



Deterrence and Assurance

Academic Alliance Newsletter

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Greetings Alliance Members,

I am excited to debut the inaugural quarterly Deterrence and Assurance Academic Alliance (DAAA) Newsletter. In the 24 months since we launched the Academic Alliance outreach program in October 2014, more than 30 member institutions and partners, both domestic and international, have joined our developing community of interest. Our primary goal remains strengthening and regularizing collaborative relationships and interactions with academic institutions in order to stimulate new thinking and to develop future generations of deterrence practitioners. I'm hopeful we can collectively use the quarterly newsletter as an effective medium for all members to share information on research activities and results, areas of interest, and discussion forums. Together, we can broaden the aperture on initiatives to better understand Deterrence and Assurance concepts and issues. I value your membership and look forward to another successful year. Thank you for your ideas and contributions!

Clint Crosier

Recent Events

Students Present Research Results at U.S. Strategic Command (9 May 16). DAAA student researchers visited the Command and presented their findings to more than 100 staff members and senior-level leaders. Among the subjects they covered were nuclear proliferation, deterrence in cyberspace, deterrence in space, and deterrence of Violent Extremist Organizations. Students engaged directly with subject matter experts and received feedback from USSTRATCOM professionals, DoD policymakers, and other attendees. USSTRATCOM personnel benefitted from learning about the new ideas and thinking of this up-and-coming generation of scholars. The plan is for a similar event in May 17.

UNO Student Research Team Wins General Larry D. Welch Deterrence Writing Award. Mr. Kevin Holohan, Mr. Harrison Johnson, and Ms. Behtany Walter won First Place in the Junior Division of the 2016 Gen Welch Deterrence Writing Award Competition for their submission entitled "Russian Intentions and Capabilities in the Arctic, and Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy". The writing competition is co-sponsored annually by USSTRATCOM and the STRATCOM Consultation Committee. Members of the winning team received their awards and \$500 from ADM Cecil Haney and Mr. Gary Gates during the USSTRATCOM Deterrence Symposium. The 2017 Call-for-Papers was issued 19 Sep 16. Submissions will be due no later than 5 May 17. Contact Mr. Mike Powell, (402) 232-7758, michael.w.powell6.civ@mail.mil for more information on how you can compete in 2017.

Recent Events (continued)

2016 U.S. Strategic Command Deterrence Symposium (27-28 Jul 16). More than 600 government, academic, and industry security professionals from 14 nations participated in the 7th annual Deterrence Symposium held in Omaha, Nebraska at the La Vista Conference Center. The two-day forum featured keynote addresses by Mr. Brian McKeon (Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, General Curtis Scaparrotti (Commander, U.S. European Command), General Joseph Votel (Commander, U.S. Central Command), Sir Peter Watkins (Director General Security Policy, UK MOD), Ambassador Masafumi Ishii (Ambassador of Japan to NATO), and U.S. Congressman Jeff Fortenberry (Nebraska). The Symposium included a panel comprised of five members of the Academic Alliance. Dr. Emile Nakhleh (UNM) moderated the panel. Dr. Damon Coletta (USAFA), Dr. Matthew Kroenig (Georgetown), Dr. Robert Oberst (Nebraska Wesleyan), and Dr. Darius Watson (Bellevue) were the panelists. Videos of the keynotes and panels are available for viewing at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZO_KvP4phUY9MHC1jwvL46hamrYapqYe



Academic Alliance Annual Meeting (27 Jul 16). ADM Cecil Haney and Maj Gen Crosier welcomed 30 members of the Academic Alliance for the annual meeting in conjunction with the Deterrence Symposium. The one hour discussion focused on the importance of encouraging new ideas about the best means to assure allies and partners and to deter potential adversaries. ADM Haney solicited views from participants on how the Alliance can be improved. Some of the key proposals included more frequent engagements on campus and at STRATCOM, regional DAAA events, and enhanced research/sponsorship/internship opportunities. The Academic Alliance staff is working to bring these ideas to reality. More news to follow as events and activities take shape.

2016 Deterrence Symposium Deterrence and Assurance
Academic Alliance Coordination Meeting



Recent Events (continued)

2016 STRATCOM Experience Day (29 Jul 16). Eight faculty and student members of the Academic Alliance participated in the inaugural USSTRATCOM Experience Day. DAAA members joined a distinguished group of international government, military, and media dignitaries during an agenda that featured a welcome by ADM Cecil Haney (Commander, USSTRATCOM), a mission briefing by Maj Gen Clint Crosier (Director, Plans and Policy), and flightline tours of B-2, B-52, E-4B (National Airborne Operations Center), and E-6 (Airborne Command Post) aircraft static displays. Consider joining us for the next Experience Day following the 2017 Deterrence Symposium.



Experience Day participants briefed on B-2 (bomber) and E-4B (National Airborne Operations Center)

USSTRATCOM Welcomes Students & Alumni from UNO Executive MBA Program (3 Jun 16). A group of students and alumni from the University of Nebraska Omaha's Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) program visited USSTRATCOM as part of the command's ongoing effort to build, support and sustain partnerships with private sector organizations and academia.

2016-2017 DAAA Research Topics Released (9 Sep 16). The annual list of recommended deterrence and assurance related research topics was posted to the DAAA website and emailed to members. Although lengthy, the list of topics is meant to stimulate, not bound, thinking on a wide range of issues. The DAAA staff is available to work with members to help focus their research. We welcome recommendations for research topics which you believe are in need of examination.

Upcoming Events

Iowa State Fall 2016 Manatt-Phelps Lecture in Political Science (17 Oct 16). You are invited attend the Manatt-Phelps Lecture in Political Science (<https://manatt-phelps.las.iastate.edu/>), which features Malcolm Nance (<https://events.las.iastate.edu/2016/08/23/malcolm-nance-to-present-fall-2016-manatt-phelps-lecture-in-political-science/>), a well-known expert on terrorism generally and ISIS specifically. The lecture takes place after a special dinner with Malcolm Nance. For information, contact Dr. Mack C. Shelley (mshelley@iastate.edu).

Upcoming Events (continued)

USSTRATCOM/J5 to Address Great Plains National Security Education Community at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln (2 Nov 16). The Director, Plans & Policy, will address the Great Plains National Security Education Community. This is a student-led organization focused on national security topics. The students are participating in the UNL Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence activities. Furthermore, the students are preparing for USSTRATCOM designated research problems they will turn into papers for the Gen. Larry Welch Deterrence Writing Competition in Spring 2017.

Center for Afghanistan Studies at the University of Nebraska Seminar on Factors Affecting Afghanistan and the Region (17-18 Nov 16). This seminar is part of a series of academic and educational lectures, programs and activities the Center has had for several years regarding Afghanistan and the region. The purpose of this seminar is to provide a platform to discuss, learn and understand the relevant socio-political, cultural and historical factors currently affecting Afghanistan and the region. The goal is to increase participants' knowledge of the implications on the region's overall security, US policy objectives and interests, and the influence these factors have on mitigating negative impact on regional development. For more information, contact Dr. Michelle Black (michellblack@unomaha.edu).

USSTRATCOM Leadership Visit to Stanford University (9 Dec 16). For the several years, senior USSTRATCOM leaders have visited Stanford University to engage with faculty and students and to demonstrate support to the University for its role in deterrence research and sponsorship of national security fellows. The collaborative relationship between STRATCOM and Stanford predates the Academic Alliance.

Academic Alliance Advisory Board Meeting (Fall 2016). Due to scheduling conflicts, the date of the inaugural Advisory Board meeting has been delayed until mid-Fall. Each member of the board (typically a senior administrator) will serve a two year term, meeting at least once a year with USSTRATCOM senior leaders to discuss Alliance goals and objectives. Current members are: Bellevue University, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Iowa State University, Kansas State University, and National Defense University. However, we're exploring the desirability of increasing the number of board members because the number of DAAA members has increased faster than originally planned. The board meeting enables senior member officials to interact with USSTRATCOM leaders to shape the Alliance and promote awareness of programs and initiatives. The Point of Contact for Advisory Board matters is Mr. Doug Vance (douglas.w.vance.civ@mail.mil).

2017 DAAA Conference & Workshops (9-10 Mar 17). Creighton University will host the 2nd annual DAAA Conference & Workshops on its campus next Spring. The theme is "Rethinking Deterrence and Assurance in a Globalized World." Dr. Rebecca Murray (Associate Dean of Social & Applied Sciences, College of Arts & Sciences) is leading the effort at Creighton. Although planning is in the early stages, you can expect to receive a conference announcement and call-for-papers soon. The tentative due date for research abstracts is 13 Dec 16. Successfully deterring potential adversaries and assuring allies/partners requires contributions from many disciplines. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on the subject. Dr. Murray's contact info is: rebeccamurray@creighton.edu, (402) 280-3062.

SENIOR LEADER PERSPECTIVES: Secretary of Defense Carter Stressed Importance of Nuclear Mission and Enterprise. During a visit to the 5th Bomb Wing and 91st Missile Wing at Minot AFB (ND) on 26 Sep 2016, Secretary Carter stated "...nuclear mission requires unparalleled excellence." Read the full text of his remarks at <http://www.defense.gov/News/Transcripts/Transcript-View/Article/956079/remarks-by-secretary-carter-to-troops-at-minot-air-force-base-north-dakota>

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SAVE THE DATE

9 - 10 March 2017

Creighton University (Omaha, NE)
is hosting the **2017 Deterrence and Assurance
Academic Alliance Conference and Workshops**

**"RETHINKING DETERRENCE AND
ASSURANCE IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD"**

Creighton
UNIVERSITY

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Abstracts Due: 13 Dec 16



SAVE THE DATE

9 - 11 August 2017

**2017 USSTRATCOM Deterrence Symposium
& Experience Day**
Omaha, Nebraska

Details Pending



CALL FOR PAPERS

**2017 General Larry D. Welch
Deterrence Writing Award Competition**

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Submissions Due: 5 May 2017