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The Bush School has added five new faculty members this fall, once again expanding the School's academic and research expertise. Acting Dean Andrew Card noted that the School continues to actively recruit faculty for both the Master's Program in International Affairs (MPIA) and the Master of Public Service and Administration (MPSA).

"We are very fortunate to be able to attract such noted scholars as the five who are joining the School this fall," Card said. "I anticipate that our faculty will continue to grow, as our enrollment increases and we expand our research activities into new areas of international affairs and public policy."

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## Khaldoum AbouAssi



Khaldoum AbouAssi earned his PhD in public administration at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University, where he also was a research associate at the Campbell Public Affairs Institute. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. He is an assistant professor affiliated with the MPSA program and will also offer seminars relevant to MPIA students.

AbouAssi's research interests include nonprofit theory and management, inter-organizational relations, development theory and management, governance, and civil society's impact on public policies. He has published extensively on NGOs and international development issues, including donor support for NGOs; some of the publications are based on his professional experiences in Lebanon. He also has considerable experience in training civil servants and NGO executives on citizen participation, fund development, volunteerism, and collaboration.

## Laura Dague



Laura Dague joins the Bush School as an assistant professor in the MPSA program. Dr. Dague received a PhD in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her doctoral fields of study were public economics and labor economics. While at Wisconsin, she was associated with the Population Health Institute and the Institute for Research on Poverty.

Dr. Dague's research interests are in health economics and applied microeconomics. Her recent publications focus on changes in the Medicaid program and their relation to federal health care reform. Her current projects continue this work by considering how Medicaid enrollees respond to premiums and copayments, the relationship between Medicaid and the private insurance market, and the effects of expanding Medicaid to nontraditional populations such as low-income adults without dependent children. She is also investigating how the structure of the health insurance market in Chile affects insurance demand and usage of health care services.

She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, received a dissertation research award from the Institute for Research on Poverty, and was a Fellow at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Dr. Dague was recently awarded a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to continue her work on the costs of Medicaid coverage expansions.

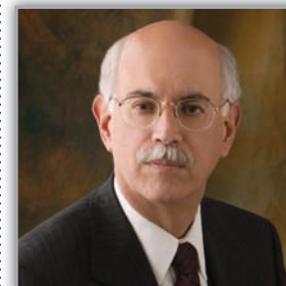
## Reyko Huang



Reyko Huang was most recently a Zukerman Fellow at Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation, and received her PhD degree in political science from Columbia University. She joins the MPIA faculty as an assistant professor. Huang earned a bachelor's degree in government and economics from Cornell University and a master in public affairs with a focus on international development from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

Huang teaches and conducts research on violent conflicts, state-building, and democratization, and has published several articles and an edited volume on these topics. She is currently working on a book manuscript on rebel governance in civil war and its effects on post-conflict political development.

## Andrew S. Natsios



Andrew S. Natsios, recently a Distinguished Professor in the practice of diplomacy at Georgetown University and former administrator of the US Agency for International Development (USAID), joins the Bush School faculty as an executive professor and Scowcroft Institute Fellow for the academic year 2012-2013. As USAID administrator from 2001-2006, Natsios managed reconstruction programs in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Sudan. He also served as US special envoy to Sudan in 2006-2007. Retired from the US Army Reserves after twenty-three years, Natsios is a veteran of the Gulf War. From 1993 to 1998, he was vice president of World Vision US, the largest faith-based non-governmental organization in the world, with programs in 103 countries. Earlier in his career, Natsios served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and as the chief financial and administrative officer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He also served as the CEO of Boston's Big Dig, the largest construction project in American history, after a cost overrun scandal.

He is the author of three books: *U.S. Foreign Policy and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (1997); *The Great North Korean Famine* (2001); and his latest book, *Sudan, South Sudan and Darfur: What Everyone Needs to Know*, published in 2012 by Oxford University Press.

## Mohammad Ayatollahi Tabaar



Mohammad Ayatollahi Tabaar comes to the Bush School from the Department of Government at Georgetown University, where he earned his PhD in comparative politics and international relations. He joins the MPIA faculty as an assistant professor. His bachelor's degree is from the University of Tehran, and he holds master's degrees from the New School of Social Research and the University of Chicago. A former journalist for the BBC World Service, Tabaar has taught at several institutions in addition to Georgetown University, including George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, the University of Maryland, and George Mason University. He is also a Scholar at the Middle East Institute in Washington DC.

Tabaar has lectured and published in both academic and mass media publications on a wide range of Middle Eastern and Iranian issues. His publications include "The Beloved Great Satan: The Portrayal of the US in the Iranian Media since 9/11" in the *Journal of the European Society for Iranian Studies* (Winter 2006), "Who Wrote the Koran?" in *The New York Times Magazine* (December 7, 2008), "Iran's Green Movement and the Grey Strategy of Patience" in *Foreign Policy's Middle East Channel* (April 30, 2010), and "How Iran Really Sees Turkey" in *Foreign Policy's Middle East Channel* (November 3, 2011).