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Top left: At the Strategic Asia 2012–13 launch in Washington, D.C., NBR President Richard J. Ellings greets keynote speaker Ashton B. Carter (then Deputy Secretary of Defense). Top right: Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers speaks at the 2014 Pacific Energy Forum in Seattle. Bottom left: Melody Meyer (Melody Meyer Energy, LLC, and Member of the NBR Board of Directors) speaks at the 2014 Pacific Energy Summit in Seoul. Bottom right: Gorton Center Inaugural Global Leader Class, pictured with former Senator Slade Gorton and Slade Gorton International Policy Center President Creigh Agnew.



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Left to right: Jia Qingguo (Peking University), Zhu Yinghuang (China Daily), Tiffany Ma (NBR), Benjamin Shobert (NBR), and Nadège Rolland (NBR) at the 2016 conference "U.S. China Relations: From Strategic Domains to the International System."

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