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SPEAKERS

Carolyn Davidson (B.A. Hons Politics and Law, University of Cambridge, U.K., LL.M Yale Law School) is a Ph.D. history candidate at Yale University and currently a Research Fellow at the Brookings Institution. Her dissertation focuses on the French withdrawal from NATO's integrated military command in 1966 and the challenges the US government faced in "managing" Charles de Gaulle from 1958-1970. Ms. Davidson has two chapters forthcoming in edited volumes, one on de Gaulle and the United States in Mark Kramer's Cold War Studies Series, *International Perspectives on de Gaulle's Foreign Policies* (Rowman & Littlefield), and the second, "The Atlantic Community and de Gaulle's European Ideal," in Giles Scott-Smith (ed.), *The Atlantic Community and the European Idea, from Kennedy to Nixon*, (Soleb). She has researched at the EU Institute for Security Studies in Paris and the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. In 2007 she was a Fox Fellow at Sciences-Po, Paris. Davidson will be the inaugural Mellon pre-doctoral fellow in contemporary history at George Washington University from 2008-2009.

Thomas Dolan (B.A. Political Science and History, University of the South-Sewanee) is working to complete his Ph.D. in Political Science (international relations and political psychology) from Ohio State University. His research examines when war-time events cause leaders to change their strategies or war aims. He has published in *Political Psychology* ("Personifying the State," with Kathleen McGraw), presented at several conferences, and received research funding from the Mershon Center for International Security. He has accepted a visiting position in the Political Science Department at the University of Rochester for 2008-9.

Matthew Fehrs (B.A. Pitzer College; M.A. Columbia University School of International Relations and Duke University) is a graduate student in political science at Duke University. He received a Fulbright Fellowship to Germany. In his dissertation he examines the role that government unity and views on force have on the likelihood that states will become targets of international conflict. He has presented his research at a number of conferences including the American Political Science Association annual meeting and the International Studies Association. His teaching resume includes a number of courses in international relations including a seminar on the role of democracy in foreign policy. The coming year he will be a Fellow at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies at Ohio State University.

Edward A. Gutiérrez (B.A. University of Hartford; M.A. Trinity College) is a history Ph.D. candidate at the Ohio State University. He has received a number of academic awards, including Fellowships from the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, 2008-2009, the United States Army Center of Military History, 2007-2008, the George C. Marshall/Baruch Foundation (2007) and an Ohio State University Graduate Enrichment Fellowship, 2005-06. His areas of study focus on how combat affects ordinary men and women, and the psychological changes it produces. Currently, he is writing his dissertation, *Sherman was Right: The Experience of AEF Soldiers in the First World War*, under the direction of his advisor Geoffrey Parker. *Sherman was Right* studies the naïveté of the American doughboy, who believed the war would be an enjoyable adventure, but learned that General Sherman was right - war is hell.

Jenna Jordan (B.A. International Relations, Mills College; M.A. Stanford University in Political Science) is a graduate student in political science at the University of Chicago. Her doctoral dissertation examines the effectiveness of leadership decapitation against terrorist organizations. She also studies population transfers and attachments to territory. She has presented her research at a number of conferences. Her work has been supported by grants from the Smith Richardson Foundation and the Program on International Security Policy at the University of Chicago.

Edward (Eddie) Kolla (B.A. University of Toronto, Ontario) is a Ph.D. candidate in the History department at the Johns Hopkins University. During 2006-2008 he was a visiting student at the Institut d'histoire de la Révolution française at the Sorbonne in Paris, France. He has been the recipient of a number of honors and awards, including the Bourse Chateaubriand from the French government (2006-07). His dissertation explores changes in international law during the earliest years of the French Revolution. He has presented papers to do with various eighteenth-century and revolutionary international law topics at a raft of conferences, and has published an article on Napoleon - "Not So Criminal: New Understanding of Napoleon's Foreign Policy in the East" in *French Historical Studies*, Spring 2007.

Sebastian H. Lukasik (B.A. and M.A., Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada) will receive his Ph.D. in History from Duke University in the fall of 2008. Entitled "*Remember the Man at the Front*": *Military Service, Combat, and American Identity in the Progressive Era*. His dissertation examines the impact of the experience of the Great War on the social-cultural allegiances of the conflict's American participants. His research and teaching interests include the development of military institutions in the North Atlantic world in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century; the emergence of the United States as a global power since 1865; and representations of war in literature, art, and film. He has received fellowships and research grants from the Duke University Graduate School, the U.S. Army Military History Institute, the George C. Marshall/Baruch Family Foundation, and the John Hope Franklin Center for Interdisciplinary and International Studies. He has taught courses in military history and world history at Duke University and North Carolina State University. During the 2008 – 2009 academic year he will be a Visiting Assistant Professor at Duke.

Jacqueline Whitt (B.A. History, International Relations, Hollins University; M.A. and Ph.D. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) is an Assistant Professor of History at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where she teaches the core course in "History of the Military Art" to First Year cadets. At West Point she is a facilitator for Professional Military Ethics Education and a faculty advisor for USMA's Model UN club. Her dissertation explored the individual experiences and institutional challenges of chaplains during the Vietnam War as a way to understand some of the intersections and interchanges between American military and religious cultures. She is currently working on a project that traces chaplains' interactions with foreign civilian populations during the 20th century. Her other research interests include the history of American religion, American foreign relations, and the history of memory and identity. Her published work includes book reviews and contributions to encyclopedias. She has also presented her work at a number of conferences and taught both at The Governor's School of North Carolina (2006) and in the Department of History at UNC-Chapel Hill. She was a recipient, among other honors, of the Center for Military History's Dissertation Fellowship for 2007-2008.

Keren Yarhi-Milo (B.A. Political Science, Columbia University, M.A., Master's University of Pennsylvania), is a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania and, starting September, she will also be a fellow at Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. Earlier in her career, Ms. Yarhi-Milo worked at the Mission of Israel to the United Nations, as well as served in the Israeli Defense Forces, Intelligence Branch, assessing diplomatic signaling in the context of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. Ms. Yarhi-Milo has been a fellow at the Olin Institute and received grants from the Smith Richardson Foundation, the Arthur Ross Foundation, the Morris Abrams Foundation, and the Christopher Browne Center for International Politics. Her dissertation examines how states assess the intentions of prospective adversaries.

FACULTY DISCUSSANTS AND CHAIRS

Navin Bapat (Ph.D., Rice University) is an assistant professor in international relations at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. Professor Bapat's research interests include examining conflicts involving violent non-state actors, such as insurgencies and terrorist campaigns, using formal and empirical methods. Professor Bapat also is involved in an ongoing project examining the use and the effectiveness of economic sanctions. He has written a number of articles, most recently (2007) "*The Internationalization of Terrorist Campaigns*," *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 24(4): 265-280 and with Daniel Ertley, Chansonette Hall, and Mark Lancaster, 2007, "Perfect Allies? The Case of Iraq and al Qaeda," *International Studies Perspectives* 8(3): 272-286.

William A. Boettcher III (Ph.D., Ohio State University) is an Associate Professor of Political Science at North Carolina State University. His research focuses on the management of risk in foreign policy decision making and the framing of casualty data. He has published articles in *the Journal of Conflict Resolution* and *Political Psychology* and the *Journal of Applied Social Psychology* and is the author of a recent book, *Presidential Risk Behavior in Foreign Policy: Prudence or Peril*. This work looks at why Cold War Presidents were willing to risk entrapment and even war-escalation to contain Communist expansion and to preserve U.S. credibility.

Dirk Bönker (Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University) is Assistant Professor of History at Duke University. His research interests focus on the history of warfare, militarism, and empire in Germany and the United States between 1860 and 1945. He has published a number of articles in both German and English. Professor Bönker is currently preparing a book-length study of global militarization and the making of navalism in Germany and the U.S. before World War I. In 2004-2005 he was the James Bryant Conant Fellow at the Center for European Studies at Harvard University.

Michael Cobb (Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2001) is an Associate Professor in Political Science at North Carolina State University. His research on public opinion and political behavior has been published in journals such as the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *Journal of Politics*, the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and *Political Research Quarterly*. He is currently studying how elite rhetoric, media coverage of casualties, and public ignorance of casualties affect public opinion about Iraq. Professor Cobb plans to turn this research into a co-authored book. He is also spending the calendar year as a GlaxoSmithKline fellow at the Institute for Emerging Issues at North Carolina State University.

Alexander Downes (Ph.D., University of Chicago, 2004) is Assistant Professor of Political Science at Duke University. His current work concerns the question of why states target enemy noncombatants in warfare. His book *Targeting Civilians in War* was published by Cornell University Press in 2008. It includes a statistical analysis of civilian victimization and civilian casualties in interstate wars, as well as case studies of particular instances of blockade, strategic bombing, counterinsurgency, and ethnic cleansing. Professor Downes has published articles on civilian victimization, as well as the efficacy of partition as a solution to ethnic civil wars, in the journals *International Security*, *Security Studies*, and *SAIS Review*, with pieces recently published in the *Journal of Conflict Resolution* and *Civil Wars*. He spent the 2007/08 academic year as a fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs in Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Bruce Jentleson (Ph.D., Cornell University) is Professor of Public Policy and Political Science at Duke University, where he served from 2000 to 2005 as Director of the Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy. His publications include numerous articles as well as seven books, most recently, *American Foreign Policy: The Dynamics of Choice in the 21st Century* (3rd edition, 2007). Professor Jentleson served as a senior foreign policy advisor to Vice President Al Gore and the Gore-Lieberman presidential campaign from 1999 to 2000. From 1993 to 1994, he was on the U.S. State Department Policy Planning Staff as Special Assistant to the Director and served on the U.S. delegation to the Middle East Multilateral Arms Control and Regional Security Talks (ACRS). He has received awards and fellowships from many groups including the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council.

Wayne Lee (Ph.D. Duke University) is Associate Professor of History at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. He specializes in early modern military history, with a particular focus on colonial America, Native Americans, and the British empire. He also maintains a lively interest in ancient military history and works and publishes in the field of archaeology. He is currently engaged in long-term research into the British use of "indigenous" military resources in the Atlantic from 1500 to 1800, as well as a theoretical structure to explain the nature of restraints on warfare, using examples from antiquity through industrialization. Besides his book on *Crowds and Soldiers in Revolutionary North Carolina: The Culture of Violence in Riot and War* (2001), he is the author of over a dozen articles in journals, edited books, and Encyclopedias. From 1997-1992 Professor Lee was a combat engineer in the US Army, serving in Germany, Virginia, and the Gulf War. .

Rhonda Mawhood Lee (Ph.D., Duke University) is an Episcopal priest and a writer in Durham, NC. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Particularly interested in the intersections of faith and politics, she is the author of "'God Alone is Lord of the Conscience': Fellowship of Reconciliation Activists Confront Church and State in Louisville, Kentucky, 1975-1995," *Ohio Valley History* 7:3 (Fall 2007).

Timothy McKeown (Ph.D., Stanford University) is Professor of Political Science at UNC-Chapel Hill. Prior to UNC, he taught at Carnegie-Mellon, Duke, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (Russian Federation), and the New School for Democratic Management. McKeown teaches undergraduate courses in U.S. foreign policy, international environmental politics, and international organizations, and also offers graduate seminars in international political economy and foreign policy decision-making. His research explores the determinants of nations' foreign policies, especially foreign economic policy. Professor McKeown's current research investigates foreign aid programs and the practice of conditionality and soft influence strategies; government research and development subsidies as a trade-promoting strategy; industrial structure and foreign economic policy, and third party interventions in bilateral bargaining. Methodologically, he continues to work on developing the theory and methods of qualitative research, especially the systematic observation of archival material.

Alex Roland (Ph.D., Duke University) is Professor of History at Duke University. He served in the United States Marine Corps between 1966 -1970. Between 1973 and 1981 he was a historian at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. From 1988-1989 he was Harold K. Johnson Visiting Professor of Military History at the Military History Institute, U.S. Army War College. From 2001-2002 he was the Dr. Leo Shifrin Professor of Naval-Military History at the U.S. Naval Academy. Dr. Roland's research and writing have been in the fields of aviation, astronautics, computers, weapons, and the relationship between war and technology. Recent publications include *Strategic Computing: DARPA and the Quest for Machine Intelligence, 1983-1993* (2002); *The Military-industrial Complex* (2001); *Atmospheric Flight in the Twentieth Century* (edited with Peter Galison) (2001); and most recently *The Way of the Ship* (with W. Jeffrey Bolster and Alexander Keyssar) (2008)

GRADUATE STUDENT DISCUSSANTS

Anne Berler (B.A. Randolph-Macon College) is a graduate student in military history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Before coming to Carolina, she did graduate work at Virginia Commonwealth University, where she researched Confederate propaganda and morale in Richmond, Virginia. Her doctoral dissertation examines the origins and evolution of the U.S. Army's wartime occupation policies in the South during the Civil War.

J. Andrew Byers (B.A., History and Political Science, Virginia Tech; M.A., National Security Studies, Georgetown University; A. M., History, Duke University) is currently a third year Ph.D. student in the Department of History at Duke University. His research interests include twentieth century U.S. foreign and military policies and issues related to war and gender. His dissertation will examine the regulation of sexuality within the U.S. Army from the Spanish-American War through the interwar period, including issues related to marriage and family life, venereal disease, prostitution, homosexuality, and interracial sex. Prior to returning to graduate school, he worked as a defense analyst for ten years.

Christine Carpino (B.A. Fairfield University, M.A. UNC-Chapel Hill) is currently a doctoral student studying International Relations in the Political Science Department at UNC-Chapel Hill. Her work focuses on the adaptive processes of violent non-state groups.

Kathryn McNabb Cochran (B.A. Duke University, M.A. Duke University) is a PhD Candidate in Political Science at Duke University with concentrations in international relations and political methodology. Her research interests include public opinion and the use of force, the causes and consequences of civilian victimization in both interstate and civil wars, and the role that reputation plays in crisis bargaining. Prior to beginning graduate school, Cochran served as a legislative assistant to Congressman Steve Buyer (IN-04) where her primary responsibilities included handling committee work on telecommunications and energy policy.

Amber Diaz (B.S. Political Science and B.A. Spanish, Arizona State University; A.M. Political Science, Duke University) is a graduate student in political science at Duke University. In her

dissertation she studies the mechanisms of audience costs when the democratic public perceives leaders' war justifications as deceptive. She has received a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship in Romanian and has most recently presented research at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association. Her teaching portfolio includes a freshman seminar on political satire as well as lectures on topics including international law, human rights, and systemic and domestic-level causes of war. In the coming year her research will be supported by the Bradley Fellows Program at Duke.

Heather Marshall (B.A., Texas A&M University, M.A., University of Hawaii) is a fifth-year graduate student of military history at Duke University. Her dissertation focuses on the development of the U.S. Marine Corps institutional culture between the Civil War and World War I.

Michael Weisel (B.S. Guilford College; J.D. Campbell University, School of Law; M.A. North Carolina State University) is Ph.D. candidate in Business History at Duke University. His dissertation work will explore how the steel industry and U. S. Navy forged new relationships through networks and negotiations. He is co-founder of H-NC Network, an electronic history resource and listserv hosted on H-Net. After working over 15 years as an investment manager and pension fund advisor, Mr. Weisel now practices law with the firm of Bailey & Dixon, LLP, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Michael Weisel is also active in national and statewide politics.

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Sean Zeigler (B.S. UNC-Chapel Hill; M.A. Johns Hopkins) is currently a 2nd-year graduate student studying International Relations at Duke University. Zeigler received an MA in economics at Johns Hopkins before coming to Duke. Before that, he spent 4 years (2000-2004) as an officer in the Navy, deployed mostly overseas and working primarily in encryption. He graduated from UNC Chapel Hill in 1999 with degrees in mathematics and economics.