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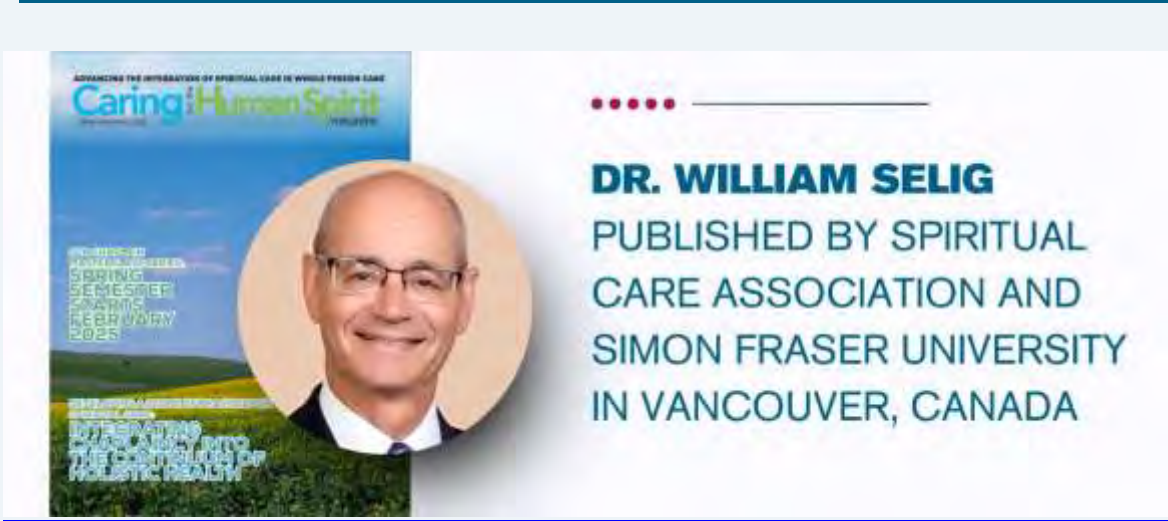
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Council on Foreign Relations Workshop Report

COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS WORKSHOP

THE UNITED STATES: AT HOME AND ABROAD

APRIL 10–11



By Dr. Drissa Kone, Associate Professor of Conflict Resolution and Ministry

The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) hosted a workshop for college and university educators from April 10 to 11 at its Manhattan headquarters. The program opened on Thursday evening with a keynote session centered on the theme: **“The United States: At Home and Abroad.”** Three major topics were addressed, focusing on how the United States and its allies are responding to current global challenges:

- The war in Ukraine
- Tariff policies initiated by the Trump administration
- International and domestic terrorism

Friday featured a full day of panel discussions covering a wide range of topics related to foreign affairs, including group breakout sessions and Q&A opportunities. Some key areas of focus included:

- The new era of technology and the future of global governance
- Strategies for global literacy in the classroom
- Migration trends and policy in the Americas
- Navigating tariffs and trade wars
- Preventing escalation in the Taiwan Strait
- Lasting peace strategies in Africa
- The evolving role of NATO

More than 120 educators from 46 states participated, representing colleges and universities across the country. I had the privilege of representing **HJI**, contributing to meaningful discussions on U.S. foreign policy in Africa and the role of **USAID**. The workshop was rich in content and featured outstanding panelists. CFR concluded the event by inviting participants’ feedback and encouraging the use of CFR educational resources in the classroom. The workshop also offered a valuable opportunity to promote HJI and build connections with faculty from other institutions. The event wrapped up with a networking dinner, fostering further dialogue and collaboration.

Founded in 1921, CFR is a nonpartisan, independent national membership organization, think tank, educator, and publisher, including of *Foreign Affairs*. It generates policy-relevant ideas and analysis, convenes experts and policymakers, and promotes informed public discussion—all to have an impact on the most consequential issues facing the United States and the world.

The mission of the Council on Foreign Relations is to inform U.S. engagement with the world.



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1. "We're Never Alone" in *Caring for the Human Spirit Magazine* (Winter/Spring 2025), published by the Spiritual Care Association (SCA), an affiliate of the HealthCare Chaplaincy Network. The magazine reaches roughly 10,000 subscribers. <https://www.spiritualcareassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/SpringWinter-2025.pdf> (pp. 20-21)
2. "Paying God's Love Forward: A Hospital Chaplain's Perspective" in the *Journal of Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry* (Vol. 45, No. 45, March 2025), published by Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada. Link to issue: <https://journals.sfu.ca/rpfs/index.php/rpfs/issue/current>. Link to article: <https://journals.sfu.ca/rpfs/index.php/rpfs/article/view/2019/pdf>

These are in addition to Dr. Selig's first article, "Personal Testimony about Dealing with Loss and Self-Care," which appeared in *The Journal of Pastoral Care & Counseling* (Volume 78, Issue 4, October 2024), published by the Association of Professional Chaplains.



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STUDENT *Spotlight*



Katarina Connery
Doctor of Ministry

Katarina Connery, Doctor of Ministry | New Jersey, USA

What inspired you to apply to HJI and your program? What do you most appreciate about being a student at HJI?

I wanted to explore more deeply Dr. Hak Ja Han's teachings about God being a Heavenly Parent, loving us as Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother and how that might impact the daily life and sense of value for women. I appreciate that I have this space to explore theological and spiritual concepts from various religious traditions, including my own, and many different academic researchers and writers. Being part of the degree program gives a purpose and focus to my learning.

What do you enjoy in your free time?

I enjoy reading and going on adventures, exploring new places with my husband and kids.



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