "In addition to carrying out your responsibilities to the law firm, I want to make certain you will not allow your experience in the firm to keep you from reading a worthy book or engaging in the process of understanding a significant piece of poetry. Don't let the firm be so dominant in your life that you will fail to understand and appreciate your role as a human being."

Thanks to Ed and Stephanie Benton's legacy of education, hard work and gratitude, Korbel students for decades to come will reap the benefits of their generosity through this important scholarship.

SUPPORT KORBEL

Korbel students, graduates and faculty are putting their intellectual capital to work to solve global problems by improving the human condition, enhancing human security and advancing human prosperity. We hope you'll support our efforts.

"Now, more than ever our nation and the world needs talented, skilled, and compassionate practitioners working innovatively to advance the common good."

— Pardis Mahdavi, PhD, Acting Dean, Josef Korbel School of International Studies

Want to Leave Your Own Legacy?

Speak with our Advancement professionals to learn more about how you can support the education and training of future world leaders.



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