



Eighth Annual New Faces Conference
Friday Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
September 7th and 8th, 2007

GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKERS

Michael Allsep (B.A. Clemson University, J.D. University of South Carolina, M.A. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) is a Ph.D. candidate in History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He also studied at the U.S. Naval Academy. Before coming to UNC, he practiced law in Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. Allsep has given a number of public talks as a member of the TISS Speakers' Bureau and has taught courses on United States history, military history, and national and international security at both the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University. He has won numerous research grants and awards, and in 2006 was invited to SWAMOS - Columbia University's Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy. In 2007 he was awarded the Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is currently Visiting Assistant Professor of History at Duke University teaching twentieth-century United States history. His dissertation explores the development of the military industrial complex in the early twentieth century.

Leo Blanken (Ph.D. University of California-Davis) completed his doctorate in September 2006. His B.A. was earned at the University of San Francisco, and his M.A. at Columbia. Dr. Blanken's research interests include abstract international relations theory and security studies. His dissertation, "Rational Empires: An Institutional Theory of Imperial Expansion," tests the conditions under which powerful states use force to gain access to markets and resources in the international system. Dr. Blanken was a Harry Frank Guggenheim Dissertation Fellow (2005-06). He has published a chapter with Emily O. Goldman and Leo J. Blanken. 2005 on "The Economic Foundations of Military Power." In Peter Dombroski, ed. *Guns and Butter: The Political Economy of International Security* (2005) as well as numerous selections in *Magill's Guide to Military History*, 2001.

Lindsay Cohn (B.A. Duke University, Ph.D. Duke University) completed her doctorate in Political Science this summer. Her dissertation examined the effects of differing national labor market structures on military personnel management policies. Ms. Cohn specializes in civil-military relations, international law and organizations, and political philosophy. She has taught courses on international law and politics and civil-military relations at Duke University and the University of Erlangen, 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) for academic publications. Among the awards and grants she has received are a German Federal Chancellor Fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (2002-03), a Research Fellowship at the Free University of Berlin (2004-05), a pre-doctoral fellowship at the Olin Institute at Harvard (2006-07), and most recently the Trans-Atlantic Post-Doctoral Fellowship in International Relations and Security from the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik in Berlin, the Johns Hopkins SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations, and the Institut Francais des Relations Internationales in Paris (2007-09).

Lindsay Heger (B.A. in Economics, University of Colorado-Boulder) is a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at the University of California-San Diego. Her doctoral dissertation examines the targets of unconventional violence. She published an article with Idean Salehyan on “Ruthless-Ruthless Rulers: Coalition Size and the Severity of Civil Conflict” in *International Studies Quarterly*, June 2007 and has also given a number of conference presentations. She is the 2006-2007 START Fellow (Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism). Her doctoral dissertation examines the targets of unconventional violence.

Kyle A. Joyce (B.S. Eastern New Mexico University, M.A. University of Essex) is a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at Pennsylvania State University. His fields of study are International Relations and Political Methodology. Kyle is interested in international conflict, game theory, computational modeling, and statistical methodology. He has won numerous grants and awards, most recently an NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, Methodology Measurement and Statistics Program (2007-8). He has presented his research at a number of annual meetings for the International Studies Association, American Political Science Association, and the Society for Political Methodology. Mr. Joyce has published several articles, one being an article with Dylan Balch-Lindsay and Andrew J. Enterline “Third-Party Intervention and the Civil War Process” forthcoming, *Journal of Peace Research* (2008). His dissertation addresses when and why countries decide to join ongoing wars.

Sarah Kreps (B.A. Harvard, M.Sc. Oxford University – International Environmental Policy, Ph.D. Georgetown University) is a postdoctoral fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University and a senior fellow at the Institute for International Law and Politics at Georgetown University. She has authored a number of articles in refereed journals and given a number of presentations at conferences. Prior to starting her Ph.D, Dr. Kreps was an active duty officer in the US Air Force, where she was an acquisitions officer for the E-3 AWACS and a foreign area officer for European and Sub-Saharan African Affairs. She has also been a consultant to the US Department of State and Homeland Security (2005-06), to the US Department of Defense (2004), the UK Ministry of Defence, and NATO (2003). She has won numerous awards and honors, including a Global War on Terror Medal, and is a term member on the Council on Foreign Relations.

Robert S. Robinson (Ph.D. Ohio State University) was awarded his doctorate in the summer 2007. His research centers on the political, cultural, and security challenges posed by Mexican migration to the United States. His work has been supported by grants from the Harry S. Truman Library Foundation, the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, and the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR). He has presented his research at a number of conferences including the SHAFR Annual Meeting; the Ohio Latinamericanist Conference, the “Crossing Borders, Spanning Regions: the Movements of People, Goods, and Ideas” conference hosted by the Center for International History at Columbia University; and the “Envisioning Bracero History Conference” at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Daniel Breck Walker (Ph.D. Vanderbilt University) completed his doctorate in July 2007. His B.B.A. was earned at the University of Texas, his J.D. from Stanford University, California School of Law, and his M.B.A. at Stanford University. His dissertation examines the foreign policy of Cyrus Vance, Secretary of State, under Jimmy Carter. He creates a revisionist view of the 1970s and vindicates the tradition in American foreign policy that is concerned with international law and cautious about the use of force. His chapter on the decision to finish the normalization of relations with the People’s Republic of China was accepted at a State Department conference to celebrate the opening of China in September. Another chapter, dealing with Vance’s role in the dispute between Somalia and Ethiopia in the Horn of Africa, was presented at the annual conference of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations. Walker came to graduate school after a twenty-year career in law and business. He is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor at Sewanee, The University of the South, for 2007-2008.

FACULTY DISCUSSANTS AND CHAIRS

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 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 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.

Joseph W. Caddell is Adjunct Assistant Professor of Peace, War, and Defense at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Teaching Assistant Professor of History at North Carolina State University. He teaches the History of Air Power, the History of Sea Power, U.S. Military History, and the American Civil War and Reconstruction. Professor Caddell served in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserve from 1973 through 1997, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He has taught warning intelligence at a variety of Department of Defense Schools and edited and authored texts and monographs for the Air War College and the Army War College on subjects ranging from Nuclear Strategy to Military Deception. He holds a doctorate in History from Duke University and is a Fellow of the Triangle Institute for Security Studies.

Mark J.C. Crescenzi (Ph.D. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He teaches courses in International Relations, including Introductory International Relations, International Conflict Processes and National Security and Defense Policy. His research interests include the relationship between conflict and democracy and conflict and international economic interdependence, and in theories of reputation, history, and learning in world politics. Besides his numerous articles, Professor Crescenzi has authored a book, published in 2005 with Lexington Books, on the subject of economic interdependence and conflict. He is currently working on a project sponsored by the National Science Foundation to study the dynamic learning and reputations of non-state actors interacting with governments.

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* will be 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. 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 forthcoming in the *Journal of Conflict Resolution* and *Civil Wars*. Professor Downes is spending 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.

Christopher Gelpi (Ph.D., University of Michigan) is Professor of Political Science at Duke University. His primary research interests are the sources of international militarized conflict and strategies for international conflict resolution. He is currently engaged in research on American public opinion and the

use of military force, and on statistical models for forecasting military conflict. He has published works on the role of norms in crisis bargaining, alliances as instruments of control, diversionary wars, deterrence theory, and the influence of the international system on the outbreak of violence. His published works include *The Power of Legitimacy: The Role of Norms in Crisis Bargaining* (2003), (with Peter D. Feaver) *Choosing Your Battles: American Civil-Military Relations and the Use of Force* (2004), and (with Peter Feaver and Jason Reifler) *Paying the Human Costs of War: American Public Opinion and Casualties in Military Conflicts* (2008). In 2006 he won the prestigious Karl Deutsch Award, given by the International Studies Association in recognition of his contribution to the study of International Relations and Peace Research.

Stephen Gent (Ph.D., University of Rochester) is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he teaches courses in international relations and quantitative methods. His main research interests include military intervention, civil war bargaining, and international conflict management. His dissertation research used formal and quantitative methods to examine how the strategic interaction between potential interveners and domestic actors affects decisions to pursue military intervention in civil conflicts. An article from this project won the Stuart A. Bremer Prize and is forthcoming in the *Journal of Politics*.

Richard C. Kearney (Ph.D. University of Oklahoma) is the inaugural director of the School of Public and International Affairs at North Carolina State University. Prior to assuming this position he was Department of Political Science at East Carolina University. He is the former director of the Master of Public Affairs program and the Institute of Public and Urban Affairs at the University of Connecticut (1990 - 1998). His scholarly and applied research focus on public administration, state and local politics, and public policy. His most prolific specialty areas are human resource management, labor relations, and state and local government. He is a frequent contributor to *Public Administration Review*, considered the most influential journal in Public Administration. He is co-author of the best-selling text, *State and Local Government*.

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. 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.

Nancy Mitchell (Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University) is Associate Professor in the History Department at North Carolina State University. She also holds degrees from the University of Hull (Ecumenical Theology) and New College (History of Religion) and prior to joining the faculty at North Carolina State University lectured at Trinity College, Dublin and Rhodes College, Memphis. She is author of *The Danger of Dreams: German and American Imperialism in Latin America, 1895-1914* (1999) and a book, *Race and Realpolitik: Jimmy Carter and Africa* (forthcoming).

Alex Roland is Acting Director of the Triangle Institute for Security Studies and Professor of History at Duke University. He served in the United States Marine Corps between 1966 -1970. Between 1973 and 1981 he was the Historian at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and from 1988-1989 he

was a Professor of Military History at the Military History Institute, U.S. Army War College. Dr. Roland's research and writing focus on military history and the history of technology. His current research and writing are in the fields of aviation, astronautics, computers, weapons, and the relationship between war and technology. Other recent publications include *Strategic Computing: DARPA and the Quest for Machine Intelligence, 1983-1993* (2002); *The Military-industrial Complex* (2001); (edited with Peter Galison) *Atmospheric Flight in the Twentieth Century* (2001); and the introduction to the 2000 edition of Theodore Ropp's *War in the Modern World*. He holds a Ph.D. from Duke University.

Michael J. Struett (Ph.D., University of California - Irvine) is an Assistant Professor of political science in the School of Public and International Affairs at North Carolina State University. For his doctoral dissertation titled *The Politics of Constructing the International Criminal Court* he received a fellowship from the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation which allowed him to travel to the Netherlands and interview many of the people involved in negotiating the court's establishment. His research interests include international relations theory, international organizations, and the politics of international law. He is interested in the role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in world politics and particularly their participation in meetings of international organizations. Current research examines the role of NGOs in United Nations reform. He also has particular expertise on the International Criminal Court, and the politics of war crimes trials.

John Thompson (Ph.D., Queen's University) studies nineteenth and twentieth-century North American History. He teaches (among other courses) a lecture course on the relationships among Canada, Mexico and the United States. His credentials in the history of warfare are ancient - *The Harvests of War, 1941-1918*, was published in 1978! But a fourth edition of his book *Ambivalent Allies*, which considers relationships among the three nation-states of North America, will appear in 2008.

GRADUATE STUDENT DISCUSSANTS

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 intersection between economics and conflict and she is currently researching the influence of non-state actors on traditional conceptions of state sovereignty.

Katja Kleinberg (B.A. Leipzig University, M.A. UNC-Chapel Hill) is a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research interests lie at the intersection of international relations and comparative politics. Ms. Kleinberg's dissertation examines the domestic political context of international economic sanctions. She is also involved in research on the influence of international trade on foreign policy attitudes, as well as on the role of states' reputations in alliance formation.

Sarah Lincoln (B.A., B.A. Hons. University of the Witwatersrand, M.A. SUNY Stony Brook) is a graduate student in the department of English at Duke University. Her interdisciplinary interests span political and economic theory, urban studies and contemporary globalism as well as postcolonial literature, world cinema, and aesthetic theory. Her dissertation focuses on economies of waste and recycling in postcolonial African fiction and film, but other research interests include finance capital, imperialism and war; superfluity and disposability; transitional justice; and the politics of debt.

Sebastian Lukasik (B.A. Simon Fraser University) is a Ph.D. student in the graduate program in history at Duke, working under the direction of Alex Roland on a dissertation entitled "Pershing's Crusaders: Progressivism, Military Professionalism, and the Dynamics of Institutional Identity in the American Expeditionary Forces, 1916-1920." He holds a B.A. and an M.A. from Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada. His principal areas of interest include civil-military relations, military professionalism, and militarism in the United States and Germany between 1865 and 1945.

Steven Sacco (B.A. Tufts University; M.P.P. University of Chicago) is currently a fourth year Ph.D. student in the Department of Sociology at Duke University. His fields of interest are war, state formation, and economic sociology. His dissertation work focuses on a comparative and historical analysis of suicidal attack and defense in Western and non-Western cultures.

Camber Warren (B.A. University of Rochester) is a graduate student in the Department of Political Science at Duke University. He specializes in international security, international diplomacy, civil conflict, ethnic politics, statistical methods, and computational modeling. He has taught courses on ethnic identity and guerilla warfare, and he is currently writing his dissertation on the effects of mass media network structures on the mobilization of armed conflict.

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.

Jacqueline Whitt (B.A. Hollins University; M.A. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) is a Ph.D. candidate at UNC, studying military and American history. Her dissertation, on the Vietnam-era chaplaincy, explores the intersections and interchanges between American military and religious cultures and the place of religious practice in the American Military. She is a recipient of the Center for Military History's Dissertation Fellowship for 2007-2008. Her other research interests include the history of American religion, American foreign relations, and the history of memory and identity.