

IFE Leadership Lunch

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Sam Feist is CNN's Washington bureau chief and senior vice president. Named to this role in May 2011, he oversees operations of the DC bureau which includes CNN's largest newsgathering operation, the production of CNN's Washington-based programming, and major political events including election nights, conventions, inaugurations, town halls, and debates. Feist also oversees CNN's internal fact-checking team and CNN's Special Events unit. On Election Night, Sam Feist is responsible for projecting the winners.

Previously, Feist was CNN's political director and vice president of Washington programming. In that role, he coordinated all facets of CNN's daily political coverage and oversaw CNN's production of all CNN election nights since 2006. Feist was the founding Executive Producer of The Situation Room, CNN's daily newscast now in its 15th year. He formerly produced and oversaw the production of other CNN political programs, including Crossfire, Inside Politics, The Capital Gang, Evans & Novak, Late Edition, and Wolf Blitzer Reports. He has produced interviews with world leaders such as Barack Obama, Donald Trump, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush, Margaret Thatcher, Mikhail Gorbachev, and Yitzhak Rabin.

Feist is the recipient of three Emmy Awards: executive producer of CNN's 2012 Election Night coverage, executive producer of CNN's coverage of the 2006 midterm elections, and breaking news coverage of the 2011 Arab Spring. In the 2008 election cycle, Feist coordinated and produced the campaign coverage that earned CNN a Peabody Award. Sam Feist began his CNN career in 1990 as a freelance producer in CNN's London Bureau. He then joined CNN's Atlanta headquarters and moved to the Washington Bureau during the 1992 presidential campaign.

Feist received his bachelor of arts in political science from Vanderbilt University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa. He received his law degree with honors from Georgetown University, which included a semester studying international law at Cambridge University. Feist is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, The Washington Economic Club, and the Bar of the District of Columbia. He serves on the boards of the National Press Club Journalism Institute, the George Washington University School of Media and Public Affairs, and the Georgetown University Institute of Politics & Public Service.

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Andrew Light, Ph.D., is Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs. He started at the Department of Energy on January 20, 2021, leading the Office of International Affairs as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary before his nomination by President Biden as Assistant Secretary on April 28 and confirmation by the U.S. Senate on August 11, 2021. Since starting at DOE, Andrew has led the department in initiating and expanding some three dozen bilateral energy dialogues, forums, councils, and partnerships with countries from all regions of the world. His primary focus in these forums has been to increase their work on clean energy and energy security – whether renewables, nuclear, abated fossil fuels, or new technologies such as hydrogen -- in response to the threat of climate change and to grow good-paying American energy jobs in the burgeoning global clean energy market. With respect to multilateral forums, Andrew is Vice Chair of the Governing Board of the International Energy Agency (IEA) and Chair of the IEA Ministerial Bureau, U.S. representative to the Clean Energy Ministerial and Mission Innovation Steering Committees, lead U.S. negotiator and Ministerial Sherpa for the energy tracks of the G7 and G20. He directs all U.S. Department of Energy engagement at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and other global platforms. Recently, he worked on launching the first Global Clean Energy Action Forum, held September 21-23 in Pittsburgh, PA, which combined the 13th meeting of the Clean Energy Ministerial and the 7th meeting of the Mission Innovation ministerial with a broader, more comprehensive and inclusive clean energy business, innovation, and civil society forum. During the second half of the Obama administration, Andrew served as Senior Adviser and India Counselor to the U.S. Special Envoy on Climate Change in the U.S. Department of State and a staff climate adviser in Secretary of State John Kerry's Office of Policy Planning. In that position, he was U.S. Director of the U.S.-India Joint Working Group on Combating Climate Change and Chair of the U.S. Interagency Climate Working Group for creating and negotiating the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals. He worked on the senior strategy team for the UN climate negotiations. Andrew shared a Superior Honor Award from the State Department in July 2016 for contributions to the "historic success" of creating the Paris Agreement on climate change.

Outside of government, Andrew has been a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress and Distinguished Senior Fellow at the World Resources Institute, where he led high-level climate and energy dialogues between non-governmental U.S. participants and counterparts in India, China, and the European Union, and co-authored over 20 major policy reports on clean energy and climate cooperation, governance, and economic opportunity. Since 2008 he has been at George Mason University, where he is currently on leave as a University Professor of Philosophy, Public Policy, and Atmospheric Sciences, working primarily on the normative dimensions of climate change, restoration ecology, and urban sustainability.

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Dr. R. David Edelman, a member of the IFE Board of Stewards, is one of the nation's leading authorities on the governance and geopolitics of emerging technologies, with a career that has spanned academia, government, and the private sector. He is currently the IPRI Distinguished Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he has taught and led research initiatives on AI policy and the geopolitics of technology at the Computer Science & AI Lab (CSAIL) and Center for International Studies. His private sector roles include chief architect and lead of public sector and international strategy functions at existentially regulated startups in the clean energy, AI, and robotics sectors; founder of the advisory firm Catalyst•Wayfare; and venture investor with Anzu Partners. He currently sits on the Boards of Electric Power Engineers, the Fusion Industry Association, Partium, and the non-profit Freedom Forum — the world's largest private foundation devoted to the First Amendment. In government, Edelman served for over six years in the Obama White House, including as Special Assistant to the President for Economic & Technology Policy on the National Economic Council, Director for Cybersecurity on the National Security Council, and Senior Advisor in the Office of Science & Technology Policy. He began his career at the State Department as one of the founding members of the Department's Office of Cyber Affairs, ultimately serving as the lead U.S. negotiator on cybersecurity and digital economy matters at the United Nations and, later, the G-20. Named one of Forbes Magazine's "30 Under 30" and later one of only three "All-Star Alumni" in the magazine's history, his insights and analysis have appeared in print in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Der Spiegel, WIRED, Fast Company, and Fortune, and in broadcast on CNN, Bloomberg, CNBC, MSNBC, and NPR. He is represented by CAA. Dr. Edelman holds a B.A. from Yale and a Master's and Doctorate from Oxford University, where he was a Clarendon Scholar.



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Coach Kathy Kemper is CEO and Founder of the Institute for Education (IFE), a Washington D.C.-based nonprofit committed to engaging the global community to harness the power of soft diplomacy, data, and innovation. In 2019, Kemper was recognized, alongside Jeff Bezos, as one of *Washington Life Magazine's* "Tech 25", a prestigious honor reserved for top technology innovators and disruptors. Extolled as "D.C.'s Networker-in-Chief" by *U.S. News and World Report*, Kemper regularly convenes timely salons, forums, intimate discussions, and invitation-only gatherings that draw senior White House and Congressional leaders, distinguished ambassadors and diplomats, business executives, journalists, and technology innovators for debate and discussion. Past speakers have included Supreme Court Justices, a Vice President, Senators, Ambassadors, Nobel laureates, Cabinet secretaries, U.S. Chief Technology Officers, CEOs, and more. A former professional tennis player, Coach Kemper served as head Women's Tennis Coach at Georgetown University from 1978 to 1990 and coached Georgetown's No. 1 player to the NCAA National Women's Division II title in 1983. Coach has spent more than 40 years coaching tennis for Washington's power brokers — hitting the courts with Supreme Court Justices, kings, queens, and U.S. Secretaries of State through six administrations at the White House court, Senate court, and Embassy courts. Kemper has received recognition from the Swedish, Chinese, and Japanese governments for her commitment to cross-cultural dialogue. In 2017, Three U.S. CTOs awarded the Challenge Coin to Coach Kemper for her bipartisan leadership in technology. A frequent op-ed writer and columnist, her work has been featured in *The Hill*, *Roll Call*, *The Globalist*, *Huffington Post*, and *USA Today*.

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