Our weekly lecture series returns this Fall

SSP will host nine experts on international security and diplomacy during our Fall season of Wednesday Seminars. The public is invited to watch each lecture live on YouTube. For more information on streaming the events, or to learn more about our guests, click here.

2022-23 Military Fellows arrive in Cambridge
Five military fellows arrived to SSP this fall. They will participate in MIT courses, seminars, events and offer their unique expertise to our students.

Our guests for the 22-23 academic year are:

Lt. Col. Derrick McClain, USAF
Lt. Col. P. Lawrence Rangel, US Army
CDR Mike Tomsik, USN
Lt. Col. Tad Van Buskirk Drake Jr., USMC

Learn more about the fellows

2022-23 Grand Strategy Fellows

This year we welcomed two post-doc fellows in the Grand Strategy, Security, and Statecraft fellows program, **Joshua Schwartz** and **Caileigh Glenn**. Josh’s research focuses on questions related to reputation, gender, weapons of mass destruction, drones, and coercion. Caileigh’s research examines economic statecraft and foreign policy with a focus on the political effects of financial coercion.

Learn more about the fellows

2022-23 Stanton Nuclear Fellows
This year's Stanton Nuclear Security post-doc fellows are (from left) **Linde Desmaele, Jacklyn Majnemer and Austin Cooper**. The fellowship is designed to help stimulate the development of the next generation of thought leaders in nuclear security by supporting research that will advance policy-relevant understanding of the subject.

[Learn more about the fellows](#)

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**All seminar recordings now available on YouTube**

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All of SSP’s seminars — Wednesday and Special Seminars — are available to watch live, or afterwards as a recording, on our YouTube channel at https://bit.ly/SSPYouTube.

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**Publications**

**Austin Cooper**, Stanton Fellow
*Cold War History, August 2022*

“Wargame of Drones: Remotely Piloted Aircraft and Conflict Escalation”
**Erik Lin-Greenberg**, faculty
*Journal of Conflict Resolution, June 2022*

“Soldiers' Dilemma: Foreign Military Training and Liberal Norm Conflict”
**Renanah Joyce**, affiliate
*International Security, 2022*

“Hypotheses on the implications of the Ukraine-Russia war”
**Barry R. Posen**, faculty
*Defense Priorities, June 2022*

“Do Armed Drones Counter Terrorism, Or Are They Counterproductive? Evidence from Eighteen Countries.”
**Joshua Schwartz**, Statecraft Fellow
*International Studies Quarterly, August 2022*

“Then What? Assessing the Military Implications of Chinese Control of Taiwan.”
**Caitlin Talmadge**, affiliate
*International Security, Summer 2022 w/Brendan R. Green*

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**Commentaries**

“Rethinking How the United States Trains Foreign Militaries”
**Renanah Joyce**, affiliate
*Lawfare, August 2022*

“Ukraine’s Implausible Theories of Victory: The Fantasy of Russian Defeat and the Case for Diplomacy”
**Barry R. Posen**, faculty
*Foreign Affairs, July 2022*
**News**

**Suzanne Freeman (PhD Grad Student)** was awarded the Harriman Institute Research Grant for PhD Students in the Social Sciences sponsored by Columbia University and the Carnegie Foundation.

**Erik Lin Greenberg (faculty)** is spending the 2022-23 academic year in New Hampshire at Dartmouth's Dickey Center for International Understanding as the Tu and Niehaus postdoc fellow. During the year, the SSP prof hopes to finalize a book project and make headway on a second major project. In the second project, he hopes to examine how the proliferation of technologies can erode a state's monopoly on sensitive foreign policy information.

**Kelly M. Greenhill (affiliate)** presented “State-Making and Statecraft: Understanding the Geopolitics of Forced Migration” with F. Adamson at the APSA annual meeting in Montreal, Canada in September. Greenhill also spoke at the following institutions this quarter: National Intelligence University, MIT Lincoln Lab, Cuban Research Institute, Netherlands Defense Academy, and UK House of Lords.

**Multimedia**

**M. Taylor Fravel (faculty)** was a guest on "#ChinaEDGE live with Lizzi Lee" presented by The China Project on Aug. 4. He spoke about China's show of force during military drills encircling Taiwan.

He also appeared in a forum on the “Fourth Taiwan Strait Crisis” for the Center for Strategic and International Studies on Aug. 22.

**Barry Posen (faculty)** engaged in a debate in August: “Should the West Push for a Negotiated Solution with Russia in the Ukraine War?” His sparring parter was Andrew Michta for the Institute for Peace and Diplomacy.

**Carol Saivetz (senior advisor)** was interviewed by WGBH news about a Ukrainian counterattack against Russian invasion forces in early September.

**Jim Walsh (senior research associate)** Appeared on CBS News in September to discuss recent developments surrounding a North Korean missile program.
Alumni Profile: Dr. Chikako Kawakatsu Ueki

This quarter's Alumni Profile features Chikako Kawakatsu Ueki, a PhD graduate from SSP. She is a Professor at the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS), Waseda University (Tokyo, Japan).

Alumni highlights


Sean Atkins (PhD) published “A web of partnerships: Ukraine, operational collaboration, and effective national defense in cyberspace,” The Atlantic Council, August 2022 (online).

Kevin Benson (Military Fellow) recently presented a talk at the Dole Institute of Politics, on the campus of the University of Kansas, in June 2022. The topic was the recent invasion of Ukraine.

David Blum (PhD) has accepted a new job with Lucid Motors as a Sr. Principal Machine Learning Engineer. He is charged with guiding machine learning research and development for Lucid's electric vehicles.


Michal Ben-Josef Hirsch (PhD) was awarded the Outstanding Article Award by the International History & Politics section of APSA during their recent conference for “Conceptualizing and Assessing Norm Strength in International Relations,” European Journal of International Relations, 2021. The article was co-authored with Jennifer M.
Dixons of Villanova University.


**Joshua Shifrinson (PhD)** has joined the University of Maryland’s School of Public Policy as an Associate Professor and Senior Fellow in the Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM). In doing so, he joins recent alum Alec Worsnop at the School of Public Policy, and follows in the footsteps of MIT Political Science alums Catherine Kelleher and John Steinbruner.


**Brian Taylor’s (PhD)** media appearances over the last 3 months included CBS News, Newsweek, Vox, and Forbes. He was also was named Director of the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs at the Maxwell School, at Syracuse University.
Christopher Twomey (PhD) published “The fourth Taiwan Strait Crisis is just starting,” *War on the Rocks*, August 2022.


Rachel Whitlark’s (fellow) book, *All Options on the Table: Leaders, Preventive War, and Nuclear Proliferation* (Cornell, 2021), received Honorable Mention for the 2022 Robert L. Jervis and Paul W. Schroeder Best Book Award on International History and Politics from APSA’s International History and Politics Section.