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Tunisian National Defense Institute

National Security Seminar

21 – 31 March 2022

*“Tunisia – A Gateway to Africa”
Washington DC*



Course Director: Professor Anne Moisan
Deputy Course Director: Mr. Fahad Malaikah
Program Planner: Ms. Marlene Ryan
Participant Programs: Ms. Nour Negley
Rapporteurs: Ms. Lien Knaepen, Ms. Nadiya Khaydari and Ms. Clara De Solages
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**NEAR EAST SOUTH ASIA CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES
TUNISIAN NATIONAL DEFENSE INSTITUTE NATIONAL SECURITY SEMINAR
21-31 MARCH 2022**

WEEK 1

21 Mar– Mon	22 Mar – Tues.	23 Mar– Weds.	24 Mar – Thurs.	25 Mar – Fri.	26 Mar – Sat.
	<p>Covid Arrival Test</p> <p>Course Director’s Welcome</p> <p>(01) Keynote Address Global Trends</p> <p>(02) Tunisian Ambassador’s Bilateral Relationship</p>	<p>(03) Emerging Security Threats and The New Face of Terrorism in Africa</p>	<p>(05) US State Dept Tunisia Looking South</p> <p>(06) OSD Africa Policy New Roles for Security Partners in Africa</p>	<p>(08) Future Sahel Challenges and Opportunities</p> <p>(09) DC Cultural Tour</p>	Free Day
		(04) Welcome Lunch The Mayflower The World and Tunisia Need Africa			27 Mar – Sun.
Participants Arrive in Washington DC AF 54	Free Afternoon	Group Photo at The Mayflower	<p>(07) Security Has Many Faces USAFRICOM (Dep and WYNG</p>	Free Afternoon	Free Day
			Tunisian Ambassador Reception		

WEEK 2

28 Mar – Mon	29 Mar – Tues.	30 Mar – Weds.	31 Mar – Thurs.
<p>(10) Political Economy in Africa: Opportunities and Challenges</p> <p>(11) The Voices of Africa: Who are They and What Do They Want</p>	<p>(13) International Players (US; EU; China; Russia; GCC; Turkey)</p> <p>(14) Non-Traditional Threats: Climate, Crime, Conflict and Migration</p>	<p>(16) Forging Security Partners in Africa ... What Has Worked, Not Worked and What Lies Ahead</p> <p>(17) Commencement Ceremony</p>	Free Morning
		Farewell Lunch-Chart House	
<p>(12) African Opportunities and the Role for Tunisia</p>	<p>(15) Islamic Peacemaking: A Role For Tunisia in Africa</p>	<p>Covid Departure Testing</p> <p>Free Evening</p>	Participants Depart AF 55

Monday, 21 March

1730 Participants arrive at **Dulles International Airport; AF 54**
Hotel: **DoubleTree Hotel | 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202**

Tuesday, 22 March

0630-0830 Breakfast at the Hotel (The Café/Lobby)

0730-0800 **Mandatory Covid Arrival Testing** (Outside Crystal Ballroom)

0845-0850 **Course Director's Welcome (Room: Crystal Ballroom)**
Professor Anne Moisan, Professor and Course Director, NESACenter

0850-0900 **Administrative Overview**
Ms. Nour Negley, Participant Programs, NESACenter

0900-1030 **Session 01: Keynote Address – Regional Trends and Top Ten Priorities**
Moderator: *Professor Anne Moisan, Course Director, NESACenter*
Speaker: *Dr. Michael E. Brown, Professor of International Affairs and Political Science, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University via ZOOM*

Q&A

1030-1100 Coffee Break

1100-1230 **Session 02: The US-Tunisia Bilateral Relationship**
Moderator: *Professor Anne Moisan, Course Director, NESACenter*
Speaker: *Madam Ambassador Hanene Tajouri Bessassi, Tunisian Ambassador to the United States*

Q&A

1230-1300 Coffee Break

1300 At Leisure

Wednesday, 23 March

0630-0845 Breakfast at the Hotel

0855-0900 **Administrative Announcements**, as required

0900-1030 **Session 03: Emerging Security Threats and The New Face of Terrorism in Africa**
Moderator: *Professor Anne Moisan, Course Director, NESACenter*
Speaker: *LTG (ret) Terry A. Wolff, Director, NESACenter*

Q&A

- 1030-1100 Coffee Break
- 1100 Depart for Welcome Lunch, **The Mayflower**; 1127 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036
- 1200-1430 **Session 04: Welcome Lunch and Discussion: “The World and Tunisia Need Africa”**
Host: **LTG (ret) Terry A. Wolff**, Director, NESACenter
Moderator: **Professor Anne Moisan**, Course Director, NESACenter
Speaker: **Mr. Abdoul Salam Bello**, Alternate Executive Director of the Africa II Group of Countries, World Bank
- Q&A**
- 1430 **Group Photo**
- 1445 Return to Hotel
- 1515 At Leisure

Thursday, 24 March

- 0630-0845 Breakfast at Hotel
- 0855-0900 Administrative Announcements, as required
- 0900-1030 **Session 05: U.S. State Department: “Tunisia Looking South”**
Moderator: **Professor Anne Moisan**, Course Director, NESACenter
Speaker: **DAS Karen Sasahara**, Director for Western Maghreb, Office of North African Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- Q&A**
- 1030-1100 Coffee Break
- 1100-1230 **Session 06: U.S. Defense: New Roles for Security Partners in Africa**
Moderator: **Professor Anne Moisan**, Course Director, NESACenter
Speaker: **Ms. Chidi Blyden**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Africa, Office of the Under Secretary for Defense for Policy
- Q&A**
- 1230-1300 Coffee Break
- 1300-1430 **Session 07: Security Has Many Faces: AFRICOM and WYNG**
Moderator: **Professor Anne Moisan**, Course Director, NESACenter
Speakers: **BG Mark J. Hovatter (USA)**, Deputy Director, Plans and Strategic Integration (J5), United States Africa Command
BG David K. Pritchett (USA), Director of the Joint Staff, Joint Forces Headquarters, Wyoming National Guard/ State Partnership Program, Tunisia State Partner

Q&A

1430 At Leisure

1430-1530 **Side Meeting**
Sr Col Abdelkader Adouui, Director of IDN, IDN Faculty and BG David Pritchett, WYNG

1800 Depart Hotel

1845-2030 **Reception at Tunisian Ambassador's Residence**
Host: *Madam Ambassador Hanene Tajouri Bessassi, Tunisian Ambassador to the United States (5131 Broad Branch Rd, NW)*
Birthdays: *Sr Col Hatem Trabelsi*
Mr. Abdelkrim Lassoued

2100 Return to Hotel

Friday, 25 March

0630-0845 Breakfast at Hotel

0900-1030 **Session 08: Future Sahel Challenges and Opportunities**
Moderator: *Professor Anne Moisan, Course Director, NESAC Center*
Speaker: *Ambassador J. Peter Pham, Former Special Envoy to the Sahel, Department of State*

Q&A

1030-1100 Coffee Break

1100 Depart Hotel

1100-1430 **Session 09: Windshield DC Cultural Tour**
Hosts: *Mr. Fahad Malaikah, Deputy Course Director, Alumni and Strategic Studies Network (SSN) Coordinator*
Mr. Reed Scott Martin, Tour Guide, Tours by Reed

1430 At Leisure

Saturday, 26 March

At Leisure

Sunday, 27 March

At Leisure

Monday, 28 March

0630-0845 Breakfast at Hotel

0855-0900 Administrative Announcements, as required

0900-1030 **Session 10: Political Economy in Africa: Opportunities and Challenges**
Moderator: *Professor Anne Moisan, Course Director, NESAC Center*
Speaker: *Dr. Landry Signe, Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development Program and the Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institution*

Q&A

1030-1100 Coffee Break

1100-1230 **Session 11: The Voices of Africa: Who Are They and What do They Want**
Moderator: *Professor Anne Moisan, Course Director, NESAC Center*
Speaker: *Ms. Stephanie Mikulasek, Division Chief in the Africa Bureau at USAID who handles youth issues, including YALI*

Q&A

1230-1300 Coffee Break

1300-1430 **Session 12: African Opportunities and the Role for Tunisia**
Moderator: *Professor Anne Moisan, Course Director, NESAC Center*
Speaker: *Mr. Mohamed Malouche, Board Chairman, Tunisian American Young Professionals (TAYP)*

Q&A

1430 At Leisure

Tuesday, 29 March

0630-0845 Breakfast at Hotel

0855-0900 Administrative Announcements, as required

0900-1030 **Session 13: International Player in Africa**
Moderator: *Professor Anne Moisan, Course Director, NESAC Center*
Speaker: *Mr. Joshua Meservey, Senior Policy Analyst, Africa and the Middle East, Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy, The Heritage Foundation*

Q&A

1030-1100 Coffee Break

1100-1230 **Session 14: Non-Traditional Threats: Climate, Crime, Conflict and Migration**
Moderator: *Professor Anne Moisan, Course Director, NESAC Center*
Speaker: *Dr. Marcus King, John O. Rankin Associate Professor of International Affairs; Director, M.A. Program in International Affairs, George Washington University*

Q&A

1230-1300 Coffee Break

1300-1430 **Session 15: Islamic Peacemaking: A Role For Tunisia in Africa**
Moderator: *Professor Anne Moisan, Course Director, NESAC Center*
Speaker: *Dr. Qamar Huda, Co-Founder & Vice President, The Center for Global Policy, Former Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of State*

Q&A

1430 At Leisure

Wednesday, 30 March

0630-0845 Breakfast at Hotel

0855-0900 Administrative Announcements, as required

0900-1030 **Session 16: Forging Security Partners in Africa ... What Has Worked, Not Worked and What Lies Ahead**
Moderator: *Professor Anne Moisan, Course Director, NESAC Center*
Speaker: *Dr. James A. Shear, Global Fellow, The Woodrow Wilson International Center*

Q&A

1030-1100 Coffee Break

1100-1230 **Commencement**

1330 Depart Hotel for Restaurant

1400-1600 **Farewell Lunch**, Chart House, 1 Cameron St, Alexandria, VA 22314
www.chart-house.com

1600 Return to Hotel

1630 At Leisure

Thursday, 31 March

0630-1000 Breakfast at Hotel
Morning at Leisure

1000-1100 **Side Meeting: *Sr Col Abdelkader Adouui, Director of IDN and Prof Anne Moisan, NESAI***

1300 Check out of Hotel

1330 Participants depart for Airport **AF 55** Departs at **1825**

NESA Biographies



LTG TERRY A. WOLFF, USA (RET.)

Director, NESA Center for Strategic Studies

Lieutenant General (Ret) Terry A. Wolff joined NESA after serving as the Director of Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5 for the Joint Staff from September 2011 until December 2013. He retired from the US Army in February 2014 after completing over 34 years of service. Since November of 2015, LTG Wolff has served, in addition to his duties as NESA Director, as the Deputy Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL at the U.S. Department of State.

LTG Wolff commanded at every level from platoon to armored division. He spent nearly ten years in Germany (1983-86; 91-95; 1999-2000; 2009-11) and served three tours in Iraq (2003; 2006-07; 2010) commanding the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, the Coalition Military Assistance Training Team, and the United States Division-Center.

Seven of the last ten years were spent in Washington, D.C. working military strategy and policy matters as well as interagency affairs: first on the Joint Staff as a Colonel; then nearly two years on the National Security Council as a Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Iraq and Afghanistan; and over two years as the Joint Staff J5.

Commissioned from the Military Academy in 1979 with a BS in Engineering, he has Masters Degrees in International Affairs from Catholic University, the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth and the Naval War College.



MS. ANNE MOISAN

Professor of Practice
NESA Center for Strategic Studies

Prior to joining the NESA Center in 2007, Anne Moisan concluded a military career spanning nearly three decades of public service. Retiring in 2006 as an Air Force colonel, she was a Joint Specialty Officer with extensive and progressively responsible experience in national security policy, strategy and operations.

In Ms. Moisan's final military assignment, she was Chief of Staff and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies, during which she wrote and spoke on NATO, European, Mediterranean and Middle East security, as well as other political military policy issues.

Ms. Moisan's earlier military career featured assignments as Assistant Director of NATO Policy within the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon; Deputy Director of the Secretary of the Air Force's Action Group at the Pentagon; Commander of the 317th Recruiting Squadron at Andrews AFB;

and International Strategic Programs Analyst at US European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. Her military service also included eight years of international experience, encompassing two assignments in Germany as well as remote tours in Iceland and as commander of the expeditionary airbase on Diego Garcia.

Ms. Moisan received a BS in International Economics from the Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. She also holds three graduate degrees: MBA, Golden Gate University; MA, International Affairs, University of Oklahoma; MS, National Security Strategy, National Defense University.



MR. FAHAD MALAIKAH

Program Manager, Strategic Studies Network (SSN) NESA Academic Specialist
fahad.malaikah.ctr@ndu.edu

Fahad Malaikah joined the Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies in November 2010 as a Research Associate. Since March 2012, he has served as the Program Manager of the Strategic Studies Network, a NESA Center initiative that is a consortium of over 65 strategic studies centers from the Middle East and North Africa, Central Asia, South Asia, and Europe. Since 2015, he has also served as NESA's Coordinator for Alumni Affairs and Program Coordinator for NESA- AFRICOM programs.

Mr. Malaikah completed a Master of Arts in Arab Studies in 2010 from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and Center for Contemporary Arab Studies. In 2006, he completed a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Middle East Studies from Georgia State University.

His research interests include nationalism, identity politics, political Islam, and Arab and Islamic history. He has published several articles on Middle East security issues in outlets such as The National Interest, The Washington Times, and the Small Wars Journal.

Speaker Biographies



DR. MICHAEL BROWN

Professor of International Affairs and Political Science
Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University

Michael E. Brown is a Professor of International Affairs and Political Science at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs. He was Dean of the Elliott School from 2005 to 2015.

From 1998 to 2005, Professor Brown was on the faculty of the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. From 2000 to 2005, he was Director of Georgetown's Center for Peace and Security Studies and Director of the M.A. program in Security Studies. From 1994 to 1998, he was Associate Director of the International Security Program at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. From 1988 to 1994, he was a member of the Directing Staff and Senior Fellow in U.S. Security Policy at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. Professor Brown was Editor of the journal *Survival* from 1991 to 1994. He was Co-Editor of the *International Security*, the leading academic journal in the security studies field, from 1994 to 2006. He now serves on the Editorial Boards of *Asian Security*, *International Security*, and *The Washington Quarterly*.

Professor Brown received his Ph.D. in Government from Cornell University. He has given 150 talks in more than 30 countries, and he has traveled to 75 countries.



MADAM AMBASSADOR HANENE TAJOURI BESSASSI

Tunisian Ambassador to the United States

Diplomatic cursus:

National Defense Institute (NDI): NDI Diploma (November 2019-July 2020)

National School of Administration (*ENA* de Tunis): ENA graduate diploma (1995- 1998)

Master degree in Law (FSJPS Tunis II) 1991-1995

Professional cursus:

Since September 2021: Ambassador of Tunisia to the United States of America

October 2020 - September 2021: Ambassador of Tunisia to Germany

October 2018 - October 2020: Director in charge of Tunisia-EU relationship

August 2013 – July 2018: Minister plenipotentiary *Hors classe* in charge of the Congressional Affairs and DCM from September 2017 to July 2018.

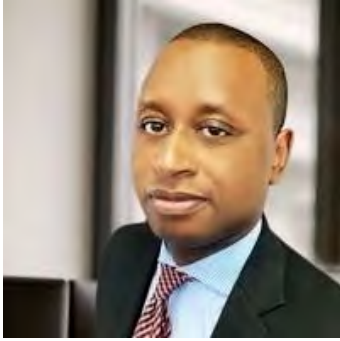
September 2010 - July 2013: Deputy Director in charge of Tunisia-EU relationship

September 2005- July 2010: DCM at the Embassy of Tunisia to Portugal

2000-2005: Head of division at the Direction Tunisia-EU relationship

1998-2000: In charge of Tunisia-Germany relationship

Languages: Arabic, French, English, Germany (basic) and Portuguese (basic)



MR. ABDOUL SALAM BELLO

Mr. Abdoul Salam Bello of Niger, the Alternate Executive Director of the Africa Group II at the World Bank Group Board of Directors brings extensive experience in economic development, multi-lateral trade cooperation and diplomacy.

Mr. Bello most recently served as Senior Project Officer at the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), leading a land restoration programme in the Sahel. Prior to that, he was Advisor to the

Executive Director of the Africa Group II at the World Bank Group from 2014 to 2019. He discharged that function during the negotiations process for the reform of the World Bank Group's safeguard policies, the Financing for Development and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Between 2007 and 2014, he held a series of senior positions in multilateral institutions. They included Chief of Staff at the New Partnership for Africa's Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) in South Africa, and Economist at the Islamic Development Bank in Saudi Arabia. Prior to that, Mr. Bello worked in the private sector, including as Assistant Project Manager at Renault France in 2005.

Mr. Bello holds a Master's Degree in International Risk Management from HEC Paris, France; a master's degree in Management of International Activities from the University of Lyon; a Master's Degree in Diplomacy and Strategic Negotiations from Paris-Sud University and an Engineer's Degree in Telecommunications from the University of Toulon, France. Mr. Bello also graduated from the Executive Education Program for Senior Managers in Government at Harvard Kennedy School, USA.

Mr. Bello is Senior Fellow at the Africa Center of the Atlantic Council in Washington D.C. and authored two books: *Les Etats-Unis et l'Afrique, de l'esclavage à Obama* (L'Harmattan, 2019) and *La régionalisation en Afrique: Essai sur un processus d'intégration et de développement* (L'Harmattan, 2017).



Karen Sasahara Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for North Africa Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs

Karen Sasahara has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for North Africa since November 2020. Prior to that she served as Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. at the U.S. Embassy in Amman since March 2019 to August 2020. She served as Consul General in Jerusalem from August 2018 to March 2019. Before that, she was Senior Advisor/Division Chief in the Bureau for Intelligence and Research Office for the Analysis of Terrorism, Narcotics, and Crime. Prior to that she served as

an assessor in the Board of Examiners from 2015-2017, as Deputy Chief of Mission in Sana'a, Yemen from July 2013 to June 2015, and as Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commanding General of Special Operations Command Central at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida from 2012-2013.

Ms. Sasahara has spent the majority of her Foreign Service career in Middle East posts or in assignments in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs. Previous assignments have included: Deputy Director for Political Affairs in the Office of Iraq Affairs, Foreign Policy Advisor to the Special Envoy for the Closure of the Guantanamo Detention Facility, Deputy Counselor for Political Military Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Deputy Director of the Narcotics Affairs Section at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, Saudi Arabia Desk Officer Chief of the Political Section at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Regional Affairs Officer for North Africa, Egypt, Africa, and South Asia in the Office for Counterterrorism, Libya/Tunisia Desk Officer, Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Near East Affairs, Civilian Observer with the Multinational Forces and Observer Unit in the Sinai Peninsula, Vice Consul at the U.S. Embassy in London, and Political/Economic Officer, U.S. Consulate, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Ms. Sasahara is a member of the Senior Foreign Service. She holds an M.A. in Near East Studies from the George Washington University, and a B.A. in International Relations from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts and was raised in the Boston area.

Ms. Sasahara is married to fellow Foreign Service Officer Michael Ratney.

MS. CHIDI BLYDEN

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, for African Studies



Chidi Blyden is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs. She is an expert and socio-cultural advisor on Africa's conflicts, security, and development issues. She comes to the role with policy, national security, and practitioner experience from her career in government, academia, and non-profit sectors. Her work focuses on the impact of culture in developing policy and community-centric approaches to security challenges in African nations, underscoring the role of women and youth in peace and security.

Ms. Blyden served in the Obama Administration as the Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs from 2013-2017. She managed several functional and regional responsibilities including U.S.- Africa defense policy for East and Central Africa, served as the Africa Peacekeeping Advisor to the Stability and Humanitarian Affairs office, and was the department's lead on the President's Africa Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership (APRRP) initiative. She has received several awards for her time in public service, including the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service.

Ms. Blyden began her career in security studies at the National Defense University's Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) as the Senior Academic Research Associate and Academic Operations Coordinator. From 2007-2013 she contributed to the academic curriculum and led the execution of over 30 programs on counterterrorism, defense economics, conflict management, security studies, and civil-

military relations for Africa’s security sector professionals. She was the first Africa Director at the Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC) where she led the design and implementation of culture-specific training for the Nigerian Armed Forces on civilian harm.

Ms. Blyden recently served in Congress on the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) Policy Team, advising on Africa and South America’s defense equities. She is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, in the Security Studies Program. She is a graduate of Texas A&M University (BSc, Sociology) and the Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University (MSc, Conflict, Analysis, and Resolution) and serves on the Leadership Council for Memunatu Magazine, a nonprofit social enterprise that promotes literacy, leadership, and empowerment for teen girls in Africa and the diaspora.



BG MARK J. HOVATTER (USA)

Deputy Director, Plans and Strategic Integration (J5), United States Africa Command

SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE ROTC

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

Ohio State University – BA – Political Science
 United States Army Command and General Staff College – MMAS –
 Advanced Military Studies National Defense University – MS – Joint

Campaign Planning & Strategy

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses
 United States Army Command and General Staff College Joint Advanced Warfighting School
 School of Advanced Military Studies

PROMOTIONS DATE OF APPOINTMENT

2LT	24 May 89
1LT	23 May 92
CPT	1 Jul 94
MAJ	1 Feb 01
LTC	1 Dec 06
COL	1 Jun 12
BG	2 May 20

FROM/TO ASSIGNMENT

Jun 20	Present Deputy Director, Plans and Strategic Integration, United States Africa Command, J5, Stuttgart, Germany
Jul 19/Jun 20	Deputy Director, Strategy Plans and Policy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7,
Jul 16/Jul 19	United States Army, Washington, DC, Chief of Warplans, Strategy, Plans and Policy Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff,

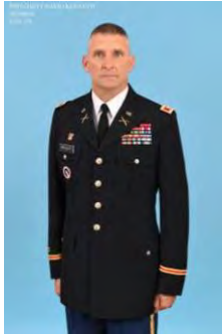
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Jul 14/Jul 16 G-3/5/7, United States Army, Washington, DC, Logistics Group Chief, Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, United States Transportation
 Jul 13/Jun 14 Command, Norfolk, Virginia, Student, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia
 Jul 11/Mar13 Chief, Conflict Assessment Branch, Future Warfare Division, later Chief, Science and Technology Division, Concept Development and Learning Division, Army Capabilities Integration Center, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, Joint Base Langley- Eustis, Virginia
 Jul 07/Jul 11 Military Faculty/Instructor, Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff
 May 05/Jun 07 College, Norfolk, Virginia and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan
 Plans Officer, later Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 Plans, 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq
 Aug 03/May 05 Student, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas Plans and Operations Officer, United States Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
 May 01/Mar 03 Chief Plans and Exercise Officer, 416th Engineer Command Forward Cell, Third Army/United States Army Central, Fort McPherson, Georgia and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Kuwait
 Oct 98/May 01 Chief, Engineer Branch, later Regimental Engineer, later Small Group Instructor, 3d Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment, United States Army Armor Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky
 Oct 97/Sep 98 Chief, Facilities Branch, Test and Experimentation Command, Fort Hood, Texas
 Apr 96/Sep 97 Commander, A Company, 20th Engineer Battalion (Mechanized), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas
 Nov 94/Apr 96 Assistant Brigade Engineer, 20th Engineer Battalion (Mechanized), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas
 Jun 94/Nov 94 Student, Engineer Officer Advanced Course, United States Army Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
 Nov 90/Mar 94 Platoon Leader, later Executive Officer, 3d Airborne Battalion Combat Team, 325th Airborne
 Infantry Regiment, Southern European Task Force, Vicenza, Italy and
 OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT, Iraq
 Jul 90/Nov 90 Student, Engineer Officer Basic Course, United States Army Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
 Jun 89/Jun 90 Engineer Officer, 2d Battalion, 11th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Reynoldsburg, Ohio (USAR)

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Legion of Merit (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster) Bronze Star Medal
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster) Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
 Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters) Joint Service Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters) Parachutist Badge
 Army Staff Identification Badge



BG DAVID K. PRITCHETT (USA)

Director of the Joint Staff, Joint Forces Headquarters, Wyoming National Guard/
 State Partnership Program, Tunisia State Partner

SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE ROTC

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

Auburn University Main Campus - BS - Public Administration
 United States Army War College - MSS - Strategic Studies

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Field Artillery Officer Basic Course
 Air Defense Artillery Transition Course
 Field Artillery Captain's Career Course
 Combined Arms and Services Staff School
 United States Army Command and General Staff College
 Field Artillery Brigade Pre-Command Course
 United States Army War College

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) None Recorded

PROMOTIONS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
2LT	13 Jun 91
1LT	12 Jun 94
CPT	5 Feb 98
MAJ	18 Aug 04
LTC	19 Aug 09
COL	5 Aug 15
BG	10 Jan 21

FROM/TO	ASSIGNMENT
Jul 21/Present	Commander, Land Component Command, Joint Force Headquarters, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Nov 18/Aug 19	Chief of Staff for the Deputy Commanding General, United States Army, Fires Center of Excellence, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
Sep 16/Nov 18	Commander, 62nd Troop Command, Montgomery, Alabama
Jun 15/Sep 16	Safety Branch Chief, Joint Forces Headquarters, Montgomery, Alabama
Jun 13/Jun 15	Operations Division Chief, Joint Forces Headquarters, Montgomery, Alabama
Jun 11/Jun 13	Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, Andalusia, Alabama
Nov 09/Jun 11	Fire Support Coordinator, 226th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Mobile, Alabama

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Jul 09/Oct 09	Artillery Officer, 62nd Troop Command, Montgomery, Alabama
May 08/Jun 09	Battalion S3, 1st Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, Andalusia, Alabama
Jun 06/Apr 08	Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battery, Forward 2, 1st Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, Andalusia, Alabama and Kuwait
May 05/May 06	Battalion Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, Troy, Alabama
May 04/Apr 05	Assistant G4 (Maintenance), 62nd Troop Command, Montgomery, Alabama
Sep 03/May 04	Battalion S2, 3rd Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, Troy, Alabama
Nov 99/Sep 03	Battalion Fire Direction Officer, 3rd Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, Troy, Alabama
Sep 96/Oct 99	Battery Commander, B Battery, 3rd Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, Elba, Alabama
Sep 95/Sep 96	Battery Executive Officer, Detachment 1 Battery C, 1st Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, Elba, Alabama
Jul 94/Aug 95	Battery Commander, Service Battery, 3rd Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, Union Springs, Alabama
Jun 92/Jul 94	Ammunition Officer, Service Battery, 3rd Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, Union Springs, Alabama
Jun 91/Jul 92	Battery Executive Officer (Excess), Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, Elba, Alabama

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS-DATE/GRADE

Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battery, Forward 2, 1st Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, Kuwait
Jun 06 - Oct 07 Major

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Legion of Merit
Bronze Star Medal
Meritorious Service Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)
National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star)
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass Device and M Device)
Army Service Ribbon
Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (with Numeral 2)
Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

Strategic Account Executive, Ellucian, Reston, Virginia



AMBASSADOR J. (JOHN) PETER PHAM

Former Special Envoy to the Sahel, Department of State

J. (John) Peter Pham is an American academic and author specializing in international relations with a focus on African affairs. Pham was the United States Special Envoy for the Sahel Region of Africa, from March 2020 until the end of President Donald Trump's administration in January 2021. Prior to this, he served as the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region of Africa from November 2018. Prior to these appointments, Pham was also Vice President of the Atlantic Council and Director of its Africa Center. In September 2020, Pham was accorded the personal rank of ambassador, becoming the first Vietnamese American to achieve that rank. After leaving the Trump administration, Pham rejoined the Atlantic Council as a Distinguished Fellow.

The author of numerous books and articles on African history, politics, economics, and security, Pham is the recipient of numerous honors and awards from African countries in recognition of contributions made over the course of his career to strengthening relations between the United States and Africa, including Commander of the National Order of Mali, Commander of the National Order of Burkina Faso, Officer of the National Order of Merit of Niger, Commander of the National Order of Merit of Gabon, and Commander of the Order of Friendship of Peoples of Burundi.



DR. LANDRY SIGNE

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Dr. Landry Signe is Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development Program and the Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institution. He is a world-renowned professor and leading practitioner who has won over seventy prestigious awards and distinctions globally for his academic, policy, business, and leadership accomplishments. He has received the fastest reported tenure and promotion to the highest rank of full professor in the history of the U.S. universities in his discipline. He is the Managing Director and Professor at the Thunderbird School of Global Management, Senior Fellow in the Global Economy and Development Program and the Africa Growth Initiative at the Brookings Institution, Distinguished Fellow at Stanford University's Centre for African Studies, a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Agile Governance, and the World Economic Forum's Regional Action Group for Africa, among others. He is also chairman of the Global Network for Africa's Prosperity, senior adviser to top global leaders (presidential, ministerial, and C-suite levels), and author of numerous books, including *Unlocking Africa's Business Potential* (Brookings Institution Press), *Innovating Development Strategies in Africa: The Role of International, Regional and National Actors* (Cambridge University Press), *African Development, African Transformation: How Institutions Shape Development Strategy*, (Cambridge University Press). Professor Signé's achievements have been recognized internationally with dozens of distinctions for his accomplishments as an extraordinary professor, prolific author, cutting-edge scholar, influential public intellectual, exemplary and dedicated academic leader, innovative entrepreneur, sought-after strategic thinker, problem-solver, board member, and keynote speaker. He was selected as a [World Economic Forum Young Global Leader](#) for "finding innovative

solutions to some of the world’s most pressing issues,” an Andrew Carnegie Fellow for being one of the “most creative thinkers,” a Desmond Tutu Fellow for driving “the transformation of Africa,” a Woodrow Wilson Public Policy Fellow for “preeminent scholarship uniting the world of ideas to the world of policy,” and one of JCI’s Ten Outstanding Young Persons in the World for “extraordinary achievements and dedication exemplifying the best attributes and leadership in academia.” He has won numerous academic awards, including the American Political Science Association Campus Teaching Award, the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Academic Research and Creative Activity, and over a dozen of teaching awards. As a pioneer in Silicon Valley, he is the first to have taught at Stanford an award-winning course presenting Africa as a continent of economic opportunities (*Emerging African Markets: Strategies, Investments and Government Affairs*), and received the Stanford Center for African Studies Distinguished Leadership Award for “innovative teaching, outstanding mentorship and exceptional service to the community.” In addition, he has been on numerous global boards and councils, and has been a visiting scholar or has taught globally, including at the universities of Oxford, Stanford, Georgetown, Montreal, Ottawa, Witwatersrand, among others. He often engages with global policymakers and business leaders to bridge the world of ideas and practice, has testified before the U.S. Senate and the U.S. International Trade Commission, as well as briefed top global leaders. His work has also appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, CNBC, Forbes, the Hill, and Harvard International Review, among others. Professor Landry Signé was born in Cameroon, and grew up in Cameroon, France, and Canada before coming to the United States. He also spent time in the United Kingdom, and has traveled all over the world, which led him to explore many of the most innovative and diverse countries, shaping his vision of the world. Professor Signé was educated in Cameroon (with honors and distinction; Vogt College), in France (valedictorian and salutatorian; University of Lyon 3, Sciences Po Paris, Sandar Institute), in Canada (received a series of awards and fellowships for the best doctoral performance; University of Montreal and McGill University), earned his PhD from the University of Montreal (awarded the Best International PhD Dissertation), and completed his postdoctoral studies at Stanford University (Banting fellowship for best and brightest researchers internationally). He has also completed executive business and leadership programs at the University of Oxford Saïd School of Business and Harvard Kennedy School. His adventurous life experiences have also transcended into his love for thrill-seeking hobbies from walking safaris with gorillas and cheetahs to skydiving, shark diving and more.



Stephanie Mikulasek is currently the Division Chief for Education and Youth in the Bureau of Africa at the United States Agency for International Development. As a Foreign Service Officer with USAID and previously the Department of State, she has lived, traveled, and worked in dozens of countries in Asia, Latin America, Europe and Africa. Her areas of specialization are developing leaders; effective partnership development with government, academia, and private industry;

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MR. MOHAMED MALOUCHE

Board Chairman
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Mohamed Malouche is the founder and board Chairman of the Tunisian American Young Professionals (TAYP), the largest Tunisian American diaspora association. In that capacity, he provided economic counsel to important governmental actions related to investment, innovation and entrepreneurship in Tunisia, particularly a US-Tunisia partnership for the promotion of technology innovation, a Tunisian handicrafts export program's supply chain and a Tunisian denims exports' initiative.

He has authored several articles in Foreign Policy, the Atlantic Council, the Aspen Institute on the role of diaspora in development. Mohamed has also been supporting the development of an entrepreneurship culture in Tunisia through mentorship, soft skills development, technical and financial support. He serves on the board of the Tunisian American Enterprise Fund, a \$100M fund aims at supporting the development of SMEs in Tunisia.

Mohamed is a Partner at Deloitte Afrique responsible for public sector modernization in Francophone Africa where he has been directing most notably economic development, local governance and energy programs. Mohamed holds a Masters in Business Administration from Telecom Paris in France, and a Masters in Telecommunications from Michigan State University. He is a native French, Arabic and Tunisian dialect speaker.



MR. JOSHUA MESERVEY

Senior Policy Analyst for Africa and the Middle East, Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy
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He studies African geopolitics, counterterrorism, and refugee policy. He is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer who served in Zambia and extended his service there to work for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Afterwards he joined Church World Service (CWS) based out of Nairobi, Kenya, and traveled extensively in East and Southern Africa interviewing refugees.

He ended his time at CWS as Field Team Manager responsible for a multinational team of nearly 100 staff. He later worked at the U.S. Army Special Operations Command and helped write an Army concept paper, and then joined the Atlantic Council's Africa Center before joining The Heritage Foundation.

He has testified twice before the Senate, four times before the House of Representatives, and once before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. He is lead author of a monograph on al-Shabaab's insurgency and contributed a chapter to the book War and Peace in Somalia published by Oxford University Press.

He has written pieces for a wide range of publications including Foreign Affairs, the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, the National Interest, the Hill, and various journals. His commentary is often featured in various print and digital media outlets, and he has presented at the National Defense University and the State Department.

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DR. MARCUS KING

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As a professor, Dr. King draws on experience in public service, research, and the private sector. He joined the Elliott School in 2011 from the research staff of CNA Corporation's Center for Naval Analyses where he directed studies on security, resilience, and adaptation aspects of climate change. He was also Project Director for the CNA Military Advisory Board (MAB), an elite group of retired admirals and generals constituted to provide recommendations and reports on how these topics affect U.S. national security.

From 2003 to 2006, King was Research Director of the Sustainable Energy Institute; and Senior Manager for Energy and Security Programs at a private consultancy. During the Administration of President William Clinton, he held Presidential appointments in the Office of the Secretary of Defense where he represented the United States for negotiation of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Office of the Secretary of Energy where he directly supported the Deputy Secretary and participated in negotiations on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy with the Russian Federation.

Dr. King served as a globalization planning fellow in Georgetown University's Office of the President and as an adjunct assistant professor. He is a member of the Center for Climate and Security's Advisory Board. His present research focuses on identifying ties between water scarcity and large-scale violence. King is a regular contributor to radio, television and print media.

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DR. QAMAR UL-HUDA

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Dr. Qamar-ul Huda is an associate adjunct professor at Georgetown University's School of Government. Dr. Huda co-founded and is the Vice President of the Center for Global Policy (CGP), a nonpartisan think-tank that focuses on U.S. security and foreign policies in the Muslim majority world. Dr. Huda established CGP's Security and Violent Extremism Program where he supervised the Program's research and was instrumental in interfacing with U.S. policy makers/researchers.

Dr. Huda was a Senior Policy Advisor for U.S. Department of State Secretary John Kerry's Office of Policy Planning, and the Office for Religion and Global Affairs (S/RGA) where he focused on civil society, religious communities, and religious leaders with U.S. foreign policy. His area of focus is civil society organizations, education, and multilateral affairs. Prior to joining S/RGA, the U.S. State Department recruited Dr. Huda to serve as a seconded diplomat as the first Director of the Department of Dialogue and Collaboration to *Hedayah: The International Center of Excellence for Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)* based in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Dr. Huda worked at the U.S. Institute of Peace's Religion & Peacemaking Department (USIP) as a senior expert, researcher, and resident of Islam and focused on conflict resolution, peacebuilding research, religious peacebuilding and field training to civil society members. He supervised and managed the development of the field of conflict resolution and mediation studies in religious and public schools in South Asia, Southeast Asia, and various parts of the Middle East. He is the editor of *Crescent and Dove: Peace and Conflict Resolution in Islam*, (USIP Press) now translated into four languages. Dr. Huda served as a director of the countering violent extremism project at USIP, where he designed and developed numerous online training courses for USIP's Academy of Conflict Analysis and Conflict Transformation.

Dr. Huda was listed in the *Muslim 500: The World's Most Influential Muslims* in 2016-2022 published by the Royal Strategic Islamic Centre in Amman, Jordan. As an Adjunct Associate Professor at Georgetown University he teaches courses on Religion and U.S. Diplomacy, Religion and Conflict Resolution, Islamic Peacemaking, Research & Methods for graduate students. He has taught at UCLA, Boston College, Brandeis University, and the College of Holy Cross. Dr. Huda has published three books, six training manuals on conflict and mediation, religious peacebuilding, and over fifty-five peer-reviewed articles on peacebuilding, conflict resolution, violent extremism, comparative ethics, Islamic law, and educational reform. He received research grants from the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), The American Academy of Religion (AAR), UCLA's International Security Studies program, and was twice a Fulbright scholar. He has provided interviews on CNN, MSNBC, BBC, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Time Magazine*, *Newsweek*, Al-Jazeera, and other major news outlets. He earned his doctorate

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DR. JAMES SCHEAR

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James A. Schear of Maryland served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Partnership Strategy and Stability Operations from 2009-2013. He led efforts to help foreign partners build effective and accountable security forces, to reshape U.S. investments in stabilization missions post-Afghanistan, to navigate war-to-peace transitions, to prevent mass atrocities and to provide life-saving aid to the victims of natural disasters and complex emergencies.

Dr. Schear's public service contributions span more than two decades. From 1989-94 he served as an advisor at the United Nations where he assisted senior officials in shaping implementation of 1991 Gulf War cease-fire resolutions and providing analytic support to the leadership of UN missions in Cambodia and Former Yugoslavia.

In June 1999, Dr. Schear was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service for his work during the Kosovo crisis. During prior service as a deputy assistant secretary of defense, 1997-2001, he and his peacekeeping & humanitarian affairs team played key roles in supporting U.S. efforts to end the Eritrean-Ethiopian war, to stabilize East Timor following its separation from Indonesia, to counter predatory violence in war-torn regions, and to strengthen international standards against the use of child soldiers. More recently, his humanitarian efforts helped shape U.S. responses to Haiti's devastating earthquake in 2010, as well as Japan's 2011 tsunami & nuclear emergency, Operation Odyssey Dawn in Libya, and assistance to refugees fleeing conflict in Syria.

Dr. Schear's contributions to applied policy research are also noteworthy. As Director of Research at the National Defense University's Institute for National Strategic Studies, 2001-8, he supervised seven project teams conducting studies on regional security affairs, strategic concept development and Terrorism / transnational challenges. He also has held research appointments at Harvard University, the Brookings Institution, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Stimson Center and the International Institute for Strategic Studies. From 1984-87, he served as Executive Officer of the Aspen Strategy Group, co-chaired by Lt. Gen. (ret.) Brent Scowcroft and William Perry, and directed by Joseph S. Nye. In 2007-8, he was a principal member of the Afghanistan Study Group; and he also served as an expert advisor for the Iraq Study Group as well as the Genocide Prevention Task Force. In late '08, he served on the President-elect's transition team for the Defense Department, leading its subgroup on planning for the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review.

Dr. Schear earned his Ph.D. from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He holds a Master's Degree from Johns Hopkins' School of Advanced International Studies and a B.A. from The

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