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Maxwell A. Cameron is professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of British Columbia (UBC). Grace M. Jaramillo is adjunct professor in the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs at UBC.

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Ken Chitwood is the Fritz Thyssen Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Free University of Berlin.

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Marisol Clark-Ibáñez is professor of sociology at California State University, San Marcos.

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Edna Acosta-Belén is Distinguished Professor Emerita and O’Leary Professor at the University at Albany, SUNY. Carlos E. Santiago is commissioner of higher education for the state of Massachusetts; before joining the Department of Education, he was chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and professor in the university’s Department of Economics.

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During the period covered in this book, Paula Caballero was director for economic, social, and environmental affairs and Patti Londoño was vice minister for multilateral affairs in the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Stephen D. Morris is professor of political science and international relations at Middle Tennessee State University. He is also adjunct professor in the Center for Latin American Studies at Vanderbilt University.

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