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Many of IAG’s more than 20 specialists have lived and worked abroad and frequently travel abroad on assignments. They are fluent in a number of foreign languages, including Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, 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.

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CSD specialties include: irregular warfare (e.g., insurgency and counterinsurgency, unconventional warfare, stability operations, and counterterrorism); the development of indigenous forces (e.g., security force assistance, foreign internal defense, and building partner capacity); economic development of war-torn states; “Phase IV” reconstruction efforts; and democratization.

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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 analyses based on scenario planning, and institutional analyses, which are carried out to help key decision-makers plan for the future.

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Recent Work: Local defense forces in Helmand province, 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.

Education: J.D. and M.A. in World Politics, Catholic University of America; B.A. in International Relations, University of California at Davis.

Languages: Spanish

Selected Publications:


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


(with Eric Thompson), Assessment of the Impact of 1206-Funded Projects in Select Countries: Lebanon, Pakistan, Yemen, and Sao Tome and Principe (CNA, July 2008).
Dr. Tom 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 areas 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; M.A. in International Relations, University of Virginia; M.A. in National Security Studies (with distinction), Naval War College; B.A. in Pre-Medicine and History, Bates College.

**Selected Publications:**


“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*, CNA occasional paper (CNA, January 2009).

Dr. Eugene Cobble is a specialist in 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 U.S. Navy 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; Pan-African theater security cooperation; North Korean contingency planning; and U.S. Navy strategic laydown issues.

**Education:** Ph.D. and M.A. in Government (International Relations), Cornell University; B.A. in Political Science, Vanderbilt University.

**Languages:** German

**Selected Publications:**


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 to 2010 Colby served as policy advisor to the Secretary of Defense’s Representative for the follow-on to the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, serving first 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:** B.A., in History, Harvard College; J.D., Yale Law School.

**Selected Publications:**

Chapters on the U.S. nuclear force, U.S. alliances, deterring WMD terrorism, and ways to address the challenge of a nuclear Iran in *In the Eyes of the Experts: Analysis and Comments on America’s Strategic Posture*, Taylor A. Bolz, ed. (United States Institute of Peace, 2009).

“Requirements for Deterrence: Two Challenging Scenarios,” *Strategic Insights* 8, no. 4 (September 2009).


“Restoring Deterrence,” *Orbis* 51, no. 2 (Summer 2007).

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, D.C., 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; M.Phil. in French and Comparative Literature, University of Kansas; B.A., Smith College.

Languages: French (fluent), Italian (reading), Danish (reading)
Dr. Michael Connell is a senior research scientist and the Director of CNA Strategic Studies’ Iranian Studies Program, which was 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. In 2007, Dr. Connell served as CNA’s field representative to the headquarters of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) in Bahrain. He is also an adjunct faculty member at the Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace (LDESP) program at the Naval Postgraduate School. Interviews with him have been featured in various media outlets, including NPR, the New York Times, the BBC, and the LA Times.

Recent Work: While at CNA, Dr. Connell has authored several studies that focus on political, military, and security issues related to Iran and the other Persian Gulf countries. His most recent work focuses on Iran’s ballistic missile program, the corporate culture of Iran’s armed forces, officer development in the Iranian Navy and IRGC Navy, and Iran-GCC relations.

Previous Position: Prior to joining CNA, Dr. Connell served as an officer in the U.S. Army. He was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Education: Ph.D. in History and Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University; B.A. in Near Eastern Studies, Brandeis University; certificate in Persian Language Studies, Tehran University.

Languages: Persian-Farsi

Selected Publications:

Iranian Operational Decision Making: Four Case Studies from the Iran-Iraq War (CNA, January 2013).


The Artesh Navy: Iran’s Strategic Force (Middle East Institute Viewpoints Series, 2011).

“Iran’s Military Doctrine,” in The Iran Primer, Robin Wright, ed. (United States Institute of Peace, 2010).
Brian Ellison is currently assigned as the CNA Operations Evaluation Group representative to Commander, Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. His work has advised the Navy, Marine Corps, and Army, JIEDDO, and the intelligence community in both wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and operations in the Asia Pacific, on the subjects of intelligence operations and policy, strategic engagement, conflict on the Korean Peninsula, unconventional-warfare, and counter-IED operations. He was advisor to Commander, Carrier Strike Group Three (CCSG3) in 2011-2012. From December 2010 through June 2011, he was the Chief Operations Analyst in Regional Command East (RC-E), in Afghanistan.

**Recent Work:** Crisis scenarios on the Korean Peninsula; U.S./Philippine combined operations, US/Korean military relations; Strait of Hormuz transits; Marine Corps organizational structure.

**Previous Positions:** Brookings Institution; Adviser to the Defense Science Board; Research Fellow to the Project on National Security Reform

**Education:** M.A. in International Affairs/International Security, the American University’s School of International Service; B.A. in Political Science, California State University Northridge

**Selected Publications:**

“Evaluating COMMARFORPAC’s Strategic Engagement” Marine Corps Forces, Pacific (CNA, April 2013).


“Standing up a South East Asia Forward Command Element,” annotated brief for Commander, Marine Forces Pacific (CNA, May 2012).


“Withdrawing from Long Occupations: Insights from Iraq, Aden, and Afghanistan” CNA Research Memorandum (CNA, July 2009)

“Russian Grand Strategy in the South Ossetia War,” *Demokratizatsiya* (Fall 2011).
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- Security and organized crime in Central America
- Climate change, energy policy, and security
- Brazilian foreign and national defense policy

Recent research topics: Community self-defense groups in Mexico, U.S. and European climate and energy security, Organized crime and illicit trafficking along Central American borders; the Panama Canal expansion and regional maritime security; Guatemala-Mexico border security; Brazilian-U.S. naval relations; the Brazil-U.S. security relationship; Chinese, Iranian, and Russian engagement in Latin America; Climate change and Colombian national security

Previous employers: University of Seattle, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Education: Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Berkeley; M.A. in International Affairs, the George Washington University; B.A., Columbia University.

Languages: Spanish and Portuguese

Selected Publications:
“Should Central America Legalize Drugs?” The Atlantic (28 February 2012).
“Latin America’s Options Against Drugs and Organized Crime.” Geopolitical Information Service (10 January 2012).
(with Javier Meléndez Quiñonez, Daniel Haering, and Miguel Castillo Girón) Criminal Organizations and Illicit Trafficking in Guatemala’s Border Communities (CNA, December 2011).
Ken Gause is a senior analyst in CNA Strategic Studies and director of the International Affairs Group. Gause oversees most of CSS’s 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 leadership politics, police state, provocational behavior, and civil-military relations; IRGC in Iranian politics; Iranian regime dynamics; Russian leadership politics under Vladimir Putin.

**Education:** M.A. in Soviet and East European Affairs, the George Washington University; B.A. in Political Science and Russian, Vanderbilt University.

**Languages:** Russian

**Selected Publications:**


“Succession Politics in North Korea in the Wake of Kim Chong-il’s Death,” *Foreign Affairs* website (December 2011).
James Gavrilis is a senior advisor at the Center for Stability and Development 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 at the Pentagon and was responsible for 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 at the Department of State’s Foreign Service Institute.


**Education:** Graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; M.A. in International Studies, Old Dominion University; B.A. in Political Science, Pennsylvania State University.

**Languages:** Portuguese, German, Arabic

**Selected Publications:**
“Counterinsurgency 3.0,” *Parameters* (U.S. Army War College, June 2010).

**Selected Talks and Presentations:**
Center for Naval Analyses, “Counterinsurgency on the Ground in Afghanistan,” (September 2010).
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 in academic journals such as World Politics and Post-Soviet Affairs. Gorenburg is also editor of the journals Problems of Post-Communism and 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; Russian defense industry; 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; B.A. in Public and International Affairs, Princeton University.

Languages: Russian, French, Belarusian, and Ukrainian

Selected Publications:
“Why Russia Supports Repressive Regimes in Syria and the Middle East,” PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo #198. (June 2012).
“Russia’s State Armaments Program 2020: Is the Third Time the Charm for Military Modernization?” PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo #125 (October 2010).
“Russia Confronts Radical Islam.” Current History (October 2006).
Megan Katt is a research analyst in CNA Strategic Studies’ Center for Stability and Development, where her work has primarily focused on various aspects of the insurgency and counterinsurgency in Afghanistan. From 2011-2012, she deployed to eastern Afghanistan in support of counter-IED intelligence and operations. In this position, she analyzed enemy activity, and conducted trend and geospatial analysis of improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

Recent Work: Her recent work on Afghanistan has included projects focused on Village stability operations (VSO); governance and service delivery in Helmand Province; International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) assessments; insurgent tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs); counterinsurgency best practices; and the history of the war in southern Afghanistan. Other work includes projects on irregular warfare skills; the future threat of IEDs; tribal politics in North Africa; the provincial system in Iran; and the role of NGOs in strengthening the rule of law in Iraq.

Previous Positions: RAND Corporation.

Education: M.A. in International Security Studies, Georgetown University; B.S. in Business Marketing, San Diego State University. Her M.A. research paper was “Campaigning for Hearts and Minds: Achieving Successful Strategic Communication in Counterinsurgency.”

Selected Publications:
(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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• 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 an 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 M.B.A. 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 courses on international politics at the Institute for International Relations in Hanoi.

Languages: Vietnamese

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

Education: M.A. in National Security Studies, Georgetown University; A.B. in Political Science and Economics, University of California at Berkeley.

Languages: Japanese

Selected Publications:
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- East Asia (Japan)
- Religious radicalism, terrorism
- Maritime security issues

Background: Dr. Satu Limaye specializes on Asian international relations with a geographic focus on South Asia and Southeast Asia. He also worked for three and a half years at the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) in Tokyo, gaining insights into Japan’s regional foreign and security policies. He also has worked extensively on many aspects of India’s foreign and security policies. Recent work has focused on the strategic salience of the Indo-Pacific maritime area.

Recent Work: Recent work for CNA includes possible United States-India coordination on maritime security cooperation in South Asia, maritime security in the Bay of Bengal, and India-Pakistan maritime rivalry in the Arabian Sea.

Previous Positions: Currently Director of the East-West Center in Washington (2007-present); Research Staff Members, Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA), (2005-2007); Director of Research and Publications, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), (1998-2005), Abe Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), (1996-1998); Luce Scholar and Head of Program on South Asia at the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA), (1992-1996).

Education: Ph.D. in international relations, Oxford University (Magdalen College); B.S. in international politics, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.

Selected Publications:
“America’s Relations with Southeast Asia: Constraints and Promise,” Contemporary Southeast Asia, Vol. 32, No. 3 (December 2010).
“Deconstructing National Interests, Divining Future Foreign Policy,” Global Asia, Vol. 4, No. 3 (Fall 2009).
Daniella Mak is an Associate Research Analyst with the International Affairs Group of CNA’s Strategic Studies. Her main area of focus is African political/military affairs. Her functional area of interest is in counterterrorism. Ms. Mak’s recent work at CNA has focused on the Gulf of Guinea, U.S. Navy international engagement, and unconventional threats in Africa. Ms. Mak previously worked with the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Africa Program and with the U.S. Department of State as an Annenberg Fellow. In her capacity at the State Department, Ms. Mak’s portfolio covered Somali piracy, threat finance, and counterterrorism issues. Her secondary area of interest is Turkey. Ms. Mak has spent time living and studying in Turkey and has also worked with the CSIS Turkey Project.

Recent Work: Gulf of Guinea; U.S. Navy international engagement; unconventional threats in Africa.

Previous Positions: Annenberg Fellow at the U.S. Department of State; CSIS Africa Program; Fulbright Fellow; Africare Angola; CSIS Turkey Project; Princeton American Research Institute in Turkey.

Education: M.A. in History and International Relations, ISCTE-Lisbon University Institute; Fulbright Research Grant to Portugal; Certificate in Comparative Political and Economic Systems, Enlargechiff Institute at Georgetown University; Certificate in Comparative Economics and U.S. Foreign Policy; B.A. in Diplomatic History, African Studies, and Modern Middle Eastern Studies, the University of Pennsylvania.

Languages: French, Portuguese, Turkish, Chinese

Selected Publications:

Mike Markowitz has a lifelong interest in military history and technology. He designed several published historical war games, including “Alexandros,” based on the campaigns of Alexander the Great (awarded the 1991 Charles Roberts Award for best pre-WWII board game) and “Supermarina,” based on Italian Navy operations in WWII (1995 Special Achievement Award by the Game Manufacturers’ Association). His articles and reviews of games and books have appeared in a wide variety of industry and computer periodicals, including China Quarterly, U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings, and Naval War College Review, as well as online on StrategyPage.com and Defense Media Network.

Recent Work: Designed and conducted numerous wargames for the Department of Defense, the US Marine Corps, and other government sponsors. Multi-year project for Army TRADOC Analysis Center, developing a series of war games to explore social and cultural factors in irregular warfare. This work received a 2010 Army award for excellence in Modeling and Simulation. Developing 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 hosted by National Defense University.


Languages: Russian, Latin, some Chinese

Selected Publications:
(with Jerry Meyerle, Nilanthi Samaranayake, Lonn Waters, Hilary Zarin, and Brian Ellison) Conscription in the Afghan Army: Compulsory Service versus an All Volunteer Force. (CNA, April 2011).
(with Peter Perla) Conversations with Wargamers (CNA, January 2009).
(with Peter Perla) Wargaming Strategic Linkage, CNA Research Memorandum (CNA, January 2009).
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Expertise:
- Security force assistance
- Military effectiveness

Prior to joining CNA, Dr. McAdam was a Visiting Scholar at George Washington University’s Elliott School, in the Institute for Security and Conflict Studies. She has worked in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy, in Afghanistan supporting Army operations, and with the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point. Her research has been supported by the Smith Richardson Foundation, the United States Institute of Peace, and the University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation.

Recent Work: Support to Bold Alligator (analysis of fires); the future of advising for the Marine Corps; causal analysis of trends in insurgent orchestrated attacks in OEF and OIF; governance in Helmand province, Afghanistan; command and control; intelligence management for the future MAGTF

Education: Ph.D. and M.A. in Political Science, the University of California, Berkeley; B.A. in Classics and Political Science, the University of California, Berkeley and Magdalen College, Oxford.

Selected Publications:
Dr. Will McCants is a specialist in Islam and Islamist politics in the Middle East. He is an adjunct faculty member at Johns Hopkins University and a 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 M.A. in Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University; M.A. in Near Eastern Studies, University of Arizona; BS in History, Lander University.

**Languages:** Arabic and Persian

**Selected Publications:**


“A New Salafi Politics,” *Foreign Policy* (online, 12 October 2012).


“Al-Qaeda is Doing Nation Building. Should We Worry?” *Foreign Policy* (30 April 2012).

“10 Years Later: How We Won” (co-authored). *The Atlantic* (8 September 2011).

“Al-Qaeda After Atiyya.” *Foreign Affairs* (30 August 2011).

“Al-Qaeda’s Challenge.” *Foreign Affairs* (September/October 2011).

Since transitioning from his role as Director of CNA Strategic Studies, to that of Senior Fellow, RADM Mike McDevitt has focused on the Maritime disputes in East Asia, and has recently led a major project that has looked at security issues along the long Indo-Pacific littoral from the perspective of the five major maritime basins—the Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal, The South China Sea, the East China and Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan—that make up this long littoral. In addition he continues to lead a project that conducts Track II dialogues with the leading maritime oriented research centers in Asia. He has also 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 in East Asia affairs, with his most recent research efforts focusing on the maritime dimension of China’s national strategy.

Previous Positions: He has been at CNA since leaving active duty in 1997. During his Navy career RADM McDevitt held four at-sea commands, including command of 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, D.C.

Education: M.A. in American Diplomatic History, Georgetown University; B.A. in U.S. History, University of Southern California; graduate of the National War College, Washington, D.C.
Jerry Meyerle is a senior research scientist in the Center for Strategic Studies at CNA. He has served on Afghanistan and Pakistan policy reviews and as an advisor to the commander of the Kunar Provincial Reconstruction Team in eastern Afghanistan. From August 2011 to March 2012, he served as an advisor to the commanding general of II Marine Expeditionary Force Forward in southern Afghanistan. He is the author of *On the Ground in Afghanistan: Counterinsurgency in Practice* (Marine Corps University Press, 2012), as well as articles and studies on the insurgency in Afghanistan, the Afghan security forces, militancy in Pakistan, and regional security issues in South Asia. He speaks Urdu and has a Ph.D. in Political Science and South Asian Studies from the University of Virginia.

**Recent work:** While in Helmand advising the Marines, Dr. Meyerle conducted studies on the border with Pakistan and how to engage Pakistani military and border forces, the strategic objectives of the Quetta Shura Taliban and Haqqani Networks, and how to transition from counterinsurgency operations to advise-and-assist. Dr. Meyerle also wrote several histories of Marine and Special Operations efforts in northern Helmand. While deployed in eastern Afghanistan, he worked on Pakistani border issues and developed a strategy for reducing infiltration over the border.

**Previous Positions:** Adjunct professor at the University of Virginia, where he taught courses on counterinsurgency and guerrilla warfare. News Reporter at the *Daily Progress*, *Times of India*, and *Indian Express* newspapers.

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

**Languages:** Urdu and Hindi

**Selected Publications:**


“Unconventional Warfare and Counterinsurgency in Pakistan” (CNA, November 2012).


“Conscription in the Afghan Army: Compulsory Service Versus an All Volunteer Force” (CNA, April 2011).

*Counterinsurgency on the Ground in Afghanistan: How Different Units Adapted to Local Conditions* (CNA, October 2010)
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**Expertise:**
- Middle East
- Iran, Gulf Cooperation Countries, and the Levant
- Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps and Basij organizations
- Militant Islamist organizations
- Political violence and armed groups
- Violent extremism and radicalization

Dr. Afshon Ostovar is a Middle East analyst at CNA Strategic Studies, and an adjunct professor in government at the Johns Hopkins University Krieger School. His research focuses on politics, strategic decision making, and armed forces in Iran. He also works more broadly on strategic issues, political violence, and armed groups in the Middle East. He is the author of a forthcoming book, *Victors of the Islamic Revolution*, which analyzes modern Iranian history through the political development of the Revolutionary Guards. Other forthcoming work includes an article on Iran’s Basij paramilitary organization, and a book chapter on the ways in which visual culture is employed by jihadist organizations in online media, and a co-authored article on the factors preventing cooperation among Syria’s armed rebel forces.

**Recent Work:** Cooperation and division within Syria’s armed rebels; strategic dynamics of the Persian Gulf; Iranian politics and decision-making; Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps; Basij militia; recruitment and radicalization; jihadist propaganda; Gulf Cooperation Council strategic affairs; GCC-Iranian relationship; Sunni-Baluchi insurgency in Iran.

**Previous positions:** Fellow, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point (2006-2008); 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, knowledge of Arabic.

**Selected Publications:**
- “Iran’s Kamikaze Hormuz Threat.” *Foreign Policy* (9 January 2012).
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 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:** U.S. “rebalancing” to Asia; strategy in the Indian Ocean; India’s relations with Southeast Asia; security aspects of the U.S-Indonesian partnership.

**Previous Positions:** Chair, Southeast Asia Seminar, Foreign Service Institute, Department of State, (2008-present); Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore; Visiting Fellow, East-West Center; Washington, Adjunct Professor, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University; Professor, Department of Strategy and Policy, U.S. Naval War College; Counter-terrorism Coordinator, East Asia and Pacific Bureau, Department of State; Head of the Southeast Asia Office, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State.

**Education:** Ph.D. in International Relations and Asian Studies, University of Chicago; M.S. in National Security Studies, National War College; A.B., University of California, Berkeley.

**Selected Publications:**

“U.S. - India: Parallel Links along China’s Southern Periphery,” *Asia Pacific Bulletin*, East – West Center, Number 114 (June 1, 2011).


“Threat or Partner: Southeast Asian Perceptions of China,” Testimony before the U.S.-China Economic & Security Review Commission, for hearings on “China’s Activities in Southeast Asia and the Implications for the United States” (March 2010).


*Maritime Security in Southeast Asia: Shaping Indonesia and Malaysia* (December 2006).
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 and the Turkish Straits, and wrote the legal analysis of the Secretary of Defense’ “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, Turkish Straits, Aegean, North China Sea, and the South China Sea, and studies on the breakdown of law and order at sea.

**Recent Work:** Analyses of conflicting maritime claims in the South China Sea, East China Sea, Bay of Bengal, the Arctic, and the Gulf of Guinea. 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 lessen its carbon output in anticipation of new international mandates limiting carbon emissions (University of Richmond Law Review), and the Navy’s role in maritime law enforcement.

**Education:** L.L.M. in International and Oceans Law, University of Virginia School of Law; J.D., University of Georgia; A.B. in Government, University of Georgia, magna cum laude.

**Selected Publications:**


Bill Rosenau is a senior analyst with CNA Strategic Studies’ Center for Stability and Development. His current research focuses on internal conflict, security force assistance, 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: U.S. and international military advisory roles and missions; international police training; armed groups; terrorist innovation; illegal fishing and security in East Africa.

Previous positions: Political scientist, RAND Corporation; senior policy adviser, Office of the Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism, U.S. Department of State (IPA); adjunct professor, Security Studies Program, Georgetown University; 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, and research coordinator, National Security Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, 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.

Selected Publications:
(with Melissa McAdam and Jerry Meyerle) Governance in Helmand Province: Past, Present, and Future (CNA, 2013).
““Our Backs are Against the Wall”: The Black Liberation Army and Domestic Terrorism in 1970s America,” Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, 36, no. 2 (2013).
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Expertise:
- South Asia and Indian Ocean region
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- India’s relations with Southeast Asian nations
- Public opinion polling

Nilanthi Samaranayake is an Asia analyst in CNA’s Strategic Studies division. Much of her research focuses on South Asia and the Indian Ocean region. Prior to joining CNA, Samaranayake completed a fellowship at the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) in Seattle, where she investigated Sri Lanka’s deepening economic, military, and diplomatic ties with China. Her findings were published in the peer-reviewed journal, Asian Security. Samaranayake analyzed public opinion for a decade at Pew Research Center in Washington, D.C.

Recent Work: Roundtable at the Brooking Institution presenting the findings of a CNA study on U.S.-India security burden-sharing in the Indian Ocean; keynote address at PACOM’s South Asia Maritime Security Conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka; panel presentation on U.S.-India naval cooperation at the CNA-RSIS Bilateral Roundtable in Honolulu; security threats in the Bay of Bengal; China’s economic, military, and diplomatic relations with the smaller countries of South Asia; Indian Ocean regional security; South Asian militaries’ approaches to managing ethnic representation

Education: M.Sc., International Relations, the London School of Economics and Political Science; B.A., International Studies, American University, School of International Service; Study in Beijing: University of International Business and Economics.

Selected Publications:
Ghassan Schbley is a Research Analyst (on-call) at CNA's International Affairs Group. His work focuses on economic, political and security issues affecting Africa and the Middle East. Mr. Schbley is also the Finance Expert for the United Nations Panel of Experts on the Sudan (appointed by UN Security Council Resolution 2091 (2013) and UNSCR 2035 (2012)) where he investigates individuals, entities and Armed Opposition Groups that engaged in acts that violate UN sanctions on the Sudan. Previously, he was the Finance Expert for the UN Somalia and Eritrea Monitoring Group, from 2010 to 2012, where he investigated the financial and support networks of Somali armed opposition groups, notably the Al-Qaeda linked Harakat al-Shabaab al-Mujahideen group. From 2007 to 2010, Mr. Schbley worked as a National Security Project Associate at the RAND Corporation where he focused on issues related to terrorist and extremist organizations in the Middle East and Africa. Prior to joining RAND, Mr. Schbley was at the Nixon Center where his primary-source research supported a study on extremism in the Middle East. He has also worked at the US mission to the EU and the United Nations Mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC).

**Recent Work:** Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and other maritime security challenges off the coasts of East Africa, Security Institution in Post Civil War Lebanon, and Hezbollah

**Education:** MPhil in Economics, the Free University of Brussels; M.A. in International Politics, the European Center of Strategic and International Research.

**Languages:** Arabic and French

**Selected Publications:**
Jonathan Schroden is the director of CNA Strategic Studies’ Center for Stability and Development. He has served as a military operations research analyst with CNA since 2003 and has accrued significant experience in counterinsurgency, irregular warfare, operations and strategic assessment, operations and intelligence analysis, ground combat modeling, and mine warfare. He has also deployed multiple times each to Afghanistan and Iraq, traveled in the Middle East, gotten underway with numerous Navy ships, and supported disaster relief operations in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Recent Work: Jonathan has completed recent studies on the Village Stability Operations (VSO) program in Afghanistan, campaign assessment in multinational operations, planning for amphibious operations in the littorals, and a case study comparison of the 1914 Dardanells campaign and a possible Strait of Hormuz closure. He has been requested three times in the past year by the Commander, ISAF, to deploy to Kabul – once to re-design ISAF’s strategic and campaign assessment process, once to support a future planning team, and once to support a strategic red team effort.

Education: Ph.D. and M.S., Cornell University; B.S., University of Minnesota – Duluth.

Selected Publications:
“A Strait Comparison: Lessons Learned from the 1915 Dardanelles Campaign in the Context of a Strait of Hormuz Closure Event.” (CNA, September 2011)
Jed Snyder is a Senior Research Scientist in CNA Strategic Studies’ International Affairs Group, with more than 30 years experience as an analyst and policy practitioner in U.S. defense policy, security studies, and strategic planning. He has served in the departments of State and Defense and has held appointments in the academic and research communities. Mr. Snyder has recently returned to Washington, D.C. having completed an extended series of multi-year assignments as a CNA field representative and Senior Advisor to Navy flag Commanders in the Middle East, Europe and the Asia-Pacific theaters.

**Education:** M.A. in political science, University of Chicago.

**Previous Positions:** Political-military affairs bureau, Dept. of State; Office of the Secretary of Defense; Institute for National Security Studies, National Defense University; Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, The John Hopkins University; RAND Corporation; Hudson Institute; Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Los Alamos National Laboratory.

**Selected Publications:**


Turkey’s Role in the Greater Middle East” *Joint Force Quarterly*, National Defense University, no. 9 (Fall 1995).


"The Road to Osirak: Baghdad’s Quest for the Bomb" *Middle East Journal*, Volume 37, No. 4 (Fall 1983).

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 Pakistan, and has contributed to numerous CNA population and area studies. As a naval analyst, he has examined maritime security, maritime infrastructure protection, allied and coalition capabilities, mine warfare, and carrier strike group operations. He tracks global maritime trends and contributes to CNA’s wargame development team.

**Recent Work:** Naval cooperation in the Arabian Gulf; coalition-building in the Middle East; wargame development; future maritime trends.

**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

**Selected Publications:**

Peter Swartz, a longtime senior 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, he 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, D.C. 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, serving for part of that time under Secretary of the Navy John Lehman. As a senior officer, during the disintegration of the Warsaw Pact, he was Director of Defense Operations at the U.S. Mission to NATO in Brussels, and subsequently Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General 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; lessons learned from past U.S. Navy homeland defense, riverine, counter-piracy, and irregular warfare operations; U.S. Navy and the Unified Command Plan; CNA Scientific Analyst to the Director, U.S. Navy Strategy and Policy Division (OPNAV N51).

Education: M.Phil. in Political Science, Columbia University; M.A. in International Relations, Johns Hopkins University Nitze School of Advanced International Studies; B.A. in International Relations, Brown University.

Languages: French, Vietnamese

Selected Publications:
Dr. Eric Thompson is the director of CNA Strategic Studies. In addition to his focus on the Middle East, he 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 and a Fellow at the US Air Force Special Operations School.

Recent Work: Energy Security in the Eastern Mediterranean, competitive strategies, Iraq and Afghanistan; Lebanon; strategic trends in the 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/integration.

Education: Ph.D. and M.A., University of Virginia; B.A., Vassar College.

Languages: Arabic

Selected Publications:


“The Iraqi Military Re-enters the Gulf Security Dynamic,” Middle East Policy XVI, no. 3 (Fall 2009).

“Will Syria Have to Withdraw from Lebanon?” Middle East Journal 56, no. 1 (Winter 2002).
Sarah Vogler is the lead administrative program assistant for CNA Strategic Studies’ International Affairs Group. Ms. Vogler supports IAG’s analysts with their research projects, assisting with background research, formatting, and processing final products for delivery. Her research has focused on political and security issues in the Eastern Mediterranean and North Africa. Ms. Vogler also contributes to the planning and execution of IAG conferences and special events. She received her Master of Arts degree in international affairs with a focus on U.S. foreign policy from the George Washington University and is fluent in French.

**Previous Positions:** Research Assistant, Allen F. Johnson & Associates; Program Coordinator, Institute for Global and International Studies; Intern at the United States Senate.

**Education:** M.A. in International Affairs with a concentration on U.S. foreign policy, the George Washington University; B.A. 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

**Selected Publications:**
Lesley Anne Warner is an Africa analyst with CNA Strategic Studies. In her work at CNA, Ms. Warner has directed studies for the Navy, Marine Corps, and Joint Staff regarding planning for and prioritization of the U.S. military’s engagement with the security forces of key partner nations in Africa.

Recent Work: Post-conflict militia integration in South Sudan; Marine Corps crisis response operations with critical African partners; U.S. Navy theater security cooperation in Africa; piracy off the coast of Somalia.

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

Education: M.A. in Security Studies, Georgetown University; B.A. in Political Science and International Relations, Carleton College.

Languages: Portuguese and French

Selected Publications:
Lonn Waters is an analyst with CNA’s Stability and Development Program where much of his work has focused on counterinsurgency and stability operations. Currently, he is serving on a temporary assignment as an advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy. In the Pentagon he works on Support to Strategic Analysis (formerly called Analytic Agenda) and Quadrennial Defense Review issues. In 2011, he led a study assessing Special Forces’ training to conduct Village Stability Operations (VSO) in Afghanistan. In 2009-2010, he deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan to support the Combined Joint Task Force PALADIN, the theater’s counter-improvised explosive device (C-IED) task force, by conducting operations research and geospatial analyses to measure IED trends and activity. Waters has also provided quick-turn reach-back support to the Marine Corps in Iraq and Afghanistan with studies on disarming tribal militias, withdrawing from Iraq, and assessments of south/west Afghanistan. Prior to joining CNA from 2005-2008, he served as a Presidential Management Fellow with Joint Forces Command.

Recent Work: Developing scenarios for DoD’s Support to Strategic Analysis (formerly Analytic Agenda); assessments of special forces’ training and execution of Village Stability Operations (VSO) in Afghanistan; operations research and geospatial analysis of IED trends in Afghanistan.

Previous Positions: Deputy ORSA – Combined Joint Task Force PALADIN, Joint Forces Command – DoD Interagency Training Requirements; Presidential Management Fellow (Joint Staff J-5, Joint Warfare Analysis Center, Special Assistant to Commander of Joint Forces Command, Joint Center for Operational Analysis)

Education: M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College; M.S. in Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; B.A. in Politics, Princeton University

Selected Publications:
Dr. Dov Zakheim is a senior fellow at CNA. His research and analysis, as well as policy-making responsibilities, have focused on the gamut of defense planning, programming and budgeting issues, wartime contracting and acquisition, and major developments in Europe, the Middle East/North Africa and East and Southeast Asia.

Recent Work: Dr. Zakheim has completed an article on the implications of 9/11 for U.S. defense posture, scheduled to appear in Middle East Quarterly. In May 2011 he published his assessment of Department of Defense management issues during his tenure as Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), entitled A Vulcan’s Tale: How the Bush Administration Mismanaged the Reconstruction of Afghanistan.

Previous Positions: Senior Vice President of Booz Allen Hamilton, where he led the firm’s support of U.S. combatant commanders worldwide. Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Defense (2001-2004), serving as principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense on financial and budgetary matters, leading over 50,000 staff, developing and managing the world’s largest budgets, and negotiating five major defense agreements with U.S. allies and partners. Member, Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan (2008-2011).

Education: D. Phil. in Economics and Politics, St. Antony’s College, University of Oxford; B.A. in Government, Columbia University; General course, London School of Economics and Political Science.

Languages: French, Hebrew, some German

Publications of Interest:
The Opportunity Cost of Security (Prism 3) (June 2012).
The United States Navy and Israeli Navy: Background, current issues, scenarios and prospects (CNA, 2012).
A Vulcan’s Tale: How the Bush Administration Mismanaged the Reconstruction of Afghanistan (Brookings, 2011).
What 9/11 Has Wrought: September 11 A Decade Later (Middle East Quarterly 18) (Fall 2011).
Military of Millenials, with A. Fritzson, L. W. Howell, Jr. (Strategy +Business) (March 2008).
Toward a Fortress Europe? (Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2000).