

### **David Bachman**

David Bachman is a professor in the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington, where he teaches on Chinese domestic politics and foreign policy. He served as the associate director of the School from 2003 to 2010, chair of the China Studies Program from 1992 to 2002, and is an adjunct professor of Political Science. Prior to coming to the University of Washington in 1991, he taught at Stanford and Princeton. He has written 2 books and coedited another, and published 50 articles on Chinese politics and foreign policy. He served as President of the Washington State China Relations Council in 2005, and on its executive committee for 10 years. He also served as Chair of the China Scholar Selection Committee, Fulbright Fellowships, Council on International Educational Exchanges, 2003-2005. He is currently working on a book on the history of China's defense industries and their role in the Chinese political economy.

### **Bill Center**

Bill Center retired from the U.S. Navy as Rear Admiral in 1999 after 35 years service and not long afterwards assumed leadership of a Seattle-based trade advocacy group where he worked for the next seven years. He now lectures and serves as a senior advisor for international fellows programs at the University of Washington's Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs. He believes it is possible to eliminate extreme global poverty and he says he has no plans to fully retire until that goal is reached.

A specialist in policy analysis, strategic planning and organization development, Center served as a senior advisor to the Joint Chiefs of Staff on arms control, non-proliferation, environmental matters, and international agreements. He was General Colin Powell's deputy director for international negotiations and served in the same role for General John Shalikashvili. In his final assignment, from May 1996 to May 1999, he commanded the Navy's third largest fleet concentration area, Navy Region Northwest.

Bill is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and the Evans School. During his naval career he commanded three ships and served in a wide variety of assignments at sea and ashore, including three years as chief engineer on the aircraft carrier USS Midway. Along with his wife and two sons, he lived in Japan during three different assignments totaling eight years. Upon retiring from the Navy, Center devoted himself to nonprofit leadership, education and volunteer work. He served until 2007 as president of the Washington Council on International Trade, a nonprofit, non-partisan association that advocates for good trade policy and promotes understanding of the role and importance of trade. He is a leader in the Rotary Club of Seattle and the Initiative for Global Development. A sought-after public speaker, he has also taught various courses on leadership, economics and the graduate seminar on U.S. Foreign Policy at the Evans School.

Raised in Los Angeles, Bill and Karla, his wife of 43 years, reside in Edmonds. He enjoys spending time with their twin granddaughters, music, cooking, woodworking, landscape design and sports.

**Robert Francis**

Robert Francis has been Acting Dean of the Social Sciences Division for two years, and taught Economics and International Studies at Shoreline Community College for 17 years before that. He is also an occasional adjunct faculty member at University of Washington-Bothell and Seattle University. He earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in Economics from San Jose State University, where he specialized in Economic History and Comparative Economic Systems. His thesis focused on the role of economic aid in the economic development of Israel. The economic perspective he prefers to work in is called institutional economics; this field examines the institutional (formal and informal rules of human behavior) context within which economic exchanges take place. For instance, how will the development and expansion of e-commerce (buying and selling stuff over the internet) change the nature of these exchanges?

**Justice Steven C. González**

Steven González was appointed to the Washington State Supreme Court effective January 1, 2012. Before joining the Supreme Court, Justice González served for ten years as a trial judge on the King County Superior Court hearing criminal, civil, juvenile, and family law cases. Prior to his election to the King County Superior Court, Justice González practiced both criminal and civil law. He was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Western District of Washington, a Domestic Violence Prosecutor for the City of Seattle and an Associate in the Business Law Department at the Seattle law firm Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson. As an Assistant United States Attorney, Justice González was part of the team that successfully prosecuted the international terrorism case U.S. v. Ressaam, in 2002. Ahmed Ressaam, the so-called "Millennium Bomber," was arrested attempting to cross the Canadian-U.S. border in a rental car loaded with explosives and other bomb-making materials. Ressaam planned to detonate the explosives at Los Angeles International Airport on New Year's Eve. Justice González received two Department of Justice awards for his contributed to that prosecution.

**Amy Kinsel**

Amy Kinsel teaches U.S. History, Women's History, Pacific Northwest History, Immigration History, and Interdisciplinary Studies at Shoreline Community College. Since coming to Shoreline CC in 2004, she has enjoyed sharing her love of history, historical analysis, and historical writing with students. A native of the Pacific Northwest, Prof. Kinsel received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Puget Sound, and her Master of Arts and doctoral degrees from Cornell University. Her Ph.D. dissertation, —'From These Honored Dead': Gettysburg in American Culture, 1863-1938, won the Allan Nevins Prize of the Society of American Historians for best-written doctoral dissertation in American history of 1992. In addition to teaching and writing, Prof. Kinsel is an active member of the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians. She currently serves on the Organization of American Historians' Committee on Community Colleges.

**Eric Schinfeld**

Eric Schinfeld is the President of the Washington Council on International Trade (WCIT), which is dedicated to growing our state's economy through public policies favorable to expanded opportunities in the global marketplace. WCIT's members are farmers, manufacturers, service providers, non-profit organizations and individuals who support strong trade policy that benefits Washington's small, medium and large companies and creates jobs for Washington residents. Eric also serves as the Federal Policy Director for the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. Prior to these roles, Eric spent five years as staff to the Prosperity Partnership - a coalition of business, government and community organizations focused on ensuring long-term prosperity for the Puget Sound region - and he began his career in the Washington, DC office of U.S. Congressman Rick Boucher. Eric has a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.P.A. from the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs.