



Professional Experience

Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Eleanor Roosevelt Lecturer in Public Policy (2008-present)

Founding Director, *Women and Public Policy Program* (1997–2008)

- Created program whose goal is to incorporate an understanding of gender perspectives on public policy into the education of future and current leaders trained at the Kennedy School
- Worked with faculty members to contribute to the canon of scholarship on women and public policy
- Served as Director during first ten years of program, overseeing all aspects of operations, curriculum, faculty research, and student affairs

Senior advisor to the *Carr Center for Human Rights*

- Focus on addressing demand in sex trafficking

Core Faculty for *Center for Public Leadership* (to begin July 2009)

Chair, *The Institute for Inclusive Security (formerly Women Waging Peace)*

Washington, DC (1999–present)

- Lead global initiative that advocates for the full participation of all stakeholders, especially women, in peace processes
- Engage in targeted advocacy with more than 5,000 policy makers.
- Arrange formal partnerships with established organizations such as Amnesty International, Council on Foreign Relations, Refugees International, and the US Institute for Peace
- Develop curriculum based in part on taped interviews with hundreds of women peace builders
- Organize annual colloquium with hundreds of women leaders, academics, and policy makers in Cambridge, MA and Washington, DC
- Testified before the International Organizations Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on *UN Security Council Resolution 1325: Recognizing Women's Vital Contributions in Achieving Peace and Security* in May 2008
- Led “Women Waging Peace Policy Commission” which conducted 15 field-based case studies to document women’s contributions to conflict prevention, peace negotiations, and post-war reconstruction
- Constituted and trained network of more than 1,000 women leaders from more than 30 conflicts

United States Ambassador to Republic of Austria

Vienna, Austria (1993-1997)

- Longest serving American Ambassador to Austria in over 20 years
- Headed a mission with 500 employees representing 14 parts of the US Government
- Nurtured close relationships with political leaders, arranging White House meetings between President Clinton, Vice-President Gore, and top Austrian government officials
- Established the Center for Democracy at the US Embassy’s Amerika Haus, in partnership with the Republic of Austria and the Bosnian Croat Federation
- Organized international conferences in Vienna, Sarajevo, Pristina, and Boston dealing with the Balkan war
- Led a dialogue about the emerging security structure of a new, united Europe and addressed economic and political issues throughout Central Europe

- Designed the Bosnian Women’s Initiative, to which President Clinton pledged \$10 million for women’s post-conflict enterprise development, funded through the DOS and implemented through The UN High Commission on Refugees (subsequently replicated by UNHCR in Kosovo, Rwanda, and East Timor)
- Engineered numerous humanitarian efforts, including “Books for Sarajevo,” to restock the destroyed National Library and “Project Harmony,” a collection of eight tons of musical instruments for schools in war-torn Bosnia
- Convened a three-day negotiation at the Ambassador’s residence with the Muslim Sarajevan Reis Sulema, a Catholic Cardinal, an Orthodox Metropolitan, and a Jewish Community President, which led to the formation of the Bosnian Inter-Religious Council
- Granted an unprecedented three medals from different branches of the Austrian government

Principal, *Inspiring Women to Political Leadership* (informally since 1993)

- Work in more than 60 countries, consulting with and training (primarily female) senior government officials and civil society leaders
- Partner with US embassy, National Democratic Institute, International Republican Institute, UN, and World Bank
- Assisted in creation of several national women’s legislative caucuses

Creator and Donor, *Swanee Hunt Awards for Advancing Women in Policy Formulation*

- Department of State annual award of \$10,000 that recognizes outstanding achievement in the area of promoting women as participants in the political and economic processes or as policy shapers

Chair, *Governor’s Coordinating Council on Housing and the Homeless*

Denver, Colorado (1988-1993)

- Appointed by Governor Roy Romer to create a cohesive initiative of municipal, state, and national government players, along with representatives from the business and non-profit communities

Co-Chair, *Mayor’s Human Capital Agenda*

Denver, Colorado (1992)

- Appointed by Mayor Wellington Webb to create an initiative to develop public policy related to education, health, safety, and employment, using a community-based decision process

Co-Chair, *Denver Mayor’s Initiative on Families and Children*

Denver, Colorado (1991)

- Appointed by Mayor Federico Peña to shape a unified agenda for urban children and their families

Founder and Co-Director, *Karis Community*

Denver, Colorado (1981-1983)

- Developed a residential program for the mentally ill

Minister of Pastoral Care, *Capital Heights Presbyterian Church*
Denver, Colorado (1979-1984)

- Provided pastoral care to an ecumenical partnership of two congregations

Select Conferences Organized and Chaired

Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars Conference for Iraqi Women Leaders
Washington, DC (2003)

- Conference for 25 Iraqi women leaders and 80 policymakers to highlight women's suitability for prominent positions in the new government and civil society

Seminar on Transitional Justice

Center for Strategic and International Studies

Washington, DC (2005)

- Chaired release of path-breaking research on the role of women in South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission with South African Justice Richard Goldstone and renown author and professor, Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela

Transition within Tradition

Harvard's Kennedy School of Government

Cambridge, Massachusetts (2001)

- Conference of scholars and activists to design a roadmap for women's empowerment in post-conflict Afghanistan

Bosnian Women Stepping into Politics

Sarajevo, Bosnia (1999)

- Strategic planning group of women from five antagonistic political parties in Cambridge and Washington DC, followed by Sarajevo conference of 90, leading to a 30% quota for women in the Bosnian National Parliament

Core Connections: Women, Religion, and Public Policy

Kennedy School of Government and Harvard Divinity School

Cambridge, Massachusetts (1999)

- 100 women advocates and scholars representing theological, feminist, and government spheres shared insights and collaborated on strategies

Vital Voices: Women in Democracy

Vienna, Austria (1997)

- Three-day meeting to promote East-West learning; keynoted by First Lady Hillary Clinton with 320 European and US women leaders in business, law, and politics.
- Documented in the PBS film "Voices"
- Project adopted within US Department of State by First Lady Hillary Clinton and Secretary Madeleine Albright; spun out into a robust non-profit organization

International Symposium for Balkan Peace

Co-hosted with Austrian Parliament

Vienna, Austria (1995)

Select Publications

Books

- *Worlds Apart*. Durham: Duke University Press, submitted 2008 (demonstrates the dangerous gulf between those making policy and those affected by it, in any conflict)

- *Half-Life of a Zealot*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2006 (autobiographical)
- *This Was Not Our War: Bosnian Women Reclaiming the Peace*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2004; recipient of the LL Winship/PEN New England Award (non-fiction; reflects on some of the history and circumstances surrounding the Bosnian conflict)

Conference Reports

- *Vital Voices: Women in Democracy*
- *Bosnian Women in Government*
- *Core Connections: Women, Religion, and Public Policy*
- *Transition within Tradition* (used as the blueprint for women's advancement by the UN Mission in Afghanistan)

Articles

- "Break the Chains of Modern Slavery: End Demand" *The Huffington Post* (02 December 2008), co-authored with Lina Sidrys Nealon
- "The Meaning of Karadzic" *The Huffington Post* (23 July 2008)
- "Eighteen Million Cracks in the Presidential Glass Ceiling" *The Huffington Post* (4 August 2008)
- "Let Women Rule" *Foreign Affairs* (May/June 2007): 109-120
- "Ma Ellen is delivering Liberia" *International Herald Tribune* (14 March 2007)
- "The New Genghis Khan" *Scripps Howard News Service* (15 February 2006)
- "Politkovskaya: A Life for Justice" (10 October 2006)
- "Inclusive Security: Hope for Congo" *Boston Globe* (29 December 2005)
- "Israeli and Palestinian Women Reaching Across the Divide" *Scripps Howard News Service* (21 December 2005)
- "A Decade of Dayton: Did We Really Win in Bosnia?" *Scripps Howard News Service* (December 2005)
- "A New Generation of Hope" *Scripps Howard News Service* (23 November 2005)
- "Unfinished Business in Afghanistan" *Washington Times* (30 October 2005)
- "A Nation at War: Reforming America's Schools" *Scripps Howard News Service* October 12, 2005
- "Women are Key to UN reforms" *Scripps Howard News Service* September 14, 2005
- "The Three Lessons of Srebrenica" *Boston Globe* (11 July 2005)
- "Women in Sudan: The Key to Lasting Peace" *Scripps Howard News Service* (22 June 2005), co-authored with Donald Steinberg
- "Women's Rights: Iran's Bitter Lessons for Iraq" *International Herald Tribune* (7 February 2005), co-authored with Isobel Coleman
- "Women Waging Peace: Inclusive Security" *Foreign Policy* (May/June 2001): 38-47, co-authored with Cristina Posa
- "Women's Vital Voices: The Costs of Exclusion in Eastern Europe" *Foreign Affairs* (July/August 1997): 2-7

Select Recent Speaking Engagements

Keynote addresses and remarks for diverse audiences, including the

- Club of Madrid
- US State Department
- Center for Women Policy Studies
- Bentley Leadership Forum in cooperation with TIME, Inc.
- The White House Project

- John F. Kennedy Presidential Library
- International Conference on Women's Leadership for Sustainable Development
- UNESCO
- Women Leaders Global Security Summit
- UN Development Programme
- UN Commission on the Status of Women
- UN Security Council

Frequent guest of national and international media outlets including

- CNN International
- MSNBC
- CNN radio
- NPR

Courses Taught

Harvard University

Kennedy School of Government, 1998-present

Inclusive Security (graduate)

- Examines the work of women-led peace building initiatives around the world while engaging students in multiple skill-building exercises. The course bridges theory and practice, providing students with close interaction with women from various conflicts, as well as training on policy-impact techniques.

The Choreography of Social Movements (undergraduate)

Harvard College, Spring 2005

- Examined essential elements of American social movements (values, history, leadership, strategy, and resources); this framework was applied to past and current movements. Challenged students to design a movement that they would lead.

Recent Political Experience (partisan and non-partisan)

Producer and Co-Chair, *Women's Voting Circles*

Denver, Colorado (September – November 2008)

- With Latina leader Katherine Archuleta, created and led Colorado-wide Democratic initiative that engaged 1200 women activists in small groups to bring 10,000 least-likely-to-vote women to the polls

Organizer and moderator, *Unconventional Women* (August 2008)

- Convened historic symposium uniting 3,000 women to advance their political leadership and participation as part of the Democratic National Convention's Rocky Mountain Roundtable series
- Event featured, among others, Speaker Nancy Pelosi; Senators Barbara Boxer, Claire McCaskill, and Amy Klobuchar; and Congresswomen Hilda Solis and Carolyn Maloney

Member, *Obama for America New England Steering Committee* (2008)

National Co-Chair, *Dick Gephardt for President* (2000)

Chair, *Serious Women, Serious Issues, Serious Money*

Denver, Colorado (1992)

- Chaired issues symposium and fundraiser for Clinton/Gore campaign

Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee

- Organized fundraising events, including *Gifted Women* in 2005 and 2006, for Democratic candidates and committees including Senator Claire McCaskill and Senator Maria Cantwell

Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

- Organized fundraising events, including *Gifted Women* in 2007, for Democratic candidates and committees including Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter, and the DCCC Women LEAD program

Member, *Clinton/Gore Transition team* (December 1992)

- Examined and made recommendations for advancing roles for women in US foreign policy establishment

Philanthropy

Founder and President, *Hunt Alternatives Fund*

Cambridge, Massachusetts (1981-present)

- Oversee initiatives advancing social change at local, national, and global levels, general grant-making, and The Institute for Inclusive Security
- Operate programs concerned with strengthening leaders of social movements, increasing support for arts with disadvantaged kids, stopping modern-day slavery, bolstering women's leadership in conflict regions, inspiring women to political leadership, and increasing philanthropy

Co-Founder, *Women Moving Millions* (2006)

- Conceived, with sister Helen LaKelly Hunt, to encourage million dollar women to give large gifts
- Raised more than \$113 million in the past 18 months for women's funds
- Developed long-term relationships with philanthropists in the private sector and industry working on domestic and global concerns

Co-founder, *Women's Foundation of Colorado*

Denver, Colorado (1986)

- Co-created and built endowment of a public charity supporting programs to help women achieve self-sufficiency
- Guided early development of organization, focusing on diversity and leveraging grant-making

Select Board Service

- Crisis Group (2004-present)
- USA for UNHCR (1997-2007)
- Center for Law and Reproductive Rights (1992-1993)
- Colorado Children's Campaign (1985-1990)
- Women's Foundation of Colorado (1985-1992)

Select Memberships and Advisory Boards

Amnesty International, Clinton Global Initiative, Council of American Ambassadors, Council on Foreign Relations, Hestia Fund, Human Rights Initiative of Northern Texas, Mercy Corps International, Pacific Council of International Policy, Synergos Institute, United Nations Association of Greater Boston, Women's Foreign Policy Group, Women's Museum National Advisory Forum

Earned Degrees

Doctor of Theology, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO	1986
Thesis: The Socio-Ethical Dimensions of Empathy	
M.A., Religion, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO	1980
M.A., Psychology, Ball State University	1976
B.A., Philosophy, Texas Christian University	1972

Honorary Degrees

- 2007 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Cambridge College
- 2007 Honorary Doctorate of Letters, Pine Manor College
- 2007 Honorary Law Doctorate, Mount Ida College
- 2005 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Graceland University
- 2002 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, University of Denver
- 1994 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Webster University

Select Awards

- 2008 White House Project; United Nations Association of Greater Boston; Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts; The Latina Initiative
- 2007 Boston Chamber of Commerce; Iliff School of Theology; National Women's Hall of Fame; Ms. Foundation; Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus
- 2005 International Peace Center
- 2003 Dialogue on Diversity
- 2001 Community of Christ International
- 1997 Medal of Honor, Government of Austria; Golden Seal, City of Vienna; Medal of Honor, Province of Graz, Honneur de Cordon Blue
- 1996 Anti-Defamation League, Rocky Mountain Region
- 1993 City of Denver; National Mental Health Association

Languages

- Conversational German, reading French, introductory Italian

Personal

- Composer: "The Witness Cantata," performed in 6 cities
- Photographer: one-woman shows in 12 cities
- Colorado Rancher: bison, horses, hay
- Married to symphony conductor Charles Ansbacher, Boston Landmarks Orchestra and principle guest conductor, Sarajevo Philharmonic and Moscow Symphony; three children, three grandchildren