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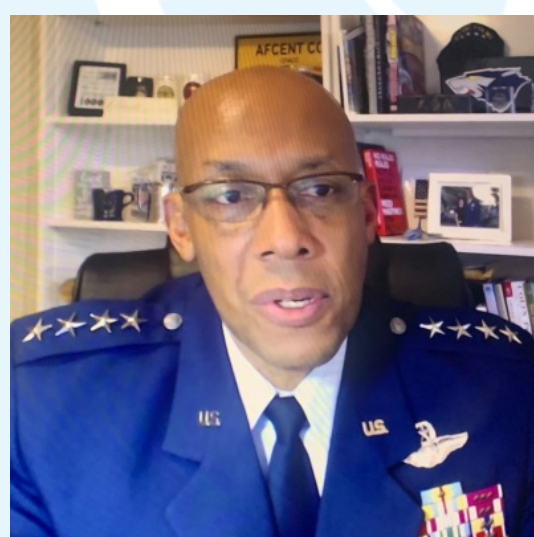
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Newsletter



SSP Special Event: Accelerating Innovation: University, U.S. Military, and Private Sector Partnerships

SSP co-sponsored a special panel on academia, artificial intelligence and the armed forces, featuring MIT's President Reif, Eric Schmidt (formerly of Google), Army Reserve Medical Command Commanding General Jonathan Woodson, the Directors of MIT's CSAIL and USAF-MIT AI Accelerator, and the Chief Technology Ventures Officer of MIT Lincoln Laboratory.

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Doolittle Dinner

General C.Q. Brown, Jr., Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, was the keynote speaker at SSP's annual Doolittle Dinner Event, held virtually in April 2021.

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End-of-Year Interview with the Fellows

The outgoing SSP Military, Stanton & Statecraft Fellows discuss their fellowship experience.

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What's Next for the SSP Military Fellows

After their fellowship at SSP, the Military Fellows are off to posts across the country.

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FUTURE STRATEGY FORUM

FSF 2021: The Future of National Security and Technology

Future Strategy Forum Conference

The conference—founded by SSP graduates, Sara Plana and Rachell Tecott—is supported by CSIS Smart Women, Smart Power Initiative, the Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs at Johns Hopkins SAIS, and Bridging the Gap. This year's theme was: "The Future of National Security and Technology."

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Publications

[The Case for Campaign Analysis: A Method for Studying Military Operations](#)

Rachel Tecott & Andrew Halterman

International Security, Spring 2021

[Creating Restraint in Cyberspace: Forward Cyber Operations and Theories of Restraint](#)

Sean Atkins

The Royal United Services Institute, May 2021

[China Maritime Report No. 14: Chinese Views of the Military Balance in the Western Pacific](#)

Eric Heginbotham

U.S. Naval War College, CMSI China Maritime Reports, June 9, 2021

[The Unavoidable Technology: How Artificial Intelligence Can Strengthen Nuclear Stability](#)

Heather Williams (with Jessica Cox, NATO Director of Nuclear Policy)

The Washington Quarterly, March 23, 2021

[How Not to Win Allies and Influence Geopolitics: China's Self-Defeating Economic Statecraft](#)

Audrye Wong

Foreign Affairs, May/June 2021

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Multimedia

Watch: [China's Military Strategy in the New Era, with M. Taylor Fravel](#)

M. Taylor Fravel

Harvard University, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, April 25, 2021

Listen: [Vipin Narang & Sushant Singh on Conversation Six](#)

Vipin Narang

Conversation Six, April 19, 2021

Watch: [Russian Influence in the Middle East: A New Era?](#)

Carol Saivetz

Columbia University, The Harriman Institute, April 14, 2021

Watch: [The UK's new nuclear posture: What it means for the global nuclear order](#)

Heather Williams

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, May 28, 2021

News

Erik Lin-Greenberg received a James A. and Ruth [Levitan Teaching Award](#) from MIT's School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (SHASS). Per SHASS Dean Melissa Nobles, "This prize honors those instructors in our School who have demonstrated outstanding success in teaching our undergraduate and graduate students. These great educators, who are nominated by students themselves, represent the very best academic leadership in the School."

Fotini Christia (along with **Richard Nielsen** and Timur Kuran) co-organized the [Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies](#) annual conference held on April 9-10, 2021.

Eyal Hanfling, PhD student, received an Honorable Mention for the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program.

Samuel Leiter, PhD student, was awarded 1st prize in The John Quincy Adams Society and The National Interest 2021 Student Foreign Policy Essay Contest. His [essay appeared in the National Interest](#) on May 23, 2021.

Vipin Narang was quoted in *The New York Times*, "[As Israel's Dependence on U.S. Shrinks, So Does U.S. Leverage](#)," on May 24, 2021.

Barry Posen was interviewed by the *Center for International Maritime Security* (CIMSEC) on his 1980s maritime strategy, "[Barry Posen on Risking Escalation and Scrutinizing Plans](#)," on March 25, 2021.

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Alumni News

**Alumni Spotlight:
Trevor Thrall**



Trevor Thrall is an Associate Professor at the Schar School of Policy & Government at George Mason University, and a senior fellow in defense and foreign policy at the Cato Institute.

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Alumni Highlights

Mark Bell (2016) published his book, [Nuclear Reactions: How Nuclear-Armed States Behave](#) with Cornell University Press in April 2021.

Philip Haun's (2010) scholarly article, "[Foundation Bias: The Impact of the Air Corps Tactical School on the United States Air Force Doctrine](#)," was published in the *Journal of Military History* in April 2021.

Gregory Koblentz (2004) was quoted on Biosafety Level 4 (BSL-4) labs in "[Regardless of COVID-19's origins, experts say it's time to tighten up biosecurity lab protocols](#)," in *Popular Science* in May 2021. His website, which tracks BSL-4 labs around the world, recently launched at: <https://www.globalbiolabs.org>.

Peter Krause's (2011) article, "[You Can't Get There From Here: Biden Negotiating The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict](#)," was published in *Political Violence @ A Glance* in March 2021.

Alan Kuperman's (2002) working paper, "[Proposed U.S. Army Mobile Nuclear Reactors: Costs and Risks Outweigh Benefits](#)," was published by *Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Project* in April 2021.

Rachel Esplin Odell's (2020) op-ed, "[We don't have to negate China to boost the U.S.](#)," was published in *The Washington Post* in May 2021.

Reid Pauly (2019) was named one of [Schmidt Futures Program's inaugural International Strategy Forum fellows](#). In addition, his scholarly article, "[Deniability in the Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime: The Upside of the Dual-Use Dilemma](#)," was published in *International Studies Quarterly* in May 2021.

Jeremy Pressman (2002) was promoted to professor at the University of Connecticut.

Brian D. Taylor's (1998) article, "[Putin's Rules of the Game: The Pitfalls of Russia's New Constitution](#)," was published in *Foreign Affairs* in April 2021.



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