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Lyndon Allin is currently a J.D. student and a Global Law Scholar at Georgetown University Law Center. He will be joining the London office of Skadden Arps as an associate in the fall of 2008. Prior to attending law school, Allin was based in Moscow, where he served for several years as the director of administration for an international law firm's offices in London, Brussels, and Moscow. Prior to this, he worked as a program officer at the U.S.-Russia National Security Project at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Allin received his A.B. *cum laude* from Duke University and his M.A. with distinction in Russian, Eurasian and East European Studies from Georgetown's School of Foreign Service. He has also studied in St. Petersburg, Russia, and Chisinau, Moldova. Allin is a native of Washington, D.C., and a product of the D.C. public school system; he also attended school in the Soviet Union for three years. He is fluent in Russian and can carry on a basic conversation in Romanian.

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Jesse Driscoll is an advanced Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science at Stanford University. His dissertation compares state reconstruction processes in Georgia and Tajikistan since the early 1990s. Since the spring of 2005, he has spent approximately 25 months in Central Asia and the Caucasus, dividing his time between rural and urban areas in pursuit of interviews with former combatants, journalists, current and former regime elites, and other knowledgeable observers that bore witness to state failure and recovery. During November and December of 2007, he worked as a project manager and statistical consultant for the Caucasus Research Resource Centers, based in Sukhumi. He plans to spend the 2008-2009 academic year in residence at Yale University's MacMillan Center as the pre-doctoral research fellow for the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence.

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