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War Studies Conference

Potential Disruptors of the ‘American Way of War’

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On behalf of Lieutenant General Darryl Williams, the superintendent of the United States Military Academy, it is my honor to welcome you to West Point. This is our third annual War Studies Conference, an 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 “Potential Disruptors of the ‘American Way of War.’”

We are at an inflection point of history, akin to the one that followed the First World War. Strategic bombing, blitzkrieg, and nuclear warfare would come to define the next phase of war. What are the equivalents to these technological and doctrinal developments for today’s age? Strategists have noted that we may be at the dawn of a new technological revolution, one that requires a “third offset.” Others point to the transformative role of artificial intelligence. Whichever is the case, how do we reposition our US military to come out on top in this global rebalance of power?

The United States has spent the past two decades conducting counterinsurgency and counterterrorism operations on behalf of host governments perceived by many as illegitimate. Arguably we have little to show for our effort and costs, both human and financial. It has become abundantly clear that no silver bullet technology will come along allowing us to magically win the wars we face or defeat the enemy bloodlessly. Worse, the type and pace of technological development arguably favors our adversaries. The barriers to entry of this new battlefield, given the affordability and availability of off-the-shelf technologies, are low. Our comparative advantages—a highly networked and free society, a sizable military trained and equipped in maneuver warfare, and the “soft power” of American values—have become our disadvantages in this dangerous new world.

Participants in this year’s event include scholars from a variety of disciplines, senior military officials, members of the media, and practitioners with firsthand experience in the civil-military domain. We are grateful for the generous support of the Class of 2006. Thank you for joining us for our third annual War Studies Conference.

Liam Collins,  
PhD COL, SF  
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 fifty thousand 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.
Class of 2006 WAR STUDIES CONFERENCE
“Potential Disruptors to the ‘American Way of War’”
November 4-6, 2018

Sunday, November 4, 2018

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

5:00-6:00 PM   Conference Reception
                Grant Ballroom, Thayer Hotel

6:00-8:00 PM   Dinner
                Grant Ballroom, Thayer Hotel

6:30-6:45 PM   Welcome: Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl Williams, USMA

6:45-7:00 PM   Introduction: Gen. (ret) Charles Jacoby, Modern War Institute

7:00-8:00 PM   Keynote: What are the Megatrends Affecting Military Effectiveness?
                Speakers: The Honorable Bruce Jette, Assistant Secretary of the Army
                          (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology)
                          The Honorable John Carlin, former Assistant Attorney General for Na-
                          tional Security
                Moderator: Dr. Nina Kollars, Naval War College

8:00-10:00 PM  No-Host Mixer
                General Patton’s Tavern, Thayer Hotel

Monday, November 5, 2018

7:00-7:30 AM   No-Host Breakfast Buffet
                Thayer Hotel

7:30-7:55 AM   Transportation to Jefferson Hall
                Pick-up at Thayer Hotel Lobby

7:55-8:00 AM   Welcome Remarks: Col. William Ostlund, Director of Military Instruction, USMA

8:00-9:15 AM   Panel Session 1
                Haig Room, Jefferson Hall
                Theme: Of Bits, Bots, or Battalions: What “Next Generation Warfare” Looks Like
                Panelists:  Dr. Amy Zalman, Strategic Narrative Institute
                           Dr. Frank Hoffman, National Defense University
                           Dr. Erik Gartzke, University of California San Diego
                           Maj. Gen. (ret) Bob Scales
                Moderator: Dr. Birthe Anders, Harvard

9:15-9:30 AM   Break
Monday, November 5, 2018 (Continued)

9:30-10:45 AM Panel Session 2
Haig room, Jefferson Hall
Theme: Fake News, Real War: How to Manage a Complex IO Landscape
Panelists: Mr. Clint Watts, FPRI
Mr. Brent Colburn, Princeton
Mr. Graham Brookie, Atlantic Council’s DFRLab
Moderator: Mr. David Patrikarakos, author of War in 140 Characters

10:45-11:00 AM Break

11:00-12:00 PM Keynote Address: Can “Deep Thinking” Defeat Tomorrow’s Adversaries?
Haig room, Jefferson Hall
Speaker: Mr. Garry Kasparov
Moderator: Mr. Nicholas Schmidle, The New Yorker

12:00-12:15 AM Movement to West Point Club

12:15-1:15 PM Keynote Lunch: How Geography Will Reshape Great Power Conflict
West Point Club, Hudson Room
Speaker: Mr. Robert Kaplan, author of The Revenge of Geography
Moderator: Mr. Jonathan Tepperman, Foreign Policy

1:15-1:30 PM Movement to Jefferson hall

1:30-2:45 PM Panel Session 3
Haig Room, Jefferson Hall
Theme: Beyond “Slaughterbots”: Reimagining War with No Soldiers
Panelists: Ms. Rosa Brooks, Georgetown University
Lt. Col. Christopher Korpela, Army Robotics Research Center
Dr. Jacquelyn Schneider, Naval War College
Moderator: Dr. Paul Scharre, Center for a New American Security

2:45-3:00 PM Break & Conference Photo

3:00-4:15 PM Panel Session 4
Haig room, Jefferson Hall
Theme: Rage Against the Machine Learning: Debating AI in Modern War
Panelists: Dr. Timothy Hwang, Ethics and Governance of AI Initiative
Dr. Michael Horowitz, University of Pennsylvania
Ms. Elsa Kania, Center for a New American Security
Moderator: Mr. Andrew Liptak, The Verge

4:15-5:00 PM Optional West Point Tour
Lobby, Jefferson Hall

4:15-4:30 PM Transportation to Thayer Hotel

5:00-5:15 PM Transportation to Thayer Hotel (for those who take West Point tour)
Monday, November 5, 2018 (Continued)

6:00-7:00 PM  Reception  
Ballroom, Thayer Hotel

7:00-9:00 PM  Dinner  
Thayer Hotel

7:25-7:30 PM  Introductory Remarks: Brig. Gen. Steve Gilland, Commandant, USMA

7:30-8:30 PM  Panel Discussion:  
Theme: “New Wars,” Old Doctrines: Rethinking Future Warfare
Panelists:  Dr. Mary Kaldor, London School of Economics  
Moderator: Dr. Risa Brooks, Marquette University

8:30-10:00 PM  No-Host Mixer  
General Patton’s Tavern, Thayer Hotel

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

6:45-7:30 AM  No-Host Breakfast Buffet  
Thayer Hotel

7:30-8:00 AM  Transportation to Jefferson Hall  
Pick-up at Thayer Hotel Lobby

8:00-9:00 AM  Keynote Address: Updating Doctrine for Future Warfare  
Speaker: Lt. Gen. Eric Wesley, ARCIC  
Moderator: Mr. Max Brooks, author of World War Z

9:00-10:15 AM  Panel Session 5  
Theme: Beyond-the-Horizon Scenarios with Near-Peer Adversaries  
Panelists:  Mr. Michael Kofman, Kennan Institute  
Dr. Oriana Skylar Mastro, Georgetown University  
Dr. Antulio Echevarria, US Army War College  
Dr. Dave Johnson, RAND  
Moderator: Ms. Andrea Goldstein, Fletcher School

10:15-10:30 AM  Break

10:30-11:30 AM  Closing Moderated Keynote  
Haig Room, Jefferson Hall  
Theme: Spurring Greater Innovation between Pentagon and Private Sector  
Speakers:  Mr. David Sanger, New York Times  
Dr. Raj Shah, formerly DIUx

11:30-11:45 AM  Concluding Remarks: Col. Liam Collins, Modern War Institute

11:45 AM  Guest Departure  
Boxed Lunches Provided
IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

WI-FI
The Haig Room at Jefferson Hall is equipped with Wi-Fi for attendees’ use.

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LODGING

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Checking Out: Checkout must be complete by 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Please note that we do not cover incidentals, including Internet or meals purchased at the Thayer. Please allow sufficient time for checkout. Guests with personal vehicles at West Point should move luggage into their vehicles before the morning panel. Guests departing West Point via conference-sponsored transportation should move luggage to the Arnold Room. It will be stored at the Thayer Hotel until the completion of the conference.

For questions or issues that the hotel staff cannot address, please see Lt. Col. Scott Woodbrey at (781) 301-1712 or Maj. Jake Miraldi at (802) 299-6272, who will be present throughout the conference.

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Travel to and From the Conference: For questions regarding departure from West Point or travel expenses, please contact Lt. Col. Scott Woodbrey, at (781) 301-1712 or scott.woodbrey@usma.edu.

In and Around: Due to limited parking availability, buses will provide your ground transportation to and from all conference events in accordance with the agenda schedule. If you have any special requirements, please contact Lt. Col. Scott Woodbrey at (781) 301-1712.
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The Honorable Dr. Bruce Jette Jr.

Dr. Bruce D. Jette was confirmed by the United States Senate as the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA (ALT)) on December 20, 2017, and sworn into office on January 2, 2018. In this position, he serves as the Army Acquisition Executive, the Senior Procurement Executive, the Science Advisor to the Secretary of the Army, and the Army’s Senior Research and Development official. He also has principal responsibility for all Department of the Army matters related to logistics.

Dr. Jette leads the execution of the Army’s acquisition function and the acquisition management system. His responsibilities include providing oversight for the life cycle management and sustainment of Army weapon systems and equipment from research and development through test and evaluation, acquisition, logistics, fielding, and disposition. He is also responsible for appointing, managing, and evaluating program executive officers and managing the Army Acquisition Corps and Army Acquisition Workforce. In addition, he oversees the Elimination of Chemical Weapons program.

Prior to his confirmation, Dr. Jette served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Synovision Solutions, LLC, an innovative company he founded to provide management and technical consulting, engineering services, and project management in support of military and governmental agencies, as well as commercial industry.

Lieutenant General Eric Wesley

Lt. Gen. Eric Wesley is currently serving as Deputy Commanding General, Futures / Director, Army Capabilities Integration Center, US Army Training and Doctrine Command. Lt. Gen. Wesley was commissioned as an Armor Officer from the United States Military Academy in 1986. He served for two years in the White House on the National Security Council as the Director for Afghanistan-Pakistan Policy. He later returned to Afghanistan where he was the Director for Future Plans for ISAF Joint Command in Afghanistan. He then served as the Deputy Commanding General (Support) for the 1st Infantry Division followed by duty on the Army Staff as the Deputy Director for Program Analysis and Evaluation (PAE) for the Army G8. Most recently Lt. Gen. Wesley served as the Commanding General, US Army Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Benning, Georgia. Lt. Gen. Wesley’s military education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course, the Armor Officer Advanced Course, and the US Army Command and General Staff College. He is a graduate of the National War College, earning a Master’s Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Lt. Gen. Wesley also holds a Master’s Degree in International Relations from Troy State University.
Mr. Robert Kaplan

Robert D. Kaplan is the bestselling author of eighteen books on foreign affairs and travel translated into many languages, including *The Return of Marco Polo's World*, *In Europe's Shadow*, *Asia's Cauldron*, *The Revenge of Geography*, *Monsoon*, *The Coming Anarchy*, and *Balkan Ghosts*. He is a senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security and a senior advisor at Eurasia Group. For three decades he reported on foreign affairs for *The Atlantic*. He was chief geopolitical analyst at Stratfor, a visiting professor at the United States Naval Academy, and a member of the Pentagon’s Defense Policy Board, appointed by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. He is currently a member of the US Navy's Executive Panel. *Foreign Policy* magazine twice named him one of the world’s "Top 100 Global Thinkers." *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman has called Kaplan among the four "most widely read" authors defining the post-Cold War (along with Stanford Professor Francis Fukuyama, Yale Professor Paul Kennedy, and the late Harvard Professor Samuel Huntington). He has been a consultant to the US Army’s Special Forces Regiment, the US Air Force, and the US Marines. He has lectured at military war colleges, the FBI, the National Security Agency, the Pentagon's Joint Staff, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the CIA, major universities, and global business forums. He has briefed presidents, secretaries of state, and defense secretaries. Kaplan has delivered the Secretary of State’s Open Forum Lecture at the US State Department. He has reported from over one hundred countries. Two earlier books of his, *Soldiers of God: With Islamic Warriors in Afghanistan and Pakistan*, and *Surrender or Starve: Travels in Ethiopia, Sudan, Somalia and Eritrea*, have been re-issued, so that all his books are in print. In 2004, Kaplan was given the Distinguished Alumni Award by the University of Connecticut. In 2009, he was given the Benjamin Franklin Public Service Award by the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia. Robert D. Kaplan was born June 23, 1952 in New York City. He graduated in 1973 from the University of Connecticut, where he was the features editor of the *Connecticut Daily Campus*. In 1973 and 1974 he traveled throughout Communist Eastern Europe and parts of the Near East. From 1974 to 1975 he was a reporter for the *Rutland Daily Herald* in Vermont. In 1975, he left the United States to travel throughout the Arab and Mediterranean worlds, beginning a period of sixteen years living overseas. He served a year in the Israel Defense Forces and lived for nine years in Greece and Portugal. He has been married to Maria Cabral since 1983. They live in the Berkshires in western Massachusetts. They have one son, Michael, who is married with a daughter and works for an investment bank in Boston.
Mr. Garry Kasparov

Born in Baku, Azerbaijan, in the Soviet Union in 1963, Garry Kasparov became the under-18 chess champion of the USSR at the age of twelve and the world under-20 champion at seventeen. He came to international fame at the age of twenty-two as the youngest world chess champion in history in 1985. He defended his title five times, including a legendary series of matches against arch-rival Anatoly Karpov. Kasparov broke Bobby Fischer’s rating record in 1990 and his own peak rating record remained unbroken until 2013. His famous matches against the IBM super-computer Deep Blue in 1996-97 were key to bringing artificial intelligence, and chess, into the mainstream. Kasparov’s was one of the first prominent Soviets to call for democratic and market reforms and was an early supporter of Boris Yeltsin’s push to break up the Soviet Union. In 1990, he and his family escaped ethnic violence in his native Baku as the USSR collapsed. In 2005, Kasparov, in his twentieth year as the world’s top-rated player, retired from professional chess to join the vanguard of the Russian pro-democracy movement. In 2012, Kasparov was named chairman of the New York-based Human Rights Foundation, succeeding Vaclav Havel. HRF promotes individual liberty worldwide and organizes the Oslo Freedom Forum. Facing imminent arrest during Putin’s crackdown, Kasparov moved from Moscow to New York City in 2013. The US-based Kasparov Chess Foundation non-profit promotes the teaching of chess in education systems around the world. Its program already in use in schools across the United States, KCF also has centers in Brussels, Johannesburg, Singapore, and Mexico City. Garry and his wife Daria travel frequently to promote the proven benefits of chess in education and have toured Africa extensively. Kasparov has been a contributing editor to the Wall Street Journal since 1991 and is a regular commentator on politics and human rights. He speaks frequently to business and political audiences around the world on technology, strategy, politics, and achieving peak mental performance. He is a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Oxford-Martin School with a focus on human-machine collaboration. He is a member of the executive advisory board of the Foundation for Responsible Robotics and a Security Ambassador for Avast Software, where he discusses cyber security and the digital future. Kasparov’s book How Life Imitates Chess on strategy and decision making is available in over twenty languages. He is the author of two acclaimed series of chess books, My Great Predecessors and Modern Chess. Kasparov’s 2015 book, Winter Is Coming: Why Vladimir Putin and the Enemies of the Free World Must Be Stopped is a blend of history, memoir, and current events analysis.
Mr. Raj Shah

Raj Shah is a technology entrepreneur and investor. Most recently he was the Managing Partner of the Pentagon's Defense Innovation Unit Experimental (DIUx). Previously he was the senior director of strategy at Palo Alto Networks, which acquired Morta Security, where he was CEO and co-founder. He began his business career as a consultant with McKinsey & Co. Raj serves as an F-16 pilot in the Air National Guard where he completed multiple combat tours. He holds an AB from Princeton University and an MBA from The Wharton School. He is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations and a Visiting Fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution.

Mr. John Carlin

John P. Carlin, former Assistant Attorney General for the US Department of Justice’s National Security Division and former Chief of Staff to then-FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III, chairs Morrison & Foerster’s Global Risk and Crisis Management practice group and is co-chair of the National Security practice group. Mr. Carlin, who served as a top-level official in both Republican and Democratic administrations prior to joining Morrison & Foerster, regularly advises industry-leading organizations in sensitive cyber and other national security matters, internal investigations, and government enforcement actions.
PARTICIPANT BIOS

Dr. Birthe Anders

Dr. Birthe Anders is a Senior Fellow at the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative and a Non-Resident Fellow at the Modern War Institute at West Point. She holds a PhD in War Studies from the Department of War Studies, King’s College London. Her research focuses on Private Military and Security Companies (PMSCs), civil-military relations, and the security of aid workers. A particular interest right now concerns civil-military coordination and cooperation in support of humanitarian operations. From 2015-16 she was the Fritz Thyssen Fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. Before coming to Harvard she taught in the Department of War Studies, King’s College London, where she also co-founded the Private Military and Security Research Group. Her articles and reviews have been published in Parameters, Small Wars & Insurgencies, International Peacekeeping, and with Routledge and Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations.

Dr. Graham Brookie

Graham Brookie is the director and managing editor of the Digital Forensic Research Lab (@DFRLab), a startup within the Atlantic Council focused on building digital resilience. The @DFRLab is at the forefront of open-source research with a focus on governance, technology, security, social media, and where these intersect. By publishing what it can prove, or disprove, in real time, the @DFRLab is creating a new model of research and education adapted for impact. Prior to joining the @DFRLab, Brookie served in various positions at the White House and National Security Council. His most recent role was as an adviser for strategic communications with a focus on digital strategy, audience engagement, and coordinating a cohesive record of former US President Barack Obama’s national security and foreign policy. Previously he served as the adviser to the assistant to the president for homeland security and counterterrorism (APHSCT), the president’s top aide for cybersecurity, counterterrorism, intelligence, and homeland security issues. He also worked in the East Asia, Middle East, and North Africa directorates at the National Security Council. Brookie graduated cum laude with degrees from American University in Washington, DC. He also completed the London School of Economics’ general course.
Dr. Aaron Brantly

Dr. Aaron F. Brantly is Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and Hume Center for National Security and Technology Affiliated Faculty at Virginia Tech, and Cyber Policy Fellow at the US Army Cyber Institute. He holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Georgia and a Master's of Public Policy from American University. His research focuses on national security policy issues in cyberspace including terrorism, intelligence, decision making, and human rights. His books include: The Decision to Attack: Military and Intelligence Cyber Decision-Making (UGA Press, 2016) and US National Cybersecurity: International Politics, Concepts and Organization (Routledge, 2017).

Mr. Max Brooks

Max Brooks is credited with helping propel zombie-lore from niche subculture fascinated to mainstream pop-culture obsession. While Brooks has published three massively successful zombie-themed books—The Zombie Survival Guide, World War Z, and The Zombie Survival Guide: Recorded Attacks (all of which are now considered the definitive tomes for the genre)—Brooks’s ultimate goal was to challenge old ways of thinking and encourage mental agility and flexibility for problem solvers and leaders. Brooks’s unique, unconventional thinking depicted in his books has even inspired the US military to examine how they may respond to potential crises in the future. Survival Guide was read and discussed by the sitting chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Brooks has been invited to speak at a variety of military engagements—from the Naval War College, to the FEMA hurricane drill at San Antonio, to the nuclear “Vibrant Response” wargame. By developing the dystopian mythos of a “zombie apocalypse” in film and literature, Brooks continues to drive the dialogue as an authority on how to manage and coordinate emergency responses and to suggest better ways to prepare for crisis and struggle. Today, Brooks explores the consequences of failed leadership, making the leap from mythos to American history with the release of his latest book, The Harlem Hellfighters. The graphic novel chronicles the little-known story of the first African-American regiment mustered to fight in WWI. They spent longer than any other American unit in combat and displayed remarkable valor on the battlefield. Despite extraordinary struggles and overt racism, the “Hellfighters,” as their enemies named them, became one of the most successful—but least celebrated—regiments of the war. Once again, Brooks drills down to help find what lessons can be learned from the triumph and tragedy of the Harlem Hellfighters.
Dr. Risa Brooks

Risa Brooks is Allis Chalmers Associate Professor of Political Science at Marquette University where she specializes in the study of civil-military relations and non-state militant organizations. She is also an Adjunct Scholar at the Modern War Institute at West Point and Non-Resident Fellow in Security Studies at the Abu Dhabi based think-tank, Trends. Professor Brooks is the author of *Shaping Strategy: The Civil-Military Politics of Strategic Assessment* (Princeton University Press, 2008) and editor (with Elizabeth Stanley) of *Creating Military Power: The Sources of Military Effectiveness* (Stanford University Press, 2007) as well as numerous 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, UK) and Postdoctoral Fellow at Stanford's Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC).

Ms. Rosa Brooks

Ms. Rosa Brooks is a Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center. Ms. Brooks is also an Adjunct Scholar at West Point’s Modern War Institute and a Senior Fellow in the ASU/New America Future of War Program. From 2009 to 2011, Brooks served as Counselor to Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Michele Flournoy. From 2005 to 2009, Brooks was a weekly op-ed columnist for the *Los Angeles Times*. Brooks’s experience also includes stints as a Senior Advisor at the US Department of State, as the Special Counsel to the President of the Open Society Foundations, and as a consultant for Human Rights Watch. Brooks has taught at Yale Law School, Harvard, and the University of Virginia, and has served as a fellow at the Carr Center at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. She currently serves on the Open Society Foundations’ US programs advisory board and the Harper’s Magazine Foundation Board. Her 2016 book, *How Everything Became War and the Military Became Everything*, was a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year and one of the Military Times’ top five nonfiction books of 2016; it was shortlisted for the Lionel Gelber Prize and the Arthur Ross Book Award.
Major Joseph Byerly

Joe Byerly is an active duty armor officer in the US Army who has served in both conventional military and joint assignments. He is the founder of From the Green Notebook, a website focused on military leadership and professional development, and a cofounding member of the Military Writers Guild. In 2014 he served on the board of the Defense Entrepreneurs Forum as the Social Media Director. He is also the recipient of the Army’s General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award. His writings have been featured in War on the Rocks, ARMY Magazine, Strategy Bridge, Small Wars Journal and other outlets. He holds a BS from University of North Georgia and an MA from the US Naval War College.

Mr. Matthew Cancian

Matthew Cancian is a Marine veteran and PhD candidate in Political Science at MIT. In the Marine Corps, Matt served as an artillery officer, deploying with 1st Battalion 5th Marines to Sangin, Afghanistan in 2011 as a Forward Observer. After leaving the Marines as a Captain in 2013, he earned a Masters from the Fletcher School at Tufts. Now at MIT for a PhD, his dissertation is about the effects of training and past exposure to violence on combat motivation and political attitudes, based on a survey of Kurdish fighters he conducted in Iraq.

Ms. Jennifer Cafarella

Jennifer Cafarella is the Director of Intelligence Planning at the Institute for the Study of War (ISW), where she is responsible for leading the development of ISW’s detailed plans and recommendations on how to achieve US objectives abroad. Ms Cafarella also leads ISW’s simulation exercises and has conducted such exercises for various U.S. military units deploying overseas. In 2015, she participated in a multi-week assessment mission in the Middle East focused on the conflicts in Iraq and Syria at the invitation of senior US Army commanders. Ms. Cafarella has written extensively on the Syrian war, including detailed analysis of al Qaeda and ISIS. Her essays have been published by Foreign Affairs, The Hill, and Fox News, among other outlets. She has appeared extensively in the media. Her analysis has been cited by the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, Newsweek, CNN, NPR, Voice of America, the BBC, and USA Today. She is a graduate of ISW’s Hertog War Studies Program and was ISW’s first Evans Hanson Fellow. The Evans Hanson Fellowship draws from the outstanding alumni of the ISW Hertog War Studies Program and helps develop the next generation of national security leaders. Ms. Cafarella received her BA from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in Global Studies with a focus on the Middle East.
Mr. Brent Colburn

Brent Colburn, currently the Vice President for Communications & Public Affairs at Princeton University, served as the senior public affairs official at both the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security during the Obama administration. Between leaving government and joining Princeton, Mr. Colburn worked in the Bay Area as the Vice President of Communications for the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg's groundbreaking philanthropy. He has also worked on a range of political campaigns, culminating in his role as National Communications Director for President Obama's successful reelection bid in 2012. Colburn holds a BA in Government and a Masters in Public Policy from the College of William and Mary, and was a Fellow in Residence at Harvard's Institute of Politics in the Fall of 2015.

Ms. Chiara de Cuia

Chiara De Cuia is a recent graduate of Georgetown University's Security Studies MA Program and is currently working as Special Assistant to the Dean of Georgetown's School of Foreign Service. Her previous work experience includes internships at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Germany; the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism in Israel; the Modern War Institute; as well as teaching and research assistantships. Chiara's published works include research on the link between ungoverned territories and terrorism, using Boko Haram as a case study and the analysis of limits and potential of a multilateral approach to counterinsurgency.

Dr. Antulio Echevarria

Dr. Antulio Echevarria has been the Editor of the US Army War College Quarterly Parameters since February 2013. Prior to that, he was the Director of Research for the US Army War College. Dr. Echevarria is the author of Military Strategy: A Very Short Introduction (Oxford, 2017); Reconsidering the American Way of War (Georgetown, 2014); Clausewitz and Contemporary War (Oxford, 2007); Imagining Future War (Praeger Securities International, 2007); and After Clausewitz (University Press of Kansas, 2001). He has also published extensively in scholarly and professional journals on topics related to military history and theory and strategic thinking. Dr. Echevarria is a graduate of the US Military Academy, the US Army Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College, and was a Visiting Research Fellow at Oxford University. He holds MA and PhD degrees in history from Princeton University, and is currently working on a book on the American way of thinking about war for Cambridge University Press.
Dr. Jai Galliott

Dr. Jai Galliott leads the Values in Defence & Security Technology Group within the University of New South Wales at the Australian Defence Force Academy and is also Visiting Fellow at the University of Oxford. As a former Royal Australian Navy officer and Australian Army Research Fellow, Galliott’s recent books include *Military Robots: Mapping the Moral Landscape* (2015), *Ethics and the Future of Spying: Technology, National Security and Intelligence Collection* (2016), *Super Soldiers: The Ethical, Legal and Social Implications* (2016), *Commercial Space Exploration: Ethics Policy and Governance* (2016), and *Force Short of War in Modern Conflict: Jus ad Vim* (2018). Galliott is currently working a $1 million project for the US Department of Defense on the soldier’s tolerance for autonomous systems, and is particularly interested in examining the origins of security challenges in the tensions between the moral, legal, political, technical, and strategic needs of the relevant stakeholders, as well as reconciling some of these tensions by devising and deploying analytical frameworks grounded in applied social sciences to inform public debate on emerging military technologies and, innovatively, offer value-sensitive guidance to civilian and military policymakers and technical designers.

Dr. Erik Gartzke

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