Women Driving Change in National Security: Cutting Through the Red Tape

Tuesday, February 11, 2020
4:30 – 6:00 p.m. | Fitts Auditorium
University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School
Reception to follow in the Haaga Lounge

PRESENTER
Michèle Flournoy

MODERATOR
Professor Claire Finkelstein
Algernon Biddle Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, and founder and faculty director of the Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law
Paul Haaga is the chair of National Public Radio’s Board of Directors. He joined the board in 2011, left it to serve as NPR's Acting President and CEO, and returned to it in November 2014. He also serves on the Board of Overseers of the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School and chairs the Executive Board of the law school’s Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (CERL).

Paul is a retired board chair of Capital Research and Management Company. Before joining Capital in 1985, Mr. Haaga was a partner in the law firm of Dechert Price & Rhoads (now known as Dechert) in Washington, D.C. From 1974 to 1977, he was a senior attorney for the Division of Investment Management of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

In 2014, Paul became a charter trustee of Princeton University and continues to serve on the university’s board. He is trustee emeritus for both the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County (NHMLAC) and The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California.

Paul earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from Princeton University, an M.B.A. from the Wharton School and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Heather Haaga chairs the Board of Directors and has served as acting CEO of the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), an organization that works with the people of Africa to ensure the conservation of wildlife and wild lands of Africa.

She is a trustee of Princeton Theological Seminary, a member of the Advisory Council for Princeton University Art Museum, and a trustee for her alma mater, Vassar College. As chair of the Salzburg Global Seminar, she helped to envision a new strategic direction for the next decade.

Heather is an artist whose work focuses on plein air painting, primarily landscapes and still lifes. She has held successful shows in Los Angeles and on the East Coast, and her paintings can be found in collections throughout the country.

As Under Secretary, Ms. Flournoy was the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense in the formulation of national security and defense policy, oversight of military plans and operations, and National Security Council deliberations.

During her time in that position, the United States was debating the formulation of an action plan required by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, a ground-breaking resolution on Women, Peace and Security (“WPS”) adopted to address the under-valued and under-utilized contributions of women as active agents in peace and security.

In this “fireside chat” with Claire Finkelstein, Algernon Biddle Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy at Penn, Ms. Flournoy will talk about her experience devising front-line U.S. defense policy, her leadership in security strategy, and her role in developing new U.S. policy in line with domestic and international women, peace, and security efforts.

This lecture has been made possible through the generosity of Paul G. Haaga, Jr. (Penn Law ’74; Wharton ’74) and Heather Haaga. Mr. Haaga chairs the executive board of Penn Law’s Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (CERL). Past Haaga lecturers include former CIA and NSA Director General Michael Hayden; former Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff; and former National Security Advisor Lt. General H.R. McMaster.

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General Michael Hayden, United States Air Force, Ret.; former director of the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency

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