Dear Friends of the Mortara Center:

This past year has been an exciting one for the Mortara Center as the new Initiative on International Development got underway with a series of seminars, debates and presentations by scholars and practitioners. Among the highlights of the year were our series of Distinguished Lectures in International History and International Economics and our lecture/seminar recognizing the winners of the Lepgold Prize for the best book in international relations published in the previous year.

The coming year promises to be a productive one as well with the initiation of a Visiting Mortara Associates program, a new China Forum for professors and scholars with an interest in China at Georgetown and the continuation of our now “traditional” activities. The Center is now established as a focal point for debate and discussion in the University on issues involving international studies as well as an initiator and convener for new activities drawing in the University’s many (but often dispersed) strengths and its abiding commitment to teaching, learning and research in the area where the world of theory and the world of practice converge.

The Mortara Center and its activities could not have been possible without the extraordinary vision, dedication, and generosity of the Mortara Family. We are extremely grateful as we continue to build the Center that Michael Mortara envisioned.

Carol Lancaster
Director
The academic year 2006–7 was a productive one for the Mortara Center. It continued a number of the programs and seminars that had been initiated in 2005–6, the first year the Center enjoyed its wonderful new space. It also initiated several new activities, including the Initiative on International Development. The Center looked forward to getting another initiative underway in 2007–8—the Visiting Mortara Associates program.

The new Mortara Center website can be found at: mortara.georgetown.edu

The website for the Initiative on International Development can be found at: mortara.georgetown.edu/development
Annual Speeches

The annual Goldman Sachs lecture—a centerpiece of the annual Mortara Center program—was delivered by Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the President of Liberia and the first woman president of an African country. President Sirleaf spoke about the extraordinary opportunities and challenges confronting her country as it rebuilds its economy and society after years of civil war and instability. Everything was needed: roads that had disappeared; schools and health clinics that no longer existed; electricity that had not been available for 15 years. Investment, aid and debt relief were essential to Liberia’s recovery as was security and political stability. A good start on recovery had been made but much more needed to be accomplished. President Sirleaf appealed to Liberians in the United States and others sympathetic to the country’s needs and dreams contribute their skills and ideas to lead the country forward.

President Sirleaf also held a seminar discussion on Liberia for 25 Georgetown students after her address.

Professor Paul Kennedy of Yale University gave the Distinguished Lecture on Diplomatic History in November. His topic was “The Past, Present and Future of the United Nations” which was based on his recent book, *The Parliament of Man*.

Professors Jack Snyder and Edward Mansfield, winners of the Lepgold Book Prize for an exceptional work in international relations published during the past year, lectured on their book, *Electing to Fight* which dealt with the relationship between democracy and conflict. This event was co-sponsored with the Government Department.

In April, Professor Dani Rodrik gave the Distinguished Lecture on International Economics. He spoke on “Is Globalization Compatible with Democracy?” The Center for Democracy and Civil Society co-sponsored this lecture.
Conferences

Each year, the Mortara Center organizes one or more conferences or panels on contemporary issues in international relations or on those issues just over the horizon which promise to become prominent in the coming year. In November, 2006, the Mortara Center and the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy co-hosted a panel entitled “After the Elections: Impact on Foreign Policy” included former Congressman Mickey Edwards, David Ignatius of the Washington Post, former US Ambassador to Turkey, Mark Grossman and former Counselor of the Department of State, Ambassador Wendy Sherman. With control of the US Congress passing to the Democrats, what would be the key issues in the coming year? Iraq, of course, was at the center of a lively discussion.

In February, 2007, the Mortara Center sponsored a conference on “Iraq: The Approaching Endgame.” This series of panels and discussions was co-sponsored by the Department of Government, the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy and the Center for Peace and Security Studies. The conference was organized around three panels: Security, Partition, and Regional Issues. Speakers included Lieutenant General William E. Odom, former director of the National Security Agency; Nora Bensahal, Senior Political Scientist of the RAND Corporation; Nicholas Sambanis from Yale University; Chaim Kaufman from Lehigh University; Andrew Bennett from Georgetown University; Paul Pillar, former National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia; and Ambassador David L. Mack, acting President of the Middle East Institute.

In March, 2007, together with the Berkley Center on Religion, Peace and World Affairs, the Mortara Center hosted a conference on “Evangelicals and Foreign Policy” that examined the increasing role of the evangelical movement in the US both on foreign policy and development policy. Among those presenting at this conference were Luis Lugo, Director of the Pew Center on Religion and Politics; Richard Cizik, Vice President of the National Association of Evangelicals and, Richard Land, President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Debates

The Mortara Center organized two debates among prominent Georgetown faculty in 2006–7. The first debate was between Andrew Natsios, former Administrator of the US Agency for International Development and Professor Carol Lancaster, Director of the Mortara Center (and former Deputy Administrator of USAID) on “Should Rich Countries Double Aid in the Next Three Years?”.

The second Mortara Debate was between School of Foreign Service
Dean Robert Gallucci and Professor Dan Byman, Director of the Center for Peace and Security Studies on the severity of the threat of terrorists using weapons of mass destruction.

**Lectures and Seminars**

The Mortara Center hosted a number of luncheon presentations by scholars and prominent practitioners of international relations, including Professors Robert Jervis and Nancy Bermeo. Welcome lunches for new faculty—including Bruce Hoffman, Katherine Marshall and Douglas Feith—were also part of the fall Mortara program.

Universities are about ideas. A major vehicle for new ideas are books. The Mortara Center hosted presentations on new books on international relations: Georgetown Professor (and former Secretary of State) Madeline Albright on her book, *The Mighty and the Almighty*; Ethan Kapstein on his book *Economic Justice in an Unfair World*; Anatol Lieven and John Hulsman on *Ethical Realism: A Vision for America’s Role in the World*; Todd Moss from the Center for Global Development on *African Development: Making Sense of Issues and Actors*; Professor Chester Crocker on *Leashing the Dogs of War*; Allen Hammond of the World Resources Institute on *The Next Four Billion*; and Professors Charles Kupchan and Peter Trubowitz on their work on “The Demise of Liberal Internationalism in America”.

**Illuminati Dinners and Faculty Working Groups**

Georgetown University is home to a number of prominent scholar/practitioners. The Mortara Center organizes pizza dinners for graduate students with these “Illuminati” during the academic year. In 2006–7, the Illuminati included former Senator Tom Daschle, former National Security Council Advisor, Anthony Lake, former USAID Administrator Andrew Natsios, former Polish President Alexander Kwasniewski and political commentator Mark Shields.

Two Faculty Working Groups met during the year: one on International Trade, chaired by Professor Marc Busch; and one on Culture and International Relations, chaired by Professor Dan Nexon. A one day workshop on Transitional Justice was organized by Professor Leslie Vinjamuri.

The Mortara Center also hosted conversations among foreign policy professionals from the State Department and NSC and Georgetown faculty; among equity investors in Africa and Georgetown faculty experts in the region; and among visiting Chinese diplomats and Georgetown students on soft power.
The Initiative on International Development

Responding to the increasing interest in world poverty and economic and social progress abroad among faculty, students and the leadership of Georgetown University, the Mortara Center established the Initiative on International Development. This Initiative included a series of lectures, conferences and seminars on issues of global development as well as a new website (accessed through the Mortara Center website) for the Initiative. Among the events sponsored in 2006–7, were two major lectures, one by Dr. Mohammed Yunus, Nobel Peace Prize winner and creator of Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, among the largest and best known micro-enterprise programs in the world; and a lecture on “Legal Empowerment of the Poor” by Dr. Madeline Albright and Dr. Hernando DeSoto. Luncheon seminars sponsored by the Initiative included presentations by Ministers of Education from Afghanistan and from Pakistan, presentations by several prominent development practitioners including Dr. Antonia Neubauer on “Development in War Torn Countries”, by Mehran Kamrava on “National Security: The View from Tehran”, and by Joel Lamstein and Gill Garb of World Education on “Challenges of Fighting HIV/AIDS”.

The Mortara Center also co-sponsored a conference on Fighting World Hunger and two seminar series: one with World Vision on current issues in development and one with the Wolfensohn Center at the Brookings Institution on Innovations in Development.
For the academic year 2007–8, the Mortara Center plans several new initiatives, in addition to continuing those described above. It will begin a program of Visiting Mortara Associates and it will undertake a seminar entitled Practitioners in International Development.

The Visiting Mortara Associates Program will offer qualified scholars and scholar/practitioners an association with the Mortara Center. Visiting Associates will be able to use University facilities and participate in the activities of the Mortara Center in exchange for an agreed service to the Center or the University which might include a seminar, conference or lecture, a working paper to be posted on the Mortara website or other activity. Unfortunately, the Center cannot yet offer Associates either funding or office space at this time. But it is hoped that in the not too distant future, both funding and space will be available and the Visiting Associates program can become a resident fellows program for post-doctoral and mature scholars and scholar/professionals.

The second initiative for the coming academic year will be a luncheon seminar series entitled Practitioners in International Development. It will be chaired by Dr. Ann Van Dusen of the Certificate in International Development in the School of Foreign Service and will bring to campus periodically active practitioners to explore their experiences in implementing development projects in the field.

The third initiative will be a China Forum—a periodic meeting of scholars and students interested in China to hear from Georgetown faculty and prominent scholars from beyond Georgetown’s gates on research topics and contemporary issues involving that important country. This initiative supports the efforts of the leadership of Georgetown University to expand the University’s ties with universities and institutes in China.

Looking Towards the Future
All in all, the Mortara Center is off to a strong start in the first two years of its existence in its new building. It has become a focal point on campus for debate and discussion of current ideas and issues in international affairs and its activities are set to expand in the future. Its principal challenge is acquiring the additional office space and funding that would permit it to realize its vision of hosting visiting scholars and a vigorous program of research on international studies at Georgetown University.

As Robert Gallucci, Dean of the School of Foreign Service, remarked:

“The mission of the Mortara Center is to provide a venue for, and to promote, scholarly discourse on a broad range of policy and intellectual issues in the area of international studies. As a relatively new center in a newly renovated building, it has already established a reputation for doing just that through an extraordinary program of events, symposiums, conferences, and speeches involving senior policy makers and cutting-edge academics from within the Georgetown community, the Washington area, and the world at large. The Mortara Center has enriched the intellectual life for students and faculty on campus, as well as for the broader community outside the university through its outreach activities. Over time, we can expect the center to become an important source of ideas and critical analysis on such issues as international security, international development, globalization, the role of religion in society, the impact of democratization on regional development and security, matters of governance in the international community, and the importance of trends.”

It is towards these goals that the Mortara Center will continue its work.
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