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Barry Posen Appointed Next Henry A. Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy and International Relations

Barry Posen has been appointed the next Henry A. Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy and International Relations at the Library of Congress John W. Kluge Center. His 6 month residence will begin on September 6, 2016. At the Kluge Center, Posen will study the implications of multipolar international order to the United States. Kissinger scholars at the Library of Congress are appointed annually by the recommendation of a selection of representatives from the academic community and foreign-policy experts.

M. Taylor Fravel Awarded Prestigious Carnegie Fellowship

The Carnegie Foundation of New York has awarded M. Taylor Fravel as the Andrew Carnegie Fellow for the 2016-17 academic year. This award supports research and writing on challenges for U.S. democracy and international order and is awarded to scholars in the social sciences and humanities. During his fellowship, Fravel will begin a new project focused on maritime disputes in Asia. The award, worth up to $200,000 will allow Fravel to focus on presenting management tools to help prevent future conflict.

George W. Rathjens, 90, Professor Emeritus of Political Science

George W. Rathjens, one of SSP's founders, passed away on Thursday, May 26, 2016. Prior to coming to MIT he had a distinguished career in government service including the Department of State and the Department of Defense. He is best known for his contributions to the theory and practice of nuclear arms control. As a trained scientist he was able to participate in policy discussions with a fundamental understanding of the weapons and technologies at issue. He was a major participant in the controversial debate in the late 1960s and early 1970s on the wisdom of deploying ballistic missile defenses. Among other achievements, he was the Secretary General of Pugwash (1998-2002), the international non-governmental organization dedicated to bringing 'scientific insight and reason to bear' on the
risks posed by nuclear weapons. For many years he had been an active participant in that organization, which won the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize. He was also intensely interested in the principal international security problems of the 1990s—humanitarian intervention, sovereignty, and human rights, and under his leadership Pugwash took up these issues in a series of conferences. Professor Rathjens was held in deep affection by his graduate students and colleagues.

2016 General Jimmy Doolittle Award Dinner

The Honorable William LaPlante, Former Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition, and Vice President of the MITRE Corporation was presented with the MIT Security Studies Program General James Doolittle Award at a dinner on April 21, 2016. Dr. LaPlante spoke on "Perspectives on Defense Acquisition, Technology Superiority and Adaptability for our Military." Prof. Barry Posen, SSP Director, presented the award to recognize Dr. LaPlante's contribution to US air power. The dinner was attended by SSP faculty, students and invited guests.

Where We Spoke

April-June 2016

Jonathan Caverley (Research Affiliate)


“Who’s Arming Asia?” Project on the Political Economy of Security, Boston University, April 8, 2016.

Eugene Gholz (Research Affiliate)


Kelly Greenhill (Alum, ’04)


Emceed the Political Science and International Relations Program's graduation ceremony at Tufts University, May, 2016.

Jeanne Guillemin (Senior Advisor)


Panelist on social science and arms control at the History, Security, and Arms Control Workshop, University College, London, Department of Science and Technology Studies and the University of Sussex, SPRU.

Eric Heginbotham (Principal Research Scientist)


Presentation, Japan National Security Council, NE Asia Military Balance: Japan’s Challenges and Options, Tokyo, April 28, 2016.
Presentations, Meiji University, “Chinese Political Evolution” and “Chinese economic Evolution” for conference on Do We Know China Well Enough?, Tokyo, April 25, 2016.


Gregory Koblentz (Alum, '04)


Alan Kuperman (Alum, '02)


Peter Krause (Alum, '11)


“From the Arab Spring to ISIS: The Last Five Years,” Primary Source, April, 2016.

Barry Posen (Faculty) gave the lunch address at “The Case for Restraint in U.S. Foreign Policy,” at CATO Institute, June 15, 2016.

http://www.cato.org/events/case-restraint-us-foreign-policy

Joshua Rovner (Alum, '08)

"US Intelligence and India's Nuclear Program," Nonproliferation Policy Education Center, Washington, DC, April 18, 2016.


"National Security in an Election Year," Keio University, Tokyo, June 11, 2016.

**Caitlin Talmadge (Alum, ’11)**


“Battlefield Effectiveness in Authoritarian Regimes: the Case of North Korea,” address at the Army Research Institute of South Korea, June, 2016.


**Christopher Twomey (Alum, ’05)**

Lectured on China’s nuclear posture to the Public Policy and Nuclear Threats (PPNT) Boot Camp at IGCC in San Diego, June, 2016.


Chaired sessions at the 10th China-US Strategic Nuclear Dialogue, Beijing, China.


Lecture, “China’s Response to its Complex, Multipolar Nuclear Neighborhood,” Georgetown University, April, 2016.

**Jim Walsh (Research Associate)**


“Stopping North Korea, Inc.: Sanctions Effectiveness and Unintended Consequences,” at US Embassy, Seoul, June 23; South Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs, June 23; Asian Institute, June 24; Chinese Institute for International Relations, June 27; Japanese Institute of International Affairs, June 30, 2016.

**Timothy Wolters (Alum)**

"Sparks and Arcs: The U.S. Navy's Adoption of Radio,” at the 44th Annual Albert Reed & Thelma Walker Maritime History Symposium at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath, Maine.
What We Wrote

April-June 2016

Jonathan Caverley (Research Affiliate)


M. Taylor Fravel (Faculty)


Jeanne Guillemin (Senior Advisor)

"The 1925 Geneva Protocol: China’s CBW Charges Against Japan at the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal" in *One Hundred Years of Chemical Warfare: Research, Deployment, Consequences*, Bretislav Friedrich, Dieter Hoffmann, Florian Schmaltz, Jürgen Renn, and Martin Wolf, eds.(Berlin: Springer).


Kelly Greenhill (Alum, ’04)


Eric Heginbotham (Principal Research Scientist)


Gregory Kolblentz (Alum, ’04)


Peter Krause (Alum, ’11)

Alexander Lanoszka (Stanton Fellow, ’14-15)


Christine M. Leah (Stanton Fellow, ’14-15)


Gautam Mukunda (Research Affiliate)


Reid Pauly (graduate student)


Amanda Rothschild (graduate student)


Carol Saivetz (Senior Advisor)


Caitlin Talmadge (Alum, ’11)


“Why Victory in Mosul Won’t Solve America’s Iraq Conundrum,” Lawfare blog post, with Joshua Rovner, April 10.

Glenn Voelz (Military Fellow, ’15-16)

"Identity, Attribution and the Challenge of Targeting in the Cyber Domain,” Marine Corps University Journal, Spring 2016.

Jim Walsh (Research Associate)

“Your Beliefs about Terrorism and Islam Are a Hot Mess of Myth and Illogic,”

http://www.wbur.org/cognoscenti/2016/06/21/terrorism-and-islam-myths-jim-walsh

Rachel Whitlark (Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, ’12-13)


http://thebulletin.org/where-will-next-president-stand-nuclear-weapons9391

Alec Worsnop (graduate student)

with Noel Anderson (graduate student), "Fatality Thresholds, Causal Heterogeneity, and Civil War Research: Reconsidering the Link Between Narcotics and Conflict," Political Science Research and Methods.

Notes from All Over

April-June 2016

Jason Eckberg (Military Fellow, ’15-16) reported to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, J35S activity in Norfolk, VA as Global Force Management for the Department of Defense.

M. Taylor Fravel (Faculty) participated in the first Sino-U.S. University Think Tank Dialogue at Fudan University in China. He also participated in the U.S.-China Track II Dialogue On Maritime Affairs & International Law.

M. Taylor Fravel (Faculty) has launched a website, the Maritime Awareness Project. It is a collaborative project between the National Bureau of Asian Research and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. http://maritimeawarenessproject.org/

Joel Schmidt (Military Fellow, ’15-16) will be OIC of instructor group, Marine Corps Tactics & Operations Group. The Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group (MCTOG) provides advanced and standardized training in Marine Air-Ground Task Force(MAGTF) Operations, Combined Arms Training and Unit Readiness Planning at the Battalion and Regiment levels, and synchronizes doctrine and training standards IOT enhance combat preparation and performance of Ground Combat Element (GCE) units.

Stephen Emil Gabavics (Military Fellow, ’15-16) has taken command of the Joint Detention Group, Joint Task Force at Guantánamo Bay.

Randy Jayne (Alum, ’69) accepted the Chairmanship of the Board of the USAF Academy Endowment (central fundraising foundation for the Airforce Academy). http://www.usafa.org/UE/Board

John Krisciunas (Military Fellow, ’15-16) has been nominated to be special assistant to the new Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO).

Jeffrey McCoy (Military Fellow, ’15-16) will be Chief of Plans for the Office of Public Affairs, Army Staff at the Pentagon.

Reid Pauly (graduate student) is a Summer Associate at the RAND Corporation in Washington, DC.
Richard Samuels (Faculty) organized a workshop on the subject of Japan's grand strategy in Berlin. The conference was attended by the just retired Administrative Vice Minister of the Japanese Ministry of Defense and former and current CIS/SSP members, Eric Heginbotham, Rohan Mukherjee, Thomas Berger, and Llewellyn Hughes.

Rachel Whitlark (Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, 2012-13) has accepted a job as Assistant Professor in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Alec Worsnop (graduate student) received a Postdoctoral Fellowship for 2016-17 in the International Security Program at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University.

Awards and Scholarships

April-June 2016

M. Taylor Fravel (Faculty) is awarded Andrew Carnegie Fellowship for the 2016-17 academic year. http://news.mit.edu/2016/taylor-fravel-awarded-prestigious-carnegie-fellowship-0419

Marika Landau-Wells (graduate student) was awarded the 2016 John K. Hulston Research Scholarship from the Harry S. Truman Library Institute to support her dissertation research at the Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower Libraries.

Barry Posen (Faculty) is appointed the Sixteenth Kissinger Chair for the Henry A. Kissinger Program in Foreign Policy and International Relations at the Library of Congress http://www.loc.gov/loc/kluge/fellowships/kissinger.html?loclr=twklu

Caitlin Talmadge (Alum, ’11) was selected as Term Member to the Council on Foreign Relations, 2016-2021.