Mary Ellsberg
Mary Ellsberg, Director of the Global Women’s Institute at George Washington University, has more than 30 years of experience in international research and program work. Before joining the University in August 2012, Dr. Ellsberg served as vice president for research and programs at the International Center for Research on Women, where she oversaw work in economic development; gender violence; and HIV and HIV-related stigma and discrimination. Previously she also served as senior adviser for gender, violence and human rights at the nonprofit Program for Appropriate Technology in Health.

Dr. Ellsberg’s deep connection to global gender issues stems not only from her academic work but also from living in Nicaragua for nearly 20 years leading public health and women’s rights advocacy. She was a member of the core research team of the World Health Organization’s Multi-Country Study on Domestic Violence and Women’s Heath, and she has written more than 20 books and articles on gender-based violence and methodological aspects of violence research.

Dr. Ellsberg earned a doctorate in epidemiology and public health from Umea University in Sweden and a bachelor’s degree in Latin American studies from Yale University.

Jeni Klugman
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Prior to taking up this position in August 2011, Ms. Klugman was the director and lead author of three global Human Development Reports published by the United Nations Development Programme: Overcoming Barriers: Human Mobility and Development (2009); The Real Wealth of Nations: Pathways to Human Development (2010); and, Sustainability and Equity: a Better Future for All (2011). From 1992-2008, she held various positions at the World Bank, focusing in particular on poverty, inequality and human development in low income countries in Africa,
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Stella Mukasa is director of gender, violence and rights at the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW). Mukasa is a lawyer with 20 years of experience in gender and human rights, spanning government, international development and academia. Following a career at the Ministry of Gender and Community Development in Uganda, she went on to advise governments, donor agencies and civil society organizations on integrating gender and human rights into laws, policies and programmes. She has been and remains a strong advocate for women’s rights as human rights at the national, regional and global levels. Among her achievements, Mukasa played an active role in; 1) The global campaign for Women’s Rights as Human Rights testifying at the Global Tribunal on Women’s Human Rights in 1993, 2) Provision of legal aid to women in Uganda, 3) Gender mainstreaming the national Constitutions of both the Republic of Uganda and Rwanda, 4) Strategizing for enactment of the Domestic Violence Act in Uganda. Mukasa holds a bachelor’s of laws from Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, a diploma in legal practice from the Law Development Centre in Kampala, and a master of laws, law in development from the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom.

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**Brian O’Connor**

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