The Rohatyn Center for International Affairs at Middlebury College

A World of Experience
“The Rohatyn Center, established over 10 years ago, has emerged as the nexus point in the global Middlebury-Monterey network—a network that continues to strengthen as we work to advance global understanding through education.”

—Ronald D. Liebowitz
Middlebury College President
**A Global Mission**

The Rohatyn Center (RCFIA) is a hub for international resources and global research at Middlebury College. It offers cocurricular programming to expand opportunities for students and support faculty work, hosts lectures and visiting professionals, and administers grants for international projects and research. It also expands opportunities for internships and other types of direct experience that give students a sense of how the world looks and works from perspectives other than their own.
At the Center
By Professor Jeffrey Cason, Rohatyn Center Director, 2010–2012

AS WE CLOSE IN ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF the Rohatyn Center for International Affairs, we do indeed live in interesting times. Dramatic events in the Middle East, economic crisis in Europe, and the increasing complexity of the U.S.-China relationship—to name just a few of the many topics occupying our attention—play out around us. Our students and our broader community want to hear a variety of perspectives on these issues, and I am pleased to note that the Rohatyn Center continues to serve as the intellectual hub for discussion of these themes.

Such a hub is essential when an outstanding liberal arts institution is located in rural Vermont. Although technology allows greater connectivity with and knowledge about the outside world, there is nothing quite like having real, in-person interaction with the many speakers the Rohatyn Center welcomes to campus. One of the most important missions of the center is to bring the world to Middlebury, and we have done this exceedingly well.

My two years directing the Rohatyn Center were filled with exciting highlights. We hosted many diplomats, journalists, entrepreneurs, and academics, all of whom shared their perspectives on topics from nuclear nonproliferation to the Arab Spring. We also mounted a campus-wide symposium on national and cultural identity in the Middle East, which allowed many of our own students and faculty members to share their area knowledge.

The Rohatyn Center also supports students who want to carry out original research abroad. For many years, we have been offering summer research grants to a number of students, which they have turned into outstanding work during their senior year. The center now works with many more students through its administration of other grant funds, including those connected to the College’s Integrating Study Abroad program,

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which has received funding from the Mellon Foundation. Recent student projects have included research on forest governance in the Peruvian Amazon, Chinese energy policy, antipoverty programs in Brazil, the resettlement of North Korean defectors in South Korea, and Iraqi refugees in Jordan, among many others.

The College’s relationship with the Monterey Institute of International Studies has also occupied much of our attention in recent years. Colleagues in the Rohatyn Center have worked extensively with their counterparts at Monterey to develop new opportunities for Middlebury students, including “study away” programs for our undergraduates, as well as new integrated BA/MA degrees in some of Monterey’s strengths—areas such as environmental policy, nonproliferation and terrorism studies, and language education. As more students become aware of opportunities at Monterey, we expect to develop other initiatives that will expand the curriculum available to our students.

As my term as director of the Rohatyn Center comes to a close, I am reassured by the strong foundation that has been built over the last decade. The Rohatyn Center is now a fixture on campus, recognized as both an organizer of events and an important source of support for the internationally focused work our students do inside and outside the classroom. Going forward, we expect ever closer connections between the center and the other parts of Middlebury—the Monterey Institute, the Schools Abroad, and the Language Schools, in particular—as we continue to develop Middlebury’s global curriculum.

A Legacy of Excellence

Allison Stanger, director of the Rohatyn Center from its founding in 1999 to 2010, is the Russell Leng ’60 Professor of International Politics and Economics and chair of the political science department. Her most recent book, One Nation Under Contract: The Outsourcing of American Power and the Future of Foreign Policy, was published by Yale University Press in fall 2009. Stanger has published op-eds on this topic in the Financial Times, International Herald Tribune, New York Times, and Washington Post, and in 2010 testified before the Commission on Wartime Contracting, the Senate Budget Committee, and the Congressional Oversight Panel. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and she has served as an adviser to the secretary’s Policy Planning Staff, U.S. Department of State.

Stanger received her PhD in political science from Harvard University. Her teaching and research interests include the impact of the Internet on American democracy, American foreign policy, and the privatization of American power. Her research has been funded by the International Relations and Exchanges Board, the National Council for Soviet and East European Research, the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Science Foundation, the Institute for the Study of World Politics, and the MacArthur Foundation.
Mentoring Excellence

A FACULTY COMMITTEE WORKS WITH THE ROHATYN CENTER TO CREATE cocurricular programming that expands opportunities for students and supports faculty in their teaching and research. Directors of all of the major tracks within international studies are closely affiliated with the center, as is the head of the international politics and economics program. With a cohort of accomplished scholars and dedicated teachers at the helm, the RCFIA provides students with numerous opportunities to contribute to faculty research and to learn from experts on international issues. Meet a few of the exceptional mentors who make the Rohatyn Center such a valuable resource for aspiring young leaders.

South Asian Studies
Ian Barrow, chair of the history department and director of South Asian studies, teaches on South Asian history, imperialism, the East India Company, and world history. He has written two books, Surveying and Mapping in Colonial India and Making History, Drawing Territory: British Mapping in India, c. 1756–1905, and is at work on a third about assassinations in South Asia. He has won grants from the Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation, the Fulbright Scholar program, the Social Science Research Council, and the J. B. Harley Research Fellowship program, among others.

Russian and East European Studies
Kevin Moss is chair of the Russian department and head of the Russian and East European studies program. For the past 20 years, he has studied gay and lesbian culture in Russia and Eastern Europe, and in 1997 he edited the first anthology of gay writing from Russia, Out of the Blue: Russia’s Hidden Gay Literature. He has written on Russian and East European film, Olga Freidenberg, and Mikhail Bulgakov’s Master and Margarita. Recently he has published on films from former Yugoslavia with gay protagonists.

European Studies
Sandra Carletti is a professor of Italian and program director for European studies. A native of Italy, she has been at Middlebury since 1991, teaching courses in language, literature, and food studies. Her research interests include Italian media culture, contemporary fiction, and the representation of food in modern literature. She has published articles on Alba de Céspedes, Natalia Ginzburg, and contemporary Italian theater; and has translated from Italian into English de Céspedes’s novel Nessuno torna indietro.

African Studies
Armelle Crouzières-Ingenthron is chair of the French department and director of the African studies program. Her teaching interests include French language, contemporary French and Francophone literatures, women’s literature, and literature written by the French diaspora. Her research interests focus on 20th- and 21st-century postcolonial Francophone literatures from North Africa, West Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the French Caribbean. She has written two books, Le Double pluriel dans les romans de Rachid Boudjedra, with a preface by Rachid Boudjedra, and Femmes et écriture de la transgression, edited with Hafid Gafaïti.

East Asian Studies
Don Wyatt is John M. McCardell Jr. Distinguished Professor in the history department and heads the East Asian studies program. In his 26 years at Middlebury, he
has taught every lecture course in the existing East Asian history curriculum. However, he specializes in courses that incorporate the discipline of philosophy as well as history. His most recent scholarship addresses the formation of racial identities in China from ancient to early modern times. He is the current editor of the Journal of Song-Yuan Studies and his own past and present research has profited from residencies spent at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey. His most recent book is The Blacks of Premodern China.

Latin American Studies
Darién J. Davis is professor of Latin American history and director of the Latin American studies program. He teaches courses on colonial and modern Latin America, the history of Brazil and the Caribbean, immigration and transnationalism, and diaspora. He is the author of two books on race and nationality...
in 20th-century Brazil. His latest books, *White Face, Black Mask: African-Neity and the Early Social History of Popular Music in Brazil* and *Stefan and Lotte Zweigs’ South American Letters*, New York, Argentina, and Brazil 1940–42 deal with multiple diasporas. He has also published a number of articles on Brazilians in the United States and on race and nationality in Latin America.

**Middle East Studies**

Tamar Mayer is a professor of geography and director of the Middle East studies track. She specializes in the study of ethno-nationalism in the Middle East, with specific focus on Jewish and Palestinian national identities in Israel and the Palestinian Occupied Territories. Recently, she has embarked on a new project about Uighur identity in Xinjiang, China. Her work has been supported by Fulbright-Hays, the Ford and Mellon Foundations, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. She teaches courses on the Geopolitics of the Middle East, Resource Wars, Terrorism, and Landscape and Memory, and is the next director of the Rohatyn Center.

**International Politics and Economics**

Erik Bleich is a professor of political science and director of the international politics and economics program. His most recent book, *The Freedom to Be Racist? How the United States and Europe Struggle to Preserve Freedom and Combat Racism*, explores how the United States and European liberal democracies balance a desire to promote freedom with the goal of curbing racism, focusing on hard cases in which people use liberal democratic freedoms to propagate racism. His broader research interests revolve around the topics of race and ethnicity in West European politics. He has published on topics such as hate crimes, political violence, the status of Muslims, the concept of Islamophobia, ethnic riots, theories of immigration and integration, and the legacies of colonial history on contemporary policy making.
EVERY YEAR, THE ROHATYN CENTER ORGANIZES A WIDE RANGE OF internationally oriented lectures, workshops, events, panels, and colloquia. Topics span the globe and cross many disciplines, exposing students to new ideas and perspectives. Guest lecturers include policy makers, authors, and academics; recent talks have touched on careers in the foreign service, Israel’s strategic position in the Middle East, and earthquake recovery in Japan. Nearly every day of the week, the campus community benefits from an event organized or sponsored by the RCFIA. Here are a few highlights from the past academic year.

Reflecting on the Arab Spring
In September of 2011, the Rohatyn Center mounted Middlebury’s annual Nicholas R. Clifford Symposium, organized around the theme, “(Re)Presenting National and Cultural Identities in the Middle East: Analysis, Journalism, and the Arts.” Popular protests in the Middle East were arguably the most significant news stories of 2011, and their effects have ranged widely. The symposium sought to deepen understanding of this and other stories of the region by exploring aspects of its many cultures and national identities. A notable group of diverse speakers—scholars, journalists, writers, poets, artists, and human rights activists—participated in the three-day event, offering analysis and personal reflection on countries ranging from Yemen and Syria to Israel and Egypt.

Perspective on Pakistan
“Route to a Stalemate: NATO Supplies and the U.S.-Pakistan Relationship,” a talk given in October by Shahan Mufti ’03, offered the community a fresh perspective on Islam, contemporary Pakistan, and the conflict tearing it apart. Mufti is an author, journalist (Harpers, NYT Magazine, The Nation, Boston Globe, Christian Science Monitor), occasional talking head (for Bill Moyers, Anderson Cooper, NPR), and adjunct lecturer at New York University, where he teaches graduate courses on Reporting in the Middle East. His first book, The Scribes of Memory (to be published by Other Press), is part family memoir and part history.

Nonproliferation and the Liberal Arts
Also in the fall, the Rohatyn Center hosted the lecture, “Learning to Prevent a Nuclear or Biological Holocaust: Nonproliferation and the Liberal Arts” by Orde Félix Kittrie, professor of law at Arizona State University. Kittrie is a leading expert on the proliferation of nuclear and biological weapons, serving as an adviser to the U.S. government. Prior to joining the ASU law faculty, Kittrie served for 11 years at the U.S. Department of State. As the department’s lead nuclear affairs attorney, he participated in negotiating five U.S.-Russia nuclear agreements and a U.N. treaty to combat nuclear terrorism.

In the Wake of September 11th
In January, the Rohatyn Center invited William Arkin to give a lecture on “Top Secret America: The Rise of the New American Security State.” Arkin is an analyst, author, and journalist who has been working on the subject of national security for over 35 years. He has authored or coauthored more than a dozen books and been both a columnist and reporter with the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times. Arkin is coauthor, most recently, of Top Secret America: The Rise of the New American Security State, a New York Times and Washington Post best-selling, non-fiction book based on a four-part series. The
book and series are the result of a three-year investigation into the shadows of the enormous system of military, intelligence, and corporate interests created in the decade after the September 11th terrorist attacks. The series earned the authors several major journalism awards.

**Nation of Entrepreneurs**

The tiny Principality of Liechtenstein may seldom be on people’s minds here in the U.S.—a fact driven as much by its size (62 square miles) as its location (tucked away in the Alps between Austria and Switzerland). Yet, when Liechtenstein's ambassador, Claudia Fritsche, spoke at the Rohatyn Center in October 2011, she presented a vivid reminder that the best gifts sometimes come in small packages.

Liechtenstein may be small, but it is a powerhouse, with an economy most countries would envy. In her talk, Ambassador Fritsche described a country filled with energy and drive. With a population of 36,000, Liechtenstein has the second lowest unemployment rate in the world. This small powerhouse generates so many jobs that half the workforce comes from neighboring countries. “We’re a nation of entrepreneurs,” she said. Successfully transitioning from a poor agrarian society, the country now gets its largest share of GDP from manufacturing, with financial services following closely behind. But Liechtenstein’s strength doesn’t stop at its economy. Fritsche described how the Principality has been vigorously supporting international humanitarian cooperation to fight against torture and for the rights of women and children through its work in the UN and elsewhere.

**Oil in Africa**

Students and faculty learned about the social and environmental impact of oil explorations in western Africa in “The Global Assault on Africa’s Resources,” an April lecture given by Michael T. Klare, Five College Professor of Peace and World Security Studies at Hampshire College. Klare is the author of 14 books (most recently The Race to What is
Left: The Global Scramble for the World’s Last Resources) and is a regular contributor to The Nation, TomDispatch, Mother Jones, and Foreign Policy in Focus. His lecture was coordinated with a Middlebury College Museum of Art exhibition of recent African art.

Disaster Relief in Japan
In April, the Middlebury community heard from two experienced humanitarian workers involved in the March 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami. For many, the disaster is becoming a thing of the past, but locals continue to struggle with long-term financial, social, and political repercussions. In their presentation, “Japan after 3/11 Earthquake: Rethink, Rebuild, Remember,” Nozomi Kanda and Keiko Kiyama shared their personal accounts of the disaster. Nozomi Kanda is the head of Power of Japan, a non-profit organization she founded to organize relief projects in the Fukushima region. As secretary general of JEN (Japan Emergency NGOs), Keiko Kiyama has been serving refugees and victims of natural disasters since 1994.

Effecting Social Change
As part of the Middlebury-Monterey lecture series, an initiative that fosters the exchange of faculty expertise, Beryl Levinger visited Middlebury in April to deliver a talk entitled, “How Social Change Organizations Become Effective: Learning from the Red Cross.” Levinger is program chair and Distinguished Professor of Public Administration at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Levinger discussed the findings from a two-year study she contracted on the organizational development practices of 15 Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies around the world. Through the prism of this research, she has identified what social change organizations need to do to remain relevant and make a sustainable difference in the lives of those they serve.

Israel’s Strategic Position
Former U.S. ambassador and current Princeton professor Daniel Kurtzer also visited Middlebury in April. Kurtzer served as the U.S. ambassador to Israel from 2001-2005 and as the U.S. ambassador to Egypt from 1997-2001, during which time he was instrumental in formulating and executing U.S. policy toward the Middle East peace process. Kurtzer crafted the 1988 peace initiative of Secretary of State George P. Shultz, and in 1991 served as a member of the U.S. peace team that brought about the Madrid Peace Conference. In his talk at Middlebury, “Israel’s Strategic Position in a Volatile Middle East,” Kurtzer discussed Israel’s perspective on the Arab Spring.
Gaining Expertise

THE ROHATYN CENTER OFFERS STUDENTS THE RESOURCES TO DELVE deeply into their own scholarship. RCFIA International Research Travel Grants fund the overseas research of juniors preparing for their senior theses. Additional funding for independent research abroad is made possible by a recent grant to Middlebury from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the goal of which is to integrate study abroad experiences with students’ senior-level work back on campus. Each year, RCFIA research grants and Mellon research grants together support roughly 30 undergraduates. Here are a few examples of the international issues these students explore.

Administering Integration: North Korean Refugee Resettlement in South Korea
Arthur Choo ‘12, political science and sociology/anthropology double major

“The number of North Korean refugees entering South Korea has increased exponentially in the past decade—now approximately 3,000 each year. To accommodate this increase, the South Korean government continues to develop programs that manage resettlement. Currently, refugees who arrive in South Korea undergo a highly regulated resettlement process that continues long after they begin their new lives in the South. My project focuses on how the South Korean government manages resettlement in ways that facilitate the transformation of refugees into functional individuals as defined by the state.”

LGBT Human Rights Networks in South Africa
Kyle McHenry Hunter ‘12, political science

“In June 2011, the UN Human Rights Council passed the first ever resolution calling on states to protect rights based explicitly on an individual’s sexual orientation and gender identity. My thesis research looks at what factors have caused LGBT rights to emerge as a contentious issue in global politics, and also at the domestic level in South Africa. With support from the Rohatyn Center for International Affairs, I spent this past summer interviewing UN officials, LGBT rights activists, and those working on HIV/AIDS, as well as government officials in Geneva and Cape Town.”

Pseudo Citizens: Perceptions of U.S. Immigration Law in Rural Michoacán, Mexico
Kate Bass ‘12, sociology and anthropology

“Researchers have explored economic and social aspects of migration. However, legal considerations in migrant decision making and sending communities have been largely ignored. My thesis focuses on perceptions of U.S. immigration laws in a small community in central Mexico. I show how migration from Santa Rosa to the U.S. has been historically constructed as necessary and ethical. I also reveal that people in Santa Rosa expect another amnesty for undocumented workers. I highlight the role of the Bracero Program (1942–1964) and the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act in the construction of these beliefs, as policies that encouraged illegal entry. I then suggest that U.S. immigration policy has established a social contract, complete with benefits and obligations, between the people of Santa Rosa and the U.S.”

Moving to Survive: The Lives of Child Domestic Servants in the Andes Mountains
Elizabeth Scarinci ’13, international studies

“Thousands of children from remote areas of the Andes Mountains have migrated to cities to work as domestic servants. Most of these children live with their employers,
To Rural China for Research

During the 2012 winter term, Emma Loizeaux ’13 received a Mellon grant through the Rohatyn Center to conduct field research in a rural area of Yunnan, China. A double major in environmental studies and geography, Emma will use her research abroad for her senior thesis—an examination of forest resource use in a “biodiversity hotspot.” Through close observation and interviews with villagers, Emma learned firsthand about the realities of local forest management. Her thesis will examine the factors that influence forest harvesting, including convenience, legality, ecology, inter-village relationships, and spirituality. Ultimately, she hopes to identify ways in which forest management might be improved in Yunnan.

To attend school part-time, and earn money to send back to their families in the countryside. These children, often younger than 16, are vulnerable to physical and verbal abuse and undergo major transformations that threaten their indigenous identities. During the summer of 2011, I interviewed domestic workers, their parents, and the urban families that employ them in Cusco, Peru, to determine whether domestic workers improve their lives by migrating to the city.”

Competing Claims Over Land Use and Development in Chile
Katie Siegner ’12, international studies

“The isolated Aysén region of Patagonia currently sits at the front lines of a heated discussion regarding Chile’s energy future. The massive Hidroaysén dam proposal seeks to develop the region’s hydroelectric potential through the creation of five megadams across two rivers. While the project would provide substantial energy to the mines and cities of the north, it would also irrevocably change the river ecology and alter the lifestyles of local populations. During J-term, I conducted field research on the social and environmental impacts of the proposed dam project. I visited several of the proposed dam sites in Aysén and conducted interviews in Aisén and Santiago with local residents, Hidroaysén employees, politicians, and anti-dam campaigners. My project examines how competing claims over land use and development are addressed in the Chilean post-transitional political system.”

THE ROHATYN CENTER SUPPORTS STUDENT RESEARCH ABROAD.
**Getting to Work**

**A ROHATYN CENTER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OFFERS MIDDLEBURY**

undergraduates the opportunity to collaborate closely with faculty members on international research. Rohatyn interns—roughly five per academic year and three each summer—also help design and implement cocurricular programs that support the College’s global focus. Their work with the Rohatyn Center gives these interns a unique opportunity to engage with international affairs, as well as an edge with potential employers.

Rohatyn intern Pui Shen Yoong ’12 could not have predicted the trajectory of her undergraduate career. She thought she knew what she would study and how it would prepare her for the future. But things didn’t turn out as planned—and that, she says, is one of the benefits of a liberal arts education. “Coming to Middlebury turned my life upside down,” she admits.

Shen, who grew up in Malaysia’s capital city, made her way from Kuala Lumpur to Middlebury after attending high school in New Mexico at one of the United World Colleges—a consortium of international schools seeking to bring together young people of great potential from around the world. At Middlebury, Shen is one of 117 Davis United World College Scholars, graduates of UWC schools who receive scholarships to earn their undergraduate degrees. She and her Davis Scholar compatriots hail from 65 different countries; together, they constitute a powerful international cohort on the Middlebury campus.

But Shen’s nationality is not the only thing that makes her Middlebury experience “international.” Four years of classes and a semester abroad have made her fluent in Portuguese; two grants allowed her to conduct research abroad; and as a Rohatyn Center intern, she helped a political science professor research nonviolent protest in the Middle East. Many of Shen’s global pursuits were organized or funded through the center. “I will leave Middlebury armed with fieldwork research skills, fluency in a new language, and a commitment to pursue a career in the common good,” she says. “None of this would have been possible without the support of the Rohatyn Center.”

In her junior year, Shen immersed herself in an intensive Middlebury study-abroad program in central Brazil, where she knew she would have little opportunity to speak English. There, she roomed with Brazilians, enrolled in courses at the local university, and even held an internship with a local business incubator. She also examined local voting patterns with the support of a Mellon grant for research abroad.

Shen returned to Brazil the following summer with another research grant—this

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time to study how the local government implements the federal Bolsa Familia welfare program. Her time in Brazil and experiences at Middlebury have changed Shen’s outlook on the field of international development. “I used to see myself working within the traditional models of charity and service,” she explains. “Now, I’m more interested in entrepreneurship and the role that corporations can play in development.”

Shen isn’t sure if she’ll end up in the public or private sector, but she likes the idea of starting her own enterprise—perhaps a green business or one that would empower a community in need. After graduation, two experiences will lead her further down her professional path and back to her beloved Brazil. First, a summer internship with the United Nations’ International Poverty Center; after that, a year as a Princeton in Latin America Fellow working for Endeavor, an NGO that sparks economic development through entrepreneurship. At both, she’ll be using her Portuguese—and her expertise.
Creating Global Opportunity

UNIQUE PROGRAMMING THROUGH THE ROHATYN CENTER CONNECTS

the undergraduate campus with the Monterey Institute of International
Studies, Middlebury’s newest graduate arm on the West Coast. Study Away
at Monterey gives undergraduates the option of a semester of graduate study,
while an integrated degree program allows students to earn a combined
BA from Middlebury and MA from Monterey in only five years. A Middlebury-Monterey
lecture series allows both institutions to exchange faculty expertise.

Many high school seniors read Dostoyevsky,
but few respond by resolving to learn
Russian. That’s what Casey Mahoney ’11
decided to do when he left Phoenix for
Middlebury College. Eventually, he fol-
lowed his curiosity all the way to the source.
Courses in language and culture, plus a sum-
mer at Middlebury’s Kathryn
Davis School of Russian, pre-
pared him for an entire junior
year abroad in Siberia.

At Middlebury’s School
Abroad site in Irkutsk, he
perfected his Russian, enrolled
in courses alongside native
undergraduates, and discovered
nearby Lake Baikal. “Being in
Siberia for a year without any
contact with Americans was
hard,” he admits. He was truly
immersed in the local culture,
surrounded by Russians and
“hundreds of miles of forest and
ice.” At first, he thought he
wouldn’t make it. But then he
joined a chorus and met some
friends. Gradually, life got easier.

Back at Middlebury, Casey
used his experience abroad and
his linguistic fluency to write a
senior thesis on the role of local
government in Russia’s pursuit
of democracy. His work gar-
nered him the Rohatyn Center
award for best honors thesis
in international studies. It also gave him an
inkling of how a Russian major might lead
to a career.

When he learned about the new inte-
grated degree opportunity through the
Monterey Institute, it seemed a perfect
fit. He had met the undergraduate course
requirements, attained language proficiency, and acquired international experience—all prerequisites for the fifth year at Monterey. Now at Monterey, Casey will soon hold a master’s degree in nonproliferation and terrorism studies.

He’s not sure where he’ll end up, exactly, but he wouldn’t mind one day finding himself in the ranks of the U.S. Department of Energy or international arms-control community. Today he’s taking classes alongside other graduate students of diverse backgrounds. Some are engineers wanting to work in safety and standards; others work the diplomatic angle. They all benefit from the same top-notch faculty and practical experience. In March, Casey and five of his colleagues travelled to the United Nations to present a proposal for new software to support the small arms control regime. It was powerful to see their ideas spark the interest of high-level diplomats.

Casey’s course work is focused on nuclear issues, and while North Korea and Iran now capture the most attention in this arena, Casey insists that U.S.-Russian relations cannot be ignored. “These two countries still have the vast majority of nuclear weapons in existence,” he reminds us. He adds that a major policy change was initiated with Obama’s 2009 Prague speech about a future without nuclear weapons. The shift is having an enormous effect within the field—and that’s good news for someone like Casey. “Essentially, there’s a lot of work to do,” he says.
What’s In a Name

FELIX ROHATYN ’49, FINANCIER AND DIPLOMAT, IS A TRUSTEE EMERITUS

of Middlebury. The Rohatyn Center for International Affairs was named in honor of his service and generosity to the College.

Born in 1928 in Vienna, Austria, Mr. Rohatyn received his secondary school education in France before earning a Bachelor of Science in physics from Middlebury. Mr. Rohatyn began his career at Lazard Frères in 1948, becoming a partner in 1961. At Lazard, he earned a reputation as a mergers and acquisitions authority, masterminding the consolidations and mergers of such companies as ITT and Time Warner. He retired from Lazard in order to serve as U.S. ambassador to France from September 1997 to December 2000. Mr. Rohatyn returned to Lazard in February 2010 as special adviser to Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Kenneth M. Jacobs. Prior to rejoining Lazard, Mr. Rohatyn headed FGR Associates LLC (formerly known as Rohatyn Associates LLC). From 2006 to 2008, he served as chairman of Lehman Brothers’ International Advisory Committee.

From 1975 to 1993, Mr. Rohatyn was chairman of the Municipal Assistance Corporation of the city of New York, where he managed the negotiations that enabled New York City to resolve its financial crisis during the seventies, and also served as a member of the board of governors of the New York Stock Exchange from 1968 to 1972.

Mr. Rohatyn is a trustee of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and serves on the Board of Directors of Publicis Groupe SA and LVMH (Louis Vuitton Moet Hennessy). Mr. Rohatyn is the author of *Dealings: A Political and Financial Life* and *Bold Endeavors: How Our Government Built America and Why It Must Rebuild Now*. He is also a frequent contributor to the *New York Review of Books*.

Married to Elizabeth Fly Rohatyn, Mr. Rohatyn is the father of three children. Mrs. Rohatyn is former chairman of the New York Public Library. She has one daughter.
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