



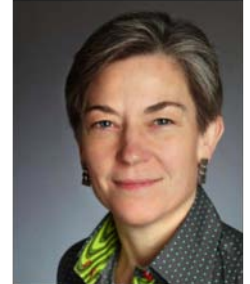
**NOBEL WOMEN'S INITIATIVE DELEGATION TO MEXICO,
HONDURAS AND GUATEMALA 2012**

DELEGATES

Caryl Athanasiu (*Mexico only*)

**Executive Vice President/Chief Operational Risk Officer, Wells Fargo and Company
USA**

A 24-year veteran of Wells Fargo, Caryl was most recently Chief Risk Officer of Wholesale Banking. Previously she managed Community Bank Strategic Planning, focusing on enterprise-wide customer experience improvements, and served as Head of Finance for Community Banking. Caryl serves on the Board of Directors the Redwood City Education Foundation and has been recognized for her contributions to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. Most recently she was selected as one of Bay Area's Most Influential Women by the San Francisco Business Times.



Jody Williams

Chair, Nobel Women's Initiative

USA

Jody received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for her work to ban antipersonnel landmines through the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), which shared the Peace Prize with her that year. Like others who have seen the ravages of war, she is an outspoken peace activist who struggles to reclaim the real meaning of peace—a concept which goes far beyond the absence of armed conflict and is defined by human security, not national security. Since January of 2006, Jody has worked to achieve her peace work through the Nobel Women's Initiative, which she chairs. In 2003, Williams was named Distinguished Visiting Professor of Global Justice, in the Graduate College of Social Work at the University of Houston. She is currently working on a memoir related to her work for social justice.

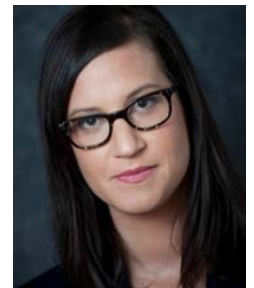


Lauren Wolfe

Journalist and Director of *Women Under Siege*

USA

Lauren is an award-winning journalist who has written for publications from The International Herald Tribune to CNN.com. She is the director of the Women Under Siege, a project on sexual violence and conflict spearheaded by Gloria Steinem at the Women's Media Center in New York. Previously, she was the senior editor of the Committee to Protect Journalists, where she focused on journalists and sexual violence. Her CPJ report "The Silencing Crime"—for which she interviewed more than 50 journalists around the world—broke ground in documenting the issue. She studied at Wesleyan University and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and is the recipient of four awards from the Society of Professional Journalists. She is currently teaching as an adjunct in Columbia's Strategic Communications masters' program.



Lisa VeneKlasen
Executive Director & Co-Founder, Just Associates (JASS)

USA

Lisa is the co-founder and director of Just Associates (JASS), an international feminist organization working in 28 countries through JASS' regional networks in Mesoamerica, Southern Africa and Southeast Asia. A 30-year social justice and women's rights activist and educator, Lisa has worked with diverse community groups, movements and international organizations. In the 1980s, her work in community development and adult literacy in Central America motivated her activism in peace and justice. She co-lead over 31 fact-finding missions of US opinion leaders and legislators to the region to change US policy, and was an organizer for the National Campaign for Peace in Central America. In the 1990s, shifting solely to women's rights, she helped establish Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiLDAF). She is the author of *A New Weave of Power, People and Politics: The Action Guide to Citizen Participation and Advocacy* (2002/2006), translated into 4 languages.



Maria Hinojosa
Broadcast Journalist

USA

For 25 years, Maria has helped tell America's untold stories and brought to light unsung heroes in America and abroad. In April 2010, she launched The Futuro Media Group. She is the anchor and managing editor of her own long-running weekly show, *Latino USA*, anchor of the Emmy Award winning talk show *Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One*, Contributing Correspondent for *Frontline* and *Need to Know* on PBS, and a weekly King Features Syndicate contributor. She has written two books, including her motherhood memoir: *Raising Raul: Adventures Raising Myself and My Son*. Maria has won top honours in American journalism including two Emmy's, the Robert F. Kennedy Award for Reporting on the Disadvantaged, the Edward R. Murrow Award from the Overseas Press Club for best documentary for her groundbreaking *Child Brides: Stolen Lives*, and the Ruben Salazar Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Council of La Raza.



Maria Martin
Journalist

Guatemala

Maria currently directs the GraciasVida Center for Media, a nonprofit organization based in La Antigua, Guatemala and devoted to the practice of independent journalism in the public interest (www.graciasvida.org). For the last eight years, the Center has worked to improve the working situation for rural, provincial and indigenous journalists in Guatemala, Bolivia, and Nicaragua, as well as to improve the coverage of Central America on U.S. public radio. An award-winning public radio journalist for over two decades, Maria developed ground-breaking programs and series for public radio, including NPR's *Latino USA*, and *Despues de las Guerras: Central America After the Wars*. She's the recipient of Fulbright and several Knight Fellowships, including the John S. Knight Professional Journalism Fellowship at Stanford University, and the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellowship awarded by the National Endowment for Democracy. Maria has won over two dozen awards for her work covering Latino issues and Latin America.



Martha Chaves
Comedian
Canada

In her eighteen years as a stand-up comedian Martha has been called a lot of things her favourite being, "Smart, sassy, subversive and very funny" (Bill Brownstein, The Montreal Gazette). She tours all over the world doing comedy, in several languages, including with the UN Canadian Peace Keeping Troops in the Middle East. She's a multiple Canadian Comedy Awards nominee in the category of Best Female Stand-up. In 2010, she came in first in The Great Canadian Laugh Off Comedy Competition, Ottawa chapter. Martha is also a passionate activist and participates in many humanitarian and political fundraising events. In 2010, Martha hosted the Benefit for the G-20 Arrestees, which featured Naomi Klein and Hawksley Workman and in March 2011 she was part of the cast of The Vagina Monologues. In November 2011 she will be featured in a Gala Fundraiser for "Occupy Toronto".



Pamela Yates
Filmmaker
USA

Pamela is the co-founder of Skylight Pictures, a film and advanced media company dedicated to illuminating the advancement of human rights and social justice through the power of stories. Pamela's most recent feature length documentary *Granito: How to Nail a Dictator*, is set in Guatemala, Spain and the US, and is currently in theatrical release. It is the third in a quartet of films about human rights told from a transitional justice perspective. The first, *State of Fear*, is based on the findings of the Peruvian Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The second, *The Reckoning: The Battle for the International Criminal Court*, chronicles the first 6 tumultuous years of the ICC. In 1982 Pamela made her first feature length documentary *When the Mountains Tremble* with then 22 year old Rigoberta Menchú Tum appearing as the storyteller. Pamela has received an Academy Award, an Emmy and an Overseas Press Club Award for her films.



Patricia Gras (Mexico only)
Senior Host and Producer at Houston PBS, Living Smart Host, Blogger
USA

Patti is the current host of the award winning local series "Living Smart with Patricia Gras", Latina Voices: Smart Talk, and Houston Have Your Say Town Hall Forums on Current Affairs. Her national producing credits include "Weight Loss Surgery: The Last Resort", an in-depth primer for anyone considering bariatric surgery; "Taiwan: An Emerging Democracy", an exclusive interview with Taiwanese Vice President Anette Lu; and "Supersized America", a national documentary series on the American obesity epidemic. As a seasoned international journalist, Patti's global concerns have taken her abroad on several occasions, including visits to Romania, Vietnam, and Taiwan. She is the recipient of over 160 international, national and local journalism awards including six regional Emmy Awards and 16 national Telly's. Patti is also a singer, musician and songwriter, and has produced three albums of Latin and international music with her bands Barandua and Quartus.



Paula Todd
Journalist, Lawyer, Author
Canada

Paula is a Canadian journalist, broadcaster, lawyer and author, who's worked with Canada's largest networks, newspapers and magazines as a TV host, investigative reporter, legal analyst, political columnist and feature writer. Paula is the author of **A Quiet Courage: Inspiring Stories from All of Us**, which details the struggle of people around the world to turn tragedy into personal triumph. Paula, who holds degrees in literature and law, sits on the Board of Directors of Canadian Journalists for Free Expression and works as a media strategist and moderator.



Rigoberta Menchú Tum
Rigoberta Menchú Tum Foundation, Nobel Women's Initiative
Guatemala

Rigoberta was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992 in recognition of her work for social justice and ethno-cultural reconciliation work based on respect for the rights of indigenous peoples in her native Guatemala. She is the first indigenous person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. After receiving the Nobel Prize, Rigoberta established the Rigoberta Menchú Tum Foundation, which promotes the rights of indigenous people around the world. From 1994 to 2003, she served as the official spokesperson for the United Nations International Decade of Indigenous Peoples. In 2007, Rigoberta ran for Presidency of Guatemala with *Encuentro por Guatemala* in 2007. Subsequently, Rigoberta made important contributions in spearheading the first indigenous party in Guatemala, and garnering enough votes to make her WINAQ party official, and ran again for President with this party in 2011. Despite the fact that she was not elected, she remains a steadfast presence in Guatemalan politics and the struggle to end impunity.



Sarah Harmer
Singer/Songwriter, Co-founder of Protecting Escarpment Rural Land (PERL)
Canada

From Burlington, Ontario, Sarah got her musical start with country rockers The Saddletramps, and then formed her own band, Weeping Tile. Her first solo album of original material, *You Were Here* (2000), received critical acclaim, including Time Magazine's pick as debut CD of the year. 2004's *All of Our Names* earned Sarah her first Juno Award, winning the Adult Alternative Album of the Year. In the years following the studio release of the Polaris-prize winning *I'm a Mountain*, she set aside music to focus on political and environmental campaigns, helping to shepherd PERL, the organization she co-founded. Sarah recently completed a tour along the Niagara Escarpment for PERL to raise awareness about quarry rezoning. It was a unique, not-for-profit tour that featured the Sarah Harmer Acoustic Band, hiking, kayaking and performing.



Tantoo Cardinal
Actress, Activist
Canada

Tantoo was born in Anzac, Fort McMurray, Alberta and is of Cree descent. She was a leader of a youth group petitioning the Canadian government to build more schools on Indian reservations in Alberta when she was cast in a small role in a 1971 Canadian docudrama on the life of Albert Lacombe. She has played roles in many other films including *Spirit Bay*, *Dances with Wolves* and *Legends of the Fall*. In 2009 she was named to the Order of Canada for her contributions to the growth and development of Aboriginal performing arts in Canada. She has recently participated in various campaigns to halt the expansion of the tar sands, including protests against the Keystone XL pipeline at the White House in Washington, DC, and on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Canada.



Veronica Arreola
Feminist Blogger and Director of Women in Science & Engineering Program at the
University of Illinois at Chicago, United States
USA

Veronica is the assistant director of the Center for Research on Women and Gender and the director of the Women in Science and Engineering program at the University of Illinois at Chicago where she also earned both her degrees. Veronica is a respected member of the local and national feminist community having worked with the Chicago Abortion Fund, Women In Media & News, Women, Media & Action, and many others. A veteran blogger, she currently contributes to WIMN's Voices, Girl w/Pen, Care2.com and Chicagonista as well as hosting her own blog, Viva la Feminista <http://www.vivalafeminista.com/>, where she discusses feminism, motherhood and being Latina. Her honors include being named Woman of the Year by the UIC Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women, a Chicago Foundation for Women's Impact Award and a graduate of Leadership Illinois. She began work on her Ph.D. in Public Administration in 2010.



STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

Aury Cuxé

Assistant to Rigoberta Menchú Tum, Fundación Rigoberta Menchú Tum Guatemala

A Mayan Kaqchikel woman, Aury is the contact between the Rigoberta Menchú Tum Foundation in Guatemala and the Nobel Women's Initiative. She is the coordinator of the national and international meetings and events of Nobel Laureate Rigoberta Menchú Tum.



Demetri Lopez

Consultant, On-Site Logistics Co-ordinator USA

Demetri is a founding staff member of the Nobel Women's Initiative. She established our internship program at the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work and led the coordination of the Initiative's meetings and events worldwide. She left the Initiative in 2009 but still consults on various projects.



Diana Sarosi

Manager of Policy and Advocacy, Nobel Women's Initiative Canada

Diana previously worked with Nonviolence International Southeast Asia promoting nonviolent action for social change and assisting human rights defenders in the region in developing their advocacy strategies.



Judy Rand

Owner, Photographer and Videographer, J. Rand Images, Inc. USA

Judy is a documentary and portrait photographer. Some of her documentary projects include the first international conference of the Nobel Women's Initiative in Galway, Ireland; and the Nobel Women's Initiative Delegation to the Thai-Burma border, South Sudan, and Chad-Darfur area.



Kara Andrade

Photojournalist

Kara is an Ashoka fellow working in Central America. She is co-founder of HablaCentro.com, a local mobile-driven network of regional citizen information websites in Latin America. She has worked as a multimedia producer and photojournalist.



Kay Stubbs
Interpreter, Nobel Women's Initiative

Kay has 34 years of experience as a conference, escort and diplomatic Spanish-English interpreter.



Kimberley MacKenzie
Coordinator of Online Media and Outreach, Nobel Women's Initiative
Canada

Prior to working at the Nobel Women's Initiative, Kim worked for five years at the Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization, where she was the founding Coordinator of the Public Education Program.



Liz Bernstein
Executive Director, Nobel Women's Initiative
Canada

Liz is the founding Executive Director of the Nobel Women's Initiative. Previously, she served as Coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) for eight years. She is also a founder of Ecology Ottawa.



Rachel Vincent
Manager of Media and Communications, Nobel Women's Initiative
Canada

Rachel started her career as a radio journalist working in Canada and Mexico. Since 1994, she has worked as a senior communications advisor with not-for-profit groups and governments on international issues, environment and health.



Ruth Warner
Interpreter/Translator, Nobel Women's Initiative
USA

Ruth has been a Spanish<>English interpreter and translator for the past 30 years. She has worked primarily in Nicaragua and the United States, and has been part of the team providing language support for the Nobel Women's Initiative since 2009.



INDEPENDENT FILMMAKERS *(Guatemala only)*

Adele Hinkley

Canada

Adele is a passionate photographer who is motivated by the power of photography and its potential to express and invoke human emotion. Last year she attended the National Geographic Expeditions Photographic Workshop in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Adele is joining the delegation in Guatemala with filmmaker Rachel Schmidt to document a story about the human price of mining and the heroic women who risk their lives to expose corporate greed. The film follows a shocking allegation that a Canadian mining company played a role in the gang rapes of 11 Mayan Q'eqchi' women in 2007. Adele is deeply moved by the stories of the Mayan Q'eqchi' women; this will be her second trip to Guatemala and she hopes her work will help to raise awareness about the injustices of mining.



Rachel Schmidt

Canada

Rachel is a Canadian documentary film producer, director and photographer. Her work has taken her across the globe where she has worked with organizations to document stories about human rights violations. Rachel brings an impressive 22 year background in social work and activism to her film projects. She cares deeply about the freedom of women and children around the globe, and will be joining the delegation in Guatemala to document a story about the human price of mining and the heroic women who risk their lives to expose corporate greed. The film follows a shocking allegation that a Canadian mining company played a role in the gang rapes of 11 Mayan Q'eqchi' women in 2007. Rachel hopes the film will inspire audiences to take action in support of the Mayan Q'eqchi' women.

