



## WELCOME TO THE 4<sup>th</sup> Annual STUDENT WORLD AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

March 3, 2017  
Olin Hall  
Bard College

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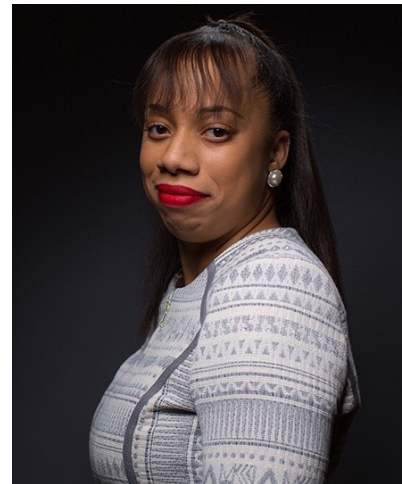
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## Conference Schedule

**8:00-9:00:** Registration, Olin Atrium  
**9:00-10:00:** Keynote Address, Olin Hall  
**10:15-11:30:** Panel Group A  
**11:30-11:45:** Break  
**11:45-1:00:** Panel Group B  
**1:00-2:30:** Lunch & Closing Ceremony, Olin LC 115

## Keynote Address (Olin Hall)

### “U.S. Global Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”



**Asha Castleberry** teaches international politics at Fordham University, is an adjunct fellow at American Security Project and a member of the Truman National Security Project's Defense Council. Castleberry is a veteran of the U.S. Army. From 2014 to 2015, following the ISIL incursion in Iraq, she served as an engagement officer in Iraq and Kuwait and from 2012 to 2014, she served as the country desk officer for international military affairs in Kuwait. In 2011, Castleberry received a student fellowship to work with the Military Staff Committee at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, where she worked on crafting policy for UN peacekeeping operations in Africa. In addition, she is a 2017 Foreign Policy Interrupted Fellow, 2015 Aspen Institute Socrates Scholar, a co-founder of International Youth Council and she serves on the board of advisors of America's Impact, Veterans 4 Diplomacy, and Women Veterans and Families Network.

## Panel Group A, 10:15-11:30

### A1. TOPICS IN POLITICAL ECONOMY

"Fighting Terrorism on a Financial Front: How the Expanding Definition of Terrorism Impacts Financial Institutions"

*Adelina Colaku, Bard College*

"The Fall Of Democracy and the Rise of Corporatism"

*Maximilian R. Perkins, Bard College*

"India's Short-Sighted Import Substitution Policy"

*Sophie Logan, Bard College*

"The Economy or Inequality? Determining the Influence of Unemployment and Inequality on Support for Scottish Independence"

*Andrew Montalti, Marist College*

Discussant:

Aniruddah Mitra, Assistant Professor of Economics, Bard College

### A2. GREAT POWERS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

"Faking Great Power: The Russian Federation's Attempt to Portray Status through Ideas"

*Shayna Koczur, Bard College*

"Russia's Place in American Foreign Policy"

*Simran Gupta, Bard College*

"Will China Rise Peacefully?"

*Yuan Yuan, Bard College*

"The Carbon Dilemma: China, the United States, and the Politics of Carbon"

*Axel Clavier, Bard College*

"A Need for Global Governance: How Multilateralism is the Only Way to Solve Global Warming"

*Emily Ohlhoff, Dutchess Community College*

Discussant:

Stephen Pampinella, Assistant Professor of Political Science, SUNY-New Paltz

### A3. RESPONSES TO THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

"Activist Citizenship and its Place in Solving the Refugee Crisis"

*Loren Winters, Bard College*

"A Study on Syria's Refugee Crisis: Germany's Response"

*Adele Nader, Marist College*

"Burden or Boon: Turkey's Tactical Treatment of the Syrian Refugee Crisis"

*Caroline Feehan, Barnard College*

"NGO Engagement on Special Summit on Refugees and Migrants"

*Mehmet, SUNY-New Paltz*

"Postnational Citizenship Reconsidered: The Role of Self-Interest"

*Nadia Russell, Bard College*

Discussant:

Uğur Pece, Visiting Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern & Historical Studies, Bard College

### A4. DIPLOMACY

"Appeasement and Revolutionary Actors"

*Casey Witte, Bard College*

"Personal Relationships and Diplomacy in the Middle East"

*Emily Walshin, Bard College*

"Chasing Perfection: An Economic & Diplomatic Policy Agenda for UK-Chinese Trade In a Post-Brexit Future"

*Austin Flack, Marist College*

"Are Sanctions Worth the Price?"

*Emily Munstedt, Bard College*

"Publicly Rigid and Secretly Flexible: Back-Channel Diplomacy in The Cuban Missile Crisis"

*Haris Talwar, Bard College*

Discussant:

Asha Castleberry, Professor of International Politics, Fordham University

## **A5. HUMAN RIGHTS**

“Preventing Genocide in South Sudan”

*Erin Gifford, Bard College*

“A Pathway to Equality: Achieving Land Rights for Women through Multiple Channels, An in Depth Study of Lithuania”

*Samantha Flax, SUNY-New Paltz*

“Gender + Human Security: Understanding and Exploring Feminist Approaches to Security”

*Jane Bader, Vassar College*

“Responsibility to Protect: Has it Become a Norm of International Relations?”

*Elizaveta Kuznitsyna, Smolny College*

“An Analysis of the United States' Failure to Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”

*Jesser Horowitz, Vassar College*

Discussant:

Brian Mateo, Assistant Dean of Civic Engagement, Bard College

## **Break, 11:30-11:45**

## **Panel Group B, 11:45-1:00**

### **B1. EAST ASIA**

“Colonial Heritage and Nationalism: A Comparative Essay on South Korea and Taiwan's Postcolonial Development and Formation of Identity”

*Shengyang Li, Bard College*

“Analysis of North Korea's Nuclear Threat and its Relationship with Iran”

*Lee Cummings, Bard College*

“Dragon Rising: Beijing's Alternative Order”

*Kevin Barbossa, Bard College*

“Chinese State Media and the Rise of Weibo”

*Zijin Zhou, Vassar College*

Discussant:

Robert Culp, Associate Professor of History, Bard College

### **B2. DEMOCRACY AND DEMOCRATIZATION**

“Remember the Maine! To Hell with Spain!: Democratic Peace Theory and the Spanish-American War”

*Medora Jones, Bard College*

“U.S. Democracy Promotion in the Middle East: Parliamentary Strengthening as a Measure of Success”

*Julia Gordon, Bard College*

“Civil Society in the Sultanate?”

*Denera Ragoonanan, SUNY-New Paltz*

“The Street: Imagining and Performing Democracy”

*Sessi Blanchard, Vassar College*

“South Africa's Party's Problem”

*Patrick Hickey, Marist College*

“To what extent did the English-language newspapers in South Africa play a role between 1948 and 1994 in the downfall of the Apartheid regime?”

*Dylan Sparks, Bard College*

Discussant:

Bill Dixon, Director of Language and Thinking Program, Bard College

### **B3. TRANSNATIONAL SOCIAL ISSUES AND MOVEMENTS**

“Sex as a Crime: The Laws and Stigmas that Control U.S. Sex Workers”  
*Madeline Garcia, Marist College*

“Failures of the Global War on Drugs and Solutions to the Epidemic”  
*Thomas Multari, Dutchess Community College*

“Attitudes Towards Immigration: The Case of Ireland”  
*Iro Gkrimpizi, Bard College*

“Digitally Fueled Activism”  
*Sacha Johnson, SUNY-Albany*

“Obstacles facing the global LGBT+I Community and Potential Solutions”  
*Shan Lu, Marist College*

Discussant:  
Juris Pupcenoks, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Marist College

### **B4. CITIZENSHIP AND EDUCATION IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD**

“Border-less problems, global solutions”  
*Areej Tawfiq Tawil, Al-Quds Bard*

Mothers on Welfare: Ideology and Its Impact on Citizenship”  
*Iona Gitt-Henderson, Marist College*

“Corporal Punishment Policy Implementation & Alternative Measures in Samoa”  
*Darriel McBride, Marist College*

“On the Failures of the Post National Model: Abandoning the Global Citizenship Construct”  
*Tonery Rogers, Bard College*

“Re-centering the Refugee Through Denationalized Citizenship”  
*Lily Zacharias, Bard College*

“The Declining Model of National Citizenship Gives Rise to the Post-National”  
*Miriam Roday, Bard College*

Discussant:  
Tamo Chattopadhyay, International Program Coordinator, Bard College

### **B5. THE CHALLENGE OF NON-STATE ACTORS IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

“Western World and ISIS”  
*Autumn Sierra, Dutchess Community College*

“An Analysis Of How To Defeat ISIS Militarily”  
*Joshua Kam, SUNY Albany*

“The Consequences of Political Instability to the East”  
*Brigitte Leyva, Mount St. Mary*

“Globalization, the Rise of Non-State Actors, and Challenges to State Sovereignty”  
*Veronika Gillis, Bard College*

“Inflight Intimidation: Countering ISIS through the display of falsely produced news clips over the inflight entertainment system on commercial airline flights”  
*Michael Apollo, Carlyanne Cicero, Kaleb Figuera, SUNY-Albany*

Discussant:  
Christopher McIntosh, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Studies, Bard College

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