

## PARTICIPANT'S BIOGRAPHIES

**Arnold Amber** is the Executive Producer of TV News Specials for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. He is an award-winning journalist with experience in print, radio and television, a recognized international specialist in media coverage of elections, and a negotiator for the union representing CBC reporters and announcers. He has trained in numerous countries such as the Bahamas, Jamaica, St. Kitts, the Ukraine and Malawi. In 1994, he led an International Advisory Group from five countries that developed the plan for and coordinated all election coverage for the South Africa Broadcasting Corporation. He has an M.A. in Politics at Queen's University and is a member of Canadian Journalists for Free Expression.

A graduate of McGill University (BA), Yale University (MA) and the London School of Economics (Phd), **Howard Aster** has held academic positions in the Departments of Political Science at McGill University, Carleton University and McMaster University. For a period of five years, 1984-89, Dr. Aster served as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Since 1992, he has designed and delivered a number of democratization projects dealing with political parties in the Ukraine. He has also written, edited or co-edited 9 books and monographs including a series entitled *Challenges for International Broadcasting*.

**Jeffrey Heyman** recently consulted to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe on its media development work, and was Acting General Manager of the OSCE's Free inter-Ethnic Radio Network (FERN) in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Mr. Heyman has also worked on behalf of Common Ground Productions, producing a four part conflict resolution TV series shown nationally in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Previously, Mr. Heyman was a United Nations official, heading the United Nations radio effort in former Yugoslavia during 1994 and 1995. He also assisted in policy making for UN peacekeeping missions to Angola and Rwanda, and set up UN broadcast operations in those countries. In 1993, Mr. Heyman was Program Director of the United Nations radio station in Cambodia, Radio UNTAC.

A graduate of Johns - Hopkins ( BA, 1977) and Oxford University (Ph.D, 1982), **Sheldon Himelfarb** is an award winning documentary filmmaker and journalist based in Washington D.C. In 1996, Himelfarb became Vice President and Executive Producer for Common Ground Productions, the television and radio unit of Search for Common ground - an international conflict-resolution organization with offices around the world. Prior to 1996, he was Yorkshire Television's Executive Producer and Head of Documentary Development for North America.

**Brian Job** is the Director of the Institute for International Affairs and is a Professor of Political Science at the University of British Columbia. Brian has served on the Foreign Affairs Advisory Committee to the Hon. Lloyd Axworthy. His teaching and research interests focus upon international security, especially as concerns the countries of Asia- Pacific and upon Canadian and foreign defense policies.