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Dr. Aaron Belkin

Director

Aaron Belkin is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has published in the areas of civil-military relations, social science methodology, and sexuality and the armed forces. His recent studies include analyses of aerial coercion and strategic bombing, the conceptualization of coup risk, and the relationship between coup-proofing strategies and international conflict. His publications have appeared in *International Security*, *Armed Forces and Society*, the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Parameters* (the official journal of the U.S. Army War College) and elsewhere, and he has made presentations on gays in the military at the Army War College, National Defense University, Naval Postgraduate School, and U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Lisa Lusero

Assistant Director

Lisa Lusero is the Assistant Director of the Center and a student at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. She received her M.A. in Theatre at the University of Colorado. Her interdisciplinary work is published in *The Journal of Democracy and Education*, *Educational Insights*, and others. She has worked as a teacher at the Logan School for Creative Learning and as the Education Director for Deproduction, a media production company. She is an active volunteer with organizations working for healthy, sustainable communities. She is a parent of two children.

Nathaniel Frank

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Nathaniel Frank is Senior Research Fellow at the Center and an adjunct professor at New York University. He first broke the story of the Army's firing of Arabic-language specialists under the 'don't ask don't tell' policy. He has been interviewed for national television and radio programs to discuss the topic of marriage and military service rights for gays and lesbians. Dr. Frank's writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The New Republic*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Lingua Franca*, and other publications. Dr. Frank received his Ph.D. in History from Brown University in the spring of 2002. Before that he earned his Masters also from Brown and his Bachelors from Northwestern University in History and American Culture. He is currently writing a book on the U.S. military's gay ban.

David Serlin

Senior Research Fellow

David Serlin is Associate Professor of Communication at the University of California, San Diego. He has been a historical consultant for the History Channel, the National Building Museum, the National Institutes of Health, PBS, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Smithsonian. He is author of *Replaceable You: Engineering the Body in Postwar America* (University of Chicago Press, 2004) and an editor of other publications. He sits on the Board of Directors of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies (CLAGS) at the Graduate Center, City

University of New York, and currently serves as the book review editor for the *Radical History Review*.

Steven Gluckstern
Chairman, Board of Directors

After a distinguished career in the financial services industry, Steven M. Gluckstern continues to be active as an educator, philanthropist, investor, and entrepreneur. After founding a specialty reinsurer in 1988 (Centre Re) and then serving in a number of executive management roles at several global financial institutions, Mr. Gluckstern, in 1998, co-founded Capital Z Partners, an alternative asset management firm. Prior to entering the business sector, Mr. Gluckstern also spent seven years as a teacher and private and public school administrator in the US and overseas. Over the past 25 years, he has served on a wide range of both for-profit and not-for-profit boards and has been an active supporter of a broad range of philanthropic activities in the arts, the fields of education and children's causes, GLBT advocacy, and HIV/AIDS research and treatment.

An Arjay Miller Scholar and 1982 M.B.A. graduate of the Stanford Graduate School of Business, Mr. Gluckstern holds both Ed.D.(1974) and LH.D.(2003 honorary) degrees from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and both B.A. (1972) and LH.D.(1997 honorary) degrees from Amherst College, where he currently serves as a member of its Board of Trustees.