BIOGRAPHIES OF THE SPEAKERS

Slawomir Grunberg is an Emmy Award winning documentary producer, director and cameraman. He is a graduate of the Polish Film School in Lodz. Born in Poland, he immigrated to the US in 1981 and has since directed and produced over 45 documentary films including: Shimon’s Returns, Castaways, Santa Rosa, The Peretzniks, Portraits of Emotion, Coming Out in Poland, The Legacy of Jedwabne and Saved by Deportation. Grunberg’s film School Prayer: A Community At War, screened on PBS, received an Emmy Award. It also won The Jan Karski Award, a competition designed to recognize and award outstanding television documentaries produced on the theme of moral courage. Grunberg is a recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, the New York Foundation for the Arts and Soros Justice Media Fellowships. His credits as director of photography include: Legacy (Academy Award nomination for best documentary feature in 2001), and Sister Rose’s Passion, which won best short doc at Tribeca Film Festival in 2004 and received an Academy Award nomination for best documentary short in 2005. Karski & The Lords of Humanity. Karski & The Lords of Humanity, is his latest film and was first released in Poland in 2015.

Andrew Nagorski is an award-winning journalist and author who spent more than three decades as a foreign correspondent and editor for Newsweek. He was the magazine’s bureau chief in Moscow both before and after the Cold War; his first tour ended with his expulsion from the Soviet Union in 1982. He was also the magazine’s bureau chief in Hong Kong, Rome, Bonn, Berlin and Warsaw. From 2008 to 2014, he was vice president and director of public policy at the EastWest Institute. Nagorski interviewed Karski in 1998 for Newsweek’s "Voices of the Century" project, a collection of interviews with a select group of people who had a huge impact in the 20th century that was then drawing to a close. Nagorski was born in Scotland to Polish parents, moved to the United States as an infant and has rarely stopped moving since. He now lives in St. Augustine, Florida but continues to travel extensively, writing for numerous publications. His most recent book, Hitlerland: American Eyewitnesses to the Nazi Rise to Power, has received rave reviews. His new book, The Nazi Hunters, will be published in 2016.

Professor Monica Eppinger joined the SLU Law faculty in 2010. She teaches and writes in the areas of property, comparative and international law, national security, and anthropology of law. She holds a secondary appointment in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Before entering academia, Professor Eppinger served in the United States diplomatic corps as a tenured Foreign Service Officer for nine years, with tours of duty or policy-making experience in Nigeria, Ukraine, Eastern Europe, Caspian energy, and West African security. She was awarded an individual Superior Honor Award, the State Department's highest civilian honor, in 1999. She earned her law degree from Yale Law School in 2006 and her Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of California Berkeley in 2010. Professor Eppinger has been a featured expert on the law of war, Russia, and Ukraine on CNN, public radio, and in local print and broadcast news media. She has lectured at law schools across the United States and in Poland, Ukraine, and Korea. In the fall of 2013, she was a visiting scholar at the University of California Berkeley. She speaks Russian and Ukrainian and is conversant in Mandarin, French, and Hausa.
**John Kurowski** is a 1978 SLULAW graduate and has been in private law practice in St. Clair County, Illinois his entire career. He is the Managing Partner of Kurowski Shultz, LLC, today the largest law firm in St. Clair County which he founded as a solo practice in 1983. He has a wide variety of interests in the law and public policy. In recent years has served as a Visiting Professor of Law at the Nicolaus Copernicus University School of Law in Torun, Poland where he has taught courses in Civil Litigation and Human Rights law. In addition, for each of the past ten years he has organized and sponsored a Human Rights Symposium, “Human Rights and a Just Society” which is held each October at Copernicus University in Torun. He studied abroad as an undergraduate at Loyola University’s John Felice Rome Center. He received his undergraduate degree in history from Loyola in 1975. He and his wife, Connie are members of the Society of Fellows of the Aspen Institute. In 2013 Loyola presented him with its John Felice Award for his career accomplishments, in particular his role in founding the Torun symposium. He lives in Swansea, Illinois with Connie. They have three adult children.