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CSD focuses on counterinsurgency, irregular warfare, and post-conflict reconstruction. The team provides objective, analytic perspectives—grounded in an understanding of actual operations—to support decision-makers charged with planning and conducting security and development operations.

CSD specialties include: insurgency and counterinsurgency, ethnic conflict, development of indigenous forces (CSD team members recently spent time in Afghanistan advising Provincial Reconstruction Teams and supporting coalition commands), economic development of war-torn states, “Phase IV” reconstruction efforts, and the establishment of political institutions.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS GROUP (IAG)

IAG focuses on issues related to the Middle East, Central Asia, Europe, NATO, the Mediterranean and Black Sea littorals, Latin America, Africa, Northeast Asia, South Asia and the Indian Ocean littoral. IAG also runs the Iran Studies Program which it established in 2007.

Many of IAG’s more than 20 specialists have lived, worked and frequently travel abroad on assignments and are fluent in several foreign languages including: Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Persian, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Vietnamese. IAG also maintains a
“virtual think tank” of experts and research organizations around the world for on-the-ground research and analysis work).

IAG studies have ranged from helping the U.S. Navy in its engagement strategy with foreign navies to analysis of foreign leadership dynamics and regional security and defense profiles of hard-target regimes for DOD and IC sponsors.

**IAG specialties** include: foreign leadership analysis, coalition integration and interoperability, proliferation, force-structure and deployment issues, and operational strategy.

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SIG looks at broad issues of U.S. national security strategy, with a particular focus on its maritime aspects and on assessing real-world military operations including transformation initiatives. SIG employs experts in futures planning, long-term trend analysis based on scenario planning and analyses of the recent past which are carried out to help key decision makers plan for the future.

**SIG specialties** also include issues related to regional and global proliferation, deterrence theory, threat mitigation, and strategic planning for combating the threat to the country from weapons of mass destruction

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**Using this guide**

The CNA Strategic Studies Experts Guide is designed to give policymakers, educators, analysts and government officials better access to the experts, and the expertise, of CNA Strategic Studies.

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To identify an expert on a particular topic, consult the index of Areas of CSS Expertise. From there, you can find your way to the experts’ biographical pages where you’ll see a more detailed list of his or her areas of expertise and experience.

**Content notes:**

- The Publications of Interest section of each expert’s page represents only a small portion of that author’s work and includes documents published by CNA as well as recent journal articles and books or book chapters authored by CNA analysts.
- Unless otherwise noted, all experts are located at CNA Headquarters in Alexandria, VA
- CNA analysts who are deployed outside the United States are not included in this guide.
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Expertise
- Afghanistan
- Middle East
- Irregular warfare
- Leveraging local authority and non-state actors in counterinsurgency and counterterrorism operations
- Social movements, mobilization and collective action
- Militias and non-statutory community defense forces
- Governance and the rule of law in conflict zones

Patricio Asfura-Heim is a political-military analyst with CNA’s International Affairs Group. His work has focused on Middle East, North Africa and South Asia affairs. His research interests include irregular and political warfare, foreign internal defense operations, U.S. security cooperation, and the role of non-state centers of authorities in warfare, revolution, and peacemaking. Mr. Asfura-Heim has spent a significant amount of time in the field supporting U.S. Marine operations in Iraq and Afghanistan where he provided research and analysis on governance capacity building, rule of law, and engaging with customary tribal authorities and anti-insurgency religious networks. In addition, Mr. Asfura-Heim has conducted field research in Pakistan, Oman, Bahrain, and Sao Tome and Principe.

Recent Work: Community defense forces in Afghanistan; anti-insurgency religious networks in Afghanistan; tribal politics in North Africa; counterinsurgency and rule of law in Afghanistan; disbanding Iraqi tribal militias; Iranian nonconventional military capabilities; force structure, culture, and leadership in the new Iraqi military.

Previous Positions: CNA Field Representative to II MEF FWD (USMC) in Al Anbar, Iraq in 2007. CNA Field Representative to 2nd MEB (USMC) and I MEF FWD (USMC) in and Helmand Province, Afghanistan in 2009-2010.

Education: JD and MA in World Politics, Catholic University of America. BA in International Relations, University of California at Davis.
Languages: Spanish
Publications of Interest


- “In Libya, Geography is Destiny,” Politico (April 2011).


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Expertise
- East Asian political-military relationships
- U.S. policy and strategic objectives in Asia
- U.S.-Japan security alliance
- U.S. military force posture issues in Asia-Pacific
- Islamic fundamentalism – historical perspectives
- U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East
- Fixed-wing aviation support to ground forces
- Rotary-wing support in combat operations

In 2006, Dr. Tom Bowditch returned to CNA from the Pacific Command where he was a special assistant for the Commander in Chief, USPACOM working on the Command’s input to the Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy (IGPBS). During the summer of 2007 Bowditch was temporarily assigned to the Commander, U.S. Central Command in Tampa, FL, where he completed a special project for the commander on strategic options for the way ahead in Iraq. Earlier in Operation Enduring Freedom Bowditch was in the Persian Gulf and Kandahar, Afghanistan, during the first half of 2002 providing analytical support to the Marine Corps Combat Assessment Team.

Bowditch has done operational research for both the Marine Corps and Navy, including analyses of the roles and missions of naval forces in a changing global security environment. He has also done work in the area of Command and Control (C2), the dynamics of headquarters staff architecture, and the evolution of command relationship architectures.

Recent Work: American military posture in the Western Pacific; U.S. military basing structure in Japan; emerging strategic consensus between the U.S. and India in the Indian Ocean region; U.S. force buildup in Afghanistan.

Education: Ph.D. in International Relations, University of Virginia; MA in International Relations, University of Virginia; MA in National Security Studies (with distinction), Naval War College; BA in pre-medicine and history, Bates College.
Publications of Interest


Sea Control in an Irregular World, Power Point presentation at the AIE Irregular Warfare Conference in San Diego, CA, 22-23 October, 2009.


Getting it Right the Second Time; Recreating a Stable World Order at the Edge of Chaos, occasional paper, Center for Naval Analyses, Alexandria, VA, January 2009.

Dr. Eugene Cobble is a specialist on Euro-Atlantic security and interstate political-military cooperation. His studies at CNA have focused on naval international collaborative procurement, improving interoperability between the U.S. Navy and its principal international partners, foreign navy capability assessments, and USN crisis-response issues. He has served as the CNA scientific analyst to OPNAV N81, and as the embedded field representative to Combined Joint Task Force, Horn of Africa, located in Djibouti.

Recent Work: Iranian regime dynamics; ballistic missile proliferation networks historical trends in U.S. Navy crisis response; Mediterranean basin naval theater security cooperation; Pan-African theater security cooperation engagement metrics.

Education: Ph.D. and MA in Government (International Relations), Cornell University. BA in Political Science, Vanderbilt University

Languages: German

Publications of Interest


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Expertise
- U.S. nuclear weapons policy
- Deterrence
- WMD proliferation
- Arms control
- Intelligence policy and reform

Elbridge Colby is a research analyst in CNA’s Strategic Initiatives Group, where he focuses on strategic, deterrence, proliferation, intelligence policy, and related issues.

Recent Work: Strategic stability with Russia and China; future strategy for the U.S. Navy; Middle East contingencies; consultant to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory’s Global Security Directorate; the U.S. Strategic Command; the National Intelligence Council, and other government bodies.

Previous Positions: From 2009-2010 Colby served as policy advisor to the Secretary of Defense’s Representative for the follow-on to the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, serving both on the delegation in Geneva and then as a Department of Defense point man for the treaty ratification effort. He previously served as an expert advisor to the Congressional Strategic Posture Commission, as special assistant to the Chief of Staff in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, as a staff member on the President’s WMD Commission, and with the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq and the State Department. He has also been an adjunct staff member with the RAND Corporation and has served as a consultant to the U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Federal Advisory Committee.

Education: BA, Harvard College, History, magna cum laude; JD, Yale Law School

Publications of Interest:


“Expanded Deterrence,” POLICY REVIEW 149 (June/July 2008).

“Making Intelligence Smart,” POLICY REVIEW 144 (August/Sept. 2007).

“Restoring Deterrence,” ORBIS 51 No. 2 (Summer 2007).


Recent Talks and Presentations:


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**Expertise**
- Public diplomacy
- U.S.-Europe relations
- U.S.-Africa relations
- Military engagement and cooperation

Mary Ellen Connell retired from the U.S. Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Counselor. As a CNA Strategic Studies research analyst, she has directed projects in support of the Commander, Naval Forces Europe and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and has provided input for CNA assessments of maritime security and engagement activities in Africa and the Middle East.

**Recent Work:** Security implications for the United States posed by recent political/military developments in East Africa, Turkey, and the Levant.

**Previous Positions:** During her diplomatic career, Connell served at U.S. embassies in Kenya, Burundi, and Denmark and at the U.S. Mission to NATO. In Washington, DC she was an advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs and a member of the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff.

**Education:** National War College Diploma in National Security Studies, research fellowship Bibliotheque Nationale de France, University of Kansas M.Phil. in French and Comparative Literature, Smith College B.A.

**Languages:** French (fluent), Italian (reading), Danish (reading)
Dr. Michael Connell is a research analyst the Director of CNA Strategic Studies’ Iranian Studies Program launched in 2006 to help government and military decision-makers formulate U.S. policy on Iran and the Middle East. The program’s goal is to develop innovative approaches and methods for understanding Iran’s strategic thinking, its institutions and processes, and the various social and economic dynamics at play within Iranian society. Connell also served as CNA’s field representative to the headquarters of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) in Bahrain.

Recent Work: Iranian military strategy and doctrine; the IRGC and Artesh; Iranian military leadership; Iran’s ballistic missile program; maritime security in the Persian Gulf;

Previous Position: Prior to joining CNA, Connell served as an officer in the U.S. Army.

Education: Ph.D. in History and Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University; BA in Near Eastern Studies, Brandeis University; certificate in Persian language studies, Tehran University.

Languages: Persian-Farsi

Recent Talks and Papers


“Recent Structural Changes in the Iranian Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC),” American Enterprise Institute, 30 January 2009.

“Ballistic and Cruise Missile Proliferation in and around the Persian Gulf Region,” Middle East Missile and Air Defense Symposium (MEMAD), Abu Dhabi, UAE, 14 December 2008.

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Expertise
- Maritime strategy
- Central Europe/East Asia
- Naval Special Operations

Seth Cropsey has been a Senior Advisor at CNA’s Center for Naval Analyses since 2005 where he participated in and drafted a study on the global strategic landscape in the third decade of the 21st century. Prior to joining CNA, he was a Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute, where he authored a study on future European security for the Secretary of Defense. He has lectured at Oxford, the Ecole Militaire, the NATO School at Oberammergau, Taiwan’s National Defense University, and U.S. colleges and universities. His articles have been published in such journals and newspapers as the Foreign Affairs, World Affairs, Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, and The Weekly Standard. He is currently writing a book on the decline of American sea power.

Recent Work:


“Merkel’s Message to the West,” Pajamas Media 26 October 2010  

“Keeping the Pacific Pacific,” Foreign Affairs, 27 September 2010  
http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/66752/seth-cropsey/keeping-the-pacific-pacific

Education: St. Johns College B.A; Boston College M.A; University of Cluj  Ph.D. candidate, public defense of dissertation scheduled for summer 2011

Languages: Romanian, French, German
**Publications of Interest**


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Expertise
- Russia political/military affairs
- Afghanistan
- Irregular and unconventional warfare
- Insurgency and counterinsurgency
- Guerilla warfare
- Counter-terrorism
- Counter-IED operations
- Energy geopolitics

Brian Ellison conducts research and analysis on irregular warfare, insurgencies, Russian strategic concepts and geopolitical energy issues. His work has advised the Marine Corps and the Department of Defense in both wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, on the subjects of counter-IED operations, unconventional-warfare concepts, maintaining influence and insurgent networks. He has also conducted research on shadow governments and foreign support to insurgencies. He recently deployed to Afghanistan as a counter-IED operations and intelligence analyst for Regional Command East.

Recent Work: Marine operations in Afghanistan; Taliban insurgency; tribal relations and security in Afghanistan; Russian strategic issues and the former Soviet republics; Russian leadership; the Soviet-Afghan War; Iranian policy in the Caspian

Previous Positions: Brookings Institution, World Security Institute, Project on National Security Reform

Education: MA in International Affairs/International Security from the American University’s School of International Service, BA in Political Science from California State University Northridge

Publications of Interest


*The Energy Conversation,* (CNA Publication, 2010).


Ralph Espach, Ph.D.
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Expertise
- Latin American and inter-American security and political relations
- Brazil
- Environmental politics and security in Latin America
- Likely implications of climate change for human security in the Americas

Dr. Ralph Espach is an analyst with CNA Strategic Studies. His area of focus is security and international issues within Latin America, and U.S. relations with the region. He also conducts research on issues of climate change and security. Before joining CNA, Espach received a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, Berkeley, and managed the Brazil Project at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C.

Recent Work: Implications of Chinese, Iranian, and Russian engagement in Latin America for U.S. regional interests; Brazil-U.S. security relations and naval engagement; impacts of climate change on Colombia's national and regional security; leadership and decision-making in the Chavez government; assessing the effectiveness of U.S. Naval humanitarian and civic assistance programs.

Previous Positions: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; University of Seattle.

Education: Ph.D. in political science from University of California, Berkeley (2006); M.A. in international affairs from the George Washington University; B.A. from Columbia University.

Languages: Spanish and Portuguese

Publications of Interest


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Expertise
- WMD counter-proliferation and arms control
- Foreign military capabilities
- South Asia
- S&T public policy

Dr. Virginia Foran-Cain is a senior analyst with CNA’s Center for Strategic Studies and a recognized expert in the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, science and technology public policy, intelligence analysis, and American foreign and defense policy. Much of her work has focused on India and Pakistan, however, she has also conducted analyses of nations in East Asia, and the Middle East.

Recent Work: U.S.-India navy relations, and Iran counterspace capabilities. Dr. Foran-Cain has also contributed to projects assessing U.S. force sizing in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Previous Positions: Intelligence Officer, Defense Intelligence Agency (2001-2004); the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (1992-1997), the National Security Archives (Washington, D.C), and St. Mary’s College of Maryland, and appointments to the International Institute for Strategic Studies (London), and Office for Multilateral Negotiations, Department of Defense. She also taught a variety of courses in international relations and defense policy at the University of Mississippi and the University of Maryland.

Education: Dr. Foran-Cain has a Ph.D. in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park, and graduated with honors in Political Science from California State University, Fullerton.

Publications of Interest:


* Afghanistan Security Study, co-authored with Mathew Robinson and Brian Ellison, Center for Naval Analyses, October 2010.


Survey of Pakistan’s Science and Technology, Virginia Foran-Cain and Michael Traynor, Center for Naval Analyses, July 2005.


Presentations and Unpublished Manuscripts

“Strategic Competition in East Asia, Exploring the Benefits of Naval Arms Control,” presentation at University of Macao conference Towards an East-Asia Community: A Myth or a Reality, May 2011.


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Expertise
- North Korean leadership
- Iranian leadership
- Russian leadership

Ken Gause is a senior analyst in CNA Strategic Studies and is currently serving as the acting director of the International Affairs Group. Gause oversees most of CSS’ foreign leadership work, with a particular focus on the leaderships of hard-target countries. Gause began his analyst career in the early 1980s studying the Soviet Union for the U.S. government. For the past two decades, his work has focused on North Korea, China, Iran, Syria, and Russia. He has published numerous articles on leadership structures for such publications as Jane’s Intelligence Review, RUSI’s China Military Update, and the Korean Journal for Defense Analysis.

Recent Work: North Korean succession politics, police state, and civil-military relations; IRGC in Iranian politics; Iranian regime dynamics; Russian leadership politics under Vladimir Putin.

Education: MA in Soviet and East European Affairs from George Washington University, BA in Political Science and Russian from Vanderbilt University.

Languages: Russian

Publications of Interest


North Korean Civil-Military Relations: Military First Policy to a Point (Carlisle, PA: Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College, September 2006).


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Expertise
- Guerrilla warfare
- Insurgency and counterinsurgency
- Terrorism and counterterrorism
- Iraq
- Afghanistan
- Middle East, Eastern Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa

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James Gavrilis is a senior advisor in the Stability and Development Program within CNA Strategic Studies. LTC Gavrilis is a former U.S. Army Special Forces officer with over 24 years of experience in the infantry and special operations. He has served overseas in Africa, the Balkans, and the Middle East in training, peacekeeping, and combat operations. He has commanded and directed field operations focused on urban unconventional warfare, counterterrorism, counterinsurgency, and counter-proliferation in Iraq and in other parts of the Middle East. LTC Gavrilis also served in the Pentagon and was responsible for the formulation of senior-level political-military operational analysis, policy, and strategy for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Combatant Commanders, and Service Staffs. He is also an adjunct professor at Georgetown University and George Washington University, and teaches counterinsurgency to Iraq provincial reconstruction team members at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.

Recent Work: “Counterinsurgency on the Ground in Afghanistan: How Different Units Adapted to Local Conditions.”


Education: LTC Gavrilis is a resident Graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He has an M.A. in International Studies from Old Dominion University and a B.A. in Political Science from the Pennsylvania State University.

Languages: Portuguese, German, Arabic
Publications of Interest


Recent Talks and Presentations


A Model for Population-Centered Warfare, Naval Post-Graduate School, Monterey, May 2009


Harvard University, CARR Center, “Intelligence Requirements in Counter-insurgency” Sep. 7, 2007.

CIA University, Intelligence Fellows Program, “Special Forces Counter-insurgency Lessons Learned from Iraq,” August 2, 2007.

Geo. Washington University, “Fighting the War on Terror,” June 14, and July 12, 2007.


Claremont McKenna College, “The New Way Forward in Iraq,” March 5, 2007, Claremont, CA.

Dr. Dmitry Gorenburg is a research analyst with CNA Strategic Studies. His areas of expertise include security issues, military affairs, and ethnic politics in Russia, Eurasia, and Eastern Europe. He has published numerous articles on these topics in policy publications, such as Current History and the U.S. Naval Institute's Proceedings, and in academic journals such as World Politics and Post-Soviet Affairs. Gorenburg is also editor of the journal Russian Politics and Law and an associate at Harvard University's Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies. He has served as a consultant on Russian military and security issues for various agencies of the U.S. government and on ethnic and minority issues for the European Center for Minority Issues.

**Recent Work:** Russian military reform, Caspian regional security; Russian leadership politics under Vladimir Putin; the state of the Russian Navy; the role of the Russian Navy in 2008 Russia-Georgia War; maritime threats to Azerbaijan; Black Sea security issues.

**Previous Position:** Executive Director, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies; Lecturer in Government, Harvard University.

**Education:** Ph.D. in Government, Harvard University, BA in Public and International Affairs, Princeton University

**Languages:** Russian, French, Belarusian, and Ukrainian

**Web log:** Russian Military Reform (http://russiamil.wordpress.com/), which tracks developments in the Russian military
Publications of Interest


“Russia Confronts Radical Islam.” *Current History* (October 2006).


Policy Memos

“Russia’s State Armaments Program 2020: Is the Third Time the Charm for Military Modernization?” PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo #125, October 2010.


“Russian Naval Deployments: A Return to Global Power Projection or a Temporary Blip?” PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo #57, April 2009.


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Expertise
• Insurgency and counterinsurgency
• Afghanistan
• Strategic communication

Megan Katt is an associate research analyst in CNA Strategic Studies’ Stability and Development Program where her work is focused on various aspects of the insurgency and counterinsurgency in Afghanistan for the U.S. Marine Corps.

Recent Work: Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan; the history of the war in Southern Afghanistan; the provincial system in Iran; the role of NGOs in strengthening the rule of law in Iraq

Previous Positions: RAND Corporation

Education: MA in International Security Studies, Georgetown University, BS in Business Marketing, San Diego State University

Publications of Interest

(with Jerry Meyerle and Jim Gavrilis) Counterinsurgency on the Ground in Afghanistan: How Different Units Adapted to Local Conditions, CNA, November 2010.

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Expertise
- Counterinsurgency
- Terrorism and counterterrorism
- Foreign military cooperation
- Indian armed forces
- Japanese armed forces
- Vietnam

Dr. Hank Kenny, a senior analyst for CNA Strategic Studies, directs projects on strategy and foreign military cooperation for the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Pacific Command. A former director of Special Forces mission training at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and Company Commander and Special Forces A Team Commander in Vietnam, he served with the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the American Embassy Tokyo, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He also taught courses at West Point on international relations, comparative politics (with emphasis on South Asia), and problems of developing nations; at American University and George Washington University on causes of war and theories of conflict resolution; and at the Institute for International Relations in Hanoi on international politics.

Recent Work: U.S. security cooperation in South and Southeast Asia; Chinese maritime strategy; the future of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force; political-military imperatives that drive Indian foreign and defense policies, and U.S. objectives in the Global War on Terrorism

Previous Positions: Special Forces mission training at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; Company Commander, Special Forces Operational Detachment “A” Commander, Special Forces Operations Officer, and Province advisor in Vietnam; foreign affairs officer with the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Special Assistant to the American Ambassador to Japan; and professional staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Education: Ph.D. in International Relations and an MBA, and has taught courses on international relations, comparative politics, and problems of developing nations at West Point, graduate courses on causes of war and theories of conflict resolution at American University and George Washington University, and international politics at the Institute for International Relations in Hanoi.

Languages: Vietnamese
Publications of Interest

*The Shadow of the Dragon: Vietnam’s Continuing Struggle with China and its Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy* (Brassey’s, 2002).

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• Northeast Asia
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• Navy strategy
• Navy command and control

Catherine Lea is an analyst with CNA Strategic Studies where she focuses on naval operations in the Asia Pacific region. She has been assigned to two Navy commands as the CNA field representative. She lived in Japan for three years where she conducted analyses on naval mine warfare and maritime battle-damage assessment. She is currently assigned as the CNA scientific analyst to the Director, U.S. Navy International Engagement Division (OPNAV N52) and is conducting analyses on the operational implications of political-military trends in East Asia.

Recent Work: Future USMC force posture in Asia; U.S. Navy-Indian Navy partnership; Future U.S. Navy force posture and deployment patterns; Navy operations in an access-constrained environment

Previous Positions: CNA Field Representative to U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Amphibious Group Two.

Education: MA in National Security Studies from Georgetown University. AB in Political Science and Economics from the University of California at Berkeley

Languages: Japanese
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Expertise
- History of warfare
- Insurgency/Counterinsurgency

Dr. Carter Malkasian directs the stability and development program at CNA, a federally funded research center. From August 2009 to July 2011 he was a political officer for the Department of State in Afghanistan, working on a district support team (DST) in Garmser district, Helmand province, Afghanistan. From June 2010 to July 2011, he was the team leader.

Previous Positions: Prior to working for the Department of State, he directed the Stability and Development Program at CNA from October 2006 to July 2009. In 2007 and 2008, he led a team that advised Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT) in eastern Afghanistan. Previously assigned to the I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) as an advisor on counterinsurgency, he deployed for the war in Iraq from February to May 2003, February 2004 to February 2005, and February 2006 to August 2006. Most of that time was spent in Al Anbar province.

Education: Doctorate in the history of war at Oxford University.

Languages: Pashto, German

Publications of Interest:

(with Daniel Marston of Royal Military Academy Sandhurst), The Korean War, 1950-1953 (2001)

"Did the Coalition Need More Forces in Iraq? Evidence from Al Anbar" Joint Force Quarterly


"Signaling Resolve, Democratization, and the First Battle of Fallujah" Journal of Strategic Studies

"The Role of Perceptions and Political Reform in Counterinsurgency" Small Wars & Insurgencies

"Toward a Better Understanding of Attrition" Journal of Military History
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Expertise  
- War game design, development, testing, evaluation and applications  
- History of science and military technology  
- Analytic graphics and cartography  

Mike Markowitz has studied military history intensively since childhood. He designed a number of published historical war games, including “Alexandros,” based on the campaigns of Alexander the Great, (which was awarded the 1991 Charles Roberts Award for best pre-WWII board game) and “Supermarina,” based Italian Navy operations in WWII (awarded a 1995 Special Achievement Award by the Game Manufacturers’ Association). His articles and reviews of games and books articles have appeared in a wide variety of industry and computer periodicals including, China Quarterly, U.S. Naval Institute’s Proceedings and the Naval War College Review. He holds a California Community College lifetime teaching Credential, and taught classes as adjunct faculty at Pepperdine University and Saddleback College.  

Recent Work: Multi-year multi-site project for the Army TRADOC Analysis Center developing a series of war games to explore social and cultural factors in irregular warfare; develop war games and complex analytic graphics, maps and diagrams for a variety of Navy, defense and government sponsors; invited speaker at the annual CONNECTIONS war gaming conference sponsored by Air Force Research Laboratory.  


Languages: Russian  

Publications of Interest:  
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Expertise
• Middle East
• Political Islam
• Terrorism and countering terrorist recruitment

Dr. Will McCants is a specialist in Islam and Islamist politics in the Middle East. He is adjunct faculty at Johns Hopkins University and senior fellow at George Washington University’s Homeland Security Policy Institute. McCants has served as Senior Adviser for Countering Terrorist Recruitment to the Coordinator for Counterterrorism at the State Department, project manager of the Minerva Initiative in OSD-Policy, and a fellow at West Point’s Combating Terrorism Center. He has also worked as an analyst at SAIC and the Institute for Defense Analyses. McCants’ blog on militant Islamism, Jihadica, has been rated one of the 100 most influential blogs on global politics and was featured on the front page of The New York Times. McCants’ blogging has also earned him recognition from Foreign Policy which named him among its top 100 “Twitterati”. Foreign Affairs magazine headlined McCants’ article, “Al Qaeda’s Challenge” in its 9/11 ten-year anniversary edition.

Recent Work: Citation analysis of jihadist ideologues; Muslim Brotherhood politics in the Middle East; jihadist recantations of violence; counter-recruitment programming; countering AQ propaganda online

Education: Ph.D. and MA in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton University, MA in Near Eastern Studies from University of Arizona, BS in History from Lander University

Languages: Arabic and Persian

Publications of Interest


**Recent Talks and Presentations:**

“Building Communities on a Foundation of Mistrust: Jihadi Discussion Forums.” History Department, Florida State University, April 2009.


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Expertise
- East Asia
- Maritime security

Since transitioning to from his role as Director of CNA Strategic Studies to Senior Fellow, RADM Mike McDevitt has been an active participant and panelist in conferences and workshops regarding security issues related to maritime security and U.S. security policy and has had a number of papers published in edited volumes on these subjects. He has particular expertise is East Asia affairs, with his most recent research efforts focusing on the maritime dimension of China’s national strategy.

Previous Positions: During his navy career RADM McDevitt held four at-sea commands; including an aircraft carrier battle group. He was a Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group Fellow at the Naval War College and was Director of the East Asia Policy Office for the Secretary of Defense during the George H.W. Bush Administration. He also served for two years as the Director for Strategy, War Plans and Policy (J-5) for U.S. CINCPAC. RADM McDevitt concluded his 34 year active duty career as the Commandant of the National War College in Washington DC.

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- Africa (North and West) and Middle East
- Military cooperation/engagement
- Maritime security

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**Recent Work:** Prioritizing theater security cooperation in the Africa AOR; NGO contributions to building the rule of law in Iraq; extremism and political instability in North Africa; U.S. policy in Africa.

**Previous Position:** Assistant Editor, *The Middle East Journal*

**Education:** MA in Arab Studies, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University; BA in Political Science and French (double) from Franklin and Marshall College.

**Languages:** Arabic and French

**Publications of Interest**


“France, the United States, and the Algerian War by Irvin Wall” book review, *Arab Studies Journal*, Fall 02/Spring 03.
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- Afghanistan, Pakistan, India
- Guerrilla warfare and counterinsurgency
- Insurgent tactics

Dr. Jerry Meyerle, a research analyst with CNA for Strategic Studies, has written about political and military issues in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India, and regularly briefs Marine units deploying to Afghanistan. He is also an authority on guerrilla warfare and counterinsurgency. In 2008, he served on a provincial reconstruction team in Afghanistan near the border with Pakistan. He has also done field research in India, Pakistan, and Kashmir.

Recent Work: Insurgent tactics in southern Afghanistan; history of war in southern Afghanistan.

Previous Positions: Adjunct professor at the University of Virginia where he taught courses on counterinsurgency and guerrilla warfare.

Education: Ph.D. in Political Science and South Asian Studies, University of Virginia

Languages: Hindi and Urdu

Publications of Interest


Carter Malkasian and Jerry Meyerle, “Provincial Reconstruction Teams: How Do We Know They Work?” U.S. Army War College, March 2009.
Dr. Afshon Ostovar is a Middle East analyst in the International Affairs Group of CNA Strategic Studies. His research focuses on politics and armed forces in Iran and, more broadly, on Islamist organizations, political activism, and security issues in the Middle East. He is the author of _Visual Motifs in Jihadi Internet Propaganda_ (West Point, 2006) and is writing a book on Iran’s Revolutionary Guards and the development of military power in Iran. Pending work includes publication of an article on the Basij paramilitary organization, and of a book he has co-authored book on Iran’s armed forces. An additional book chapter on Jihadi visual culture is also expected to be published in late 2011.

**Recent Work:** Iran’s armed forces; Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps; Basij militia. Iranian politics; Iranian provincial affairs; militant organization recruitment; Gulf Cooperation Council strategic affairs; GCC-Iranian relationship; jihadist propaganda; Sunni-Baluchi insurgency in Iran.

**Previous positions:** Fellow, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point (2006-2008); Subject Matter Expert (Iran), SAIC (2008); Research Associate, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point (2005-2006); Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan (2004-2006); English Instructor, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan (1999).

**Education:** Ph.D. in History, University of Michigan; M.A. in History, University of Michigan; B.A., _summa cum laude_, in Near Eastern Studies, University of Arizona.

**Languages:** Persian

Publications of Interest


*Revolutionary Guards: Armed Forces and Power in Modern Iran.* (Book manuscript, currently under preparation).


Recent Talks and Presentations


“Visualizing Jihad: Militant Salafi Ideology and Jihadi Internet Propaganda.” 15 October 2005, Counter Terrorism Center, United States Military Academy, West Point.
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Expertise
- Maritime security
- Terrorism and counterterrorism
- Southeast Asia
- Indian Ocean
- China’s influence in Asia

Bronson Percival, a retired diplomat and professor at the U.S. Naval War College, is an expert on South Asia and, Southeast Asia, terrorism and Islamic radicalism in Asia, and maritime security issues. In addition to a recent book, The Dragon Looks South: China and Southeast Asia in the New Century, he has written and lectured on naval rivalry and maritime security issues in the South China Sea, Southeast Asia, and the Indian Ocean.

Recent Work: Strategy in the Indian Ocean; India’s relations with Southeast Asia; security aspects of the comprehensive U.S-Indonesian strategic partnership.

Previous Positions: Chair, Southeast Asia Seminar, Foreign Service Institute, Department of State, (2008-present); Adjunct Professor, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University; Counter-terrorism Coordinator, East Asia and Pacific Bureau, Department of State; Director of the Southeast Asia Office, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State; Professor, Department of Strategy and Policy, U.S. Naval War College; Consul General and Principal Officer, Sumatra, Indonesia; as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer, served in Indonesia, Iraq, Lebanon, the Netherlands and Malaysia, and worked on India, Iran, Indonesia and the Philippines in the Department of State

Education: University of Chicago, Doctoral course work and research in India, Ph.D. program in International Relations and Asian Studies; National War College, M.S., National Security Studies; University of California - Berkeley, A.B.
Publications of Interest


“Countering Terrorism in Asia,” in America’s Role in Asia, Asia Foundation, August 2008.


“Japan in Southeast Asia: Playing Catch-up with China,” Comparative Connections, October 2006.


Recent Talks and Presentations:

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Expertise
- Maritime law and policy
- International law
- International dispute resolution
- Maritime arms control matters
- International agreements and treaties
- Technology transfer
- Law of armed conflict
- Homeland security law

Mark Rosen, a retired Navy captain, has authored multiple international-law and defense-analytic studies of treaty matters, maritime security, use of force/ROE, international technology transfer and political-military issues. He has written and lectured on issues concerning Caspian oil transport issues and the Turkish Straits and wrote the legal analysis of former Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld’s “crisis management” authorities. He has also written international law analyses (vis-à-vis treaty obligations) of the USAF airborne laser, Navy TMD programs, and current Navy mine warfare programs. Rosen advised the Navy on the legal CONPLANs for information operations and offensive space warfare and analyzed China maritime positions for defense/foreign policy audiences, including the Navy, PACFLT, and Shell Oil. He has also undertaken studies examining conflicting maritime claims in the Arctic, South China Sea, and on the breakdown of law and order at sea, and is frequently consulted on applicability of Maritime Confidence Building Measures to address ongoing areas of disputes on the high seas.

Recent Work: International Law in the Global Commons and the governance gaps which create U.S. vulnerabilities in space and in the cyber domain; effective insurgency suppression models that could be used in connection with operations in Afghanistan; an examination of U.S. options to reduce dependence on foreign oil and lesson its carbon output in anticipation of new international mandates limiting carbon emissions (University of Richmond Law Review), the Navy’s role in maritime law enforcement.

Previous positions: Virginia Tech University and George Washington University School of Law (2009-Present) [Adjunct Professor – Homeland Security Law]; Dept of Homeland Security (Science and Technology and Infrastructure Protection Directorate) (SES Appt) [2003-2008]; Intellibridge

**Education:** LLM in International and Oceans Law, University of Virginia School of Law; JD, University of Georgia; AB (Government) University of Georgia, magna cum laude. Georgia Journal of International Law.

**Publications of Interest**


*Nuclear Weapons Free Zones,* 49 Naval War College Review 44 (Autumn 1996)

*Nuclear Weapons Free Zones, Time for Fresh Look,* 8 Duke Journal of Comparative and Int’l Law, (Fall 1997)

*The Oceans and National Security,* U.S. Government – Issued in Connection with the 1998 Year of the Oceans


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Expertise
- Insurgency and counterinsurgency
- Terrorism and counterterrorism

Dr. Bill Rosenau is a senior analyst with CNA Strategic Studies’ Stability and Development Program. His current research efforts focus on insurgency and counterinsurgency, and domestic and international terrorism and counterterrorism. Before joining CNA he spent ten years in the International Security Program at the RAND Corporation, where he chaired the RAND Insurgency Board.

Recent Work: Insurgent motivations; recruitment, and retention; Afghan National Police; border security.

Previous positions: Adjunct professor, Security Studies Program, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University (2004-present); Political Scientist, RAND Corporation; Senior Policy Adviser, Office of the Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism, U.S. Department of State; Senior Analyst, Strategy and Policy Analysis Department, Science Applications International Corporation; Legislative Assistant for Defense and Foreign Policy, U.S. Senate; Professional Staff Member, U.S. Department of Defense Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, U.S. Department of Defense; Teaching Fellow, Department of History, Harvard University.

Education: Ph.D. in War Studies, King’s College, University of London; M.A. in History, Magdalene College, Cambridge University; A.B. in Political Science, Columbia University.

Publications of Interest

Acknowledging Limits: Police Advisors and Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan, (Marine Corps University Press, 2011)

(with Peter Chalk and Angel Rabasa) The Evolving Dynamic of Terrorism in Southeast Asia: A Net Assessment (Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2009).
(with Austin Long) The Phoenix Program and Contemporary Counterinsurgency (Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2009).
“Moving Beyond the State: Counterinsurgency, Armed Groups and Contemporary Conflict in Africa,” in James Fergusson and William March (eds), No Clear Flight Plan: Counterinsurgency and Aerospace Power (Winnipeg: Centre for Defence and Security Studies, University of Manitoba, ‘08).
Subversion and Insurgency, OP-172 (Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2007).

Recent Presentations
“Cops and Counterinsurgency: Modernization Theory, State-Building, and Police Assistance in Contemporary Conflict Zones,” “New Ways of War” conference, Clinton Institute for American Studies, University College Dublin, June 1, 2011.
Nilanthi Samaranayake, an associate research Analyst with CNA Strategic Studies, analyzed public opinion for ten years at Pew Research Center in Washington, DC. While there, she directed projects including the quadrennial survey, “America’s Place in the World,” in collaboration with the Council on Foreign Relations. Prior to joining CNA, she was a fellow at the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) in Seattle where she performed research on Sri Lanka’s deepening economic, military, and political ties with China and China’s growing presence in the Indian Ocean region. She also planned NBR’s 2009 Pacific Energy Summit in Tokyo and 2010 Energy Security Conference in Washington, DC. Samaranayake has studied in London, Beijing, and Washington, DC and completed several internships at think tanks and in government.

Recent Work: Analytic support to the Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (CSTC-A); socio-cultural research analysis within DoD; Conference on Libya’s Pan-African policy

Previous Positions: Next Generation Leadership in Asian Affairs Fellow, The National Bureau of Asian Research (Seattle); Survey and Data Manager and Project Director, Pew Research Center (Washington, D.C.); Researcher, The Career Innovation Company (Oxford); Intern, U.S. Department of State, NATO Enlargement and Ratification Office, Asia Pacific Center for Justice and Peace, China Strategic Institute, and Embassy of India (Washington, D.C.)

Education: MSc International Relations, The London School of Economics and Political Science; BA International Studies, American University, School of International Service; Study Abroad in Beijing: University of International Business and Economics

Publications of Interest


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Expertise
- Arab world
- Persian Gulf and Iran
- Islam and Islamist thought
- Terrorism and counterterrorism

Chris Steinitz is a research analyst with CNA Strategic Studies. As a Middle East specialist, Arabic linguist, and scholar of Islam, he has applied his expertise to a wide range of studies and reach-back support efforts dealing with the Arab world, Iran, and Afghanistan, and has contributed to numerous CNA population and area studies. He has also lent his experience to the study of terrorism and extremism, and has lectured widely on these topics.

**Recent Work:** Regional human terrain analysis; Iranian regime dynamics; maritime cooperation in the Persian Gulf; Muslims and law enforcement in the United States.

**Previous Positions:** Islamic Affairs Instructor, Terrorism Research Center; Terrorism & National Security Lecturer, George Washington University; Arabic Media Analyst, Rapid Response Unit, U.S. State Department; Arabic-English Translator, Language Services, U.S. Department of State.

**Education:** M.A. in Arab Studies, Georgetown University; Certificate in Advanced Proficiency in Arabic, Georgetown University; Fulbright Research Grant to Kuwait, B.A. in Political Science; La Salle University.

**Languages:** Arabic

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- U.S. Navy policy, strategy, deployment, operations and doctrine
- U.S. Navy strategic, operational and organizational history
- U.S. Navy relationships with other services and allies

Peter Swartz, an analyst with CNA Strategic Studies, focuses on U.S. Navy policy and strategy. He is a former U.S. Navy officer, having retired in 1993 in the grade of captain. While a junior officer in the Navy, Swartz served as a counter-insurgency instructor, a psychological operations officer, an advisor to the Vietnamese Navy in the western Mekong Delta, and a staff officer supporting Admiral E.R. Zumwalt, Jr., in Saigon and Washington, DC. As a mid-level officer he initiated and organized the first U.S. Navy-French Navy staff policy talks and was a principal author of *The Maritime Strategy* of the 1980s. As a senior officer, during the time of the disintegration of the Warsaw Pact, Swartz was Director of Defense Operations at the U.S. Mission to NATO in Brussels and served as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Colin Powell, during the first Gulf War.

Recent Work: Recent and current U.S. Navy strategy, U.S. inter-service relationships, concepts policies, and doctrine; OPNAV organizational history; alternative U.S. Navy global fleet deployment models; CNA Scientific Analyst to the Director, U.S. Navy Strategy and Policy Division (OPNAV N51); lessons learned from past U.S. Navy homeland defense, riverine, counter-piracy, and irregular warfare operations.

Previous Positions: CNA Research Team Leader (RTL).

Education: MPhil in Political Science, Columbia University. MA in International Relations, Johns Hopkins University Nitze School of Advanced International Studies; BA in International Relations; Brown University

Languages: French, Vietnamese

Publications of Interest


Organizing OPNAV (1970-2009) (with Michael Markowitz), CNA Annotated Briefing D0020997.A5/2REV Unclassified, January 2010


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Expertise
- Middle East political/military affairs
- Maritime security
- Interoperability and coalition operations
- Partner capacity building/security force assistance
- Afghanistan, Iraq
- GCC countries: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE
- Egypt, Turkey, North Africa, Lebanon
- Operational and strategic assessment
- Terrorism, extremism

Dr. Eric Thompson is the acting director of CNA Strategic Studies. In addition to his focus on the Middle East, Dr. Thompson has also directed or taken part in studies of interoperability with allied navies, the implications of the deployment of theater ballistic missile defense systems, the use of distance learning technology in preparing for coalition operations, the effectiveness of Partnership for Peace programs, and future security cooperation priorities for the U.S. military. He has also provided assessments of military exercises, experiments, and war games. In support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Thompson deployed to the U.S. Navy’s Fifth Fleet Headquarters in Bahrain to provide on-site analysis, and participated in analyses and reconstruction of maritime operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Thompson is an adjunct professor at Catholic University of America, where he teaches graduate classes on terrorism and national security issues.

Recent Work: Iraq and Afghanistan; Lebanon; Indian Ocean region; maritime security; military cooperation; Red Teaming; security in Gulf Cooperation Council countries; military-to-military relations with Egypt; interoperability with NATO forces; Turkish and Algerian maritime capabilities; and coalition building in the Middle East.

Previous Positions: Director of CSS’ International Affairs Group. Adjunct professor of international relations and history at the Virginia Military Institute. Taught comparative politics and international relations at the University of Virginia and held research positions at the Institute for Global Policy Research and the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University.
**Education:** Ph.D. and M.A. in Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia and a B.A. in political science, Vassar College.

**Languages:** Arabic

**Publications of Interest**


*Iraqi Navy: Capability Requirements and Force Structure Recommendations for 2015 and Beyond* (with Alison Lawlor), CNA Research Memorandum D0017253.A2/Final, Unclassified, January 2008

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Expertise
- African Security (North, West and East)
- Maritime piracy (Somalia and Gulf of Guinea)
- U.S. policy in Africa
- Human security

Lesley Anne Warner is an Africa analyst with CNA Strategic Studies where she provides analysis to and directs studies for the Navy, Marine Corps, and Joint Staff on the U.S. military’s growing engagement in Africa.

Recent Work: Future Marine Corps crisis response with critical African partners; U.S. Navy theater security cooperation in Africa; piracy off the coast of Somalia; center-periphery relations and leadership succession scenarios in opaque regimes.

Previous Positions: RAND Corporation, Africa Center for Strategic Studies.

Education: MA in Security Studies from Georgetown University BA in Political Science/International Relations from Carleton College.

Languages: Portuguese

Publications of Interest


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**Expertise:**  
- Counterinsurgency  
- Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) trend analysis  
- Operations in Afghanistan  
- Operations in Iraq  
- Analytic support to naval exercises  

Lonn Waters is an analyst with CNA Strategic Studies’ Stability and Development Program where he focuses on counterinsurgency and stability operations. In 2009-2010, he deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan to support the Combined Joint Task Force PALADIN, and the Counter-Improvised Device (C-IED) Task Force, by conducting operations research and geospatial analyses to measure IED trends and activity. Waters’ work at CNA headquarters focuses on providing analytic support to the Marine Corps in Afghanistan and Iraq with studies on tribal militias, conscription for the Afghan army, management/governance of socio-cultural research and analysis within DoD, withdrawing from Iraq, and local assessments of south/west Afghanistan. Prior to joining CNA, he served as a Presidential Management Fellow with US Joint Forces Command.  

**Recent Work:** Assessment of conscription and the Afghan Army, analytic support to US counter-piracy exercises in Africa; governance of socio-cultural research and analysis within DoD; operations research and geospatial analysis of IED trends in Afghanistan; withdrawal from Iraq; disbanding tribal militias; Afghanistan district studies.  

**Previous Positions:** Deputy ORSA and Chief Research Analyst, Combined Joint Task Force PALADIN, Interagency Training Requirements Officer at US Joint Forces Command; Presidential Management Fellow at US Joint Forces Command (Joint Staff J-5, Joint Warfare Analysis Center, Special Assistant to Commander of Joint Forces Command, Joint Center for Operational Analysis)  

**Education:** MS in Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; MA in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College; BA in Politics, Princeton University.
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Previous Positions: Research Assistant, Allen F. Johnson & Associates; Program Coordinator, Institute for Global and International Studies. Sarah has also interned at the United States Senate.

Education: MA in International Affairs with a concentration in United States foreign policy, The George Washington University; BA in International Affairs with concentrations in international security and European and Eurasian studies and a minor in socio-cultural anthropology, The George Washington University.

Languages: French
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- Russia
- Caucasus
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Publications of Interest:


*Congress and National Security in the Post-Cold War Era* (The Nixon Center, 1998)

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Publications of Interest:


“Applying Asset Mapping to Protected Area Planning and Management in the Cordillera Azul National Park, Peru,” Ethnobotany Research and Applications 5 (2007):25-36. (First author)