

**Casualties and Warfare Conference**  
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**Participant Biographies**

Sean Aday joined The George Washington University's School of Media and Public Affairs in 2000, after completing his Ph.D. and a post-doctoral fellowship at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. His work examines the intersection of the press, politics, and public opinion, with a focus on the effects of news about war and politics. Much of his recent work analyzes media coverage of the Iraq War, the effects of casualty coverage, and the interplay of trust, emotion, and public opinion since the September 11th terrorist attacks. Professor Aday's scholarly articles have appeared in, among other places, the books *Media and Conflict in the 21st Century*, edited by Phil Seib (2005) and *Framing Terrorism*, edited by Pippa Norris, Montague Kern and Marion Just (2003). Before entering academia, Aday served as a general assignment reporter and intern for the Kansas City Star, The Milwaukee Journal, and the Greenville News, Greenville, SC.

William M. Arkin, journalist and author of more than ten books on military affairs, is an NBC-TV News military analyst and a consultant to numerous organizations. He was an Army intelligence analyst in West Berlin during the 1970s, a nuclear weapons expert during the Cold War, and pioneered on-the-ground study of the effects of military operations in Iraq, Yugoslavia, and Afghanistan. Mr. Arkin's latest book is *Codenames: Deciphering U.S. Military Plans, Programs, and Operations in the 9/11 World* (2005). His [Dot.Mil column](#), launched in November 1998, appeared every other Monday on [washingtonpost.com](#) until January 6, 2003. William Arkin also wrote a column for the Los Angeles Times from December 2001 until September 2004.

Deborah Avant is Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Institute for Global and International Studies at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs. Her research (funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Olin Foundation, and the Smith Richardson Foundation, among others) has focused on civil-military relations, military change, and the politics of controlling violence. Her recent research has focused on the privatization of security and has appeared, among other places, in *The Market for Force: the Consequences of Privatizing Security* (2005). She is also the author of *Political Institutions and Military Change: Lessons From Peripheral Wars* (1994). Her doctorate is from the University of California at San Diego.

Stephen Biddle has just joined the Council of Foreign Relations as Senior Fellow in Defense Policy. Previously, he held faculty appointments at UNC Chapel Hill and at the U.S. Army War College Strategic Studies Institute (SSI). He has held research positions at the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) in Alexandria, Virginia; Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (BCSIA); and the Kennedy School of Government's Office of National Security Programs. Dr. Biddle has presented testimony before congressional committees on a number of issues, including those relating to Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. He is a member of the Defense Department Senior Advisory Group on Homeland Defense and co-director of the Columbia University Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS). He is the author of the award-winning, *Military Power: Explaining Victory and Defeat in Modern Battle* (2004). Dr. Biddle holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy from Harvard University.

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Colonel Lyle Cayce is the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA or senior legal advisor), for the United States Army Infantry Center and Fort Benning, a large training installation in Georgia. From 2000-2001, Colonel Cayce served as the Staff Judge Advocate, Multi-National Division (North) and Task Force Eagle in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina. As the SJA for the Army's Third Infantry Division between 2002-2003, he helped develop Rules of Engagement for land forces for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He deployed to Kuwait during Operation Enduring Freedom and served as the Third Division SJA during Operation Iraqi Freedom and the march to Baghdad, providing advice to military commanders regarding complex military targeting decisions and the ROE during and after major combat operations. Colonel Cayce is a member of the Kentucky and American Bar Associations.

Michael D. Cobb is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at North Carolina State University. His current research focuses on how to improve the methodology of surveys, especially those that deal with delicate topics. For example, he is interested in how to measure public casualty sensitivity in the war in Iraq. He has published numerous articles in journals such as The American Journal of Political Science, The Journal of Politics and Political Research Quarterly. He received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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Lindsay Cohn is a graduate student in political science at Duke and a 2006-2007 Olin Fellow at Harvard University. Cohn specializes in civil-military relations, international law and organizations, and political philosophy. She received a B.A. magna cum laude with distinction in Political Science from Duke, where one of her minor concentrations was linguistics. She is currently writing her dissertation on the effects of types of market capitalism on problems of military recruiting and retention. She has taught courses on international law and politics and civil-military relations, at both Duke and the University of Erlanger, Germany. She has authored and co-authored articles and book chapters on civil-military relations, and also has professional experience as a translator (German-English) and text editor for academic publications.

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