

BIOGRAPHIES
of the Participants of the
International Conference “Women of the Mountains”

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Baktybek Abdrisaev from February 11th, 1997 until March 28th, 2005, served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kyrgyz Republic to USA and Canada. After graduating from the Bishkek Polytechnic Institute as an engineer with degree in computer sciences in 1980, he pursued his graduate studies and obtained a Ph.D. degree in Applied Physics from the Institute of Electronics, Academy of Sciences of Belarus (1990). His professional career includes scientific activities at Bishkek Polytechnic Institute and Institute of Physics, National Academy of Sciences of Kyrgyzstan, when in 1990 he held the position of Associate Professor.

His diplomatic career began in 1992 with his appointment to the position of expert in the International Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration and further promotion to its directorship in 1993. Dr. Abdrisaev was also a Member of the Kyrgyz Parliament from March 1995 until March 2000.

Since August 1st, 2005 Dr. Baktybek Abdrisaev is working as Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Department of History and Political Science at Utah Valley State College, USA. He is an author of the book “*Kyrgyzstan’s Voice in Washington*,” Global Scholarly Publications & Utah Valley State College, 2005, one in press and has more than eighty articles related to both science of applied optics as well as international relations and diplomacy.

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Deputy Chief of Mission in New Delhi, India, and, in 1996-1997, served as Joint Secretary in Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During the 1990s, he participated in United Nations missions in Cambodia (1992-93), South Africa (1994) and Liberia (1997). Mr. Acharya began his career in 1982 as Assistant Lecturer at his alma mater — Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu. In 1983, he was appointed a Section Officer in the Ministry of Home Affairs, where he remained until 1990. He joined the Ministry of Finance in 1990 as Assistant Secretary, and from 1993 to 1996 he was Under-Secretary of Finance. He holds Master degrees in science and public administration from Tribhuvan University and is the author of some books including “Nepal: Culture Shift!” published in 2001 and “Business of Bureaucracy” published in 2002. Born on 24 February 1957 in Udayapur, Nepal, he is married to Dr. Geeta Sharma Acharya, who is also assistance professor of biology in Nepal's Tribhuvan University. They have two children.

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As the Executive Director for the WYFSD, she has been managing projects on building capacities of women in rural and deprived communities in Ghana in Alternative Livelihood and Income Generating Skills through training and provision of access to relevant equipment, tools and information.

She has also worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Volunteers as a United Nation Volunteer (UNV) for the past five years as a Domestic Development Officer in Tanzania to improve the livelihoods of women, and a Revenue Mobilization Officer to improve municipal revenue base and management in the Tema Municipality Assembly (TMA) in Ghana

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Kyrgyz Parliament; she supervised a number of international and country-level events. She represented also her department in the organizing committee for the preparations to the Mountain Summit in Kyrgyzstan. She is an author of several scientific publications on social work and psychology and was a co-author of annual reports on situation of women and children in Kyrgyzstan. She has a number of awards for organizing effective work of the Prime Minister's office. Married, mother of two children.

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She defended her dissertation on Women Issues at Moscow State University (1991). She worked as an Expert of the International Institute of Strategic Studies in Bishkek (1995-1996) and attended College of Strategic Studies and Defense Economy in Marshall Center (Garmish-Partenkirchen, Germany) in 1996.

She wrote several articles on Women's movement and Democracy in Kyrgyzstan and post soviet countries. She was actively involved in number of local and international Conferences in Central Asia, Russia and USA.

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Jeni Anderson is a junior student at UVSC. She has a great interest in world affairs. She was raised in Saudi Arabia and has been returning back and forth since she moved to the United States. Her father is still stationed there as an employee of Aramco, the kingdom's oil company. In writing this paper, she will be not only writing from experience, but from a woman's point of view. She went to an international school for the majority of her life and the stories from her friends are endless on the treatment of women. In writing this paper she has learned more about the country she calls home.

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Melanie Armstrong is a PhD candidate in the Department of American Studies at the University of New Mexico. Her meandering academic career has taken her through studies of Polish women in mass media, Smokey Bear, National Parks, and bioterrorism, while side trips into the "real world" have included work as a park ranger and pastry chef. Her work considers the social origins of nature, science, and the environment, attending particularly to the influences of gender, race and class in shaping perceptions of the natural world. She has particularly tried to integrate her experiences working for six years with the National Park Service into her academic pursuits, recognizing National Parks as a critical site of American identity and also a gendered space. With the time she should have spent writing her dissertation, she wrote *Gingerbread Tracks and Pine Needle Pasta*, a cookbook integrating the cultural history of Yellowstone National Park with recipes collected from the park, including the many women of the past and present who call Yellowstone home. Recently, her focus has shifted to the critical role of science and scientific practice in constructing "nature," and her dissertation on biological terrorism takes this question into the contemporary American situation to further consider how perceptions of nature shape public and private lives.

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Dr. Bonnie Ballif-Spanvill is a professor of psychology and director of the Women's Research Institute at Brigham Young University. After twenty-five years as a professor and department chair in the graduate school of Fordham University at Lincoln Center in New York City, she returned to her alma mater in 1994. Her research publications and papers on human emotion in motivation for learning earned her Fellow status in both the American Psychological Association in 1984 and the Association for Psychological Science in 1987. Her motivation model identifies interactions between affective states and cognitive functioning in order to determine conditions most conducive to accelerated information processing and performance improvement.

Dr. Ballif-Spanvill is currently using her understanding of motivation to address development problems caused by illiteracy and poverty in the villages of Ouelessebouyou, Mali. She is also using her model of motivation to break intergenerational cycles of domestic violence, reduce violence in children's conflicts, and curtail aggression between peoples.

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Bonner Elena

Elena Bonner was born on February 15, 1923, in Merv, Turkmenistan. She grew up in the restless, cosmopolitan atmosphere of the Hotel Luxe on Gorky Street, which lodged important foreign Communists working in Moscow. She finished high school in Leningrad, volunteered as a nurse when war broke out, was wounded twice, and was honorably discharged in 1945 as a lieutenant and a disabled veteran. After two years of intensive treatment, the loss of vision caused by her wartime injury was brought under control, and she enrolled in the First Leningrad Medical Institute. After graduation, she worked as a pediatrician, a district doctor, and a free-lance author and editor.

She mingled with the generation of writers and artists who had been inspired by the post-Stalin thaw, but she also helped prisoners and their families. Elena met Andrei Sakharov in October 1970 when both were attending the trial of human rights activists in Kaluga. By August 1971 friendship turned into love, and in January 1972 they formally registered their marriage. She took early retirement as a disabled war veteran and devoted herself to Sakharov, serving as his chief of staff and secretary as well as cook. She also became Sakharov's ambassador to the world at large. She represented him at the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in Oslo; reported on her visits to Italy, France, and America; and after his January 1980 exile, served as his sole link with Moscow and the West until May 1984, when she too was barred from leaving Gorky. In August 1984, she was tried by a Gorky court, found guilty of "anti-soviet agitation" and sentenced to exile.

But a love story deserves a happy ending - on December 15, 1986, a telephone was installed in their Gorky apartment. The next day it rang for the first time, and Mikhail Gorbachev personally asked the Sakharovs to return to Moscow. They arrived at the Chkalov Street apartment on December 23, 1986. The curtain was raised for the next act. Since Andrei Sakharov's death in December 1989, Elena Bonner has continued the campaign for democracy and human rights in Russia. She joined the defenders of the Russian parliament during the attempted coup of August 1991, and lent her support to Yeltsin during the constitutional crisis of 1993, but in 1994, in protest against the war in Chechnya, she resigned from the Presidential Human Rights Commission. She writes frequently for the Russian and American press on issues of human rights and democracy in the former Soviet Union. She has campaigned tirelessly in defense of self-determination for the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh and for all the peoples of the former Soviet Union.

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Mr. Bridwell has made nineteen trips to Central Asia and coordinated numerous visits by Kyrgyz Delegates to the U.S. to further military and civilian contacts for past and future opportunities and to cooperate in many areas of mutual interest.

Mr. Bridwell has a Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts with an area of concentration in Political Psychology through Carroll College and the University of New York Regents College and is the graduate of many military schools to include the Warrant Officer Advanced and Senior Courses.

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Dr. Butler is the mother of seven children and 34 grandchildren. She believes that the strength of the home, and the mother, will determine the strength of any nation.

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Day was educated at Reed College and Antioch University. She has been a non-profit management consultant since 1980, working in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Wyoming in the fields of arts, education, immigrant rights and community design. She has been a presenter of multi-cultural arts since 1985 and has assisted with the start-up of several arts and arts education organizations. She also assists with the start-up of charter schools for Native Americans, most recently on the Wind River Indian Reservation. Day has served as Executive Director for the Jackson Hole Center for the Arts, the San Francisco Arts Education Foundation and the Hispanic Cultural Festival. She received the Wyoming Governor's Arts Award in 2007.

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The Honorable Judy Martz

The Honorable Judy Martz was elected as Montana's first female Governor on November 7, 2000. Just four years earlier, she was elected as the state's first female Lieutenant Governor when she ran with Governor Marc Racicot.

During her tenure, Governor Martz created the Office of Economic Opportunity during the 2001 Legislative session. This office was tasked with promoting Montana Businesses, attracting complimentary businesses to the state, and developing Montana's workforce for better paying jobs.

Governor Martz was born July 28, 1943 in Big Timber, Montana to ranching parents. She was a member of the U.S. Olympic Speed Skating Team at the 1964 Winter Games.

Governor Martz worked as a field representative for U.S. Senator Conrad Burns from 1989 to 1995. She has been civically involved for years, serving as President of the Butte Chamber of Commerce in the early 1990's and vice-chair of the St. James Hospital Board of Directors. For more than 30 years, she and her husband Harry Martz have owned and operated a commercial solid-waste business in Butte. As a small business owner, she became actively involved in local and statewide economic development issues.

Since leaving the Governor's Office, she has been focused primarily on family to include her three year old granddaughter Remy. She is very active in faith based conferences, Maternal Life International and serves on numerous boards to include TASER International and the Western Montana College Board. Governor Martz has been married to Harry for forty-one years.

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From 1998 he is actively participating in activities related to International Year of Mountains, at UN Headquarter in New-York have participated in preparation, development and declaration on International Year of Mountains on 2002.

On 2001 he is organized presentation prepared to International Year of Mountains, issued two series of the post stamps.

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- Humane Governance for Human Security & Sustainable Human Development, A generic training module submitted to UNDP-PARAGON March 2003, Published.
- Women Status in Pakistan under Customs and Values & The Controversial Hudood Ordinance 1979- December 2004. Available at <http://econwpa.wustl.edu/eps/le/papers/0501/0501003.pdf>
- Women and Youth in Peace and Security: This paper outlines issues of peace and security in South Asia and China and its effect on women and youth. Presented at World Social Forum-2006 held in Karachi March 2006.

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The Honorable Joe Shirley, Jr. , Navajo Nation President

Joe Shirley Jr., 55, was born on December 4th, 1947 in Chinle, Arizona. He is of the Todich'iini clan, born for the Tabaahi clan. His maternal grandfather is Tsenjiikini.

Shirley, raised by his grandmother since he was a toddler has called Chinle his home all of his life. He has a genuine love for people from all walks of life. He enjoys playing basketball, running and spending time with his family. One of his greatest enjoyments is lecturing on the Navajo way of life for self-development.

He is married to Vikkie and they have six children, three daughters and three sons. His wife Vikki is Kiyaa'nni born for the Ma'iidesh giizhnni clan. Her parents are Victor Moses and Gladys Begay of Lukachukai, Arizona.

A 1966 graduate of Chinle High School in Chinle, Arizona, Shirley went on to earn his Associates of Arts Degree in 1968 from Magic Valley Christian College in Albion, Idaho. His continued pursuit of education found him at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in Business.

In 1978, Shirley earned a Masters of Social Work Degree (MSW) from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona.

Shirley contributed sixteen years to the social services field, and from 1983 to 1984 he served as Executive Director of the Navajo Division of Social Services.

His public service is vast, including serving on the Navajo Nation Council from 1986 to 1999, where was the Chairman of the Labor and Manpower Committee, the Advisory Committee from 1987 to 1991, Chairman of the Tax Commission from 1991 to 1996, member of the Human Services Committee from 1991 to 1995, and member of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and Chairman of the Ethics and Rules Committee form 1995 to 1998.

Shirley was elected Apache County Supervisor in 1984, a position he recently retired from in January.

In 1996, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counties (NACo) in Washington, D.C., which comprises of over 3000 counties throughout the United States. He is also a member of the Economic and Community Development Committee of NACo, as well as received an appointment to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee to the President's Commission of Sustainable Communities in Washington D.C. and from 1985 to 1991 he was a member of the Public Lands Committee.

He has already gained national Native American attention, by being appointed by Native American leaders to co-chair both the BIA/Tribal Budget Advisory Council and the Sovereign Protection Initiative; he also is working with tribal leaders as a member of the Trust Reform Committee.

Since taking office in January as the President of the Navajo Nation, Shirley has successfully led the Shirley-Dayish administration in moving the Navajo Nation forward with the priorities set forth by the Navajo people, including initiatives in education, scholarships and economic development, among others.

President Joe Shirley Jr., has a true commitment to serve the Navajo Nation, by giving power back to the Navajo people.

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The Honorable Olene Smith Walker

Olene Smith Walker was Utah's 15th (and first female) governor. Walker was born in Ogden, Utah. She received her bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees from Brigham Young University, Stanford University, and the University of Utah respectively. She is married to Myron Walker and is the mother of seven children and grandmother of 25 grandchildren.

Walker's political background includes eight years in the state legislature including a term as Majority Whip. She founded the Salt Lake Education Foundation and served as its director. She also served as director of the Utah Division of Community Development. She has chaired the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, the Utah State Housing Coordinating Committee, the Governor's Commission on Child Care, and the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors.

She assumed the office of Governor of the State of Utah after former governor Mike Leavitt resigned his office to serve as Administrator of the EPA and later as Secretary of Health and Human Services. Olene Walker was the first female governor to be sworn in by a female Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, Christine Durham.

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