



GEORGETOWN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

# THE GLS NEWSLETTER

**GLS 2008**

**Participants**

- Patience Akenji**  
Cameroon
- Bilal Al-Bashir**  
Jordan
- Hassan Al-Derham**  
Qatar
- Tahir Andrabi**  
Pakistan
- Frederic Bourgeois**  
France
- Margit Brandl**  
Austria
- Cheng (Dav id) Yue**  
China
- Luis Covane**  
Mozambique
- Friderca Dewi**  
Indonesia
- Donald Duke**  
Nigeria
- Neemat Frem**  
Lebanon
- Diego Frossasco**  
Argentina
- Camilo Granada**  
Colombia
- Johanna Hill**  
El Salvador
- Khazar Ibrahim**  
Azerbaijan
- Jim Kowalski**  
United States
- Marjje Laffeber**  
Netherlands
- LI Weiwei**  
China
- Claudio Lottenberg**  
Brazil
- Dorothy Mahlangu**  
South Africa
- Mike Manatos**  
United States
- Sirin Payzin**  
Turkey
- Frank Pizzo**  
United States
- Hossam Radwan**  
Saudi Arabia
- Susana Ramos**  
Angola
- Aliou Sall**  
Senegal
- Aleksander Schmidt**  
Poland
- Jose Serrador Neto**  
Brazil
- Azza Shelbaya**  
Egypt
- Sbongile Sigodi**  
South Africa
- Rajeev-Singh-Molares**  
United States
- Deborah Thomas-Felix**  
Trinidad and Tobago
- Martin Tiffen**  
United Kingdom
- Fablan Toegel**  
Germany

## GLS 2008: A very special class

Thirty-four members of the Class of 2008 representing 28 countries (including first-ever participants from Cameroon and Qatar) came to GLS 2008. They were treated to an opening night discourse on the American elections by noted political analyst Charlie Cook (who also spoke a year ago at the GLS Reunion) after having had the opportunity to listen to former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright earlier on Monday. The American elections came up in any number of GLS lectures (on energy, immigration, the American economy, etc.) this year and in discussions around the lunch and dinner tables. Barack Obama was always a clear favorite of the group!

Participants enjoyed the hospitality of both the Embassy of Finland and the Embassy of Indonesia, for a lunch and dinner, respectively, and had a wild evening at Blues Alley! For the first time, we had case studies on foreign policy issues led by various faculty members. One such study - NATO's Bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade in 1999 proved to be a winner: a Chinese participant had actually been in the group demonstrating in Beijing against the bombing and our Turkish participant, a journalist, had been covering the bombing in Belgrade at the time! The full program can be found on our website.

This group bonded like no other in recent history. They maintain contact over emails, celebrating birthdays and sympathizing over national tragedies and family losses. We are delighted at their enthusiasm with GLS and each other, and expect that they will be a rich source of superb nominations for next year's GLS and for ideas about future reunions.

Members of the Class of 2008 -- David Cheng (China), Jose Serrador Neto (Brazil) and Aliou Sall (Senegal) got together in Beijing recently for a social occasion around Jose's visit (Aliou is with the Embassy of Senegal in Beijing). And, in Washington, DC, Jim Kowalski, Deborah Thomas-Felix and Mike Manatos met for a "mini" GLS reunion.

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### FROM THE DIRECTOR

GLS 2008 took place in the midst of the Democratic primaries for the US Presidency (the Republican nominee having been already anointed), and speakers and participants alike were very much engaged in the issues and the personalities. By GLS 2009, we will have a new President of the United States -- possibly an inspiring African American, the first to be nominated for this highest office in our land, or a decorated war hero who has been on occasion a maverick in his own party.

With either result, there will be a lot to reflect on at the next GLS, and America's standing in the world could be quite dramatically affected. We ask you, our alumni, once again to send us names of potential candidates for GLS 2009 which takes place March 23-27. We have a good number of candidates remaining from last year, so we urge you to send us nominations starting this summer but not later than the end of October. Please remember that we need emails and CVs!

We very much regret that we will have to raise the Seminar fee this coming year because our costs, like everyone else's, have risen quite dramatically in the past few years.

Please keep sending us news of yourselves and your fellow GLS alumni. We were so pleased when we learned that Vincent Siew had become Vice President of Taiwan and Frances Fitzgerald had been elected to the Irish Senate. We delight in your accomplishments, so allow us to share them with 800 of your fellow GLS alumni.

With kindest regards from all of us at GLS.

Jennifer C. Ward



GLS 08 alumni Tahir Andrabi (left) and Li Weiwei (right).



Professor Paul Pillar presents at GLS 2008. Also pictured (from left to right) are Aliou Sall, Frederic Bourgeois, Claudio Lottenberg and Frank Pizzo.

## NOTES FROM THE GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK

**Reem Abdullah** (GLS 02) has a new position as legal counsel for Jafza, the Jebel Ali Free Zone in Dubai, UAE.

**Deborah Burand** (GLS 00) is moving to the University of Michigan Law School this summer where she will be teaching at the newly established International Transactions Clinic, designed to give real-world experiences to students expecting to work for clients (corporations, micro-finance organizations, etc) whose interests cross national frontiers.

**Maria Cristina Caballero** (GLS 02) is busy writing for the *Christian Science Monitor* and *Newsweek* online on Colombia's FARC, Felipe Calderon of Mexico and other international issues.

**Laurent de Boisseson** (GLS 06) has become a partner in the Swedish strategic communications company Kreab, where he takes care of French activities as well as international clients in several countries.

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**Vincent C. Siew** (GLS 82) who became the first Taiwanese-born Premier of the Republic of China and served as vice-chairman of the Kuomintang, was sworn in as Vice President of the People's Republic of China, along with President Ma Ying-Jeou on May 20, 2008 in Taipei.

Siew graduated from the Department of Diplomacy at National Chengchi University in 1961, where he also earned a master's degree from the University's Graduate Institute of International Law and Diplomacy in 1965. He worked at the Republic of China's Consulate General in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 1966 to 1972. He was named to the Central Committee of the Kuomintang in 1988, was appointed Minister of Economic Affairs from 1990 to 1993 and elected a member of the Legislative Yuan from 1996 to 1997. He served as Premier from 1997 to 2000. Siew is the former chairman of the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research and the incumbent Chairman of the Cross-Straits Common Market Foundation.

**Congratulations, Vincent, from your friends at the Georgetown Leadership Seminar!**

**Frances Fitzgerald** (GLS 93) was elected to the Irish Senate in July 2007 and named leader of the opposition. She had previously served from 1992-2002 as a member of the Irish House of Representatives and also on the Dublin City Council.

**Itay Frost** (GLS 02) currently senior deputy to the Tel Aviv District Attorney, will become the head of a task force against organized crime in Tel Aviv which is currently in the development stages.

**Adrianna Gonzalez Carillo** (GLS 05) was elected a member of the Mexican Senate in 2006.

**Fernando Furlan** (GLS 04) became Commissioner at the Brazilian Competition and Antitrust Council (CADE) in January, 2008. CADE is equivalent to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.

**Nguyen Dai Phuong** (GLS 07) has translated into Vietnamese a book about Vietnam by Larry Berman (UCD) entitled *Perfect Spy*.



**General Peter Pace** (GLS 92) was awarded the *Presidential Medal of Freedom* on June 19, 2008. This is the highest civilian award in the United States and is bestowed by the President to recognize individuals who have made "an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors".

General Pace, who served in the U.S. Armed Forces since 1967, retired in 2007. He was appointed the 16<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chief of Staff by President George W. Bush, and was the first Marine to hold this office.



GLS 08 Alumni Mike Manatos, Jim Kowalski & Debbie Thomas-Fear get together in Washington, DC.



**GLS Class of 2008**

### *China's Tragedy*

SFS sent a special note to our Chinese alumni of GLS on the occasion of the recent tragedy in Sichuan Province. We heard back from several of them.

Jin Yan, GLS 06, who is with the *Economist* in Beijing, said after visiting the earthquake zone "it was such a massive and devastating disaster that I found myself always grappling with a mixture of emotions: sad at the heartbroken scenes/stories, deeply touched by the courage of survivors, overwhelmed by the caring people's love and support...including GLS alumni."

David Cheng, GLS 08, who is with China's Central Television, said he was moved by the love shown by so many millions of Chinese people. As the only state-owned TV station, CCTV made a very quick response to the disaster. Within a few hours, the biggest TV channel—CCTV Channel 1 and CCTV News Channel started the live broadcast. All other programming was cancelled and continuous live broadcasts were made for 18 hours every day.