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Reassessing Deterrence in the 21st Century

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WELCOME TO THE USMA CLASS OF 2006
WAR STUDIES CONFERENCE

On behalf of Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr., the superintendent of the United States Military Academy, it is my honor to welcome you to West Point. This is our inaugural War Studies Conference, an annual event organized by the Modern War Institute within West Point’s Department of Military Instruction. The purpose of this conference is to convene a select and interdisciplinary group of thinkers across government, academia, media, and the business world to discuss a topic of vital importance to our ability to fight and win modern wars. The title of this year’s conference is “Reassessing Deterrence in the 21st Century.” To encourage a free and open exchange of views, all comments during the conference’s panels are “not for attribution,” but our keynote addresses will be “on the record.”

Fifty years after Thomas Schelling wrote *Arms and Influence*, globalization, modernization, and the pervasiveness of non-state actors have fundamentally changed our credibility as well as our capacity to deter. Put simply, tomorrow’s potential threats require a new approach for American strategic deterrence. If deterrence is “the art of coercion and intimidation,” as Schelling noted, how do we deter non-state adversaries with no return address? How do we deter potential cyber warriors? How do we keep our 20th-century alliances strong and capable of extended deterrence going forward? Finally, how can we enhance our geo-economic and other non-military tools of deterrence? The discussions we have over the next few days will shape our first edited conference volume, which will inform the national debate we have on this important issue. Participants in this year’s event include a head of government, as well as scholars from a variety of disciplines, senior military officials, members of the media, and practitioners with firsthand experience with deterrence at the international as well as the local level. We are grateful for the generous support of the Class of 2006 and our media partner, *Foreign Affairs*. Thank you for joining us for the first of what we hope will become an annual fall tradition here at West Point.

Liam Collins, PhD
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Director, Modern War Institute
ABOUT WEST POINT

Renowned as one of the world’s premier leader development institutions, West Point’s mission is “to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country, and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army.” West Point accomplishes this mission by developing cadets intellectually, physically, militarily, ethically, and socially. The student body, or Corps of Cadets, numbers 4,400, and each year approximately 1,100 cadets join the Long Gray Line as they graduate and are commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the US Army.

The history of West Point dates back to the Revolutionary War, when both sides realized the strategic importance of the commanding plateau on the west bank of the Hudson River. George Washington considered West Point to be the most important strategic position in America. Continental soldiers built forts, batteries, and redoubts and extended a 150-ton iron chain across the Hudson to control river traffic. Founded on March 16, 1802, West Point is the oldest continuously occupied military post in America.

A favorite expression at West Point is that “much of the history we teach was made by people we taught.” Great leaders such as Grant, Pershing, MacArthur, Eisenhower, Patton, and Schwarzkopf are among the more than 50,000 graduates. Countless other graduates, following their military service, have had distinguished careers in business, medicine, law, sports, politics, and science.

Guided by its timeless motto, “Duty, Honor, Country,” West Point continues to adapt and adjust the leader development program to ensure its graduates are prepared to serve as commissioned leaders of character in America’s 21st-century Army.
AGENDA

Sunday, November 13, 2016

12:00–5:00 PM  Guest Arrival and Conference Check-in
                Lobby, Thayer Hotel

5:45–6:45 PM  Conference Reception
               Grant Ballroom, Thayer Hotel

6:45–9:30 PM  Dinner
               Grant Ballroom, Thayer Hotel

6:45–6:55 PM  Welcome: Brigadier General Diana M. Holland, Commandant, USCC

7:30–7:40 PM  Introduction: General (Ret.) Charles Jacoby, Distinguished Chair, MWI

7:40–8:25 PM  Keynote Address: Deterring Revisionist Powers
               Speaker: Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., Commander, PACOM

8:25–8:35 PM  Break

8:35–8:45 PM  Introduction: Lieutenant General Robert Caslen, Jr., Superintendent, USMA

8:45–9:30 PM  Keynote Address: Deterrence in the Digital Age
               Speaker: His Excellency Taavi Rõivas, Prime Minister, Estonia

9:30–10:30 PM  No-Host Mixer
               General Patton’s Tavern, Thayer Hotel

Monday, November 14, 2016

7:00–7:45 AM  No-Host Breakfast Buffet
               Thayer Hotel

7:45–8:15 AM  Transportation to Jefferson Hall
               Pick-up at Thayer Hotel Lobby

8:15–9:45 AM  Panel Session 1
               Haig Room, Jefferson Hall

Theme: Revisiting Schelling, Fifty Years On
Panelists:  Dr. Nuno Monteiro, Yale University
           Dr. John Mueller, Ohio State University
           Dr. Daryl Press, Dartmouth College
           Dr. Todd Scherer, University of Virginia
           Dr. Jairus Grove, University of Hawaii at Manoa
Moderator: Mr. Nicholas Thompson, The New Yorker
Discussion Questions:
Is Schelling’s concept of deterrence still relevant to today’s world?
If so, how should it be applied?
If not, what is the relevant theoretical framework for today’s threats?

9:45–10:00 AM  Break

10:00–11:30 AM  Panel Session 2
Haig Room, Jefferson Hall

Theme: How to Deter Tomorrow’s Non-State Adversaries
Panelists:  Dr. Seth Jones, RAND
Dr. Jonathan Lindsay, University of Toronto
Dr. Benedetta Berti, TED
Dr. Dipali Mukhopadhyay, Columbia University
Moderator:  Mr. Yochi Dreazen, Vox
Discussion Questions:
Are today’s non-state actors rational?
If not, can strategic deterrence work?
What are ways to credibly coerce non-state actors undeterred by our military “power to hurt”?

11:30–11:45 AM  Movement to West Point Club

11:45–1:00 PM  Lunch
West Point Club, Hudson Room

12:00–1:00 PM  Keynote Luncheon
Theme: Enhancing Vigilance: Prescriptions for Prevention
Speaker:  Mr. Raymond Kelly, K2 Intelligence
Discussant:  Ms. Gayle Tzemach Lemmon, Council on Foreign Relations

1:00–1:15 PM  Movement to Jefferson Hall

1:15–2:45 PM  Panel Session 3
Haig Room, Jefferson Hall

Theme: How to Fix our 20th-Century Security Alliances
Panelists:  Dr. Dianne Pfundstein Chamberlain, Columbia University
Mr. Michael Kofman, Woodrow Wilson Center
Dr. Matthew Kroenig, Georgetown University
BG (Ret.) Kevin Ryan, Harvard University
Moderator:  Mr. Stuart Reid, Foreign Affairs
Discussion Questions
Are 20th-century security alliances still useful for deterrence?
How does extended deterrence play in an increasingly complex world?
What are some ways to strengthen our alliances going forward?

2:45–3:00 PM  Break
Panel Session 4
Haig Room, Jefferson Hall

Theme: Disruption or Deterrence? How to Strengthen US Cyber-Deterrence Capabilities

Panelists: Dr. Adam Segal, Council on Foreign Relations
Mr. Kenneth Bell, Raytheon Company
Dr. Michael Poznansky, University of Pittsburgh
LTG (Ret.) Rhett Hernandez, Army Cyber Institute

Moderator: Dr. Nina Kollars, Franklin & Marshall College

Discussion Questions
How do we successfully deter adversaries in the cyber realm?
What is the proper role between punishment and denial? Between offense and defense?
What constitutes an act of war?

Transportation to Thayer Hotel

Optional West Point Tour
Lobby, Jefferson Hall

Transportation to Thayer Hotel from West Point Tour

Reception
Ballroom, Thayer Hotel

Dinner
Thayer Hotel

Introductory Remarks
Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr., Superintendent, USMA

Keynote Address: Renewing Our Deterrence in Europe
Speaker: General (Ret.) John P. Abizaid

No-Host Mixer
General Patton’s Tavern, Thayer Hotel

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

No-Host Breakfast Buffet
Thayer Hotel

Transportation to Jefferson Hall
Pick-up at Thayer Hotel Lobby

Panel Session 5
Haig Room, Jefferson Hall

Theme: Alternative Tools of Coercion
Panelists: Ms. Jennifer Harris, Council on Foreign Relations
Dr. T. Negeen Pegahi, US Naval War College
Dr. Omar Bashir, Financial Integrity Network
Dr. Emmanuel Karagiannis, King’s College London

Moderator: Ms. Alex Quade

Discussion Questions
If the power to hurt some adversaries militarily no longer holds, what alternative tools should we develop?
How can we leverage our economic, energy, and soft power assets?
How should we re-conceptualize cross-domain forms of deterrence?

9:45–10:00 AM Break

10:00–11:15 AM Moderated Q&A
Haig Room, Jefferson Hall

Theme: Big Stick or Soft Power? Domestic Challenges of Deterrence
Haig Room, Jefferson Hall
Speaker: Dr. Eliot Cohen, Johns Hopkins University
Discussant: Mr. David Sanger, The New York Times

11:15–11:30 AM Concluding Remarks: Colonel Liam Collins, Director, MWI

11:30 AM Guest Departure
Boxed Lunches Provided
 IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Taavi Rõivas is the Prime Minister of Estonia and a member of the Estonian Reform Party. From 2012–2014, Mr. Rõivas was the Minister of Social Affairs of the Republic of Estonia. Previously Mr. Rõivas was a member of the 12th Riigikogu, the Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee, and a member of the Finance Committee. From 2007–2011, he was a member of the 11th Riigikogu and first, a member of the Social Affairs Committee for two years and then the Chairman of the Finance Committee. From 2005–2007, he served as the Adviser to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia, and from 2004–2005, he was the Elder of the Haabersti City District Government. He has previously performed the duties of Adviser / Office Manager for the Minister of the Population Affairs of the Republic of Estonia, Customer Account Executive for large corporate companies in the AS IT Grupp, and Adviser to the Minister of Justice. Born on 26 September 1979, in Tallinn, Mr. Rõivas graduated from Tallinn Secondary Science School and from the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of the University of Tartu in international economics and marketing. In 2015, he appeared on The Daily Show with Trevor Noah.
Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr. is the commander of the US Pacific Command. Born in Japan and reared in Tennessee and Florida, following graduation from the US Naval Academy in 1978 and designation as a naval flight officer, Harris was assigned to VP-44. His subsequent operational tours include tactical action officer aboard USS Saratoga; operations officer in VP-4 at Barbers Point, HI; three tours with Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 1 at Kami Seya, Japan; Director of Operations for US 5th Fleet at Manama, Bahrain; and Director of Operations for US Southern Command. Harris commanded VP-46, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 1, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, the US 6th Fleet, Striking and Support Forces NATO, and the US Pacific Fleet. Harris has served in every geographic combatant command region, and participated in the following major operations: S.S. Achille Lauro terrorist hijacking incident, Attain Document III (Libya, 1986), Earnest Will (Kuwaiti reflagged tanker ops, 1987-88), Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Willing Spirit (Colombia hostage rescue, 2006–7), and Odyssey Dawn (Libya, 2011). For Odyssey Dawn, he served as the Joint Force Maritime Component Commander afloat. Harris’ graduate education focused on East Asia security. He attended Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, Georgetown’s School of Foreign Service, and Oxford University. He was an MIT Seminar 21 fellow. Harris’ staff assignments include aide to Commander, US Naval Forces Japan; chief speechwriter for the Chairman of the JCS; and three tours on the Navy Staff, including as an action officer in the Strategic Concepts Branch, director for the current operations and anti-terrorism/force protection division, and Deputy CNO for Communication Networks (OPNAV N6). In October 2011, he was assigned as the Assistant to the Chairman of the JCS where he served as the Chairman’s direct representative to the Secretary of State and as the US roadmap monitor for the Mid-East Peace Process. Harris was promoted to Admiral and assumed command of the US Pacific Fleet in October 2013. He was designated as the Theater Joint Force Maritime Component Commander. In May 2015, he assumed command of the US Pacific Command.
Gen. (Ret.) John P. Abizaid is the Principal Partner of JPA Partners, LLC. He served as the Distinguished Chair (Emeritus) of West Point’s Combating Terrorism Center and was the first Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. He was awarded Honorary Degrees from Dartmouth College and Norwich University. He has worked with the Preventative Defense Project at Stanford University and Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and served on the CIA’s External Advisory Board. He is a Director of the Council on Foreign Relations and a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies. He led the Dover Inquiry Panel and co-chaired the 2014 National Defense Panel, as well as leading several other national level assessment panels dealing with military issues. He currently serves as a board member of the President’s Intelligence Advisory Board, USAA, Virtu Financial, and RPM International and has advised a number of smaller firms and their leadership teams. In 2015 he was inducted into the US Army Ranger Hall of Fame. Abizaid retired from the United States Army as a four-star General in May 2007 as Commander of US Central Command, after thirty-four years of active service. A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, he commanded units at every level, serving in the Grenada, Lebanon, Kurdistan, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. Units under his command include the 1st Infantry Division, a brigade in the 82nd Airborne Division, a Parachute Battalion Combat Team and two Ranger companies. He studied at the University of Jordan in Amman, holds a master’s degree in Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard University, and has deep expertise in regional as well as international strategy.
Mr. Raymond Kelly

With 50 years in public service, including 14 as police commissioner of the City of New York, Raymond Kelly is one of the world's most well-known and highly esteemed leaders in law enforcement. Mr. Kelly was appointed police commissioner in January 2002, making him the longest serving police commissioner in the city's history, as well as the first to hold the post for a second, separate tenure. He also served as police commissioner under Mayor David N. Dinkins from 1992 to 1994. In 2002, as Commissioner, Mr. Kelly created the first counterterrorism bureau of any municipal police department in the country. He also established a new global intelligence program and stationed New York City detectives in eleven foreign cities. In addition to dedicating extensive resources to preventing another terrorist attack, the NYPD has driven violent crime down by 40 percent from 2001 levels. As Commissioner, Mr. Kelly also established a Real Time Crime Center, a state-of-the-art facility that uses data mining to search millions of computer records and put investigative leads into the hands of detectives in the field. Commissioner Kelly was formerly senior managing director of global corporate security at Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. Before that, he served as commissioner of the US Customs Service, where he managed the agency's 20,000 employees and $20 billion in annual revenue. For his accomplishments at Customs, he was awarded the Alexander Hamilton Medal for Exceptional Service. From 1996 to 1998, Mr. Kelly was undersecretary for enforcement at the US Treasury Department (the third highest post in the department at the time). There, he supervised the department's enforcement bureaus including the US Customs Service, the US Secret Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

In addition, Mr. Kelly served on the executive committee and was elected vice president for the Americas of Interpol, the international police organization, from 1996 to 2000. In 1994, he was appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve as director of the international police monitors in Haiti, a US-led force responsible for establishing an interim police force there. For this service, he was awarded the Exceptionally Meritorious Service Commendation by the President of the United States. A 43-year veteran of the NYPD, Mr. Kelly served in 25 different commands before being named police commissioner. He was appointed to the NYPD in 1963. Shortly thereafter he accepted a commission to the United States Marine Corps Officer Program. He served on active military duty for three years including a combat tour in Vietnam. He returned to the police department in 1966 and entered the New York City Police Academy, graduating with the highest combined average for academics, physical achievement, and marksmanship. He was also a member of the inaugural class of the New York City Police Cadet Corps for three years while a student at Manhattan College. During his tenure in the NYPD, Kelly received 14 citations of merit for outstanding police work. Commissioner Kelly retired as a colonel from the Marine Corps Reserves after 30 years of service.
Dr. Eliot Cohen is Robert E. Osgood Professor at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). He directs the strategic studies program and the Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies, which he founded. He has twice won the Johns Hopkins SAIS Excellence in Teaching Award. For ten years he led a Johns Hopkins SAIS partnership with the Maxwell School of Syracuse University in providing executive education to general officers and senior Defense Department officials, the National Security Studies program. A 1977 graduate of Harvard College he received his PhD there in political science in 1982. From 1982 to 1985 he was Assistant Professor of Government at Harvard, and Assistant Dean of Harvard College. In 1985 he became a member of the Strategy Department of the United States Naval War College. In February 1990 he joined the Policy Planning Staff of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and in July of that year he was appointed professor of strategic studies at Johns Hopkins SAIS. From April 2007 through January 2009 he served as Counselor of the Department of State. A principal officer of the Department, he had special responsibility for advising the Secretary on matters pertaining to Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, and Russia, as well as general strategic issues. He represented the Department of State in interagency coordination with senior National Security Council staff, Department of Defense, and intelligence community officials on a number of issues, including the Syrian/North Korean reactor crisis of 2007, and the Somali piracy problem in 2008. Dr. Cohen is the author of Conquered into Liberty: Two Centuries of Battles along the Great Warpath that made the American Way of War (2011), winner of the Society of Colonial Wars annual book award, and the Huntington prize-winning Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen, and Leadership in Wartime (2002). His other books are Commandos and Politicians (1978) and Citizens and Soldiers (1985). He is, as well, co-author of Military Misfortunes: The Anatomy of Failure in War (1990), Revolution in Warfare? Air Power in the Persian Gulf (1995), and Knives, Tanks, and Missiles: Israel’s Security Revolution (1998), and co-editor of Strategy in the Contemporary World (2002) and War over Kosovo (2001). In 1991-1993 he directed and edited the official study of air power in the 1991 war with Iraq. For his leadership of The Gulf War Air Power Survey, which included eleven book-length reports, he received the Air Force’s decoration for exceptional civilian service.
PARTICIPANT PROFILES

Mr. Javid Ahmad
Mr. Ahmad is a Non-Resident Fellow with the Modern War Institute, where he focuses on pressing security and counterterrorism issues, including violent non-state actors, militant organizations, and political violence with a focus on South Asia and the Middle East. He also works with the US government on the region, and serves as an adviser to the Afghan government. Previously, he worked at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, a Washington-based think tank, where he focused on South Asia/Central Asia. He has worked at the NATO HQ in Brussels, at the political and legislative section of the Afghan embassy, and at the public affairs office of Voice of America in Washington, DC. He has also worked on democracy promotion for organizations in Kabul.

Dr. Omar Bashir
Dr. Bashir is an Associate at the Financial Integrity Network, where he contributes research expertise on economic power and foreign policy. He recently defended his PhD in Politics at Princeton University. At Princeton, he was a Fellow at the Center for International Security Studies, a Harold W. Dodds Fellow, and a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow. He also received two aerospace engineering degrees from MIT with internships at Boeing, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Sandia National Laboratories. He served as president of the MIT Chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. In addition to writing for Foreign Affairs, Slate, and The Monkey Cage, Dr. Bashir has published work in peer-reviewed journals in both engineering and social science. His doctoral research in international politics focused on power and interdependence, energy competition, crisis signaling, and foreign aid bribery within the UN Security Council.

Mr. Kenneth Bell
Mr. Bell is a cybersecurity engineer with Raytheon Company and an adjunct professor at Salve Regina, teaching courses related to cybersecurity and cyber intelligence. Prior to joining Raytheon, he completed a 21-year career in law enforcement with the Rhode Island state police, where he specialized in high tech crime investigations and computer/network forensics. Bell has conducted hundreds of computer/network forensic investigations and is a Certified Forensic Computer Examiner. He has been qualified as an expert witness in both state and federal court related to technology based investigations and computer forensics. In addition, Bell is a frequent speaker and presenter on topics and issues related to cybersecurity. In 2011, he received the Bill Siebert Award for Excellence in Computer Forensics from Guidance Software.

Dr. Benedetta Berti
Dr. Berti is a Non-Resident Fellow with the Modern War Institute, a foreign policy and security researcher, analyst, consultant, author and lecturer. Her work focuses on human security and internal conflicts, as well as on post-conflict stabilization and peacebuilding. Dr. Berti is the author of three books, including Armed Political Organizations: From Conflict to Integration (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013). She is a Fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), a TED Senior Fellow, a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI) and an independent human security consultant. In 2015 the Italian government awarded her the Order of the Star of Italy (order of Knighthood).
Dr. Risa Brooks

Dr. Brooks is Allis Chalmers Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of Undergraduate Studies at Marquette University. Her research focuses on issues related to civil-military relations, military effectiveness, and militant & terrorist organizations; she also has a regional interest in the Middle East. Professor Brooks is the author of *Shaping Strategy: The Civil-Military Politics of Strategic Assessment* (Princeton, 2008) and editor (with Elizabeth Stanley) of *Creating Military Power: The Sources of Military Effectiveness* (Stanford University Press, 2007), as well as many articles in the field of international security. She received her PhD from the University of California, San Diego and her professional experiences include positions as Research Associate at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (London, U.K.), Postdoctoral Fellow at Stanford’s Center for International Security and Arms Control (CISAC), and a pre-doctoral affiliation with the Olin Institute for Strategic Studies at Harvard University.

Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr.

Lt. Gen. Caslen became the 59th Superintendent of the US Military Academy at West Point on July 17, 2013. He graduated from the US Military Academy in 1975, and earned master’s degrees from Long Island University and Kansas State University. Previous to this assignment, Caslen served as the Chief of the Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq. Caslen’s prior deployments and assignments include serving as the commander of the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, KS., the command that oversees the Command and General Staff College and 17 other schools, centers, and training programs located throughout the United States; commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and commanding general of the Multi-National Division-North during Operation Iraqi Freedom; Commandant of Cadets for the US Military Academy; Deputy Director for the War on Terrorism, J-5, The Joint Staff; Assistant Division Commander (maneuver), 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized); Chief of Staff, 10th Mountain Division (Light); Chief of Staff, Combined Joint Task Force Mountain during Operation Enduring Freedom; Commander, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Chief of Staff, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Senior Brigade C2 Observer/Controller, Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center; Commander, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division (Light); Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander in Haiti during Operation Uphold Democracy; J-3 in Honduras for Joint Task Force Bravo; Brigade Operations Officer, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Caslen’s awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters. He has earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and is Airborne, Air Assault, and Ranger qualified.

Major Matt Cavanaugh

Maj. Cavanaugh is a Non-Resident Fellow with the Modern War Institute, and an active duty Army Strategist with experience in 11 countries and assignments ranging from the Pentagon to Strategic Command and Iraq to West Point. He is the youngest recipient of the US Military Strategists Association’s professional award, the Order of Saint Gabriel the Archangel (2015), in addition to earning West Point’s faculty-wide Apgar Award for Excellence in Teaching (2014), and being named the US Army’s Athlete of the Year (2009). Matt serves on the Wounded Warrior Project’s Advisory Council, is a Term Member with the Council on Foreign Relations, a Founding Member of the Military Writers Guild, and a co-founder of the Modern War Institute at West Point. He earned his master’s degree at Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand and is currently working on a PhD on generalship under Professor Colin Gray at the University of Reading (UK).
**Dr. Dianne Pfundstein Chamberlain**

Dr. Pfundstein Chamberlain is a research fellow with the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University. She was previously an assistant professor in the department of political science and Commonwealth Honors College at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a postdoctoral research fellow in the International Security Program at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School. She holds a PhD in political science from Columbia University and a BA in economics and political science from Williams College. Her first book, *Cheap Threats: Why the United States Struggles to Coerce Weak States*, was published by Georgetown University Press in March 2016.

**Colonel Liam Collins**

Col. Collins is the Director of the Modern War Institute and a career Special Forces officer, who has served in a variety of special operations assignments and conducted multiple combat operations to Afghanistan and Iraq as well as operational deployments to Bosnia, Africa and South America. He has graduated from numerous military courses including ranger school and he has earned numerous military awards and decorations including two valorous awards for his actions in combat. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Director of the Defense & Strategic Studies (DSS) program at West Point and as the Director of West Point’s Combating Terrorism Center. He has taught courses in Counterinsurgency, Comparative Military Systems, Research Methods in Strategic Studies, Homeland Security and Defense, Terrorism and Counterterrorism, Internal Conflict, International Relations, American Politics, and Officership.

**Mr. Yochi Dreazen**

Mr. Dreazen is Foreign Editor of Vox and formerly a Managing Editor for News at *Foreign Policy*. He is also writer-in-residence at the Center for a New American Security. His book about military suicide, *The Invisible Front: Love and Loss in an Era of Endless War*, was published by Random House's Crown division in 2014. Prior to joining Foreign Policy, Dreazen was a contributing editor at the *Atlantic* and the senior national security correspondent for *National Journal*. He began his career at the *Wall Street Journal* and spent 11 years at the newspaper, most recently as its military correspondent. Dreazen arrived in Iraq in April 2003 with the Fourth Infantry Division, and spent the next two years living in Baghdad as the *Wall Street Journal*'s main Iraq correspondent.

**Major Nathan Finney**

Maj. Finney is a Non-Resident Fellow with the Modern War Institute, an officer in the US Army and a PhD candidate in history at the University of Kansas. He is also a founding member of the Military Writers Guild, the founder of the online journal *The Bridge*, founder and Managing Director of the Military Fellowship at the Project on International Peace & Security, a member of *Infinity Journal’s* Editorial Advisory Board, a founding board member of the *Defense Entrepreneurs Forum*, and a term member at the Council on Foreign Relations. Finney holds master’s degrees in Public Administration from the Harvard University and the University of Kansas, as well as a BA in Anthropology from the University of Arizona.
Dr. Jairus Victor Grove

Dr. Grove is Director of the Hawaii Research Center for Futures Studies and Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. His research is centered on the ecology and future of global warfare. Other interests of his include the ways war continues to expand, bringing an ever greater collection of participants and technologies into the gravitational pull of violent conflict. He is also interested in various approaches to global relations such as systems theory, cybernetics, and complexity theory, as well as the role new media play in altering the interface with global relations.

Ms. Jennifer Harris

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Lieutenant General (Ret.) Rhett Hernandez

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Brigadier General Diana Holland

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**Brigadier General Cindy R. Jebb**

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