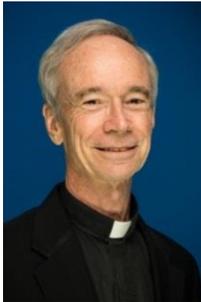




Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

Mass Atrocities Prevention I

Panel I



Father Thomas J. Reese, S.J. is a Commissioner at the U.S. Commission for International Religious Freedom (USCIRF). He was appointed to the Commission on May 15, 2014, and reappointed on May 12, 2016 for a second two-year term expiring in May 2018. Father Reese is also a Senior Analyst for Religion News Service. Formerly he was a columnist at the National Catholic Reporter, a Senior Fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center, and an associate editor and later Editor-in-Chief of *America* magazine. He is the author of *Inside the Vatican: The Politics and Organization of the Catholic Church*. Rev. Reese entered the Jesuits in 1962 and was ordained in 1974. He received a B.A. and an M.A. from St. Louis University, an M.Div. from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley.

Panel II



Naomi Kikoler is the Deputy Director of the Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. For six years she developed and implemented the work of the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect on populations at risk and led the Centre's advocacy, including before the UN Security Council. Prior to joining the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, she worked with Amnesty International Canada, the Office of the Prosecutor at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the Brookings Institution, and as an election monitor in Kenya with the Carter Center. She holds common law and civil law degrees from McGill University and an M.Sc. in forced migration from Oxford University. She is an adjunct professor at the New School University, board member of the Canadian Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, a senior fellow at the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, and was called to the Bar of Upper Canada.



Charles J. Brown is Managing Partner at Strategy for Humanity. From 2010 to 2014, he served in the Obama Administration, first as Principal Director in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense for Rule of Law and Humanitarian Policy, and then as Senior Advisor for Atrocity Prevention and Response, during which he oversaw the Pentagon’s implementation of President Obama’s atrocity prevention initiatives and served as one of DoD’s representatives to the Atrocities Prevention Board. In the past, Charlie has held senior positions with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Amnesty International USA, Freedom House, and several other NGOs. During the Clinton Administration, he was Chief of Staff in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor in the U.S. Department of State and a member of the U.S. delegation to the Rome Conference on the Establishment of the International Criminal Court. He is principal author of *A Necessary Good: U.S. Leadership on Preventing Mass Atrocities*, and author of *The Obama Administration and the Struggle to Prevent Atrocities in the Central African Republic*, among other publications.



Richard Fontaine is the President of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS) and a member of the Experts Committee on Preventing Mass Violence. He served as a Senior Advisor and Senior Fellow at CNAS from 2009-2012 and previously as foreign policy advisor to Senator John McCain for more than five years. He has also worked at the State Department, the National Security Council and on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. During his time at the State Department, Mr. Fontaine worked in the office of former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and in the department’s South Asia bureau, working on issues related to India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. A native of New Orleans, Mr. Fontaine graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.A. in International Relations from Tulane University. He also holds a M.A. in International Affairs from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, and he attended Oxford University.