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Summer 2022

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SSP hosts 2022 Congressional Seminar



SSP welcomed more than 30 congressional staffers to Cambridge for a three-day seminar in April sponsored by the Raymond Frankel Foundation. Staffers engaged in substantive Q&A sessions and policy discussions with faculty, graduate students and affiliates of the programs. Speakers included assistant professor **Mariya Grinberg** (above at left) and former Chief of Naval Operations Admiral **John Richardson** (above at right).

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SSP professor selected for role at Pentagon



Vipin Narang, Frank Stanton Professor of Nuclear Security and Political Science at SSP, was named Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy.

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Special Seminar on Xi Jinping, US-China relations

Former Australian Prime Minister **Kevin Rudd**, AC, was welcomed by SSP for a Special Seminar on the rise of Xi Jinping in March.

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Lauderback receives 2022 Doolittle Award



Maj. Gen. **Leah G. Lauderback**, the Director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance for the U.S. Space Force, was awarded the General James Doolittle Award by SSP at the annual Doolittle Dinner in April. She is pictured with MIT SSP Director **M. Taylor Fravel**.

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SSP welcomes new assistant director

After more than 14 years of service to SSP, **Joli Divon Saraf** left her position as SSP's assistant director on July 15. **Laura Kerwin** (at left) will take over the position. She previously coordinated programs and events for MIT's Center for International Studies.



New podcast: Wednesdays with SSP

A promotional graphic for the podcast "Wednesdays with SSP". It features four small square images of the speakers: a man with glasses and a dark jacket, a man wearing a white face mask and a dark sweater, a man with a beard and a dark sweater, and a woman with glasses and a dark top. To the right of these images is a larger yellow rectangular area containing a globe icon, the text "WEDNESDAYS with SSP", and a small "MITSSP" logo. Below this is a rounded rectangular button with the Apple Podcasts logo and the text "Listen on Apple Podcasts".

SSP recently launched its first podcast: “Wednesdays with SSP.” The podcast, currently available on Apple Podcasts and Soundcloud, offers another way to tune into our Wednesday and Special Seminars. A new episode is released every two weeks from September to May. **Christopher Burns**, SSP's communications coordinator, produced the project.

[Listen here](#)

Seminar guest Azmat Khan wins Pulitzer Prize for reporting



Azmat Khan, a Wednesday Seminar speaker during the spring semester, won a Pulitzer Prize days after her presentation to SSP. She was awarded the prize, along with the staff of the *New York Times*, for “reporting that exposed the vast civilian toll of U.S.-led airstrikes” in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan.

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PhD student Eleanor Freund wins Jeanne Guillemin Prize

SSP PhD candidate **Eleanor Freund** was awarded the Jeanne Guillemin Prize, which supports women pursuing doctorate degrees in international relations. The award will help support her dissertation research on Chinese foreign and security policy.

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Annual field trip: SSP heads to Hawaii

SSP faculty and graduate students joined the 2021-2022 cohort of Military Fellows for a field trip to Hawaii this spring. The trip included engagements with U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force troops stationed on the islands, a chance to undergo jungle warfare training, and a meeting at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. A full recap will be published in SSP's upcoming annual report.

Publications

[“China’s Military Strategy for a ‘New Era’: Some Change, More Continuity, and Tantalizing Hints”](#)

M. Taylor Fravel (with Joel Wuthnow)

Journal of Strategic Studies, March 2022

[Active Denial: A Roadmap to a More Effective, Stabilizing, and Sustainable U.S. Defense Strategy in Asia](#)

Eric Heginbotham (with Rachel Odell, et al.)

Quincy Institute paper, June 2022

[“Israeli Public Opinion on the Use of Nuclear Weapons: Lessons from Terror Management Theory”](#)

Doreen Horschig (2021-22 Stanton Fellow)

Journal of Global Security Studies, May 2022

[“Wargame of Drones: Remotely piloted aircraft and crisis escalation”](#)

Erik Lin Greenberg

Journal of Conflict Resolution, June 2022

[“Global Security Entanglement and the Mobility Paradox”](#)

Kelly M. Greenhill (with F. Adamson)

Current History, January 2022

[“The Nuclear Balance Is What States Make of It”](#)

David Logan (2021-22 Stanton Fellow)

International Security, April 2022

[“Swords and Emotions: The American Civil War and Society-centric Strategy”](#)

Jonathan Shimshoni (affiliate)

Survival, April 2022

Commentaries

[“When Migrants Become Weapons: The Long History and Worrying Future of a Coercive Tactic”](#)

Kelly M. Greenhill

Foreign Affairs, March/April 2022

[“Deployment of several units to the southwestern islands: An MIT security specialist talks Taiwan, China, and Okinawa”](#)

Eric Heginbotham

Asahi Shinbun Globe, December 2022

[“Boots on the Ground, Eyes in the Sky”](#)

Erik Lin Greenberg (with Theo Milonopoulos)

Foreign Affairs, May 2022

[“The Russian Sanctions Regime and the Risk of Catastrophic Success”](#)

Erik Sand & Suzanne Freeman

War on the Rocks, March 2022

[“Here’s What Western Leaders Need to Remember About Zelensky’s Emotional Appeals”](#)

Roger Petersen

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, March 2022

[“Causing Crisis Works”](#)

Josh Shiffrinson & Kelly M. Greenhill

Foreign Policy, February 2022

[“To Prevent War and Secure Ukraine, Make Ukraine Neutral”](#)

Stephen Van Evera

Defense Priorities, February 2022

Where are they headed?

Charles E. Anklam III ('21-'22 USMC Military Fellow)

Commanding Officer 3d Battalion, 6th Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC

Pete Atkinson ('21-'22 US Army Military Fellow)

Space Division Chief with the Headquarters Department of the Army at the Pentagon

Mark Hamilton ('21-'22 US Air Force Military Fellow)

Special Assistant to the Vice Commander of US Special Forces Operations Command

Doreen Horschig ('21-'22 Stanton Fellow)

American Academy of Arts and Sciences

So Jin Lee ('21-'22 Statecraft Fellow)

Post doc at the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center

David Logan ('21-'22 Stanton Fellow)

Assistant Professor in National Security Affairs at the U.S. Naval War College

Gerry Mauer ('21-'22 US Navy Military Fellow)

Executive Officer / Commanding Officer of USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108)

Chris Thoendel ('21-'22 US Army Military Fellow)

Naval Postgraduate School, Associate Dean of Information Sciences and Operations
Research Department

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Pete Atkinson (2021-22 Military Fellow) Atkinson's research project, "From Air to Space: The Perils of Domain Parochialism" received an Army War College writing award. The project, advised by SSP's Erik Lin-Greenberg, has been submitted for publication and peer review.

Eric Heginbotham participated in the "3rd Track 1.5 US-Australia Indo-Pacific Deterrence Dialogue."

David Logan (2021-22 Stanton Fellow) will begin working as Assistant Professor in National Security Affairs at the U.S. Naval War College.

Rich Nielsen recently presented a talk, "Data Science and Racist Influencers on YouTube," at HubSpot, a developer and marketer of software products for inbound marketing.

Roger Petersen recently spoke at two programs in Iraq: "State-Building in Iraq: Learning from Other Cases," at the Iraqi Institute for Dialogue, Baghdad, Iraq; and, "Combating Terrorism: From Conflict to Prevention," at the Political Science Department, Nahrain University, Baghdad, Iraq."

Multimedia

Eugene Gholz was interviewed on NPR's *Morning Edition* [about the defense industry supply chain, especially for Javelin missiles.](#)

M. Taylor Fravel appeared in a video interview with *The Print*: "[China and India need to reimagine what is possible on the border.](#)"

Erik Sand appeared on the *Conversation Six* podcast [to discuss sanctions against Russia after its war of aggression against Ukraine.](#)

Alumni Profile: Dr. Jeremy Pressman



This quarter's Alumni Profile features **Dr. Jeremy Pressman**, who finished his dissertation at MIT in 2002. He currently serves as a professor of political science at the University of Connecticut, where he also serves as the co-director of the Crowd Counting Consortium, and the director of the UConn Middle East Studies department.

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Alumni highlights

Boaz Atzili (PhD) was granted the 2022-23 Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Award for a study of “Center-Periphery Interaction in Western Himalayas Borderlands.”

Matt Cancian (PhD) published “[The Impact of Modern-System Training on Battlefield Participation by Kurdish Soldiers](#)” in *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Christopher Clary (PhD) published a book, *The Difficult Politics of Peace: Rivalry in Modern South Asia*. It was published by Oxford University Press.

Andrew Halterman (PhD) received the Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding PhD Thesis from the MIT Political Science Department.

Phil Haun (PhD) published “[The Brinkmanship Game: Bargaining under the Mutual Risk of Escalation](#)” in *Journal of Political Science Education* with Michael O'Hara.

Michal Ben-Josef Hirsch (PhD) was promoted to associate professor with tenure at Suffolk University in Boston.

Peter Krause (PhD) published “[Knowing is Half the Battle: How Education Decreases the Fear of Terrorism](#)” in *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Alan Kuperman (PhD) published an article, “[Moral hazard in Sudan’s ‘Two Areas’ – humanitarianism that perpetuates civil war](#)” in *Conflict, Security & Development*.

Brian McCue (PhD) published a book: *Essays on Search Theory*. It continues the work that began with his Course XVII dissertation, *U-Boats In The Bay of Biscay* (1990).

Andrew Miller (PhD) published an article, “[Ethnicity and Violence in Weak States: Understanding the Mechanisms](#)” in *Comparative Politics*.

Jeremy Pressman (PhD) co-authored an article published in *Mobilization*, “[Protests Under Trump, 2017-2021](#).”

Apichai W. Shipper (PhD) published an article, “[The Art of Thai Diplomacy: Parables of Alliance](#)” in *Pacific Affairs*.

Paul Staniland (PhD) won the 2022 Karl Deutsch Award from the International Studies Association as the scholar who is judged to have made (through a body of publications) the most significant contribution to the study of International Relations and Peace Research.

Brian Taylor (PhD) wrote an article for *Foreign Affairs*: “[The Power Struggle After Putin](#).”

Glenn Voelz (Military Fellow) published a novel, [The Third Force](#).

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