FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008

8:45 - 9:15 am  Continental Breakfast and Registration

9:15 - 9:30 am  Welcome Remarks
  Catharine Theimer Nepomnyashchy
  Director, Harriman Institute

9:30 -11:30 am  Plenary Session One:
  Illicit Arms from Eastern Europe and the Role of Soviet Influence in Africa
  Stephen Weigert, Intelligence Analyst, United States Department of State
  Taras Kuzio, Professor, University of Toronto, Expert on Illicit Arms in Eastern Europe, Kuchma Era
  Megan Tetrick, Student, SIPA, Columbia University

11:30 -1:30 pm  Plenary Session Two:
  The Diamond Trade and Lightweight Arms
  Ambassador John Hirsch, Columbia University
  Bernadette Graves, Intelligence Analyst, United States Department of State
  Jameson DeBose, Graduate Student, American University

1:30 - 2:30 pm  Break for Lunch, Provided by Café 2115
  Sponsored by the Harriman Institute

2:30 – 4:00 pm  Keynote Speaker
  Ambassador Bockari Stevens
  Sierra Leone Embassy

4:15 - 4:30 pm  Closing Remarks
  Keisha Toms
  Conference Planner, SIPA, Columbia University
SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2008

8:45 - 9:15 am  Continental Breakfast and Registration

9:15 - 9:30 am  Welcome Remarks

Keisha Toms
Conference Planner, SIPA, Columbia University

9:30 - 11:30 am  Plenary Session One:
Children as Criminals of War: Reconciliation and Rehabilitation

Mike McGovern, Professor, Anthropology Dept., Yale University, Expert on War in West Africa
Pierce Lehr, J.D. Candidate, Valparaiso University Law School
David Wright and Marcus Flinders, J.D. Candidates, Valparaiso University, Law School

11:30 - 1:30 pm  Plenary Session Two:
War Crimes: Atrocities and Obstacles

Sorious Samura, Sierra Leonean Journalist and Filmmaker
Sara Kendall, PhD. Candidate, University of California, Berkeley

1:30 - 2:00 pm  Break for Lunch

2:00 – 3:30 pm  Keynote Speaker

Stephen Rapp
Prosecutor for President Charles Taylor Trial
Special Court for Sierra Leone

3:45 - 4:00 pm  Closing Remarks