

PUBLIC POLICY AND NUCLEAR THREATS

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Bethany L. Goldblum is the Director of the 2014 Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Bootcamp and Founder and Director of the Nuclear Policy Working Group at UC Berkeley, an interdisciplinary team of undergraduate and graduate students focused on developing policy solutions to strengthen global nuclear security. She also serves as the Director of Education for Nuclear Science and Security Consortium, a \$25M grant established by the National Nuclear Security Administration to train the next generation of nuclear security experts. Goldblum received a Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley in 2007. She served as a Clare Boothe Luce Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow at Berkeley before joining the nuclear engineering faculty at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in August 2010. In January 2012, she returned to Berkeley as a member of the research faculty. Her research interests are in the areas of fundamental nuclear physics for nuclear security applications, nuclear-plasma interactions, scintillator characterization, and nuclear energy and weapons policy. From 2004-2006, she held the National Science Foundation Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Fellowship. She was a Project on Nuclear Issues Scholar at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and a member of the United States delegation to the 2008 China-India-United States Workshop on Science, Technology and Innovation Policy in Bangalore, India. She is author or co-author of over 45 scientific publications and presentations.



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# ERIKA SUZUKI

Erika Suzuki is the Assistant Director of the University of California, Berkeley's Nuclear Policy Working Group (NPWG) in support of the Nuclear Science and Security Consortium's policy and educational programs. In the past, Erika has developed and taught three student-elective courses through the Democratic Education at Cal program, and also interned at a number of public service and political organizations, including Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi's San Francisco district office. She is an alumna of the 2012 Berkeley Haas School of Business Summer Program, as well as an alumna of Delta Phi Epsilon, a co-ed, professional Foreign Service and international affairs fraternity. Erika's research focuses on integrating nuclear science and security policy in educational and training programs, understanding the societal responses to and perspectives on nuclear issues, and pioneering new methods to engage the millennial generation in nuclear security issues through the use of technology. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley.



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## BRET SILVIS

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## ALICIA RIOS

Alicia is currently a fourth year undergraduate student, double majoring in Political Science and Sociology. She serves as a student assistant for IGCC throughout the year. Her interests and studies include international security, counterterrorism, and Middle East foreign politics. Following graduation, Alicia plans to either attend graduate school for International Relations or travel abroad for a year. In addition to working at IGCC, Alicia is also a Resident Advisor (RA) for freshmen students at Muir College.

# EVANIA BAGINSKI

Evania Baginski is an undergraduate at UCLA majoring in Global Studies with minors in both Civic Engagement and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures. She is spending her summer as an IGCC intern to assist with the IGCC conferences. Her academic interests are in security policy and military affairs with an eye towards graduate studies in International Security. While at UCLA she interns at the Central Los Angeles Superior Court and spends her spare time coaching and running.



# MÁIRELISE ROBINSON

Máirelise Robinson is a fourth year, double major at UCSD studying International Studies and Urban Politics. She is spending her summer as an IGCC intern to assist with the IGCC conferences. Throughout her college career she has had multiple politically-oriented internships ranging from local campaigns to Congressional offices in Washington D.C. While abroad in Ireland for a semester, Máirelise discovered her passion for international relations and plans to pursue a career in international diplomacy upon graduation.



