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New Faces Speakers

Joshua Akers is a doctoral candidate concentrating in military history in the Department of History at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He earned his B.A. in History from North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. His undergraduate honors thesis, entitled "The Exigencies of Combat Leadership," compared and contrasted the experiences of platoon leaders in Vietnam, Iraq (2003), and Afghanistan. He also holds an M.A. in American History from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. His master's thesis research centered on the changing nature of war culture during the Korean War (1950-1954). Akers' dissertation research centers on how American soldiers forged a shared culture, or what he terms "soldiers' culture," during the Vietnam War. His dissertation traces the evolution of soldiers' culture from 1965 to 1973, using it as a lens to explore the complex ties between society and the military during the war that influenced shifts in morale, operational effectiveness, and the nature of primary-group cohesion. He is a frequent contributor of book reviews to online journals and he has given papers and invited lectures. His research has been funded both by the Department of History at UNC-Chapel Hill and U.S. Army Military History Institute (USAMHI).

Kathryn (Kat) Alexander is a Ph.D. Candidate at Duke University with a first field in Security, Peace and Conflict and a second field in Religion and Politics. Her dissertation, entitled *Fully Committed? Religiously Committed State Populations and Foreign Policy Formulation*, takes a multi-methods approach to examining how levels of religious commitment within state populations impact foreign policymaking processes and patterns at various levels of analysis. Her primary research interests are religion and international relations, domestic determinants of foreign policy, ideology and politics, American foreign policy, and Middle East politics – particularly with relation to Turkey. Prior to matriculating at Duke, she was a Fulbright English lecturer at Karadeniz Technical University in Trabzon, Turkey. From 2013-2016 she served as the graduate fellow for the Duke Program in American Grand Strategy, and she was a Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow for Turkish at Duke from 2013-14. She spent the summer of 2016 as a Visiting Researcher at Koç University in Istanbul, conducting field interviews for her dissertation research. She holds an M.A. in Political Science from Duke University and a B.A. in Government (*summa cum laude*) from Sweet Briar College.

Cindy Ewing is a Ph.D. candidate in International History at Yale and a visiting scholar in the Department of History at the University of Virginia. Previously, Ewing was a predoctoral fellow at the Clements Center for National Security at the University of Texas at Austin. Her dissertation, "Experiments in Peace: Asian Neutralism, Human Rights, and the Transformation of the United Nations, 1946-1966," examines the creation of the International Bill of Human Rights (1946-1966) through the politics of the postcolonial Third World and its navigation of the Cold War, with particular emphasis on non-aligned South and Southeast Asian states. The archival research for this project draws on materials from ten countries including India, Cambodia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia. Ewing's research interests include non-alignment, human rights, comparative constitutions, the United Nations system, and the Third World in the Cold War. Prior to graduate school, she worked as a research analyst in Washington, DC specializing in counterterrorism and Middle East policy and held a human rights fellowship in Geneva, Switzerland, where she testified before the United Nations on several occasions.

Michael Joseph is a predoctoral fellow with the Bradley Foundation and Ph.D. candidate in political science at The George Washington University. His research, published in the Journal of Conflict Resolution and Journal of Peace Research, explains how policy-makers communicate their strategic intentions persuasively despite incentives to lie. Using game theory, he argues that costless, private diplomacy can credibly reveal information when costly signals and audience costs fail. In particular, diplomacy is more informative in complex interactions with uncertainty over multiple issues because leaders do not have incentives to misrepresent every issue. Instead, they leverage incentives to coordinate with rivals on some issues to overcome incentives to misrepresent others. Using a variety of quantitative methods, text analysis, case studies and elite survey experiments with intelligence analysts in Washington DC, he shows that rational leaders use diplomacy to: (1) develop stable expectations, (2) enhance monitoring and enforcement functions for international institutions, and (3) negotiate in ways that build trust and avoid war. His research harnesses six years' experience as a foreign policy consultant in the United States, Iraq and Australia, working for various intergovernmental organizations and government clients.

Rebecca Friedman Lissner is a Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. Previously, she was a Brady-Johnson Predoctoral Fellow at Yale University's International Security Studies program and a Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellow. Rebecca's research interests focus on international security and American foreign policy, and she is working on a book (based on her dissertation) that examines how lessons learned from military interventions have shaped U.S. grand strategy since World War II. She has also served in government as a Special Advisor to the Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Department of Energy and a consultant to the U.S. Mission to NATO. Lissner's scholarship on national security decision-making during presidential transitions and conflict early warning systems has been published in Presidential Studies Quarterly and International Peacekeeping. Her commentary has appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy, The Atlantic*, *War on the Rock*s, and *The Los Angeles Times*, among other publications. Lissner received an A.B. in Social Studies from Harvard University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Government from Georgetown University. In the 2017-2018 academic year she will be a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Perry World House.

Benjamin M. Schneider is a doctoral candidate at George Mason University. He received his B.A. from the University of Rochester in 2008, where he majored in History and Political Science. He was awarded the Herbert Lawrence Sadinsky Prize for his senior seminar paper on unit cohesion and its effect on the German army's compliance with international law on the Eastern Front during the Second World War. He completed an M.A. at the George Washington University in 2010, where his research focused on American aid to Nigeria during the Nigerian-Biafran War. In 2011 he was a research assistant at the Naval History and Heritage Command, where he worked on a project dealing with the Navy's strategic priorities and acquisitions policy during the period between the end of the Cold War and the 9/11 attacks. In 2013 he was accepted to the doctoral program at George Mason University, where he was awarded a Presidential Scholarship. While at George Mason, he served as a Graduate Research Assistant at the Center for History and New Media, helping edit the *Journal of Digital Humanities* and the online publication Digital Humanities Now. He also assisted in organizing and indexing the two of the Center's online projects, the 9/11 Digital Archive and the Papers of the War Department. He advanced to candidacy in 2014 after completing examinations in the fields of East Asian Empires, 1853-1949, European Military History from 1500-1914, and American History, passing the latter two with distinction. He was awarded a U.S. Army's Center of Military History Dissertation Fellowship for 2017-2018. His dissertation examines the U.S. Army's military justice system, and its efforts to find and prosecute American war criminals in the European Theater of Operations during the Second World War.

Other Speakers

Peter D. Feaver (Ph.D., Harvard University) is Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at Duke University, Director of Duke's Program in American Grand Strategy, and the Director of the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS). Feaver co-directed two major research projects, "Managing Interventions after September 11" and "The Civil-Military Gap and American National Security." Feaver is the author of ten books, to include *Guarding the Guardians: Civilian Control of Nuclear Weapons in the United States* (1992) and (with Christopher Gelpi) *Choosing your battles: American civil Military Relations and the Use of Force* (2011) He has also published over thirty articles and book chapters on American foreign policy, nuclear proliferation, civil-military relations, information warfare, and U.S. national security. He served as Special Advisor for Strategic Planning and Institutional Reform on the National Security Council (2005-2007) and as Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control on the National Security Council (1993-1994). He is a member of the Aspen Strategy Group.

Christopher Hamner (Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) is Associate Professor of History at George Mason University. He specializes in the social dimensions of U.S. military history. He has been a fellow at Harvard University's John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies and the U.S. Army's Center for Military History, and taught at Duke University and Appalachian State University in North Carolina before assuming his current position. He continues to pursue his research interest in the individual experience of combat and combat motivation by extending his analysis to the post-industrial, irregular battlefield.

Faculty Discussants

Navin Bapat (Ph.D., Rice University) is a Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. Bapat's research interests include examining conflicts involving violent non-state actors, such as insurgencies and terrorist campaigns, using formal and empirical methods. His research utilizes mathematical modeling to develop theoretical explanations of political conflicts, including issues related to terrorism, insurgency, and economic sanctions. He has received two grants from the National Science Foundation, one to examine the effectiveness of economic sanctions, and another to examine the growth of insurgent movements from small cells to large-scale rebellions. He has published widely in scholarly journals. His current work examines American foreign policy and transnational terrorism, the rise of extremism within insurgencies, and the strategic behavior of firms during economic sanctions.

William A. Boettcher III (Ph.D., Ohio State University) is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Administration 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 *Presidential Risk Behavior in Foreign Policy: Prudence or Peril* (2005). 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.

Lt. Gen. Daniel P. Bolger (Ph.D., University of Chicago) is an author, historian, and retired Lieutenant General (promoted 21 May 2010) of the United States Army. He currently holds a special faculty appointment in the Department of History at North Carolina State University, where he teaches Military History. Lt. Gen. Bolger retired in 2013 from the Army. During his 35 years of service, he earned five Bronze Star Medals (one for valor) and the Combat Action Badge. His notable military commands included serving as Commanding General of the Combined Security Transition Command in Afghanistan and Commander of the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan (2011-2013); Commanding General of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas (deployed to Baghdad, 2009-2010); the Coalition Military Assistance Training Team in Iraq (2005-06); and U.S. Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations. He is also the author of several books, to include *Why We Lost, Americans at War, The Battle for Hunger Hill, and Death Ground* (2014) and *Our Year of War: Two Brothers, Vietnam, and a Nation Divided* (forthcoming).

David Delaney (J.D., Boston College Law School) is Adjunct Professor of Law, at the University of North Carolina -Chapel Hill. He earned an M.A. in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Before assuming his current position, he was faculty at Indiana University Maurer and staff at the Center for Applied Cybersecurity Research. Before that he was with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), where he served from 2004 as an attorney advisor and then deputy associate general counsel. At DHS, Delaney provided legal advice to senior DHS leaders and their staffs on constitutional, statutory, regulatory, and international law on issues involving cybersecurity, critical infrastructure protection, and intelligence matters. He also coordinated the cybersecurity efforts of DHS with the Department of Justice, Department of Defense, and the intelligence community. Early in his career, Delaney served in the U.S. Army as a platoon leader, battalion staff officer, and company commander in the military police, including overseas deployments in Germany and Bosnia.

Simon Miles (Ph.D., University of Texas – Austin) is Assistant Professor in the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University. His doctoral dissertation examines US-Soviet relations between 1980 and 1985, using archival evidence from nine countries on both sides of the Iron Curtain. His research has been supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Smith Richardson Foundation, among others. It has been published in *Diplomatic History* and *Diplomacy & Statecraft* and presented at annual meetings of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, the International Studies Association, and the Society for Military History, as well as other fora in Europe and North America. He has been a fellow at the William P. Clements Jr. Center for National Security at the University of Texas at Austin and at the Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs.

Michael Morgan (Ph.D., Yale University) is Assistant Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He holds a B.A. from the University of Toronto, Canada, and an M.Phil. from Cambridge University, United Kingdom. Before coming to UNC, he taught at the US Naval War College and the University of Toronto, where he was the inaugural holder of the Raymond Pryke Chair. He specializes in modern international history, especially the Cold War and teaches courses on international history and the history of human rights. Professor Morgan is the author of *Helsinki 1975: Détente, Human Rights, and the Transformation of the Cold War* (Princeton University Press, forthcoming).

Graduate Student Discussants

Eric Burke (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, History) is a Ph.D. candidate in military history at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. He earned his bachelors at Ohio University (2014) and his master's at Carolina. In 2014 he was awarded the Randolph Stone Prize for his essay on "'Not Only of Sight and Sound, But of Mind': Rod Serling's Twilight Zone in the Kennedy Era." His current research focuses on learning, leadership, organizational culture, and the evolution of operational behavior within historical military organizations. More specifically, his dissertation project, which is supported by a Raymond Faherty Award for Research in Military History, analyzes the evolution of operational behavior in the regiments of Sherman's Fifteenth Army Corps across the American Civil War. Burke also fought as a light infantryman in both the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns (2006-2010).

Chong Chen (Duke University, Political Science) is a Ph.D. student with a primary field in Security, Peace, and Conflict (SPC), and a second field in Political Methodology. His research focuses on how the interaction between international environment and domestic politics affects the dynamics of both inter- and intra-state conflicts. He is currently working on several projects on post-conflict stability in war-torn African countries, territorial dispute initiation by weaker state, and the foreign policy consequence of leadership travel. Methodologically, he is interested in applied statistics, social network analysis, and spatial modeling. He holds a B.A. and M.A. From Nankai University, Tianjin, China, an M.S. from Utah State University. His graduate research has been supported by Duke University and the University of Konstanz, and the Chinese Social Science Foundation.

Lauren Merkel is a graduate student at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill studying global and military history. Her research focuses on American diplomats' and policy makers' perceptions of Shi'a sectarianism in Iraq, from 1958-1992, culminating in the humanitarian assistance campaign following the Gulf War. Lauren is also an active duty Army Civil Affairs officer with operational experience in Afghanistan, Jordan, and Kosovo where she conducted Security Force Assistance and Civil-Military operations. She earned her B.A in Political Science at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

Jordan Roberts is a Ph.D. Candidate at Duke University in the political science department, studying security, peace, and conflict. His primary research interests include foreign interventions into domestic politics, regime change, and support of opposition movements. His dissertation examines the causes behind covert operations oriented towards changing, supporting, or constraining foreign governments. He has published articles in the *Hinkley Journal of Politics* and *Democracy and Society*. His graduate research has been supported by Duke University, Universität Konstanz, and most recently, by a Robert K. Steele Family Graduate Fellowship. He graduated with a B.A. in political science and economics from the University of Utah in 2014.

Joseph Stieb is a fourth-year Ph.D. candidate at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, focusing on Modern American History. He holds a B.A. from Trinity University and an M.A. from the University of Chicago. In 2010 he won the Philip F. Detweiler Prize for Excellence in Historical Writing for "The Counterinsurgent's Argument: Modern Counterinsurgency and the Guerrilla War in Missouri and Kansas." His master's research focused on "The Military Culture of Counterinsurgency in the Philippine-American War." His doctoral dissertation, "The Regime Change Consensus: Iraq in American Politics 1990-2003," looks at the containment of Iraq in the 1990's through the broader lenses of American politics and debates about America's role in the post-Cold War world.

Mary Elizabeth Walters is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and received her MA in military history from UNC in 2014. Her research examines the rise of military humanitarianism through the lens of the 1999 Kosovo Refugee Crisis in Albania, focusing in particular on the role of the US military in providing vital humanitarian assistance to refugees within a broader NATO context. Additionally, she explores the simultaneous emergence of grassroots Albanian humanitarianism premised on Albanian cultural conceptions of *mikpritja,* hospitality, and ethnic identity. Walter's broader research interests include peacekeeping, international coalitions, and ethnic conflict. Her work has been funded by a National Security Education Program Boren Fellowship, A Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Fellowship, and several FLAS awards. From 2013-2016, she served as the Graduate Student Representative for the Society for Military History.

Chairs

Joseph Caddell (Ph.D., Duke University) is Lecturer in History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Teaching Assistant Professor of History at North Carolina State University, and Professor Emeritus of the National Intelligence University. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a Combat Intelligence Officer and Target Intelligence Officer, 1973-1976, and thereafter taught Warning as a Reserve officer until 1997. He retired in the rank of Lt. Colonel. He currently teaches the History of Air Power, the History of Sea Power, U.S. Military History; and Nuclear Security in the Twenty First Century and Intelligence History. He has edited three works for the US Air War College, published a monograph on Deception for the Army War College's Strategic Studies Institute, and contributed to the Oxford Bibliographies Online (U.S. Air Power).

Bruce Jentleson (Ph.D., Cornell University) is Professor of Public Policy and Political Science at Duke University. He has written four books, published numerous scholarly articles, and held numerous research positions in the U.S. and abroad. Jentleson is a co-founder of the Bridging the Gap project, promoting greater policy relevance among academics. From 2009-11 he was Senior Advisor to the U.S. State Department Policy Planning Director. In 2012 Jentleson served on the Obama 2012 campaign National Security Advisory Steering Committee. He also served as a senior foreign policy advisor to Vice President Al Gore in his 2000 presidential campaign, in the Clinton administration State Department (1993–94), and as a foreign policy aide to Senators Gore (1987–88) and Dave Durenberger (1978–79).

Wayne E. Lee (Ph.D., Duke University) is Professor of History at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill and the chair of the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense. He served in the U.S. Army from 1987 to 1992, after which he went to graduate school at Duke University, receiving his Ph.D. in 1999. Among other works, he is the author of *Barbarians and Brothers: Anglo-American Warfare, 1500-1865* (2011) *Crowds and Soldiers in Revolutionary North Carolina: The Culture of Violence in Riot and War* (2001) and *Waging War: Conflict, Culture, and Innovation in World History* (2015). Lee is also an archaeologist, having worked on numerous projects in Greece, Albania, and Virginia.

Timothy McKeown (Ph.D., Stanford University) is Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina - 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. Methodologically, he continues to work on developing the theory and methods of qualitative research, especially the systematic observation of archival material. He is the co-author (with Leonard Lynn) of *Organizing Business--Trade Associations in the U.S. and Japan*, (1988) and co-editor (with Dan Caldwell) of *Diplomacy, Force and Leadership: Essays in Honor of Alexander L. George* (1993).

David Siegel (Ph.D., Stanford University School of Business) is Associate Professor of Political Science at Duke University. He is a political economist who studies the manner in which institutions, both formal and informal, mediate the interactions of individuals with disparate motivations. He teaches courses in terrorism, social networks, political institutions, game theory, and research methodology. He holds an A.M. in Physics from Harvard and in Political Science from Stanford and is the co-author of two books: *A Mathematics Course for Political and Social Research* (2013) and *A Behavioral Theory of Elections* (2011).

Patricia Sullivan (Ph.D., University of California-Davis) is Associate Professor in the Department of Public Policy and the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. She teaches foreign policy, international conflict, national security policy, and research design. Her research explores the utility of military force as a policy instrument, the determinants of war outcomes, and the factors that affect leaders' decisions to initiate, escalate, or terminate foreign military operations. The author of, *Who Wins? Predicting Strategic Success and Failure in Armed Conflict* (Oxford University Press, 2012), Sullivan was recently named a 2015 Andrew Carnegie Fellow.