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Anna and Whitney Harris

Whitney R. Harris was one of the leading prosecutors at Nuremberg on U.S. Chief Prosecutor Justice Robert Jackson's team. He authored many articles and books, including his first-hand account of the Nazi war crimes trials, *Tyranny on Trial*. Along with his wife Anna, Whitney has been supportive of the Harris Institute from its inception, endowing it in 2001. In 2008, the Harris family generously funded the World Peace Through Law Award program, at which time the Harris Institute was re-dedicated. Whitney was also a tireless supporter of the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative and an advocate for the adoption of a new international crimes against humanity convention. Whitney passed away on April 22, 2010 at the age of 97.

Steven Cash Nickerson

Cash Nickerson began his legal career in 1985 as a corporate attorney for Union Pacific Railroad. Five years later, he joined one of the largest law firms in Chicago, where he quickly became a partner. In addition to legal practice, Nickerson also has extensive experience as a business executive and entrepreneur. He is presently the Chairman of AKKA North America's Business Unit and previously served as the President, CFO and General Counsel to one of the largest recruiting and IT consulting companies in the United States. Nickerson holds a BA in Philosophy and English from Carleton College and a JD and an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis. He is an active member of the CEO Clubs and its SuperPac, as well as an avid martial artist, holding a black belt in American Kenpo Karate and studying under Brazilian Jiu Jitsu 2000 World Champion, Carlos Machado. Nickerson has supported the Harris Institute since its inception – he sponsored its Inaugural Colloquium and has in the past three years generously funded the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative.

United States Institute of Peace

The United States Institute of Peace (USIP) is an independent, nonpartisan institution established and funded by Congress to increase the nation's capacity to manage international conflict without violence. The Institute aims to prevent and resolve violent international conflicts, promote post-conflict stability and development, and increase conflict management capacity, tools, and intellectual capital worldwide. The Institute does this by empowering others with knowledge, skills, and resources, as well as by directly engaging in peacebuilding efforts around the globe.

Humanity United

By pursuing a creative combination of research, policy, and public pressure, Humanity United seeks to enable local and global solutions to end modern-day slavery and mass atrocities in our time. Towards this end, Humanity United supports credible, capable, and creative policymakers, researchers, and advocates who are working to mitigate conflict and violence, monitor and expose

perpetrators of human rights abuses, amplify the voices of those directly affected, and prevent future hostilities. In addition, the organization helps local, often disparate communities share ideas, build on each other's work, and collaborate in ways that amplify their individual impact. Humanity United's efforts to abolish modern-day slavery include supporting an ambitious worldwide advocacy and awareness-raising agenda, and making investments that help fight the practice of human trafficking and reduce the number of people living under the conditions of forced labor, bondage, and other forms of slavery.

Margaret W. Dagen

Margaret Dagen was an early pioneer of the civil rights movement in St. Louis. In 1947 Dagen and her husband, Irvin Dagen, co-founded the St. Louis Committee of Racial Equality (St. Louis CORE), an activist group which opposed racial inequality in St. Louis and regularly staged sit-ins long before the highly publicized sit-ins in Greensboro, North Carolina. In 1961 the group's efforts culminated in the City of St. Louis passing an ordinance banning racial discrimination in public accommodations. As the Associate Director for Admissions for the College of Arts and Sciences at Washington University, Dagen also waged a vigorous and successful campaign to recruit African-American students to the almost all-white university. In addition to a strong commitment to racial justice, Dagen and her husband also supported causes which promote international understanding and cooperation. In 2001 Dagen endowed a fellowship program for Washington University law students to work in the field of international human rights and to study at the prestigious Hague Academy of International Law and the Xiamen Academy of International Law during the summer recess.

The Planethood Foundation

Established in 1996, The Planethood Foundation is a small private foundation founded by former Nuremberg Prosecutor and a lifelong advocate of the rule of law in international affairs, Benjamin Ferencz, and his son, Donald Ferencz, an attorney and international justice educator and advocate. The Foundation which aims to "replace the law of force with the force of law" has generously funded the The Inaugural Benjamin B. Ferencz Essay Competition and the International Experts' Meeting on the The Illegal Use of Force: Reconceptualizing the Laws of War at Washington University School of Law.

Brookings Institution

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