The Security Studies Program is pleased to welcome three new military fellows for the Academic year.

LTC William (Butch) Graham, is an Army Engineer who most recently completed his third tour in Iraq as the Division Engineer for the 1st Armored Division and Multi National Division-North. He holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and an MS in Environmental Engineering from the University of Kansas. He served as a Combat Engineer platoon leader during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm and as an Engineer battalion operations officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom 1. LTC Graham commanded the 40th Engineer Battalion from July 2005 to June 2007 where he deployed the battalion to Kuwait, Ramadi and Baghdad in support of OIF 05-07.

LtCol Kurt W. Kuntzelman has more than 19 years experience with the United States Air Force. His research interests are in space and cyber technologies relating to national security. His core experience is in space operations (satellites). Prior assignments include: operations group deputy commander for GPS and communications satellite systems, squadron commander for the Global Positioning System, HQ USAF Staff, operations officer, Chief of Group Standardization and Evaluations, GPS crew commander and satellite operator; HQ United States Space Command and NORAD/J4 staff officer, and logistics officer for B-1, B-52, and KC-135 aircraft.

LtCol John E Walker Jr., USMC, received his commission in the United States Marine Corps in 1991 following his graduation from Weber State University. A career intelligence officer with a background in Signals Intelligence, LtCol Walker has served from the tactical to the national level completing multiple deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and the 11 Marine Expeditionary Unit Special Operations Capable. His personal decorations include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars; Joint Service Commendation Medal with gold star and the Navy Achievement Medal.
SSP welcomes cadet Badet

Paloma Badet is a cadet at the Saint Cyr French national military academy at Coëtquidan, France. She will spend the fall semester with us studying American foreign policy in the Middle East, specifically during the Bush Administration.

Paloma, 21, will graduate next July and will be a Lieutenant from the Signals corps in the French Army. She is currently studying international relations. She also has completed Paratrooper training, Winter Mountain training in the Alps, and jungle commando training in French Guyana. She speaks French, English, and Spanish and is learning Arabic.

What we wrote...

Fotini Christia, faculty


Taylor Fravel, faculty

Quoted in an article titled “ANALYSIS-Booming China-India ties strained by border tension,” Reuters, September 18.


Quoted in an article titled “China adds special riot squad to arsenal,” Financial Times, July 19.

Gregory Koblentz, alum
What we wrote (cont’d)

Peter Krause, grad student and Steve Van Evera, faculty
“Public Diplomacy: Ideas for the War of Ideas,” Middle East Policy, Vol. 16, No. 3 (Fall 2009).

Alan Kuperman, alum

Sameer Lalwani, grad student
Pakistani Capabilities for a Counterinsurgency Campaign: A Net Assessment, a report for the New American Foundation, September 17.

Jennifer Lind (et al.), alum

Tara Maller, grad student

Daryl Press, alum
“The Nukes We Need: Preserving the American Deterrent,” Foreign Affairs, Nov./Dec.

Robert Ross, affiliate


Richard Samuels, faculty
Quoted in a Jerusalem Post article titled “US Professors: support for Israel eroded,” June 29, 2009.

“Change Comes to Japan: How the LDP hung on so long,” Newsweek, August 31.

Harvey Sapolsky (Emeritus), Benjamin Friedman, Eugene Gholz and Daryl Press, alums

Harvey Sapolsky, faculty

“Rethinking Republican Foreign Policy,” E-IR, June 8, 2009.

Bjoern Seibert, affiliate
“The case against the A400M,” Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) Briefing Note, June 2009.

Joseph Torigian, grad student
“Taiwan is not an American Geopolitical Chess Piece” Oriental Morning Post/Dongfang Zaobao, June 24.

Keep in touch!

The Security Studies Program hopes you’ll send us news of your accomplishments for inclusion in our publications and on our website.

We love hearing from you!

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What we wrote...(cont’d)

“The Xinjiang Incident in the Eyes of an American”, Chinese Reuters (online only), August 31.

Jim Walsh, faculty

Cindy Williams, faculty


SSP in new office space

The last boxes have been unpacked and the final files have been re-filed. The Security Studies Program has moved into its new space in the newly consolidated Center for International Studies. The grand opening for the new space was held Friday, September 11 at which time the new Lucian Pye Conference room was also inaugurated.

All phone numbers and email addresses remain the same, however our mailing address has changed to:

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Where we spoke…

Fotini Christia, faculty

Commentator, on Symbolizing Afghanistan’s candidates NPR and BBC’s “The World,” August 20.

Owen Cote, faculty

Taylor Fravel, faculty
Participant, Conference on Strategic Implications of Military Activities in the EEZ, Naval War College, Newport, RI, July.


Kelly Greico, grad student


Gregory Koblentz, alum

Participant, Biodefense Policy Workforce Development, hosted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, DC, August 11.

Barry Posen, faculty


Richard Samuels, faculty
Speaker, State Department Briefing for Ambassador John Roos, Washington DC (prior to his taking up his post as Ambassador to Japan).

Robert Ross, affiliate
Participant, Military Activities in the EEZ: Strategic Implications of US and Chinese Perspectives, China Maritime Studies Institute, U.S. Naval War College, Newport RI, July.

Chair and Discussant, “New Trends in Cross-Taiwan Strait Relations,” annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada.


and Strategy (SWAMOS), Ithaca, NY, July 5-7.

Speaker, Military Theory in the Post-Cold War Era: a Critical Examination, Norwegian Institute for Defense Studies, Oslo, Norway, June 24-25.


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Where we spoke (cont’d)

Paul Staniland, grad student
Presenter, “Explaining Insurgent Cohesion and Fragmentation: Trajectories of Militancy in Kashmir and Pakistan” at APSA in Toronto on September 4. He gave the same talk at the Duke, UNC Triangle Institute for Security Studies, “New Faces in Security Studies” conference on September 12, Yale University’s Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence on September 30. The United States Institute of Peace in Washington, DC, October 4-6, and the Lehigh University Department of International Relations on October 13.

Stephen Van Evera, faculty

Jim Walsh, faculty
Instructor, “Iran and WMD,” Senior Manager Course in National Security, Department of Defense’s National Security Studies Program (NSSP), George Washington University, August 26.


Interviews numerous times in the press recently regarding North Korea and Iran. He’s also appeared on CNN, BBC, and NPR.

Cindy Williams, faculty


Discussion with staff of Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, about establishing incentive for federal national security civilians to take up cross-agency rotations, August 19.

Interview, on volunteerism in the United States and the state of the all-volunteer force, Kansas City Star, August 28.

Simulations (with Owen Cote), “Complex Crisis in Mexico,” developed and conducted an interagency simulation for the Executive Course of the National Security Studies Program. The simulation was held at the Elliott School of International Affairs, Washington DC, August 28-30.


Barry Posen is on Sabbatical this academic year. He is spending the fall semester in Washington DC as a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Cindy Williams is on leave from SSP. For the fall 2009 semester, she is the Shapiro Visiting Professor of International Affairs at the Elliott School of International Affairs of the George Washington University, Washington, DC.

Grad student Paul Staniland has been awarded a 2009/10 Dissertation Fellowship from the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation. He has also been awarded a 2009/10 US Institute of Peace Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship.

SSP grad student Peter Krause was in Jordan for three months doing field research and has moved to Israel this fall to do more research.

Jennifer Lind, SSP alum, was selected as one of five Fellows on “Peace, Governance, and Development in East Asia,” a fellowship awarded by the East Asia Institute in Seoul. As part of this program she will give talk in Seoul, Tokyo, Beijing, and Shanghai and will be conducting interviews for a new project about energy competition and the rise of China.

In July, SSP alum Timothy Wolters was awarded the Eller Prize for the best article on naval history for “Electric Torpedoes in the Confederacy: Reconciling Conflicting Histories,” in The Journal of Military History 72 (July 2008), 755-783.

SSP alum Vann H. Van Diepen, has been named Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation. He resumes his 23-year career at the State Department after a 3 year stint as National Intelligence Officer for Weapons of Mass Destruction and Proliferation in the Directorate of National Intelligence.

SSP alum David Burbach has been promoted to Associate Professor at the Naval War College.

SSP alum Alan J. Kuperman is a Fellow this fall at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. He is currently finishing his book on the moral hazard of human intervention.

Mary Whisenhunt, Lt Col USAF, Ret., the 2002-2003 Air Force Fellow, now works Strategic Communication for United States Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany.

Michael Thumm, SSP Marine Fellow, 1998-1999, changed jobs at the beginning of August. He is now the Development Programs lead in the Tomahawk weapons System Program Office.

Former Air Force Fellow Roftiel Constantine was promoted to Colonel on August 1. He is now working in Holland.

Former Navy Fellow Leah Bolger (Johnson) retired from the Navy in 2000 and became a full-time peace activist. She is currently the national vice-president of Veterans for Peace.

Greg Koblentz’s new book
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