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FROM THE DIRECTOR

NEW CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

THE 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR brought with it a range of new challenges and opportunities for INSCT. From the ongoing scourge of Islamic State and the foreign terrorist fighters (FTF) who flock to this and other violent extremist groups, to accelerating cybersecurity threats and clashes between privacy and security in the encryption debate, INSCT students, faculty, and staff have been deeply engaged in contemporary security topics. As INSCT has evolved and matured over 13 years, the breadth and depth of our research, teaching, and service missions continue to inspire and motivate all of us.

One sign that INSCT has become sure-footed is that the Institute and its staff did not miss a step when I vacated the INSCT suite in Dineen Hall to serve as Interim Dean of the SU College of Law during 2015-2016. I look forward to returning to the INSCT suite to tackle several burgeoning national security challenges, including FTF and countering violent extremism (CVE); cybersecurity, cyberespionage, human rights in cyberspace, and encryption; homeland security (specifically, the domestic role of the U.S. military and unmanned aerial vehicles); and conflict resolution and accountability in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other conflict zones.

During my time as interim dean, I traveled widely in the United States and internationally. I met with INSCT alumni, potential students, and colleagues at other universities, think tanks, and governments. I learned that INSCT’s reputation is strong and getting stronger, based on our broad recognition as a premier institute for the education of future national security practitioners and as go-to experts for legal and policy advice grounded in interdisciplinary research.

Evidence of our success is showcased inside this report. On p. 23, for instance, you’ll learn about alumni who have graduated in recent years getting started on their careers at the CIA, Congressional Hunger Center, DynCorp, Judge Advocate General’s Corps, Microsoft, SIGAR-Afghanistan, U.S. Department of State, and elsewhere.

One of the most exciting developments of the last year was the launch of a new course on National Security Lawyering for 1L law students, taught by INSCT Assistant Director Keli Perrin. The new course allows students an opportunity to gain an appreciation for what national security lawyers do even before they engage in systematic study of national security law.

INSCT prides itself on supporting and nurturing a profession-ready curriculum. Experiential learning opportunities and service-oriented projects bridge INSCT’s academics and research projects. In the classroom, law and graduate students engage case studies and simulations, while advanced capstones and similar large-scale projects for real-world clients put students’ classroom learning to practical use. This year INSCT graduate and law students prepared an extensive report for the UN Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate on FTF problems and proposed solutions, and students involved in the Syrian Accountability Project gathered path-breaking evidence of the culpability of Syrian officials and other actors in war crimes and humanitarian atrocities in that conflict.

Similarly, INSCT faculty have been busy and especially productive with their research, publications, and media appearances, and this report can include only a partial list of published papers and presentations. Highlights include Deputy Director Robert B. Murrett’s multiple tasks at the Defence Geospatial Intelligence Conference (p. 19) and multiple media appearances by professors William C. Snyder and Nathan Sales on subjects ranging from the Apple vs. FBI confrontation (Snyder) to the application of the Visa Waiver Program (Sales).

Finally, please note a special award on p. 21: Director of Research Corri Zoli has been appointed to lead the Warrior Scholar Program’s Academic Advisory Board.

INSCT Director William C. Banks addresses the 2016 SU Law Commencement. Vice President Joseph R. Biden (LAW ’68)—Commencement speaker—is seated to Banks’ right.

BY THE NUMBERS

592 Total number of INSCT alumni as of May 2016.
13 Speakers hosted by during Academic Year 2015-2016.
6 Number of INSCT graduate and research assistants, 2015-2016.
7 Number of Army War College Fellows hosted since 2012.
90,152 Total page views of INSCT website May 1, 2015, to May 1, 2016.
34 Number of local, national, and international media appearances by INSCT staff and faculty, May 2015 to April 2016.
7,272 Total views of INSCT videos on YouTube through May 2016.
160,000 Grant award (in U.S. dollars) given to INSCT and partners to study U.S. Department of State’s Secretary’s Office of Global Partnerships initiatives (see p. 11).
WHEN CRISIS REQUIRES American troops to deploy on American soil, the country depends on a rich and evolving body of law to establish clear lines of authority, safeguard civil liberties, and protect its democratic institutions and traditions.

Since the attacks of September 11, 2001, the governing law has changed rapidly even as domestic threats—from terror attacks, extreme weather, and pandemics—mount. Co-authored by INSCT Director William C. Banks and Professor Stephen Dycus of Vermont Law School, Soldiers on the Home Front: The Domestic Role of the American Military is the first book to systematically analyze the role of the U.S. military on home soil as it is shaped by law. Surveying America’s history of judicial decisions, constitutional provisions, statutes, regulations, military orders, and martial law, the book asks what we must learn and do before the next crisis.

Although the republic’s founders were concerned that a strong army could undermine democracy, Banks describes citizens’ subsequent attitude toward the domestic use of troops as one of “cautious embrace.” The book’s fascinating anecdotes illustrate the military’s failures and near disasters on the home front, as well as its successes. After all, the military is uniquely able to save lives and restore order in situations that overwhelm civilian institutions. Yet it also has been used to break strikes, quell riots, and imprison American citizens during wartime. “There’s appreciation for what the military can do,” explains Banks, “as well as an equal amount of anxiety that excesses are possible, most likely at the direction of civilian leaders.” It’s time therefore, say the authors, to clarify the homeland security role of the standing military, the Reserves, and the National Guard. “We’d like to see more detail about what the military should do under varying circumstances,” Banks says. “That doesn’t mean we need new laws so much as we need military orders that are transparent and widely understood.”

REVIEWS OF SOLDIERS ON THE HOME FRONT

“A rich and thoughtful account of how the U.S. military has protected, supported, clashed with, and occasionally undermined constitutional government in this country.”—Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists

“The definitive account of the military’s role within the U.S.”—Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean, University of California-Irvine

“A valuable and timely review of the evolving role of the military in domestic security.”—Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, former General Counsel, CIA

CASEBOOKS UPDATED WITH 2015-2016 SUPPLEMENT

In August 2015, the groundbreaking National Security Law and Counterterrorism Law casebooks—co-authored by INSCT Director William C. Banks—were updated with a 2015-2016 Supplement featuring current national security and counterterrorism law developments, reflective of legal decisions made through July 2015.

The Supplement contains nearly 500 pages of new material, as well as a Teacher’s Guide, and includes detailed treatments of:

- The Executive Summary of the SSCI Report on the CIA’s Detention and Interrogation Program.
- The 2nd Circuit’s decision in ACLU v. Clapper.
- The Supreme Court’s decision in Zivotofsky v. Kerry.
- The 2nd Circuit’s decision in Turkmen v. Hasty.
- Passage of the USA FREEDOM Act of 2015 and the FISA Court’s interpretation of the act.

CATCHING UP AT LENS

On February 26, 2016, INSCT Director William C. Banks met two former students at the Duke Law Center on Law, Ethics and National Security (LENS) Conference 2016, titled “Hybrid Threats=Hybrid Law?” At right is Erin Wirtanen (JD/MPA ’98), an Assistant General Counsel for the CIA. At left is Pia Smith (LAW ’01) of the Judge Advocate General’s Corps. Wirtanen appeared with Banks on the LENS panel “Surveillance and Privacy in the Era of Hybrid Threats.”
ONE OF INSC'T’S signature projects, New Battlefields/Old Laws (NBOL) began with a 2007 symposium to commemorate the 100th anniversary of The Hague Convention of 1907. The project has since grown into an ongoing series of interdisciplinary workshops and publications that reexamine the application of centuries-old customs and laws of armed conflict in the age of asymmetric warfare.

On September 10 and 11, 2015, the workshop—which incorporated a crisis simulation—explored the threat of Foreign Terrorist Fighters and the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2178. The workshop was hosted by the 2015 World Summit on Counter-Terrorism, organized by INSC'T partner the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) in Herzliya, Israel.

Along with Banks, workshop participants included Professor Peter Neumann (International Center for the Study of Radicalization and Political Violence); Dr. David Scharia (Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED); UN Security Council); INSC'T Faculty Member Nathan Sales; Professor Gregory Rose (University of Wollongong); and Dr. Daphné Richemond-Barak (Senior Researcher, ICT).

**NBOL CRISIS SIMULATION**

Part II of the workshop was a simulation called “The Threat of Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters to Europe.” This exercise assumed that, as Islamic State continues to fight in Syria and Iraq, sporadic attacks attributed to IS and its supporters have begun to spread throughout the globe.

In this scenario—which unfortunately proved prescient, given the March 2016 attacks on Brussels, Belgium—a group of European foreign fighters reportedly had planned a large-scale attack in their state of origin. Workshop participants played various legal and policy roles for an imaginary European state grappling with this unfolding crisis:

- **State Prime Minister:** Brian M. Jenkins (RAND Corp.)
- **Minister of Defense:** Ambassador to Israel Dimitar Mihaylov (Bulgaria)
- **Minister of Justice:** Daphné Richemond-Barak (ICT)
- **Minister of Interior:** Michèle Coninsx (EUROJUST)
- **National Security Adviser:** LTC Bryan Price (U.S. Military Academy at West Point)
- **Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces:** LTC Edward Brady (U.S. Army War College Fellow, ICT)
- **Chief Prosecutor:** David Scharia (CTED)
- **Head of Prisons:** LTG (Ret.) Orit Adato (ICT)
- **Head of De-Radicalization:** Rohan Gunaratna (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)

**BERLIN FUND: ARCHIVAL RESEARCH ON HISTORIC SECURITY & TERRORISM TOPICS**

In 2010, the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs received an endowment gift to fund faculty and graduate student research relating to issues of national security. The Andrew Berlin Family National Security Research Fund, established in honor of INSC'T Faculty Member David H. Bennett, operates through INSC'T.

In 2015-2016, INSC'T funded two security and counterterrorism projects by Maxwell School Ph.D. students. For these students, Berlin Fund grant money helped pay for archival research at the American Catholic History Research Center, Harvard University’s Yenching Library, MIT’s Center for International Studies, National Defense University, New York Public Library, Library of Congress, and National Archives.

Both Evan Laksmana and Michael Newell presented their findings at an INSC'T lecture and wrote original papers that will contribute to their final dissertation projects:

- “Consent and Conquest: How the Western Way of Warfare Spread to the Indo-Pacific,” with Evan A. Laksmana, Ph.D. Candidate, SU Maxwell School (April 21, 2016). *Analysis of the transmission pathways by which military systems travel from one state to another.*
During 2015-2016, INSCT Director William C. Banks was invited to join two conferences that explored the frontiers of cybersecurity law and policy and the legal implications of hacks and hackbacks, “going dark,” botnet “zombies,” cyberwar, cyberespionage, and other evolving threats in the electronic domain.

(Pictured below, top) On February 6 and 7, 2016, the Robert S. Strauss Center at the University of Texas-Austin hosted “The Frontiers of Cybersecurity Policy and Law.” Banks joined the panel “Cyber, Surveillance Law, and Criminal Law,” along with Professor Jennifer Daskal (American University), Professor Paul Ohm (Georgetown Law), Richard Downing (U.S. Department of Justice), and Sean Farrell (FBI).

(Pictured below, bottom) The 2016 Randolph W. Thrower Symposium at Emory University School of Law was held on February 11, 2016. Banks was a discussant on the panel “Cybersecurity Beyond the Media Coverage: Applicable Law Doctrines, Corporate Responsibility, and Practical Implications,” moderated by Professor Steven Grimberg (Emory Law). Other panelists were COL Gary Corn (U.S. Cyber Command), Professor Catherine Yoran (Georgetown University), and Professor Morgan Cloud (Emory Law).

**Mapping the Frontiers of Cybersecurity**

Following up on the successful collaboration between INSCT and the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Center of Excellence (CCDCOE) on “Controlling Economic Cyber Espionage”—held at SU College of Law in June 2015—the CCDCOE invited INSCT to Tallinn, Estonia, in October 2015 for “Human Rights in Cyberspace.” INSCT co-sponsored this workshop, which gathered legal scholars from governments, academia, and NGOs to discuss how the international human rights regime can be applied in the digital sphere and how free expression and law enforcement should be balanced in this increasingly borderless, expansive, and chaotic realm.

In introducing the workshop, Lorena Trinberg, a legal researcher at CCDCOE, emphasized that governmental cyber measures need to be in line with human rights norms and that “law is playing catch-up with technology, and nations are running the risk of undermining human rights instead of strengthening them.”

“The Internet provides new means for enabling governmental privacy intrusions and causing national security and economic harm. At the same time it gives states tools to keep tabs on different actors,” explained INSCT Director William C. Banks. “International law should and will have an important role to play in bringing some order, predictability, and stability to the cyber domain.”

The Workshop Report was published soon after the event, written by Trinberg and her colleagues Tomáš Minárik and Pascal Brangetto. It explains how the workshop began with an overview of the evolution of the cyber realm and human rights and continued with debates on specific problems, such as the extraterritorial application of human rights treaties. Further workshop products will be published in the *Journal of National Security Law and Policy*, edited by Banks.
What will be the enduring image of this cyber era? Will it be a darkened city, whose electric grid has failed? ... Or will it be cybercriminals led off to jail for attempted offenses? Only time will tell. We are, however, convinced that we stand at the crossroads—the decisions we make today will help determine the defining images of tomorrow.—American Bar Association

INSCT Faculty Member William C. Snyder’s popular blog Crossroads: Cybersecurity Law and Policy continued to grow in 2015-2016, helped by contributions from INSCT alumna Anna Maria Castillo (LAW/MAIR ’16) and second-year law student Christopher Folk, a former software engineer.

As cybersecurity topics—such as cyberespionage, hacking, big data, going dark, and surveillance vs. privacy—become more complex, Crossroads has continued to aggregate and analyze various national and international legal and policy arguments and, in doing so, it has become an indispensable part of the debate. Just a few of the subjects raised in Crossroads during the year were:

- The President’s Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity
- Data Privacy and Law Firms
- Apple vs. FBI: The Locked iPhone, Encryption, and the All Writs Act
- The Encryption Tightrope: Balancing Americans’ Security and Privacy
- The EU-U.S. Safe Harbor Agreement on Personal Data Privacy
- Online Threats and 18 USC §875
- The Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015
- Cyber Vigilantes and the Fight Against ISIS
- U.S. Cyber Command and Lethal Cyber Weapons
- Cybersecurity at Civil Nuclear Facilities
- U.S. Power Grid Vulnerabilities
- U.S. Department of Defense Cyber Strategy
- Iran and Cyber Revenge

In February 2016 a legal battle was brewing between Apple, Inc., and the FBI over the iPhone maker’s refusal to help unlock a phone said to have been used in a mass shooting/domestic terrorism case. A former federal prosecutor, INSCT Faculty Member William C. Snyder was asked to give specialist cybersecurity legal advice about warrants, privacy, and encryption in news, blogs, and other forums. Included among these was an interdisciplinary panel discussion held at SU’s School of Information Studies (iSchool) on February 26, 2016.

Other panelists included Kevin Du, a professor at the College of Engineering and Computer Science, and Yang Wang, an assistant professor in the iSchool. Each provided a different perspective on the case, which pits personal privacy issues against a possible terrorist investigation. Du, an expert in smart phone encryption, wondered why Apple didn’t simply retrieve and provide the data the government sought, rather than provide a key to unlock the iPhone. “If you ask me to provide the data to you, that’s fine. If you ask me to write a code to find a ‘back door,’ that’s a different story,” he said. Wang said, “The question really is, are you willing to give the government the ability to fight terrorists by looking into your phone and essentially seeing any data about you?”

Snyder argued that Apple must comply with the lawful warrant to assist the FBI. “Apple doesn’t have a strong case, and I think they know that,” he said. “I think that’s why the legal brief from Apple is ‘we want Congress to decide this.’ But one thing is clear: This is not up to Apple. Once District Court decides what the order is going to be, Apple can’t say no. Yahoo tried with France; Google with the European Union. The end result is fines, then seizure of assets, and then executives will be arrested. Apple doesn’t make the laws.”

In November 2015, SU School of Information Studies (iSchool) Professor Lee McKnight and students in the INSCT/iSchool course Cybersecurity Law and Policy—co-taught by INSCT Faculty Member William C. Snyder—took part in the United Nations Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Workshop on Internet Rights, via a live link in the SU Maxwell School.

Created in 2006, IGF is mandated by the UN with developing law and policy recommendations for Internet governance, on topics such as human rights, diversity, access, cybersecurity, privacy, and systems assurance/trust.

IGF 2015 was held in João Pessoa, Brazil. On November 11, 2015, the SU team spoke on the panel “The ‘Right to be Forgotten’ Rulings and their Implications.” Then, on November 13, students joined a workshop held by the IGF’s “Dynamic Coalition on Internet Rights and Principles.”
CRITICAL DEBATE
SECURITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST & ISLAM

INSCT Faculty Member Miriam F. Elman introduces Northwestern Law Professor Eugene Kontorovich on March 3, 2016. Kontorovich lectured on the international law behind territorial claims made by Israel and Palestine.

BECKER SPEAKERS: A MIDDLE EAST DIALOGUE

INSCT’S EDUCATIONAL, RESEARCH, and policy projects on Security in the Middle East and Islam address topics fundamental to the rule of law, conflict resolution, and postconflict reconstruction in this fractious region, including the application of international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and postconflict justice.

As part of this program, INSCT hosts renowned scholars and experts to discuss the pressing challenges and complexities of security in the Middle East. Carol Becker Middle East Security Speaker Series guests present to the SU community and meet with INSCT students to discuss and debate security challenges facing the region. In 2015-2016, INSCT hosted the following lectures:

- “National Security Challenges for Israel,” with Dr. Efraim Inbar, Professor in Political Studies at Bar-Ilan University, and Director, Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies (October 13, 2015).

RESPONDING TO THE SYRIA CRISIS

It was a packed room at the October 21, 2015, panel on “Responding to the Syria Crisis: Law, Policy, Strategy, & Security” with INSCT Director William C. Banks; INSCT Deputy Director Robert B. Murrett; and George Jameson, former Director, Office of Policy and Coordination, CIA. The panel discussed the U.S. intervention in Iraq and Syria vis-a-vis international and federal law; the humanitarian crisis and the international community’s responsibility to protect; and the X factor that is the Russian intervention in what President Vladimir Putin considers a satellite nation.
ASTHE CIVIL WAR in Syria entered its sixth year, the Syrian Accountability Project (SAP)—an SU Law student organization overseen by INSCT Faculty Member David M. Crane—released a groundbreaking white paper. Published in March 2016, Looking Through the Window Darkly: A Snapshot Analysis of Rape in Syria documents sex crimes committed by forces on all sides of the protracted conflict.

The report was written by SAP Executive Director Peter Levrant (LAW ’16). Other contributors were INSCT alumna Callie Moncus (LAW ’15); Marlana Shaw-Brown, a 2017 JD/MA candidate; and SU Law Professor Lynn Levey.

The SAP report begins by noting that rape and sexual violence have been a weapon of war and terror since ancient times. These crimes received little mention in international law until the 20th century, but today rape is a violation of several international statutes and its use imposes criminal liability on its perpetrators.

However, while some accounts of rape during the Syria Civil War already exist, the majority of acts go unreported, and underreporting therefore is a significant barrier to finding those responsible for these crimes and holding them accountable under law.

GARNERING GLOBAL ATTENTION

PERHAPS NOT SURPRISINGLY, given the allegations made within, the release of Looking Through a Window Darkly in March 2016 garnered local, national, and worldwide press attention. Above, INSCT Faculty Member David M. Crane interviews (L to R) Syrian Accountability Project officers Zachary Lucas (2017 JD candidate), Peter Levrant (LAW ’16), and INSCT alumna Molly White (LAW ’16) for an SU Law podcast about the white paper.

The white paper and its release event also was covered in The Huffington Post, The Jurist, New Europe, Syria Deeply, and SU-based NPR affiliate WAER. On June 3, 2016, German-based Der Spiegel—a weekly magazine with a circulation of more than 1 million—published a profile of Crane, Levrant, and White called “Der Mann, der Assad jagt” (“The Man Who Hunts Assad”).

INSC Faculty Member David M. Crane (second from left) stands with other international prosecutors at the Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, New York, in September 2015.

With his colleagues, Crane—Immediate Past Chair of the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown, New York—participated in the Ninth Annual International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Dialogs at Chautauqua, from August 31 to September 1, 2015. The theme of this year’s event was “The Wrongs We Seek: Commemorating the 1995 Srebrenica Massacre and the Opening of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg 1945.”
ADVANCING POLICY IDEAS
DEFENSE, HOMELAND SECURITY, & VETERANS AFFAIRS

EXPLORING CHALLENGES FOR 21ST CENTURY GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE

INSC DEPUTY DIRECTOR Robert B. Murrett played a central role at the 2016 Defence Geospatial Intelligence Conference, which took place from January 18 to 20, 2016, at the QEII Conference Centre in London.

Over the three days of the conference Murrett moderated the panel “What Are the Major GEOINT Challenges That the Solution Providers Can Help the User Community Solve?” gave a “visionary presentation” on “Global Strategic Risk and the Impact on Geospatial Intelligence Mission Sets;” offered the introductory address for day two, titled “Understanding the Shifting Geopolitical Landscape;” led a leadership discussion called “GEOINT Collaboration Today and Tomorrow: Threats, Enablers, and Innovation;” led a track panel on “Regional Security and Collaboration;” and provided the final session address, “Ten Future Requirements to Focus on for National Geospatial Leaders.”

He is pictured at the conference interviewing John Knight, Principal, UK Royal School of Military Survey, on the subject of leadership.

DISCOVERING “MISSING PERSPECTIVES”

IN NOVEMBER 2015 INSC and the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at SU (IVMF)—with support from Google—released a report that highlights preliminary findings from an ongoing, multi-phased study on service members’ post-service transition, with a special emphasis on secondary education.

Co-authored by INSC Director of Research Corri Zoli, IVMF Director of Applied Research Rosalinda Maury, and IVMF Research Fellow Daniel Fay, the report aims to inform ongoing policy and programmatic discourse related to the social, economic, and wellness concerns of post-9/11 veterans.

The report incorporates an emphasis on the social and cultural barriers impacting the transition experience, in a way that is narrated by the voices of veterans themselves. In fact, the report is a firsthand accounting of veterans’ perspectives related to the service experience; their strengths, skills, and shortcomings; their educational and employment aspirations; and their enduring contributions to public service. More than 8,500 service members participated in this study, creating one of the few comprehensive datasets on recent service members’ experiences.

“At the core of this research lies a commitment to deepen understanding of today’s veterans by highlighting the breadth and diversity of their experiences and identities—as warriors, family members, students, community leaders, and other roles—as well as their post-service challenges and aspirations,” said Zoli. “Recent service members cite an overwhelmingly positive experience about military service, and that service both motivates and promotes an interest in education and in developing post-service professional skills.”

Among the report’s top findings are that education benefits were cited as the top reason for joining the military; skills most strengthened by the military are work ethic, teamwork, and leadership; and a majority of respondents reported that the military promoted their interest in and prepared them for post-service education.

DOMESTICATING THE DRONE

Led by INSC Assistant Director Keli Perrin, in 2015-2016 the Domesticating the Drone project continued to closely track local, state, and federal legislation, as well as the policy debate, surrounding the use of drones in domestic air space.

Research assistants and INSC alumni Zachary D. Johnson (LAW ’16) and Steve Fantigrossi (MPA ’16) developed a new website that monitors a growing list of passed, failed, and pending drone laws in all 50 states, as well as drone law and policy at the national level; in counties, cities, and towns; and on college campuses.
MAXWELL SCHOOL, INSCT REPORT TO DOS ON SUCCESS OF CLEAN COOKSTOVES INITIATIVE

IN 2014, PUBLIC POLICY experts from the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs and Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration—both housed at the SU Maxwell School—and INSCT were awarded a $160,000 grant to evaluate the people and processes used by the U.S. Department of State’s Secretary’s Office of Global Partnerships (S/GP) in establishing public-private partnerships (P3s). Specifically, the SU team analyzed the creation of the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (GACC) and presented its findings at DOS in August 2015, subsequently publishing a Technical Report in November 2015. Championed by actor Julia Roberts, GACC leverages P3s to support a global market for clean, efficient, sustainable, safe, and affordable household cooking fuels and technologies in developing nations.

The research question the SU team posed was whether the S/GP model can serve as a template for other DOS international aid and development initiatives to advance U.S. foreign policy objectives. Lessons learned from the GACC experience, as well as replicable evaluation methods, were gathered in a Planning and Assessment Toolkit that accompanies the Technical Report. As INSCT Director of Research Corri Zoli explains, “Our evaluation examines how S/GP built its GACC partnership with attention to the private sector; how it maintained this collaboration given challenges to it; and the ways it identified and sought to overcome barriers. The report provides insights into definitions of success in using P3s in diplomacy and development and the conditions that account for both positive and negative movement in state department efforts to stand-up these partnerships.”

INTERDISCIPLINARY CRISIS MANAGEMENT COLLABORATION CONTINUES

ABOVE RIGHT, STUDENTS AND FACULTY in the SU Maxwell School Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs-supported Challenges in Crisis and Disaster Management course visited with practitioners in Washington, D.C. from May 23 to May 27, 2016. This course is part of a broader interdisciplinary research and training initiative across SU—the Crisis and Disaster Management Research and Training Initiative—involving the Moynihan Institute, INSCT, College of Engineering and Computer Science, School of Information Studies (iSchool), and S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. This collaborative team has been tasked with understanding the dynamics and processes that occur as policymakers, scientists, engineers, and citizens struggle to cope with crisis and disaster situations.

In Washington, D.C., the group—including course instructors Professor Margaret Hermann (Moynihan Institute), Adjunct Professor Randall Griffin (Maxwell School), and INSCT Assistant Director Keli Perrin—visited FEMA’s National Response Coordination Center, the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management, and the Pentagon. This field trip was a follow-up to a visit (below right) by faculty and students in summer 2015 to Iceland, to understand how this small island nation copes with the threat from weather events, earthquakes, and volcanoes. This group visited practitioners at the National Crisis Coordination Centre (NCCE), Icelandic Association for Search and Rescue, Earthquake Engineering Research Centre (EERC) at Selfoss, Icelandic Red Cross, and Department of Civil Protection and Emergency Management.

FNSSI GRANT WILL PURCHASE NEW FORENSIC DNA SEQUENCER

In August 2015, Forensic and National Security Sciences Institute (FNSSI) Senior Scientist Michael Marciano and Professor Kevin Sweder, Director of the Center for Bioforensics, Biosecurity, and Biometrics at SU, joined INSCT Deputy Director Robert B. Murrett in announcing the institute had received a major grant to acquire an Illumina MiSeq FGx. The Illumina is a powerful instrument for forensic genomics analysis that can sequence samples with very low DNA content.

Said Murrett, an FNSSI Fellow, “This sequencer is a big step forward in our ability to analyze complex DNA samples, which will allow for detailed outcomes, including geospatial and other signatures.”
BLOG: INSCT ON SECURITY

SELECTED BLOG ENTRIES JUNE 2015-MAY 2016


“U.S. Cyber Command Moves Towards ‘Lethal Cyber Weapons.’” By Christoper Folk (JD/MA Candidate ’17), Nov. 10, 2015.

“Constructive Conflict Applications in Obama’s Foreign Policies.” By Louis Kriesberg, Nov. 16, 2015.


“The British Decision to Engage in an Aerial Campaign Against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.” By Isaac Kfir, Dec. 8, 2015.

“Israel and the EU Battle Over Settlement Labeling Guidelines.” By Lauren Mellinger (JD/MAIR ’10), Dec. 9, 2015.


“The Ongoing iPhone Encryption Saga and Why Apple’s Arguments Are Superfluous.” By Christoper Folk (JD/MA Candidate ’17), March 4, 2016.


“Five Years on, We Must Focus on the Victims of Syria’s Atrocities.” By David Crane, March 15, 2016.


JNSLP DISCUSSES PANDEMICS & GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY

MERS, SARS, EBOLA, and Zika … these emerging, potentially pandemic diseases make global health’s role in protecting national security more critical than ever before. To discuss this changing realm of security studies, on March 1, 2016, JNSLP held its third symposium—“Strengthening National Security by Protecting Public Health”—at Georgetown Law, co-sponsored by the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law.

Three interdisciplinary panels explored the nexus of public health and national and international security. The keynote—“Global Health Security in an Era of Explosive Pandemic Potential: Lessons from SARS and MERS to Ebola and Zika”—was delivered by Professor Lawrence Gostin, Faculty Director, O’Neill Institute.

INSCT Director William C. Banks moderated the panel “Federal and State Authority and the Role of the Military During Public Health Crises,” featuring panelists Professor James Hodge Jr., Arizona State University; Professor Stephen Dycus, Vermont Law School; Robert Saleses, U.S. Department of Defense; Francesca C. Music, U.S. Department of Defense; and Don Boyce, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Papers developed from this symposium will appear in later issues of JNSLP.

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In JNSLP vol. 8, no. 2, authors explore timely national, homeland, and cybersecurity issues, including rethinking privacy in the context of the Fourth Amendment and the Third Party Doctrine; the incorporation and dual use of cyber weapons and export controls with the PrEP Model; and the role of modern technology and use of drones as modern warfare. This issue includes three pieces developed from JNSLP’s 2015 Symposium, “Trials and Terrorism: The Implications of Trying National Security Cases in Article III Courts.”

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TEN LAW AND GRADUATE students received Certificates of Advanced Study (CAS) in National Security and Counterterrorism Law at the INSCT Certificate Recognition Ceremony in April 2016.

These new alumni join 204 others who have received an essential grounding in aspects of law and policy related to presidential, congressional, and judicial powers; intelligence gathering, privacy, and secrecy; law enforcement approaches to counterterrorism; homeland security preparedness and response; cybersecurity and cyberespionage; and other aspects of this evolving discipline.

The success of INSCT’s cornerstone academic program is measured not only in the numbers of alumni it has produced but also in the international network they have formed as they have built careers throughout the public and private sectors, including at Booz Allen Hamilton, Deloitte, DynCorp, Global Accountability Initiative, Microsoft, U.S. Army, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of State, and U.S. Marine Corps.

Interdisciplinary core courses give students a solid understanding of the legal, policy, and technical framework of national security and, importantly, how the law intersects with and informs security and foreign policy decisions:

- Central Challenges in National Security Law and Policy
- Counterterrorism and the Law
- Cybersecurity Law and Policy/Information Security Policy

CAS IN SECURITY STUDIES

IN APRIL 2016 INSCT awarded 26 graduate and law students a Certificate of Advanced Study in Security Studies. These students join a cohort of 275 other Security Studies alumni who work throughout the world for organizations such as Booz Allen Hamilton, FEMA Recovery Directorate, Judge Advocate General’s Corps, National Nuclear Security Administration, NATO, U.S. Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, and The World Bank.

Security Studies coursework offers a calibrated mix of interdisciplinary academics, team-taught classes, simulations and field trips, and client-focused research projects. Certificate students collaborate across a range of sub-topics, including national, international, and homeland security; defense strategy; counterterrorism law and policy; international relations; mass communication; cybersecurity; and conflict studies.

CAS IN POSTCONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION

The CAS in Postconflict Reconstruction (PCR) provides students a documented familiarization with the various dimensions of postconflict work, the actors who conduct it, the trade-offs and dilemmas they face, and the lessons learned from its application. Specific topics include international law, human rights, refugee law, peace studies, international relations, humanitarian relief, economics of development, and capacity-building.

In April 2016 INSCT awarded PCR certificates to 10 students. Pictured above with INSCT Faculty Member Renée de Nevers (center) are Danielle Wohlenberg and Oleksiy Anokhin. Other PCR certificate recipients missed the ceremony because they are enrolled in academic programs that include study in Europe. One of these programs is the Atlantis Transatlantic Dual Degree Program, which allows students to earn two master’s degrees focused on security, diplomacy, and policymaking, one in the United States and one in Europe. Six PCR certificate students are 2014-2016 Atlantis scholars.
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

EXPLORING SECURITY & COUNTERTERRORISM TOPICS

RESEARCH CENTER STUDENTS PRESENT TO UN CTED REPRESENTATIVES

IN THE PHOTO ABOVE, INSCT alumna Jane Yoona Chung (MPA/MAIR ’16) leads a presentation by students in INSCT’s National Security and Counterterrorism Research Center to their clients, representatives of the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)—including renowned counterterrorism expert David Scharia, Senior Legal Officer, UN CTED (seated at far right)—on May 2, 2016.

The students presented research on how UN member states are complying with UN Security Council Resolution 2178 (2014), which calls on member states to prevent the “recruiting, organizing, transporting, or equipping of individuals who travel to a State other than their States of residence or nationality for the purpose of the perpetration, planning of, or participation in terrorist acts.”

INSCT HOSTS ARMY WAR COLLEGE FELLOW

2015-2016 Army War College (AWC) Fellow Patrick Kaune’s family attach new insignia to his uniform during Kaune’s promotion ceremony—to Colonel—at SU Law in February 2016, presided over by INSCT Deputy Director Robert B. Murrett, a retired U.S. Navy Vice Admiral. A prestigious, highly selective program, INSCT has hosted AWC senior service fellows since 2011. While at INSCT, Kaune—whose next post will be Chief of Operational Support at Fort Knox—wrote an AWC research paper on “Analysis of U.S. Army Preparation for Megacity Operations.”

PROMOTING THE RULE OF LAW: DAVID F. EVERETT PCR SPEAKER SERIES

An additional aspect of INSCT’s Postconflict Reconstruction (PCR) graduate program, the David F. Everett PCR Speaker Series brings established postconflict and development experts to SU to deliver a lecture and to meet with INSCT students.

In 2015-2016, INSCT hosted the following Everett lectures:


Above left, anti-corruption expert and former NPR correspondent Sarah Chayes is interviewed by SU Maxwell School Professor Grant Reeher for his public radio show “The Campbell Conversations.” Below, Ken Menkhaus, an expert in Somali security issues.
NEW COURSE: NATIONAL SECURITY LAWYERING FOR 1L STUDENTS

In Spring 2016 INSCT offered National Security Lawyering (LAW 644) for the first time. Designed for 1L students, this course introduces new lawyers to the political and bureaucratic context in which national security and counterterrorism law is practiced, for clients that are often administrative agencies or government officials.

Taught by INSCT Assistant Director Keli Perrin, this class familiarizes students with the various executive, agency, congressional, and judicial entities that have a say in national security decisions; the legal, policy, and procedural considerations surrounding these decisions; how policy choices are translated into practical outcomes; and oversight of the effectiveness, legality, and constitutionality of national security operations.

Coursework includes five practical exercises: a national security infrastructure briefing; a no-fly list briefing; a no-fly list congressional hearing; an unmanned aerial systems legislative proposal; and a crisis and disaster management simulation.

Students in LAW 644 take part in a homeland security/crisis and disaster management simulation on April 25, 2016. In this simulation—which takes place in Syracuse, New York—an Unmanned Aerial Systems expo at the New York State Fairgrounds appears to be the focus of a terrorist attack that is using drones to spread fear and panic, purportedly via radioactive material, anthrax, and propaganda leaflets placed on board the aircraft. At the same time a Beyoncé concert at the Carrier Dome has drawn local first responders away from the State Fair! Playing various national, state, and local security officials, the students must attempt to coordinate their efforts—in accordance with federal and state law and policy—during this complex, kinetic event.

CRISIS SIMULATIONS: REAL-WORLD LEARNING IN REAL TIME

Recognized as a powerful method with which to teach the complexities of national and international security and counterterrorism, simulations are a key element of many core INSCT courses. This form of experiential learning is especially useful when applied to national security crises because it gives law and policy students a way to understand how legal and constitutional considerations influence the decisions of practitioners, responders, and policymakers, who are often asked to make key decisions while disasters and crises unfold in real time.

Two INSCT crisis simulations are pictured. Above right, students in INSCT Faculty Member David M. Crane’s National Security Law class take part in a November 2015 exercise addressing the destruction of a Médecins Sans Frontières hospital in northern Afghanistan (an event which actually occurred in October 2015). In this exercise, the Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee has called a hearing to determine the facts surrounding the bombing and whether it was a fog-of-war accident or a deliberate act.

Below, in April 2016 students in INSCT Faculty Member William C. Snyder’s Computer Crimes class argued the legal (as attorneys) and policy (as “amici curiae”) cases for and against Apple being compelled to assist the FBI in the search of a locked iPhone, which belonged to a terrorist who attacked a San Bernardino government facility in December 2015. This real-world case resolved itself before it went to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, but this exercise assumes that the judges (played by Snyder and SU Law colleagues sitting in the Melanie Gray Ceremonial Courtroom) were asked to hear the case.
ON THE ROAD: STAFF RIDES & FIELD TRIPS

STAFF RIDES AND FIELD TRIPS are a key learning experience for INSCT students, augmenting classroom learning by putting lessons about strategy, leadership, and operations into historical context and by providing an opportunity to meet practitioners, historians, and others. Pictured are four of the road trips organized by INSCT in 2015-2016. Clockwise from top left:

- In November 2015, INSCT Deputy Director Robert B. Murrett’s U.S. Intelligence Community class visited Fort Stanwix and Oriskany, historical monuments in Upstate New York, to learn about military intelligence and strategy in the Revolutionary War and War of 1812.
- In February 2016, INSCT faculty, staff, and students toured the 10th Mountain Division in Fort Drum, New York, to hear about the national security tasks tackled by this famous rapid deployment division.
- Organized by Robert Murrett, the popular, much-anticipated staff ride to the Gettysburg National Military Park—where students role-play as officers and soldiers—took place on April 9 and 10, 2016.
- Also in April, Peace, Security, and Conflict track students led by INSCT Faculty Member Renée de Nevers went to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, to visit the Combating Terrorism Center, among other units.

LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP: STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

INSCT students can take leadership roles during their time at Syracuse University via robust organizations and other projects that look to students to publish journals, organize conferences, and conduct mission-critical research projects.

SATSA/JTSA—INSCT proudly supports the Student Association on Terrorism and Security Analysis, which promotes dialogue among national security students, faculty, and practitioners. In 2015-2016, SATSA produced the 11th issue of the Journal on Terrorism and Security Analysis and a related conference.

Syrian Accountability Project—Started at SU College of Law in 2011, the Syrian Accountability Project (SAP) is a cooperative effort among activists, nongovernmental organizations, students, and other interested parties to document war crimes and crimes against humanity in the context of the Syrian Crisis. See page 9 to learn about SAP’s major project in 2015-2016.

Impunity Watch—This organization produces a journal, news website, and speaker series. Its goal is to alert the world to impunity sought by alleged war criminals and to promote open debate about the laws of war, crimes against humanity, and human security.

CAPSTONE PROJECTS: PUTTING THEORY INTO PRACTICE

EACH YEAR INSCT GUIDES law and graduate student capstone projects that are developed for real-world clients in the government, nonprofit, and private sectors. Previous projects include those for the U.S. House of Representatives Homeland Security Committee, the New America Foundation, and the Project on National Security Reform.

In 2015, INSCT Deputy Director Robert Murrett led three capstone projects, for the Institute for Defense Analyses (student team pictured below), RAND Corporation, and Syracuse VA Medical Center.

Guided by INSCT Faculty Member Ines Mergel, SU Maxwell School MPA students worked with the New York State Office of Emergency Management to produce a report and give a presentation called “Social Media Monitoring Practices for Emergency Managers,” conducting interviews with emergency professionals throughout the United States to gather current social media monitoring practices (see top left photo on following page).

In June 2015, SU Maxwell School graduate students Alys Ally, Janelle Wallace, Mariko Mori, and Amanda Vitullo presented research on how social media technologies help emergency managers throughout the United States. In the audience for this training event—organized by INSC Faculty Member Ines Mergel, whose research is supported in part by the Andrew Berlin Family National Security Research Fund—were members of the Central New York emergency management community.

(T)error (film, panel discussion). SU Law, September 24, 2015. Co-sponsored with the SU Human Rights Film Festival. With INSC Director William C. Banks and INSC Faculty Member William C. Snyder.

“Responding to the Syria Crisis: Law, Policy, Strategy, and Security.” SU Law, October 21, 2015. With INSC Director William C. Banks; George Jameson, Former Director, Office of Policy and Coordination, CIA; and INSC Deputy Director Robert B. Murrett.

“Terrorism in the Internet Age.” SU Hall of Languages, October 27, 2015. With INSC Director William C. Banks, Interim Dean, SU College of Law; INSC Faculty Member Sean O’Keefe (G ’78); and Brian Semann, Assistant Professor, SU iSchool.

“Kaleidoscopic Conflict: The Dirty Little Wars of the 21st Century.” SU Law, November 18, 2015. With INSC Faculty Member David Crane.

Syrian Refugee Crisis Discussion Panel. SU Law, November 19, 2015. With INSC Faculty Member Isaac Kfir; Aysar Hammoudeh, SU Maxwell School graduate student and former UNHCR employee; Dima Hussain, SU Law LL.M. candidate and former UNHCR employee; and Roula Jneid, SU Law LL.M. candidate.

“Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism.” SU Law, December 4, 2015. With Ramesh Chander, former Director, Department of Revenue, Government of India.


“What Is Putin Up To? Russia’s Assertive Foreign Policy.” SU Maxwell School, February 9, 2016. With INSC Faculty Member Brian Taylor.


SU Law 1L Convocation Series Speaker. SU Law, April 11, 2016. With James E. Baker, Visiting Professor, Georgetown University Law Center; Chair, ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security; and Former Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

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William C. Banks

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IN THE NEWS: INSCT EXPERTS COMMENT ON WORLD EVENTS

JUNE 2015-MAY 2016

William C. Banks
- Apple vs. FBI: The Washington Post (February 2016)
- Brussels Terror Attacks: China Radio International (March 2016)
- Donald Trump Foreign Policy: The Washington Post (May 2016)
- Enrique Marquez Case: Associated Press (Dec. 2015)
- ISIS in the Maghreb: CTV News (July 2015)
- Laws of War: RFI Romania (Jan. 2016)
- U.S. Presidential Election: Wall Street Journal; The Washington Post; News Corp Australia (Dec. 2015); Foreign Policy (February 2016)

David M. Crane
- Afghan Hospital Bombing: NBC News (October 2015)
- Africa and the ICC: Good Governance Africa (December 2015)
- Blood Diamonds: CardHub (July 2015)
- Omar al-Bashir: NPR All Things Considered (June 2015)
- Syrian Atrocities: Vanity Fair (June 2015)
- War Crimes in Gaza: CTV News (June 2015)
- Winter Olympics and Human Rights: International Business Times (July 2015)

Miriam Elman
- Iran Nuclear Deal: Syracuse Post-Standard (August 2015)

Tara Helfman
- Somali Pirates: Courthouse News (August 2015)

Isaac Kfir
- Syrian Refugees: WIBX (September 2015)

Nathan Sales
- Clinton Email Probe: KPCC (July 2015); National Review, CNN, WMAL (August 2015); Agence France Presse, New York Magazine

William Synder
- Paris Attacks Aftermath: RFI Brasil (November 2015); Politifact (December 2015)
- Visas and Visa Waivers: Marketplace (June 2015); Fox News Latino, WCNY, Marketplace, CBS KNX Newsradio (November 2015); CBS KNX Newsradio (December 2015) ; C-Span (March 2016)

Corri Zoli
- Brussels Terror Attacks: syracuse.com, CNY Central, TWC News (March 2016)
- Veterans Affairs: Military Times (November 2015)
- Visas and Visa Waivers: CNY Central (December 2015)

INSCT Director of Research Corri Zoli speaks to local media in the aftermath of the Brussels terror attacks, March 2016.

Miriam F. Elman

Isaac Kfir

Robert B. Murrett

“What Are the Major GEOINT Challenges that the Solution-Providers Can Help the User-Community Solve?” Defence Geospatial Intelligence Conference, London, UK, January 18-20, 2016 (presenter). Also, “Global Strategic Risk and the Impact on Geospatial Intelligence Mission Sets” (presenter); “Understanding the Shifting Geo-Political Landscape” (speaker); “GEOINT Collaboration Today and Tomorrow: Threats, Enablers, and Innovation” (moderator); “Regional Security and Collaboration” (moderator); and “Ten Future Requirements to Focus on for National Geospatial Leaders” (speaker).


Renée de Nevers

Robert Rubinstein

Nathan Sales
“Church of Spies: The Pope’s Secret War against Hitler, with Mark Riebling.” Association of Former Intelligence Officers, Atlanta, GA, February 25, 2016 (moderator).

“Foreign Terrorist Fighters.” Joint Seminar, Bahçeşehir University/Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Istanbul, Turkey, April 1-2, 2016 (presenter).

William C. Snyder

| PERPETUAL PEACE PROJECT EXPANDS GLOBAL FOOTPRINT |

In January 2016, the Perpetual Peace Project (PPP)—co-founded by Gregg Lambert, Dean’s Professor of the Humanities in the SU College of Arts and Sciences—announced that Utrecht University will be the project’s permanent home and archive.

PPP is a multilateral, interdisciplinary curatorial program that attempts to modernize Immanuel Kant’s landmark essay “Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch.” Central to the project are six modern essays—collected as Redrafting Perpetual Peace—that place Kant’s ideas about conflict and war in a contemporary context. Redrafting includes an essay on the laws of war by INSCT Director William C. Banks and an essay on constructive conflict by INSCT Faculty Member Louis Kriesberg.
In July 2015, INSCT Faculty Member Nathan Sales was invited by the Barreau de Paris (Paris bar association) to prepare a comparative analysis of France’s new surveillance legislation, in the wake of terrorist attacks on the French capital. Sales analyzed a new surveillance law—which was under review by the Conseil Constitutionnel—that would expand France’s authority to surveil suspected terrorists. Sales was asked to compare this new legislation to similar U.S. laws.

On August 1, 2015, INSCT Director William C. Banks became SU College of Law’s Interim Dean. Banks, who has more than 38 years’ experience at SU Law as a professor and holds a joint professorship with SU Maxwell School, remained INSCT Director during the law dean search process. Said Banks, “This is an exciting time at SU Law. We have a tremendous facility, Dineen Hall, from which our faculty and students can teach and learn the law and professional skills essential for 21st-century practice. I will be focused on working with my colleagues to ensure that the college continues to explore new avenues to keep SU Law at the forefront of legal education.”

In October 2015, INSCT Faculty Member David M. Van Slyke—the Louis A. Bantle Chair in Business and Government Policy at SU Maxwell School—was appointed Associate Dean and Chair of the SU Department of Public Administration and International Affairs.

In November 2015, INSCT Director William C. Banks joined the Editorial Board at The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism in Den Haag, The Netherlands. A partnership among the TMC Asser Instituut, the Netherlands Institute of International Relations, and the Centre for Terrorism and Counterterrorism at Leiden University, ICCT is an independent “think-and-do” tank providing multidisciplinary policy advice and implementation support for rule of law initiatives.

In January 2016, INSCT Faculty Member David M. Crane joined the Senior Advisory Group of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Study Group on Fragility, which has been created by William J. Burns, Michèle Flournoy, and Nancy Lindborg, the leaders of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Center for a New American Security, and USIP, respectively. The Study Group’s aim is to identify principles and recommendations for a strategic and effective U.S. foreign policy response to interrelated security, humanitarian, and development challenges posed by fragile states.

In January 2016, INSCT Faculty Member Sean O’Keefe (G’78)—University Professor and SU Maxwell School Phanstiel Chair—was among three members of the Maxwell School community appointed to a bipartisan team...
to advise the National Academy of Public Administration’s presidential transition panels. Donna Shalala (G ’70, H ’87), former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Paul Volcker (H ’08), former chair of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, were the Maxwell School Advisory Board members appointed.

In April 2016, INSCT Faculty Member Tara Helfman was named Syracuse University’s 2016 United Methodist Scholar/Teacher of the Year, an award initiated in 1982 that gives explicit emphasis to the dual nature of a faculty member’s responsibilities as a scholar and a teacher.

In May 2016, INSCT Faculty Member Robert Rubinstein, an anthropology professor, was named a Distinguished Professor by Interim Vice Chancellor and Provost Liz Liddy. The distinction is one of the SU’s highest honors for faculty whose exemplary leadership in teaching and research has advanced the University’s scholarly mission.

BIDEN DROPS BY

SU Law alumnus Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. (LAW ’68) chats and takes “selfies” with students during an impromptu visit to the law school in November 2015. INSCT Director William C. Banks is standing far right.

CONNECTING WITH ALUMNI

On November 4, 2015, INSCT held its annual alumni reception in Washington, DC, at the Old Ebbitt Grill. This year, the reception was a joint event with the SU Law Office of Advancement, which invited former SU Law students from throughout the Capital Region.
In November 2015, INSCT Faculty Member Corri Zoli interviewed alumna Courtney Schuster (LAW ’13)—as part of SU Law’s podcast series—about her counterterrorism analysis work with Peter Bergen of CNN/New America.

Benedikt Abendroth1 (MAIR ’15) has joined Microsoft Corp. as a cybersecurity strategist.

Carlo Abuyuan3 (MPA/MAIR ’15) is the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellow at the nonprofit Congressional Hunger Center.

Julio Amador1 (MAIR ’13) is Assistant Director of the Foreign Service Institute in the Philippines.

Niklas Anzinger2 (MAIR ’15) works for international consultancy Roland Berger on civil economics, energy, and infrastructure issues.

Christopher Beeler2 (LAW ’15) is a Law School Ambassador for Service2School, a veterans association that helps vets apply and transition to college, business school, and law school.

Lukas Bretzinger1 (MAIR ’14) works as a Junior Business Intelligence Consultant at mayato, an IT and business analysis firm based in Austria.

Jesse Campion2 (JD/MPA ’15) accepted a Presidential Management Fellow appointment at the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (Office of Africa and the Middle East).

Kara Coughlin2 (MPA/MAIR ’16) is employed as a Regional Southern Africa Office Intern at the International Organization for Migration.

Amber Demery2 (MAIR ’13) has joined the FBI after completing a Boren Fellowship for postgraduate study in Japan.

Chris Elliot2 (LAW ’15) has deployed as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 509th Bomb Wing, U.S. Air Force.

Arnold Hong1 (Law ’16) is a JAG/Special Victims’ Counsel Law Clerk for the U.S. Air Force.

Bill Di Iorio1 (LAW ’07) is an Assistant General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Defense and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland University College, where he teaches courses on homeland security law and policy.

Charles DiNunzio1 (JD/MPA ’15) is a Judicial Law Clerk at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Washington, DC).

Paige Donegan2 (MPA ’15) is an Analyst for the U.S. Department of Defense via Wittenberg Weiner Consulting, LLC.

Aimee Falkum3 (MPA/MAIR ’15) is a Special Assistant to the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR).

Alexandra Hackbarth2 (MPA/MAIR ’15) is employed as a Congressional Liaison for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR).

Matthew Jubelt1 (LAW ’09) is deployed as Defense Counsel for the JAG Corps, U.S. Army.

Zachary Johnson1 (LAW ’16) is working on national security issues for the U.S. government.

Jeff Kenny1 (LAW ’15) works as a Program Management Analyst at the Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of State.

Darejani Markozashvili1 (MAIR ’13) is an Executive Assistant to the Ambassador at Georgia’s Embassy in Washington, DC.

Kelly McCray2 (MA/MS ’13) works in China as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State.

Lauren Melling1 (MAIR ’10) is a Senior Editor at strifthblog.org and a first year Ph.D. researcher in War Studies at King’s College London. Her current research project centers on Israeli counterterrorism and hybrid terrorist organizations.

Kevin Minsky (LAW ’97) is an Associate General Counsel at Booz Allen Hamilton, where he is also Senior Advisor to the company’s technology and cyber businesses on U.S. and international transactional, product development, and regulatory compliance.

Haley Parsons2 (LAW ’15) joined DynCorp as a Law Clerk in November 2015.

Tara Pistorese1 (JD/MPA ’14) works as an Attorney-Advisor to Chief Judge Charles E. Erdmann in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

Abigail Reese1 (MAIR ’15) works as a Management Analyst, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of State.

Timothy Rodriguez2 (MPA/MAIR ’15) is a Planning Analyst at consultancy RightDirection Technology Solutions, doing work for the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Diplomatic Security.

Emily Schneider1 (LAW ’13) is working as a Consultant at Deloitte Advisory.

Katie Strangis (LAW ’03) works in the Office of Nonproliferation and Arms Control at the National Nuclear Security Administration, U.S. Department of Energy. She specializes in nuclear nonproliferation and international security issues.

McKay Tolboe1 (LAW ’08) is an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton, where he provides management consulting services for cybersecurity and IT strategy, among other tasks.

MAJ Susan Upward1 (LAW ’15) is deployed as a trial counsel (prosecutor) at the U.S. Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, California.

Michael Vozzo1 (LAW ’04) has been an Associate Deputy General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Defense Office of the General Counsel since 2009.

CERTIFICATES/PROGRAMS

1. National Security and Counterterrorism Law
2. Security Studies
3. Postconflict Reconstruction

On May 21, 2016, INSCT and SU Maxwell School students traveled to St. Michaels, Maryland, to take part in the Rumsfeld Foundation Graduate Fellowship Spring Gathering. Pictured are INSCT Graduate Fellows Alex Schachte and Brian Thomas (left) and SU Maxwell School students in the Rumsfeld Foundation Graduate Fellowship Program.

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The mission of the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism (INSCT) is to perform interdisciplinary research, teaching, public service, and policy analysis in the fields of national and international security and counterterrorism.

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