

THE WOMEN OF AFGHANISTAN: Their situation and how to get involved



With distinguished panelists

Eva Weigold Schultz - Executive Director of the US-Afghan Women's Council and a career Foreign Service Officer with expertise in democracy and human rights promotion. The Council connects the U.S. and Afghan governments, the private sector, academia, and non-governmental organizations to promote education, health care, entrepreneurship, and political leadership opportunities for Afghan women and girls.

Anita McBride - Executive in Residence at the Center of Congressional and Presidential Studies in SPA and former Assistant to President George W. Bush and Chief of Staff to First Lady Laura Bush. She developed the first lady's global and domestic platform including historic preservation, youth development and education, human rights, and global health and literacy. McBride directed the first lady's foreign travel to 67 countries in 4 years including planning the First Lady's secret, historic trips to Afghanistan in March 2005 and June 2008. McBride is also a member of the US-Afghan Women's Council.

Leslie M. Schweitzer - Senior Trade Advisor at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, where she created the TradeRoots initiative, the only sustained national grassroots international trade education program in the United States. She is also a member of the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council, a member of the board of trustees of the American University of Afghanistan, and Chair of the Friends of American University of Afghanistan Foundation.

David Lee - Coordinator for Georgetown student fellows working with the US-Afghan Women's Council. In 2008, David founded Sanitation NOW (New Opportunities for Women)—a nonprofit that focuses on using sanitation as a means for women to earn a living. Sanitation NOW's flagship program, The Stinky Peace Project™ converts organic waste into useable cooking and heating fuel. Currently, the project is active in Kabul, Afghanistan and Khujand, Tajikistan.

And moderated by American University Professor Diane Singerman.

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Panel 5-6 pm
Reception 6-7 pm

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