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PRESENTATIONS**

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Marriott Residence Inn
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
April 12th, 2010
5:45 – 9:15 pm

Program

- 5:45 PM** *Buffet Opens: Please Be Seated by 6:00 PM*
- 6:10 PM** **Welcome: Peter Feaver (TISS/AGS)**
- 6:15 PM** **Ashley DiSilvestro** (Duke, History & Political Science)
"Band of Brothers: Small Unit Cohesion in Non-Infantry Units."
- 6:40 PM** **Matthew Lane** (UNC-Chapel Hill, Peace, War, & Defense, & Political Science)
"Government Conciliation and the Effects on Militant Group Alliance Formation."
- 7:05 PM Refill*
- 7:10 PM** **Sam Lamson** [Duke, Political Science]
"Less than we Expected: Assessing Sino- American Military Cooperation."
- 7:35 PM** **Ian Farrell** [NCSU, History & Political Science]
"Atomic Stalemate: The Carter Administration's Response to the 1975 Brazilian-West German Nuclear Agreement."
- 7:55 PM Dessert Run*
- 8:05 PM** **Jeffrey Fox** (Duke, Political Science and Physics)
"Why States Give Up Advanced Nuclear Weapons Programs."
- 8:30 PM** **Jacob Morton** (NCSU – History & Political Science)
Faster, Higher, Stronger: Jimmy Carter, Congress, and the 1980 Olympic Boycott."
- 8:55 PM** **Eric Kaufman** [Duke, Public Policy Studies]
"Advise and Dissent: Operation Just Cause and the Bush National Security Team".
- 9:20 PM** **Farewell**

Speakers

Ashley DiSilvestro is a senior at Duke University majoring in Political Science and History and focusing on military history and national security. She has been a Wickersham Scholar for TISS since 2007 and the undergraduate coordinator for Duke University's Program in American Grand Strategy since 2008. Last summer she worked for the Marine Corps as an intern with their intelligence unit in Quantico.

Ian Farrell is a history and political science double major at North Carolina State University. As an undergraduate at N.C. State, he has primarily studied U.S. Cold War diplomatic history, with a regional focus on Latin America. He has interned at the U.S. Department of State as an Annenberg International Affairs Fellow and will be returning to Washington, D.C. this summer for an internship with the U.S. Department of Defense.

Jeffrey Fox is a senior at Duke University graduating with majors in political science and physics and a minor in economics. He has previously worked at the Center for Strategic and International Studies as a research intern for the Project on Nuclear Issues and currently works as a research assistant at the Triangle Universities Nuclear Laboratories. In the spring Jeffrey will begin work as a research assistant at the Institute for Defense Analyses in Washington, DC.

Eric Kaufman is a public policy studies major at Duke University. His coursework has focused on health care policy, foreign policy, and economic policy. In addition to serving as a teaching assistant for the PPS introductory course, he also serves as the Interfraternity Council President. He spent two years working on John McCain's presidential campaign at his DC headquarters. He plans to attend law school.

Sam Lamson is a political science major at Duke University. In 2008 he received the Boren Scholarship from the National Security Education Program to study Mandarin Chinese at Nanjing Normal University in Nanjing, China. During the summer of 2009 he worked as a research intern at the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in Washington, D.C. Upon graduation, he will be commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy and will report to NAS Pensacola to begin training as a Student Naval Aviator.

Matthew Lane is a senior at UNC-Chapel Hill majoring in Peace, War and Defense and Political Science. In the fall he plans to attend Penn State University to work towards his Ph.D. in political science specializing in international conflict and methodology.

Jacob Morton is a senior at North Carolina State University majoring in history and political science. His main areas of interest are American electoral politics, 20th Century US Foreign Relations, and Olympic History. As an undergraduate, he has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, has worked in the Washington offices of Senator Kay Hagan and Congressman Bob Etheridge and in the office of State House Majority Leader Hugh Holliman.