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MIT Security Studies Program



Fall 2022

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WEDNESDAY SEMINARS

Fall 2022



Lindsay Cohn
Sept. 21



Rosella Cappella Zielinski
Sept. 28



Tamar Mitts
Oct. 12



William Akoto
Oct. 19



Tyler Jost
Oct. 26



Susan Colbourn
Nov. 2



Jennifer Lind
Nov. 16



Andrew Kydd
Nov. 30



Tong Zhao
Dec. 7

Our weekly lecture series returns this Fall

SSP will host nine experts on international security and diplomacy during our Fall season of Wednesday Seminars. The public is invited to watch each lecture live on YouTube. For more information on streaming the events, or to learn more about our guests, [click here](#).

2022-23 Military Fellows arrive in Cambridge



Five **military fellows** arrived to SSP this fall. They will participate in MIT courses, seminars, events and offer their unique expertise to our students.

Our guests for the 22-23 academic year are:

Lt. Col. Derrick McClain, USAF

Lt. Col. P. Lawrence Rangel, US Army

CDR Mike Tomsik, USN

Lt. Col. John D. Turner, US Army

Lt. Col. Tad Van Buskirk Drake Jr., USMC

[Learn more about the fellows](#)

2022-23 Grand Strategy Fellows



This year we welcomed two post-doc fellows in the Grand Strategy, Security, and Statecraft fellows program, **Joshua Schwartz** and **Caileigh Glenn**. Josh's research focuses on questions related to reputation, gender, weapons of mass destruction, drones, and coercion. Caileigh's research examines economic statecraft and foreign policy with a focus on the political effects of financial coercion.

[Learn more about the fellows](#)

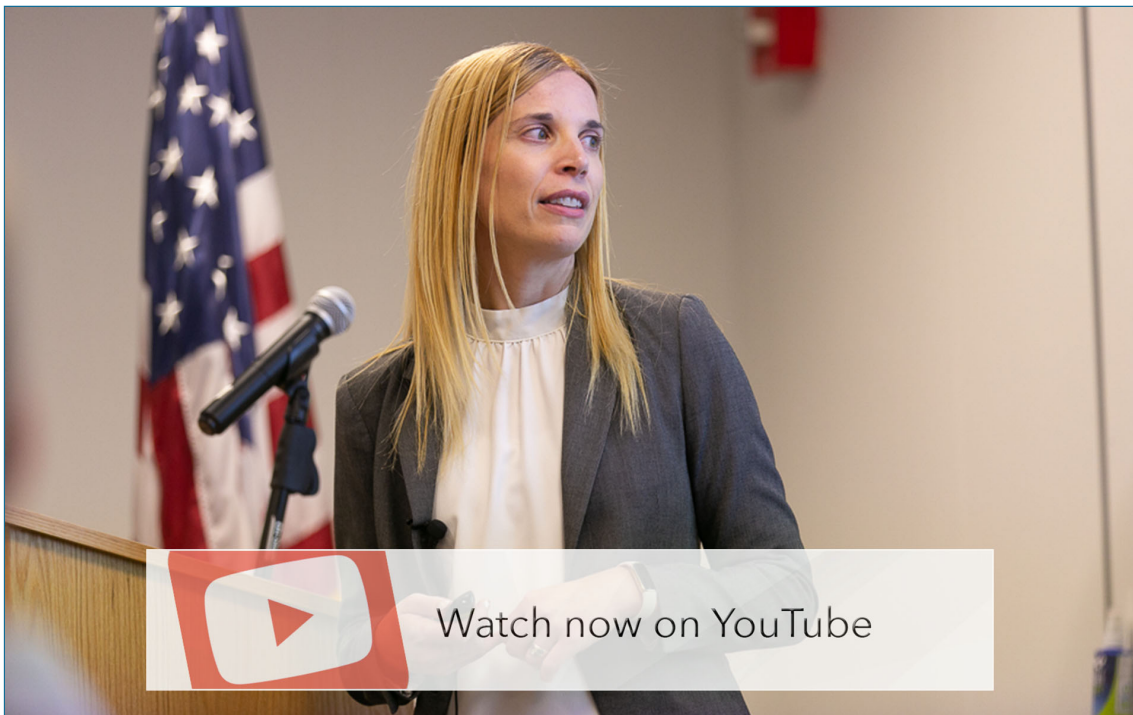
2022-23 Stanton Nuclear Fellows



This year's Stanton Nuclear Security post-doc fellows are (from left) **Linde Desmaele, Jacklyn Majnemer and Austin Cooper**. The fellowship is designed to help stimulate the development of the next generation of thought leaders in nuclear security by supporting research that will advance policy-relevant understanding of the subject.

[Learn more about the fellows](#)

All seminar recordings now available on YouTube



All of SSP's seminars — Wednesday and Special Seminars — are available to watch live, or afterwards as a recording, on our YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/SSPYoutube>.

[Watch here](#)

Publications

[“The Tunisian request: Saharan fallout, US assistance and the making of the International Atomic Energy Agency”](#)

Austin Cooper, Stanton Fellow
Cold War History, August 2022

[“Wargame of Drones: Remotely Piloted Aircraft and Conflict Escalation”](#)

Erik Lin-Greenberg, faculty
Journal of Conflict Resolution, June 2022

[“Soldiers' Dilemma: Foreign Military Training and Liberal Norm Conflict”](#)

Renanah Joyce, affiliate
International Security, 2022

[“Hypotheses on the implications of the Ukraine-Russia war”](#)

Barry R. Posen, faculty
Defense Priorities, June 2022

[“Do Armed Drones Counter Terrorism, Or Are They Counterproductive? Evidence from Eighteen Countries.”](#)

Joshua Schwartz, Statecraft Fellow
International Studies Quarterly, August 2022

[“Then What? Assessing the Military Implications of Chinese Control of Taiwan.”](#)

Caitlin Talmadge, affiliate
International Security, Summer 2022 w/Brendan R. Green

Commentaries

[“Rethinking How the United States Trains Foreign Militaries”](#)

Renanah Joyce, affiliate
Lawfare, August 2022

[“Ukraine’s Implausible Theories of Victory: The Fantasy of Russian Defeat and the Case for Diplomacy”](#)

Barry R. Posen, faculty
Foreign Affairs, July 2022

[“The consequences of conflict: Why Indo-Pacific power hinges on Taiwan.”](#)

Caitlin Talmadge, affiliate

Foreign Affairs, July/August 2022

News

Suzanne Freeman (PhD Grad Student) was awarded the Harriman Institute Research Grant for PhD Students in the Social Sciences sponsored by Columbia University and the Carnegie Foundation.

Erik Lin Greenberg (faculty) is spending the 2022-23 academic year in New Hampshire at Dartmouth's Dickey Center for International Understanding as the Tu and Niehaus postdoc fellow. During the year, the SSP prof hopes to finalize a book project and make headway on a second major project. In the second project, he hopes to examine how the proliferation of technologies can erode a state's monopoly on sensitive foreign policy information.

Kelly M. Greenhill (affiliate) presented “State-Making and Statecraft: Understanding the Geopolitics of Forced Migration” with F. Adamson at the APSA annual meeting in Montreal, Canada in September. Greenhill also spoke at the following institutions this quarter: National Intelligence University, MIT Lincoln Lab, Cuban Research Institute, Netherlands Defense Academy, and UK House of Lords.

Multimedia

M. Taylor Fravel (faculty) was a guest on [“#ChinaEDGE live with Lizzi Lee”](#) presented by *The China Project* on Aug. 4. He spoke about China's show of force during military drills encircling Taiwan.

He also appeared [in a forum on the “Fourth Taiwan Strait Crisis”](#) for the Center for Strategic and International Studies on Aug. 22.

Barry Posen (faculty) [engaged in a debate in August: “Should the West Push for a Negotiated Solution with Russia in the Ukraine War?”](#) His sparring partner was Andrew Michta for the Institute for Peace and Diplomacy.

Carol Saivetz (senior advisor) was interviewed by WGBH news [about a Ukrainian counterattack against Russian invasion forces](#) in early September.

Jim Walsh (senior research associate) Appeared on CBS News in September to discuss [recent developments surrounding a North Korean missile program](#).

Alumni Profile: Dr. Chikako Kawakatsu Ueki



This quarter's Alumni Profile features Chikako Kawakatsu Ueki, a PhD graduate from SSP. She is a Professor at the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS), Waseda University (Tokyo, Japan).

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Alumni highlights

Dan Altman (PhD) published [“The Psychology of Coercion Failure: How Reactance Explains Resistance to Threats,”](#) *American Journal of Political Science*, [early access 2022](#) with Kathleen E. Powers.

Sean Atkins (PhD) published [“A web of partnerships: Ukraine, operational collaboration, and effective national defense in cyberspace,”](#) *The Atlantic Council*, [August 2022 \(online\)](#).

Kevin Benson (Military Fellow) recently presented [a talk at the Dole Institute of Politics](#), on the campus of the University of Kansas, in June 2022. The topic was the recent invasion of Ukraine.

David Blum (PhD) has accepted a new job with Lucid Motors as a Sr. Principal Machine Learning Engineer. He is charged with guiding machine learning research and development for Lucid's electric vehicles.

Matt Cancian (PhD) published [“The Impact of Modern-System Training on Battlefield Participation by Kurdish Soldiers,”](#) *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, [May 2022](#).

Eugene Gholz (PhD) presented a paper, “An American Perspective on RoK Economic Security Strategy,” at a special panel for the South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on July 21.

Michal Ben-Josef Hirsch (PhD) was awarded the Outstanding Article Award by the International History & Politics section of APSA during their recent conference for [“Conceptualizing and Assessing Norm Strength in International Relations,”](#) *European Journal of International Relations*, [2021](#). The article was co-authored with Jennifer M.

Dixon of Villanova University.

Doreen Horschig (fellow) published [“Israel and the Nuclear Norm: How Does Existential Fear Interact With Nuclear Policy?”](#) *Inkstick*, July 2022.

Gregory Koblentz (PhD) published: [“ISIS planned chemical attacks in Europe, new details on weapons program reveal,”](#) *Washington Post*, July 2022 with Joby Warrick; [“Amid the Turmoil of Covid, Biosafety Legislation Gets Political,”](#) *Undark*, June 2022 with Michael Shulson; and [“Risky ‘gain-of-function’ studies need stricter guidance, say US researchers,”](#) *Nature*, May 2022 with Max Kozlov. Koblentz also gave a presentation on “The Evolving Global Biosecurity Landscape” to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Threat Reduction and Arms Control in Virginia in June.

Peter Krause (PhD) published: [“Knowing is Half the Battle: How Education Decreases the Fear of Terrorism,”](#) *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, August-September 2022 with Daniel Gustafson, Jordan Theriault, and Liane Young; [“Kin Killing: Why Governments Target Family Members in Insurgency, and Why it Works,”](#) *Security Studies*, Summer 2022 with David Siroky and Emil Souleimanov; and [“The Strategies of Counter-Secession: How States Prevent Independence,”](#) *Nations and Nationalism*, July 2022. Krause was also named a Faculty Leave Fellow at the Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis University for 2022-2023.

Alan Kuperman (PhD) published a book chapter: “Humanitarian Intervention,” *Human Rights: Theory and Practice*, 4th edition, Michael Goodhart (ed.), 2022.

Andrew Miller (PhD) published [“#DictatorErdogan: How Social Media Bans Trigger Backlash,”](#) *Political Communication*, August 2022 and [“Can Plea Bargains Save the ICC?”](#) *Foreign Policy*, June 2022.

Gautam Mukunda (PhD) published a new book, [*Picking Presidents: How To Make The Most Consequential Decision in the World*](#) (University of California Press, October 2022). Makunda also hosts the podcast [World Reimagined with Gautam Mukunda](#) for Nasdaq, and is the Head of Research at Rose Park Advisors.

Joshua Shifrinson (PhD) has joined the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy as an Associate Professor and Senior Fellow in the Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM). In doing so, he joins recent alum Alec Worsnop at the School of Public Policy, and follows in the footsteps of MIT Political Science alums Catherine Kelleher and John Steinbruner.

Paul Staniland (PhD) published [“Political Coalitions and Social Media: Evidence from Pakistan,”](#) *Perspectives on Politics*, August 2022 with Asfandyar Mir and Tamar Mitts. He also won two awards for his 2021 book, *Ordering Violence: Explaining Armed Group-State Relations from Conflict to Cooperation* (Cornell, 2021). He won the 2022 Giovanni Sartori Award Book from the Qualitative and Multi-Method Section of the American Political Science Association, and the 2022 Book of the Year award from the Conflict Research Society.

Brian Taylor's (PhD) media appearances over the last 3 months included CBS News, Newsweek, Vox, and Forbes. He was also named Director of the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs at the Maxwell School, at Syracuse University.

Christopher Twomey (PhD) published [“The fourth Taiwan Strait Crisis is just starting,”](#) *War on the Rocks*, August 2022.

Glenn Voelz (Military Fellow) published [“Resilience on the Periphery: Understanding the Impacts of Population Displacement on Infrastructure Systems beyond the Disaster Zone,”](#) *International Journal of Emergency Management*, 2022.

Tim Wolters (PhD) presented a paper titled, “From Periplus to MapAnalyst: Portolan Charts in the Era of Digital History,” at the annual conference of the North American Society for Oceanic History.

Rachel Whitlark's (fellow) book, *All Options on the Table: Leaders, Preventive War, and Nuclear Proliferation* (Cornell, 2021), received Honorable Mention for the 2022 Robert L. Jervis and Paul W. Schroeder Best Book Award on International History and Politics from APSA's International History and Politics Section.

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