

**The G-8 and the Obama Administration:  
What Happened on the Global Health Initiative and New Food Security Effort?**

**Biographies**

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**Jennifer Kates**

Jen Kates is the Vice President and Director of HIV Policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation, where she oversees policy analysis and research focused on the domestic and global HIV epidemics. She has been working on HIV policy issues for twenty years and is a recognized expert in the field. In addition, Ms. Kates works on the Foundation's broader global health policy projects which are designed to provide timely policy analysis and data on the U.S. government's role in global health. Prior to joining the Foundation in 1998, Ms. Kates was a Senior Associate with The Lewin Group, a health care consulting firm, where she focused on HIV policy, strategic planning/health systems analysis, and health care for vulnerable populations. She previously worked at Princeton University, where she served as the Director of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns Office, and was also the Coordinator of the University's Alcohol and Other Drugs Peer Education Program. Ms. Kates received her masters degree in public affairs from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and her bachelors in political science from Dartmouth College. She also holds a masters degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts. Currently, she is pursuing a doctorate in public policy at George Washington University, where she is also a lecturer.

**Stephen Morrison**

J. Stephen Morrison joined CSIS in early 2000. He currently directs the newly created CSIS Global Health Policy Center. Just prior, Dr. Morrison directed the CSIS Africa Program, the CSIS Task Force on HIV/AIDS (begun in 2001), and most recently co-directed a CSIS Task Force on nontraditional security assistance and a CSIS Task Force on the Global Food Crisis. In his role as director of the Africa Program, he conducted studies on the United States' rising energy stakes in Africa, counterterrorism, the stand-up of the U.S. Africa Command, and implications for U.S. foreign policy. In 2005–2006, he was co-director of the Council on Foreign Relations Independent Task Force on Africa. Immediately prior to that, he was executive secretary of the Africa Policy Advisory Panel, commissioned by the U.S. Congress and overseen by then-Secretary of State Colin Powell. From 2005 to the present, he has directed multiphase work on China's expansive engagement in Africa. Dr. Morrison writes widely, testifies often before Congress, and is a frequent commentator in major media on U.S. foreign policy, Africa, foreign assistance, and global public health. From 1996 through early 2000, he served on the secretary of state's policy planning staff, where he was responsible for African affairs and global foreign assistance issues. From 1993 to 1995, he conceptualized and launched the Office of Transition Initiatives at the U.S. Agency for International Development, which operates in countries emerging from protracted internal conflict and misrule. From 1992 until mid-1993, he was the U.S. democracy and governance adviser in Ethiopia and Eritrea. In the period 1987 to 1991, he was senior staff member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa. Dr.

Morrison holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Wisconsin and is a magna cum laude graduate of Yale College.

### **Gayle Smith**

Gayle Smith is Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director at the National Security Council, where she is responsible for global development, stabilization and humanitarian assistance issues. She was previously a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, Co-Chair of the ENOUGH Project, and Co-Founder of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network. During the Clinton Administration, Smith previously served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs at the NSC, and as Senior Advisor to the Administrator and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Agency for International Development. Smith was based in Africa for over 20 years as a journalist covering military, economic, and political affairs for the BBC, Associated Press, Reuters, Boston Globe, Christian Science Monitor, Toronto Globe & Mail, London Observer, and Financial Times. Smith has also consulted for a wide range of NGOs, foundations, and governmental organizations including UNICEF, the World Bank, Dutch Interchurch Aid, Norwegian Church Relief, and the Canadian Council for International Cooperation. She won the World Journalism Award from the World Affairs Council and the World Hunger Year Award in 1991, and in 1999 won the National Security Council's Samuel Nelson Drew Award for Distinguished Contribution in Pursuit of Global Peace. Smith is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has served on the boards of Oxfam America, the Africa America Institute, ASSET, USA for Africa, and the National Security Network. She also served on the policy advisory boards of DATA, the Acumen Fund, and the Global Fairness Initiative, and was the Working Group Chair on Global Poverty for the Clinton Global Initiative from 2005 to 2007.