

# Panelist Biographies

## Women Navigating Weapons, Security, and Peace

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### The Honorable Bonnie Jenkins

Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins is the founder and executive director of Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security ([WCAPS](#)). She founded WCAPS to encourage and actively develop leadership and a network of women in areas that affect them most globally: peace, security, and conflict transformation. She is also a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and the chair of the Committee on Radioactive Sources: Applications and Alternative Technologies of the National Academies of Sciences.

Jenkins is an expert in the areas of arms control, disarmament, and nonproliferation. She was the special envoy and coordinator for threat reduction programs in the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation at the US Department of State (DOS) from 2009 to 2017. Jenkins was

the DOS lead for the 2010 to 2016 Nuclear Security Summits and the US representative to the G7 Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction. She led diplomatic efforts promoting the Global Health Security Agenda and was the US government lead in outreach to the non-governmental sector.

Before joining the government in 2009, Jenkins worked at the Ford Foundation as the program officer for US Foreign and Security Policy and Conflicts. She also served as counsel on the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission). She served as general counsel to the US Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and worked at the Rand Corporation focusing on Middle East weapons of mass destruction issues. Jenkins began her work in the federal government as a legal adviser at the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Jenkins holds a PhD from the University of Virginia, an LLM from the Georgetown University Law Center, an MPA from the State University of New York at Albany, a JD from Albany Law School, and a BA from Amherst College. Jenkins is a retired US Naval Reserve officer and a member of the New York State Bar. You can follow her on Twitter [@Jenkinsbd](#).



### The Honorable Laura Kennedy

Laura Kennedy served almost four decades as a US diplomat, working much of her career in or on the former USSR. She served in Geneva and Vienna on multilateral disarmament and non-proliferation (conventional, nuclear and biological) as well as in New York at NPT Review Conferences and heading US delegations to the United Nations Committee on Disarmament. She retired in 2013, but was recalled to service in 2014 to head the US embassy in Turkmenistan and then the US mission in Vienna. She retired again in 2015 just after the US signed the Iran nuclear deal in Vienna.

Kennedy's assignments included deputy assistant secretary of Europe and Eurasian affairs, ambassador to Turkmenistan, ambassador to the Conference on Disarmament, US special representative for Biological Weapons Convention issues, deputy commandant of the National War College, charge d'affaires in Armenia, and deputy political section chief in Moscow and Ankara.

Laura Kennedy is a member of the American Academy of Diplomacy and serves on boards of the Arms Control Association and Foreign Policy 4 America. She serves on the Leadership Council for Women in National Security and the Deep Cuts Commission. Kennedy has lectured at various US and international institutions. She serves as an expert for the New York Times and Smithsonian Institution travel to Central Asia. She has participated in a number of track two dialogues on nuclear arms control and nonproliferation.

After receiving her BA from Vassar College, Kennedy did graduate work at Stanford and American universities and is also a graduate of the State Department's Senior Seminar for which she later served as dean. You can follow her on Twitter [@AmbKennedy\\_ret](#).

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### The Honorable Eileen Malloy

Eileen Anne Malloy was a career Foreign Service officer from 1978 until 2008 and a senior consultant for the US Department of State's inspector general from 2008 through 2013. Her assignments in Washington, DC, have included the Bureau of European Affairs as the deputy assistant secretary for East and Central Europe during the Kosovo conflict, director of the secretariat staff, special assistant for Europe and arms control for the under secretary for political affairs, senior inspector and team leader in the Office of the Inspector General, and senior UK desk officer during the first Gulf War.

Malloy also served a two-year detail to the Department of Energy, where she was a senior advisor on Russia and the former Soviet Union for US Energy Secretary Bill Richardson. Her most recent overseas postings include consul general in Sydney, Australia; chargé d'affaires in Turkmenistan; and senior advisor in Kyiv, Ukraine. As the US ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, she oversaw \$50 million in US development assistance each year. She was the first head of the Arms Control Implementation Unit in Moscow, Russia. She served on the advisory boards of Women In International Security, the Eurasia Foundation, and on the board of the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training.

Learn more about Ambassador Malloy with the National Museum of American Diplomacy's online exhibit, [Her Diplomacy](#).