

Adam Isacson – biographical information

Adam Isacson has worked on defense, security, and peacebuilding in Latin America since 1994. He now directs WOLA's Defense Oversight program, which monitors U.S. cooperation with Latin America's security forces, as well as other security trends.

His work on conflict resolution and security has taken him to Colombia over 80 times since 1998. Since 2011, Isacson has also focused on border security. He has visited the U.S.-Mexico border over 30 times, and has also completed field research along nearly the entire border between Mexico and Guatemala, and further south along the U.S.-bound migration route in Colombia and Honduras.

Isacson has produced over 250 publications, articles, book chapters, and policy memos over the course of his career. He has created several websites, from blogs to standalone web apps. He hosts WOLA's podcast, Latin America Today. He speaks to about 20 audiences per year, from universities to grassroots gatherings to government agencies. He has testified 12 times before the U.S. Congress.

Between 1995 and 2010, Isacson worked on Latin America peace and security issues at the Center for International Policy. At the start of his career, in the mid-1990s, Isacson worked at the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress in Costa Rica. Isacson holds an M.A. in International Relations from Yale University and a B.A. from Hampshire College.