

GLOBAL CAREER WEEK

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SPEAKER BIOS

CREATING GLOBAL IMPACT: INSIGHTS FROM A PENN ALUM



SHADROCK FRIMPONG is described by former United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Kofi Annan as “...an embodiment of youth leadership”, Shadrack is a young man whose leadership style is inspired by his background of growing up in abject poverty as the son of a peasant farmer and charcoal seller in rural Ghana. A “face-to-face” encounter with leg amputation and death after contracting a life-threatening infection from swimming in his village’s river inspired him on a medical career path. With the support from a COCOBOD scholarship and street hawking, Shadrack enrolled at Opoku Ware School, Kumasi and later, the University of Pennsylvania (Penn) in the United States on full scholarship. He graduated from Penn in 2015 as Flagbearer, University Scholar and one of five students (and the first black student) in his graduating class awarded the prestigious \$150,000 President’s Prize.

In college, Shadrack founded Cocoa360 (previously called, Tarkwa Breman Community Alliance) which has pioneered a health equity campus; a school for girls and community hospital that is self-sustained by proceeds from a cocoa plantation, in his village, Tarkwa-Breman in the Western Region. Prior to Cocoa360, he founded and presided over Students for A Healthy Africa (SAHA) and the African Research Academies for Women (ARA-W). SAHA provides free health insurance for HIV/AIDS orphans in Ghana and has constructed a health clinic and potable water well in two communities in rural Nigeria. ARA-W bridges the gap between male and female scientists in Africa through annual summer research internships for college women.

His work has been featured in USA Today, Philadelphia Inquirer, NextCity, the Clinton Global Initiative, Daily Graphic, Ghana Broadcasting Corporation and other media houses. Shadrack is also a musician and a researcher. More information on his biography, awards and media mentions at www.shadrackfrimpong.com.

CAREERS IN FOREIGN POLICY AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS (CO-SPONSORED WITH CHRISTOPHER H. BROWNE CENTER)



DEREK CHOLLET is Executive Vice President and Senior Advisor for security and defense policy at The German Marshall Fund of the United States, and author of the book, *The Long Game: How Obama Defied Washington and Redefined America’s Role in the World* (PublicAffairs, 2016) and Perry World House Visiting Fellow. He served in senior positions during the Obama administration at the White House, State Department, and Pentagon, most recently as the U.S. assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs. He is a contributing editor to *Foreign Policy*, where he coedits “Shadow Government,” and is a regular contributor to *Defense One*. He is also an advisor to Beacon Global Strategies and an Adjunct Senior Research Scholar at Columbia University’s Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies. His previous books include *America Between Wars: From 11/9 to 9/11*, coauthored with James Goldgeier, and *The Unquiet American: Richard Holbrooke in the World*, coedited with Samantha Power. He lives in Washington, DC, with his family.



BOB SCHER is Head of International Affairs for BP America and Perry World House Visiting Fellow. Before that, he served as United States Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities. Scher left his position as Assistant Secretary of Defense in January 2017. As the assistant secretary, Scher advised the secretary of defense and the under secretary of defense for policy in areas including national security and defense strategy; the forces and contingency plans necessary to implement defense strategy; nuclear deterrence and missile defense policy; and security cooperation plans and policies. Before serving as the assistant secretary, Scher was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Plans within the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Forces. Mr. Scher proffers regional expertise in South and East Asian policy as well, including serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs. He has also held numerous other posts covering Asian security and defense policy issues in the Departments of Defense and State. Scher holds a B.A. from Swarthmore College and an M.A. from Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs.



LOREN DEJONGE SCHULMAN is the Deputy Director of Studies and the Leon E. Panetta Senior Fellow at the Center for a New American Security. Her research interests include national security and defense strategy and reform, with focus on strengthening and modernizing the U.S. national security toolkit. Schulman most recently served as the Senior Advisor to National Security Advisor Susan Rice. Before returning to the White House in 2013, she was Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, advising on security policy issues related to Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Russia. She served as Director for Defense Policy on the National Security Council staff from 2011–2012, contributing to the 2012 Defense Strategic Guidance, overseeing development of the U.S. Security Sector Assistance Policy, and coordinating

U.S.-Libya policy at the outset of military intervention. Prior to that, she worked as a special assistant to Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, first supporting the Obama administration's transition in the Department of Defense and later advising on the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review, defense reform issues, and major interagency initiatives. Schulman is also an affiliate of Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation. She began her career in government as a Presidential Management Fellow. Raised in Texas, she received her Bachelor of Arts in political science and international studies from Trinity University and her Master in Public Policy from the University of Minnesota as a Distinguished Fellow for International Peace and Conflict Studies.

DIPLOMATIC CABLES FROM PHILADELPHIA: THE CAREERS OF GLOBAL DIPLOMATS (CO-SPONSORED WITH CONSULAR CORPS OF PHILADELPHIA)



SANDEEP CHAKRAVORTY is a member of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) since 1996. Before joining the Government of India, he worked for several years in organizations dealing with forestry, environment and watershed development issues in India. He has served in India's Missions in Madrid, Bogota, Dhaka and Lima. In the Ministry of External Affairs of India, New Delhi he has had several assignments including Press Relations Officer, Private Secretary to Minister of State for External Affairs and working in the Eurasia Division dealing with Central Asia and in the East Asia Division dealing with China, Japan, the Koreas and Mongolia. He has been India's Deputy High Commissioner in Dhaka, Bangladesh from July 2012 to June 2015. From July 2015 to July 2017 he was Ambassador of India to Peru and Bolivia with residence in Lima. He assumed charge as Consul General of India in New York on August 3, 2017. He has a Master's Degree in Advanced Studies from Geneva University, has a MA in Sociology and also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Forestry Management. He graduated in Physics from Delhi University.



ALBERTO HART POTESTÁ is the Peruvian Consul General in Philadelphia. Ranked as Minister in the Peruvian Foreign Service, he took his undergraduate studies at the Peruvian Naval Academy. In December 1979 he graduated from the Peruvian Diplomatic Academy, where he obtained his License in International Relations, and his professional title as career Foreign Service Officer. In June 1996 he received his Master of Science on Information Systems from Strayer University, Washington D.C., and in July 2008 his Doctoral degree in Business Administration with major in International Relations from Atlantic International University, Hawaii. During his 37 years in the Foreign Service, Dr. Hart has had several assignments in the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Relations and the Peruvian National Drug Control Agency, in Lima; in the Peruvian Embassies in Portugal, Morocco, the United States, and Germany; and in the Consulate General of Peru in Los Angeles. Between August 1995 and February 2001 he served as Assistant Executive Secretary of the Inter American Drug Control Commission of the Organization of American States. Since February 2017, he is the Consul General of Peru in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, with seat in Paterson, NJ.



ALICIA KERBER-PALMA is a career member of the Mexican Foreign Service since 1991 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Law at the Ibero-American University, she also studied a Master’s Degree and PhD in International Law at the National Autonomous University of Mexico. Alicia Kerber is currently the Head of the Consulate of Mexico in Philadelphia and has served as Consul of Mexico in San Pedro Sula, Honduras and Kansas City, Missouri. During her tenure in Kansas City, she promoted the creation of the first Integral Attention Window for Women which results allowed this program to be institutionalized in Mexico's 50 consulates in the United States. Consul Kerber has written several articles and essays which have been published on academic journals in Mexico and in other countries on subjects related to international organizations, regional security and human rights, among others.

NATALIE ROCHE has worked for Australia’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade since 2004. She took up her position as Deputy Consul General at the Australian Consulate General, New York, in April 2014 and is the senior administrative officer for both the Consulate and the Australian Mission to the United Nations. From 2008 to 2011 Ms Roche served as deputy to the head of mission at the Australian Embassy, Croatia and oversaw the Embassy’s corporate, public diplomacy and consular responsibilities. Natalie is a Certified Practicing Accountant and completed a Bachelor of Commerce from the Australian National University.



CAREERS IN HUMAN RIGHTS (CO-SPONSORED WITH PENN’S GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS CERTIFICATE)



ADOTEI AKWEI is the Deputy Director for Advocacy/Government Relations for Amnesty International USA. He rejoined AIUSA in September 2010 after serving as the Senior Policy Advisor for CARE USA. In this capacity, Adotei helped develop and implement advocacy on CARE USA's priority issues towards the US government. Prior to joining the Government Relations team in Washington DC, he served as the Regional Advocacy Advisor for CARE's Asia Regional Management Unit. As an RAA, Adotei supported CARE Country Offices in Asia in the development and implementation of national level advocacy strategies as well as with regional advocacy priorities. Before joining CARE, Adotei worked with Amnesty International USA for 11 years, first as the senior Advocacy Director for Africa and then later as Director of Campaigns. From 1992 to 1994 Adotei served as Africa Director for the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, now Human Rights First. Prior to that he served as the Research and Human Rights Director for the American Committee on Africa and the Africa Fund. Adotei received his Master's degree in International Relations from the College of William and Mary and his Bachelor's degree from the State University of New York College at Purchase.



MARGARET O'SULLIVAN is the Executive Director of Nationalities Service Center, managing one of the largest and most comprehensive providers of services to over 5,000 refugees and immigrants annually in the region. Ms. O'Sullivan leads the NSC team in its efforts to help immigrants and refugees build new lives and transcend increasingly challenging circumstances through well considered and client centered legal, refugee resettlement, health & wellness and language access programming. While Ms. O'Sullivan has had the privilege of serving in leadership positions in several high impact humanitarian organizations, the cornerstone of her career is her nearly fifteen year tenure with the American Red Cross of Southeastern PA, where she held several positions including Chief Program Officer and Interim Chief Executive Officer. Ms. O'Sullivan also participated in key international disaster response, recovery and capacity building initiatives in Armenia, Romania, Germany and Bosnia Herzegovina during her tenure. She served as a loaned executive to the Red Cross of Greater New York during the 9/11 World Trade Center response in Lower Manhattan and subsequently assisted the National Red Cross with developing a long-term recovery model for September 11th victims. Prior to joining NSC, Ms. O'Sullivan worked for The William J. Clinton Foundation as the Philadelphia City Director of The Clinton Climate Initiative. Ms. O'Sullivan served on the transitions teams for PA Governor Tom Wolf (Chair, Emergency Management) in 2014 and Mayor Jim Kenney (Immigrant and Multicultural Affairs) in 2015. Ms. O'Sullivan holds a Bachelor's Degree from Boston University and executive certificates from the Wharton School of Education's Leading Organizational Change Program and the University of Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business Principles of Business Program.



ANNE C. RICHARD is a Perry World House Visiting Fellow. Prior to that, Ms. Richard served as assistant secretary of state for Population, Refugees, and Migration in the U.S. State Department from 2012-17. Prior to her appointment, Richard was the vice president of government relations and advocacy for the International Rescue Committee (IRC), non-resident Fellow of the Center for Transatlantic Relations at Johns Hopkins University/SAIS and a board member of the Henry L. Stimson Center. She also held positions as director of the Secretary's Office of Resources, Plans and Policy at the State Department, deputy chief financial officer of the Peace Corps, senior advisor in the Deputy Secretary's Office of Policy and Resources at the State Department and as a budget examiner at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. As an International Affairs Fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations, she was part of the team that created the International Crisis Group.