



New Faces XXIV

Triangle Institute for Security Studies
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Friday, September 22nd

107 Loudermilk Hall, Rizzo Center and livestream

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| 8:00-8:30 | Coffee & Pastries |
| 8:30-8:40 | Welcome & Opening Remarks
Tricia Sullivan, Director of the Triangle Institute for Security Studies |
| 8:40-9:45 | Session 1: "Kinship Control: When and How Rebel Groups Mobilize Civilians' Familial Ties During Civil War"
Emily Myers, Duke University
Discussants: Dr. Navin Bapat and Cavender Sutton
Chair: Dr. Mara Revkin |
| 9:45-9:55 | Break |
| 9:55-11:00 | Session 2: "On the Edge of Battle: Building the Cold War Army in Germany, 1945-1960"
Ashley Vance, Texas A&M University
Discussants: Dr. Wayne Lee and Andrew Kenealy
Chair: Dr. Michael Struett |
| 11:00-11:10 | Break |
| 11:10-12:15 | Session 3: "Politics of Community Resilience to armed Jihadism in West Africa"
Lamin Keita, Northwestern University
Discussants: Dr. Moses Khisa and Samuel Akau
Chair: Dr. Manna Duah |
| 12:15-1:15 | Boxed Lunch |
| 1:15-2:20 | Session 4: "Nuclear Politics in the Age of Decolonization: French Nuclear Tests in the Sahara, African Peace Mobilization, and the Advent of the Global Nuclear Order 1957-1963"
Leyla Tiglay, Harvard University
Discussants: Dr. Susan Colbourn and Jeremy Sunshine
Chair: Dr. Simon Miles |

- 2:20-2:30 Break
- 2:30-3:35 Session 5: "Brazzaville's Diaspora: Colonial Development, Paramilitary Warfare, and the Birth of Modern Counterinsurgency, 1941-1958"
Nathan Grau, Harvard University
Discussants: Dr. Jennifer Siegel and Stephanie Wright
Chair: Dr. Austin Matthews
- 3:35-3:45 Break
- 3:45-4:50 Session 6: "Power and Permanence: The Psychology of Territorial Nationalism"
Andi Zhou, Harvard University
Discussants: Dr. David Siegel and Mark Thomas-Patterson
Chair: Dr. Soyoung Lee
- 4:50-5:00 Closing Remarks
Kyle Beardsley, Deputy Director of the Triangle Institute for Security Studies

Participant Biographies

Ashley Vance is a military historian, currently completing a doctoral degree in History at Texas A&M University. Her research focuses on the US Army occupation of Germany after World War II and its broader impact on international relations and US military policy development. In particular, her research examines the transformation of US Army, Europe from a warmaking force to a peacetime deterrent for the Cold War from 1945 to 1960. Ashley is currently a research assistant at the US Army Center of Military History in Washington DC.

Lamin Keita is a comparative study of political violence analyst and researcher, currently completing a doctoral degree in Comparative Politics and International Relations at the Political Science Department of Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Science at Northwestern University, United States. His current research interests include community radicalization, comparative studies of political violence (Terrorism), International Security Studies, Democratization, and Human Rights and Law, with a regional specialization on West African Sahel and Africa. Keita is a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellow and Social Science Research Council (SSRC-IDRF) Fellow. Prior to enrolling in Northwestern University graduate school, Keita served as a journalist in West Africa but was forced to seek political asylum in the United States. He subsequently enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, obtaining his BA in Political Science and a Master's degree at Northwestern University.

Emily Myers is a PhD Candidate in Political Science at Duke University, a 2023-2024 USIP-Minerva Peace and Security Scholar, and a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow. Previously, she was a Junior Visiting Scholar at Nuffield College at the University of Oxford. She studies conflict and violence with a geographic focus on Nepal. Her dissertation seeks to explain the role of civilians' social ties in shaping local order during and after civil war. The project combines original sub-national, cross-national, and qualitative data and leverages advanced causal inference tools. It sheds new light on how community social ties interact with conflict dynamics to shape three key outcomes: rebel recruitment, rebel governance, and women's postwar empowerment.

Leyla Tiglay is a Ph.D. candidate at Ohio State University specializing in the intersection of the international history of decolonization and the history of science and technology. She is currently an Ernest May Fellow in History and Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center, and a Fellow at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. Leyla's research probes the intricate relationships between nuclear history, African decolonization, and Transatlantic relations, casting a spotlight on the dynamics surrounding French nuclear tests in the Sahara from the late 1950s to the early 1960s. By weaving together themes of technology, diplomacy, and decolonization, her research sheds light on their combined effect on non-proliferation and the shaping of the international nuclear regime. Previously, Leyla held positions as a predoctoral fellow at the Center for Grand Strategy at the Bush School of Government and the United States Institute of Peace (USIP).

Nathan Grau is a doctoral candidate in History at Harvard University and an Ernest May Fellow in History and Policy at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. His interests broadly include counterinsurgency, European Defense, irregular warfare in Africa and Southeast Asia, and sectarian violence. He has been a Fulbright fellow at the Université Paris-Nanterre and holds previous degrees from Columbia University and New York University.

Andi Zhou is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Government at Harvard University. His research examines the psychological roots of interstate territorial conflict and the impact of public opinion on territorial disputes, with particular regional focus on South Asia and Latin America. Andi's broader research interests relate to political communication and media, including work on public diplomacy and how information shapes the public's views on international trade. Andi is a graduate affiliate of Harvard's Weatherhead Center of International Affairs, and has also been a visiting scholar at the Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi, India.

Samuel Akau is a doctoral student in public policy (international development). Prior to UNC-Chapel Hill, Samuel co-founded Sawa Sawa Network, a multimedia initiative elevating discourse, amplifying the voices of outstanding South Sudanese thought leaders, and empowering ordinary citizens doing extraordinary things to build peace and community in South Sudan and its Diaspora.

Navin Bapat is currently the Dowd Professor of Peace and War in Political Science and the Chair of the Curriculum of Peace, War, and Defense at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. His 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 an ongoing project examining the use and the effectiveness of economic sanctions.

Kyle Beardsley is Professor of Political Science at Duke University, Deputy Director of the Triangle Institute for Security Studies, and co-director of the ICB data project. Beardsley's research interests focus on the quantitative study of international conflict and peace processes, particularly questions related to the role of third parties in shaping conflict dynamics, the interdependence of networks of conflict and cooperation, the links between armed conflict and gender power imbalances, and the impact of nuclear weapons on international crisis behavior.

Susan Colbourn is associate director of the Program in American Grand Strategy at Duke University. A diplomatic and international historian, she specializes in European security, the politics of nuclear weapons, and the history of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). She is the author of *Euromissiles: The Nuclear Weapons That Nearly Destroyed NATO* (Cornell, 2022).

Manna Duah is Assistant Professor of History at North Carolina Central University. Her research interests are global Africa, with a focus on democracy, state violence, foreign relations, and Black transnational mobilizations in the twentieth century. She also studies histories of development theory and capitalism in postwar Africa; race and U.S. foreign policy toward Africa; and the making of the post-1945 global order. Her research highlights state histories and the social and political histories of globalization.

Andrew Kenealy is a Predoctoral Fellow with the America in the World Consortium and a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at Duke University. His research examines the connections between domestic politics and international relations, with a focus on American foreign affairs.

Moses Khisa is Associate Professor of Political Science and Africana Studies at the School of Public and International Affairs at North Carolina State University. Khisa is the author of *Africa's New Global Politics: Regionalism in International Relations* with Rita Kiki Edozie (Lynne Rienner, 2022) and co-editor, along with Christopher Day, of *Rethinking Civil-Military Relations in Africa: Beyond the Coup d'État* (Lynne Rienner, 2022).

Soyoung Lee (New Faces Alumnus) received her Ph.D. in Political Science at Stanford University and is currently an American in the World Consortium Postdoctoral Fellow. She studies International Relations with a focus on why states and their citizens are willing to engage in costly conflict over some international issues but not others. Her research combines survey experiments, geospatial analysis of territorial claims, qualitative case studies, and text analysis of political rhetoric.

Wayne Lee is a professor in the History department at UNC. He specializes in early modern military history, with a particular focus on North America and the Atlantic World.

Austin Matthews is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at East Carolina University. His research focuses on the intersections between political elites, coercive institutions, and repression in dictatorships. Dr. Matthews' research has been featured in the *British Journal of Political Science*, *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, and other peer-reviewed academic journals.

Simon Miles (New Faces Alumnus) is assistant professor in the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University. He is the author of *Engaging the Evil Empire: Washington, Moscow, and the Beginning of the End of the Cold War*, published by Cornell University Press in October 2020; of articles in *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, *Diplomatic History*, *International Security*, the *Journal of Cold War Studies*, and *Slavic Review*; and commentary in *Foreign Policy*, the *Globe and Mail*, *War on the Rocks*, and the *Washington Post*. Simon's current project, *On Guard for Peace and Socialism*, is an international history of the Warsaw Pact, forthcoming from Princeton University Press.

Mara Revkin is an Associate Professor of Law at Duke University. Her primary research and teaching interests are in armed conflict, peace-building, transitional justice, migration,

policing, and property with a regional focus on the Middle East and particularly Iraq and Syria.

David Siegel is a Professor of Political Science and Public Policy. His research addresses the theoretical determinants of collective action in the contexts of political violence and terrorism, elections, and opinion and identity formation. He has published in journals such as the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, and *Journal of Politics*, and is the coauthor of *A Behavioral Theory of Elections* and *A Mathematics Course for Political and Social Research*, both from Princeton University Press.

Jennifer Siegel is the Bruce R. Kuniholm Distinguished Professor of History and Public Policy at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University. She is a historian of nineteenth and twentieth century European diplomatic and military history.

Michael Struett is an Associate Professor of Political Science in the School of Public and International Affairs at North Carolina State University. Dr. Struett is generally interested in the evolution of norms in world politics, and the role of international organizations and international law in contributing to world order. He teaches courses on Global Governance and International Organizations, International Law, the United Nations, and International Relations theory. Much of his work focuses on the impact of non-governmental organizations in world politics, particularly the importance of their participation in processes of global governance.

Patricia L. Sullivan (New Faces Alumnus) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Public Policy and the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Director of the Triangle Institute for Security Studies. Sullivan's research explores the utility of military force as a policy instrument; the effects of foreign military aid and assistance provided to both state and nonstate actors; and factors that affect leaders' decisions to initiate, escalate, or terminate foreign military operations. Her book, *Who Wins? Predicting Strategic Success and Failure in Armed Conflict*, was published by Oxford University Press in 2012.

Jeremy Sunshine is a doctoral student at Duke University. His work examines the impact of losing leaders on states involved in interstate warfare. He is particularly interested in leadership decapitation as part of interstate warfare and the details of when and how states make targeting leadership part of their strategies.

Cavender Sutton is a doctoral student at UNC. His work examines the ways in which statecraft and military culture are shaped during times of conflict. He is particularly interested in the various advisory roles conducted by the United States Military during nation-building operations from the early twentieth century to the present.

Mark Thomas-Patterson is a Master's student at UNC. His research interests include US relations with the Soviet Union and its successor states, arms control, and the role of domestic politics in diplomacy

Stephanie Wright is a PhD candidate in the Security, Peace, and Conflict subfield of the Political Science Department at Duke University, conducting research on the effects of recognition of subnational groups on state identity and political participation in conflict-affected countries.