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Current Duties

Professor, National Security Affairs, US Naval War College Monterey (since 2013)

Adjunct Professor, Non-proliferation and Terrorism Studies, Middlebury Institute of International Studies (MIIS) at Monterey (since 2018)

Associate Editor, *Perspectives on Terrorism* (since 2020)

Associate Editor, *Small Wars and Insurgencies* (since 2020)

Editorial Board, *Counterterrorism Exchange (CTX)*, Naval Postgraduate School (since 2017)

Associate Fellow, Center for Irregular Warfare and Armed Groups, Newport, RI (since 2016)

Associate Fellow, International Centre for Counter Terrorism – The Hague (since 2016)

Associate Fellow, George Washington University Program on Extremism (since 2019)

Member, RESOLVE Network Research Advisory Council, USIP, Washington D.C. (since 2019)

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Washington State University, 2014. Dissertation: "The Smiling, Scented Men: The Political Worldview and Strategy of the Islamic State of Iraq, 2003-2013."

United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, 2004

M.A., Leadership and Counseling, Long Island University, 2000

B.S., United States Military Academy, West Point, 1991

Awards

Naval War College Research in Excellence Annual Faculty Award, 2022

Second Place, MacArthur Writing Award, Command and General Staff College, 2004

Previous Professional Experience

U.S. Army Officer

Current Research

Hybrid/Gray Zone, Islamic State movement's strategy and military doctrine; leader succession in militant organizations; rebel political consolidation

Fellowships

Visiting Scholar, Royal Danish Defence College, Copenhagen, Denmark, Summer/Fall 2021

Visiting Fellow, Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University/Jerusalem/Tel Aviv
Summer 2018

Visiting Fellow, International Center for Counterterrorism (ICCT) – The Hague, Netherlands,
Summer 2017

Teaching Experience

NW3285, *Theater Security Decision Making*, Naval War College Monterey, 2013 to present

NPTG8610, *Counterterrorism*, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, 2017 to
present

Military Operations, Institute of Military Operations, Royal Danish Defence College, 2021

Political Science 424, *American Foreign Policy*, Washington State University, 2013

Political Science 101, *American Government*, Washington State University, 2013

University College 304, Seminar in Exploration and Leadership, Washington State University,
2011-2013

Chair, Department of Military Science at Washington State University, 2008-2011

Military Science 401 & 402, Advanced Military Leadership, Washington State University, 2008-
2011

Military Science 400: Military Leadership, United States Military Academy, West Point, 2000-
2002

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles and Books

Ian Rice and Craig Whiteside, *Non-State Special Operations*, book project forthcoming 2024,
Routledge.

Craig Whiteside, Jeff Hynink, Harrison Schramm, "Islamic State's Guerrilla Warfare Doctrine,"
forthcoming 2024 in *Small Wars and Insurgencies*.

Nadeem Khan and Craig Whiteside, "State Accomplish: The Islamic State's Political Consolidation
Prior to the Caliphate," *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, Dec 2021.

Haroro Ingram, Craig Whiteside, and Charlie Winter, *The ISIS Reader: Milestone Texts from the
Islamic State Movement*, (Hurst Publishers/Oxford University Press, March 2020).

Craig Whiteside, "Lying to Win: The Islamic State Media Department's Role in Deception
Efforts," *RUSI*, March 2020.

Craig Whiteside and Anas Elallame, "Accidental Anthropologists: The Islamic State's Tribal Engagement Experiment," *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, 31:2, February 2020.

Donald Stoker and Craig Whiteside, "Blurred Lines: Gray Zone Conflict, Hybrid War, and the American Confusion About War and Peace," *Naval War College Review* 73:1, January 2020.

Craig Whiteside, Ian Rice, and Daniele Raineri, "Black Ops: Islamic State and Innovation in Irregular Warfare," *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, June 2019.

Craig Whiteside and Vera Mironova, "Adaptation and Innovation with an Urban Twist: Changes to Suicide Tactics in the Battle for Mosul," *Military Review*, Fort Leavenworth: U.S. Army Press, November 2017.

Craig Whiteside, "Pedigree of Terror: The Myth of the Ba'ath Influence in the Islamic State," *Perspectives on Terrorism*, June 2017.

Craig Whiteside, "New Masters of Revolutionary Warfare: The Islamic State Movement (2002-2016)," *Perspectives on Terrorism*, August 2016.

Craig Whiteside, "The Islamic State and the Return of Revolutionary Warfare," *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, August 2016 (republished in *Jihadist Insurgent Movements*, Routledge (2018), ed. Rich and Burchill).

Craig Whiteside, "A Case for Terrorism as Genocide in an era of weakened states," *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*, vol. 8:3, 2015.

Craig Whiteside, "From One to 360; Assessing Leaders," *Military Review*, Fort Leavenworth: U.S. Army Press, 2004.

Peer Reviewed Think Tank Reports

Haroro Ingram, Craig Whiteside, Charlie Winter, "The Routinization of the Islamic State's Global Enterprise," *Current Trends in Islamist Ideology*, vol. 29 (April 2021).

Craig Whiteside, et al., "The Islamic State's Department of Soldiers," George Washington Program on Extremism, 2021.

Haroro Ingram, Craig Whiteside, Charlie Winter, "The Islamic State's Global Insurgency and its Counterstrategy Implications," ICCT-The Hague, November 2020.

Craig Whiteside, "Nine Bullets for the Traitors, One for the Enemy: The Slogans and Strategy behind the Islamic State's Campaign to Defeat the Sunni Awakening (2006-2017)," International Centre for Counterterrorism – The Hague, September 2018.

Robin Wright, Berger, Braniff, Bunzel, Byman, Cafarella, Ghambir, Gartenstein-Ross, Hassan, Lister, McCants, Nada, Olidort, Thurston, Watts, Wehrey, Whiteside, Wood, Zelin, and Zimmerman, "The Jihadi Threat: ISIS, al Qaeda and Beyond," United States Institute of Peace, December 2016.

Craig Whiteside, "Lighting the Path: The Evolution of the Islamic State Media Enterprise," International Centre for Counterterrorism – The Hague, November 2016.

Craig Whiteside, "Insurgents and Inland Waterways: the Seige of Marawi," *International Journal of Naval History*, pending 2022.

Book Chapters

Haroro Ingram and Craig Whiteside, "The Islamic State and the Management of Secrecy," in *The Routledge Handbook on Religion and Secrecy*, edited by Hugh Urban et al. (forthcoming 2022).

Craig and Steve Whiteside, "The Things we learned from Captain Trips," in *To Boldly Go: Leadership, Strategy, and Conflict in the 21st Century and Beyond*, edited by Klug and Leonard (Casemate, 2021).

Charlie Winter and Craig Whiteside, "IS's Strategic Communication Tactics," in *The SAGE Handbook of Propaganda*, edited by Baines et al. (India: SAGE Publications, 2019).

Patricia Blocksome and Craig Whiteside, "From Mosul to Marawi: Insurgent use of Maritime Domain," in *Maritime Security: Counter-Terrorism Lessons from Maritime Piracy and Narcotics Interdiction* (Amsterdam: IOS Press, NATO Science for Peace and Security Series), edited by Edward R. Lucas, Samuel Rivera-Paez, Thomas A. Crosbie, and Felix Falck Jensen, 2020.

Craig Whiteside, "Arya Stark's Targeted Killing and Strategic Decision-Making," in *Winning Westeros*, Brooks, Amble, Cavanaugh, and Gates eds. (Potomac Books, 2019).

Craig Whiteside, "A new paradigm of hybrid warfare," in *Hybrid Conflicts and Information Warfare*, Ofer Fridman, Vitaly Kabernik, and James Craig Pearce eds. (Roman & Littlefield, 2018).

Craig Whiteside, "Suffer, the Weak Must: A History of the Galactic Civil War," in *Strategy Strikes Back*, Brooks, Amble, Cavanaugh, and Gates eds., (Nebraska University Press, 2018).

Craig Whiteside, "The Islamic State," in *War and Religion: An Encyclopedia of Faith and Conflict*, T. Demy and J. Shaw eds. (ABC-CLIO Books, 2017).

Nicholas Kramer and Craig Whiteside, "The Thin Blue Line: Police Advising in Dynamic Environments, Iraq (2003-2014) and Afghanistan (2009-2015)," in *Expeditionary Police Advising and Militarization*, D. Stoker and E. Westermann eds. (Helion and Company, Limited, 2017).

Other Publications

Leo Blanken, Ian Rice, Craig Whiteside, "Al-Aqsa Storm Heralds the Rise of Non-state Special Operations," *War on the Rocks*, Nov 2, 2023.

Haroro Ingram, Craig Whiteside, "Generation Killed: The Challenges of Routinizing Global Jihad," *War on the Rocks*, Aug 18, 2022.

Haroro Ingram, Craig Whiteside, "The Islamic State in Crisis," *Foreign Affairs*, February 2022.

Craig Whiteside, "Making the Mark on Leader Targeting," in "Book Review Roundtable: Leader Targeting," chaired by Stephen Tankel, *Texas National Security Review*, October 2021.

Haroro Ingram, Craig Whiteside, and Charlie Winter, "Retransmitting the Caliphate," Strategic Multilayer Assessment, *NSI*, May 2021.

Haroro Ingram, Craig Whiteside, and Charlie Winter, "Lessons from the Islamic State's 'Milestone' Texts and Speeches," Vol 13, Issue 1, *CTC Sentinel*, January 2020.

Haroro Ingram and Craig Whiteside, "Caliph Abu Unknown: Succession and Legitimacy in the Islamic State," *War on the Rocks*, November 25, 2019.

Craig Whiteside, "A Rare Inside Look into ISIL's Franchise Business," in "Book Review Roundtable: A Look into the Islamic State-Khorasan," *Texas National Security Review*, August 2019.

Ian Rice and Craig Whiteside (Aug 2019). "Insurgents and the Flip Side of Special Operations," *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, August 2019.

Haroro Ingram, Craig Whiteside, and Charlie Winter, "The Guerrilla 'Caliph': Speeches that Bookend the Islamic State's 'Caliphate' Era," Vol 12, Issue 5, *CTC Sentinel*, May/June 2019.

Todd Greentree and Craig Whiteside, "Interview: Sowing the Dragon's Teeth: The Enduring Consequences of US Support for the Afghan Mujahedeen during the Cold War," *CTX* 9:2, Spring 2019.

Haroro Ingram and Craig Whiteside, "Do Great Nations Fight Endless Wars? Against the Islamic State, They Might," *War on the Rocks*, February 25, 2019.

Craig Whiteside, book review: "Illusions of Victory: The Anbar Awakening and the Rise of the Islamic State" by Carter Malkasian, *Bustan: The Middle East Book Review* (Penn State University Press), Vol 9, No. 2 (2018).

Craig Whiteside, "Islamic State as a Spoiler in Afghanistan," in "Negotiated Settlement in Afghanistan: Elements of a Grand Bargain," editor Sarah Canna, USCENTCOM White Paper, January 2019.

Haroro Ingram and Craig Whiteside, "The Caliph's Role in the (un)Surprising Resilience of the Islamic State," *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, October 25, 2018.

David Brown, Tim Hoyt, and Craig Whiteside, "The Python Problem: Reflections on the War on Terror, 17 years later," *War on the Rocks*, September 11, 2018.

Craig Whiteside, "War Books: Put on your Boots, Boots, Boots..." *Modern War Institute at West Point*, February 12, 2018.

Craig Whiteside, "While Transitioning, Please Mind the Gap!" *1001 Iraqi Thoughts*, January 29, 2018.

Craig Whiteside and Vera Mironova, "Changing Calculus and Learning from Our Enemies," *The Strategy Bridge*, December 8, 2017.

Craig Whiteside, "Political Primacy, Strategic Risks, and ISIL after the Caliphate," *IraqInContext (blog)*, October 3, 2017.

Haroro Ingram and Craig Whiteside, "In Search of the Virtual Caliphate: Convenient Fallacy, Dangerous Distraction," *War on the Rocks*, September 27, 2017.

Craig Whiteside, "After ISIS Symposium: Will the counter-insurgency tactics used to defeat ISIS help it recruit new fighters?" *Fathom*, Autumn 2017.

Craig Whiteside, "The Day after ISIS: Tending Flowers in the Desert," *BICOM*, July 18, 2017.

Craig Whiteside, "Winning the Blame Game: The Caliphate of Complete Disaster," *ICCT*, July 13, 2017.

Colin Clarke and Craig Whiteside, "Charting the Future of the Modern Caliphate," *War on the Rocks*, May 3, 2017.

Craig Whiteside and Rasha al-Aqeedi, "The Enduring Fight against the Islamic State," Macdonald-Laurier Institute, March 10, 2017.

Haroro Ingram and Craig Whiteside, "The Yemen Raid and the Ghost of Anwar al-Awlaki," *The Atlantic*, February 9, 2017.

Craig Whiteside, "Lighting the Path: The Story of the Islamic State's Media Enterprise," *War on the Rocks*, December 12, 2016.

Will McCants and Craig Whiteside, "The Islamic State's Coming Rural Revival," *Lawfare*, October 2016.

Haroro Ingram and Craig Whiteside, "Unexamined Consequences: Leadership Decapitation and the Rise of ISIL," *On Track*, The Conference of Defense Associations Institute, Summer 2016.

Haroro Ingram and Craig Whiteside, "Don't Kill the Caliph! The Islamic State and the Pitfalls of Leadership Decapitation," *War on the Rocks*, June 2016.

Nicole Drumhiller and Craig A. Whiteside, "Apocalyptic Opportunism: Cult Formation and Violence in an Unstable Nation-State," *American Intelligence Journal*, vol 33, no. 2, p. 31-40, (2016).

Craig Whiteside, "Hassan, Hassan and Michael Weiss. ISIS: Inside the Army of Terror," *Naval War College Review*, Winter 2016, p. 163-4.

Craig Whiteside, "The Moral Hazard of the Fight against the Islamic State in Iraq," *War on the Rocks*, February 2016.

Ian Rice and Craig Whiteside, "The Return of the Zarqawists: How to deal with the Islamic State movement," *CTX Journal*, January 2016.

Craig Whiteside, "Nobody Expects the Islamic State!" *War on the Rocks*, November 2015.

Craig Whiteside, "ISIL's Small Ball Warfare: An Effective Way to Get Back Into a Ballgame," *War on the Rocks*, April 29, 2015.

Craig Whiteside, "Mosul: A Bridge Too Far," *War on the Rocks*, March 18, 2015.

Craig Whiteside, "Catch and Release in the Land of Two Rivers," *War on the Rocks*, December 18, 2014.

Craig Whiteside, *Fallujah Redux: The Anbar Awakening and the Struggle with al Qaeda*, Naval Historical Foundation, November 2014.

Craig Whiteside, "War, Interrupted (Part I and II)," *War on the Rocks*, November 5-6, 2014.

Craig Whiteside, "Obama Shouldn't Lose his Cool over the Islamic State," *War on the Rocks*, September 4, 2014.

Craig Whiteside, "The New Caliph: Just another Broadway Joe," *War on the Rocks*, July 9, 2014.

Craig Whiteside, "Innovation in Integration – Task Force Ranger and Village Stability Operations in Afghanistan, 2010-11," *Small Wars Journal*, 2013.

Conference Presentations

ISSS, Colorado Springs, presented on "Non-state Special Operations," and "Islamic State's Insurgency Doctrine," October 2023.

"Emirate Astray: Ansar al-Islam's failure to join Islamic State," Rebel Consolidation Workshop (as part of a Minerva grant) in Monterey, August 2023.

International Studies Association (ISA) annual convention, Montreal, "Islamic State and the Global Jihad," chaired two panels and discussant for one, March 2023.

ISA annual convention, Nashville, "A Theory of Leadership Succession in Militant Groups;" and "Islamic State's Political Consolidation;" chairing two panels and discussant for two panels, April 2022.

International Conference of the German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO), "State Accompli: Islamic State's Political Consolidation in Pre-Caliphate Iraq," University of Osnabrück, September 2021.

Protracted Arab Civil Wars: Causes and Challenges, "Foundation of the Caliphate," Arab Studies for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, September 2021.

ISA annual convention, "Islamic State Leadership Succession, April 2021.

Islamist Rebel Governance Workshop, discussant for Matthew Bamber, Graduate Institute, Geneva: "Honeymoon, Peak and Degradation: Three Phases of Islamic State's Rebel Governance Effectiveness in Iraq and Syria," October 2020.

"Islamic State Political Consolidation," NPS Rebel Consolidation Workshop, July 2020.

Society of Terrorism Research (STR) Annual Conference, "The Modern Phoenix: Documenting the Insurgent Campaign of the Islamic State of Iraq (2008-2013)," Oslo, Norway, June 2019

Terrorism and Social Media Conference, June 2019, "Transmitting the Caliphates, Real and Imagined," and "The Islamic State Reader: Strategic communications lessons from Islamic State's Fall & Rise & Fall, 2007-18," Swansea, UK, June 2019

NATO Science for Peace Advanced Research Workshop: Counter-Terrorism Lessons from Maritime Piracy and Narcotics Interdiction, "Lake Lanao and The Battle for Marawi: Insurgent Use of the Maritime Domain," Danish Defense College, May 2019.

ISA annual convention, "From Mosul to Marawi;" discussant for this panel, and chair of two other panels, March 2019

Anthropology of Small Wars and Insurgency, "The Islamic State and the Tribal Engagement Experiment," March 2019.

JSOU/SORA Annual Research Symposium, "A Darker Side of Special Operations," Monterey CA, March 2019.

International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) 18th World Summit, "The Future of ISIS in Syria," as part of the panel "The Syrian Quagmire," Herzliya, Israel, September 2018.

ISA annual convention, "Understanding ISIS" and "The Dark Side of Special: IS Emulation of Western SpecOps Capability," San Francisco, April 2018.

Speaker, RAND Insurgency Board, "Irregular Potential Energy: The Resilience of ISIS," Washington D.C., March 2018.

Panel member, Information Warfare in the 21st Century: Media Jihad, a new cold war, and fake news, "In Search of the Virtual Caliphate," Australian National University, Canberra, October 2017.

ISA annual convention, "Non-State Group's Strategic Decisions about Violence;" discussant, "The Changing Nature of Foreign Fighters," February 2017.

Panel member, The Informational Dimension of Hybrid Warfare; Eastern and Western Perspectives, "How the Islamic State (IS) Uses Information Warfare," Kings College, London, January 2017.

Middle Eastern Studies Association Conference (MESA), "Ba'athism, Islamism, and ISIS," Boston, MA, November 2016.

ISA annual convention, "A Case for Terrorism as Genocide," February 2015.

ISA annual convention, "The Rise of Identity over Nationalism: The Expanding Worldview of the Islamic State of Iraq," March 2014.

ISA annual convention, San Francisco, "A Mixed Methods Approach to Understanding Political Violence," April 2013.

ISA annual convention, "Crazy or Cagey? A Psychological Profile of Hamid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan," April 2012.

ISA annual convention, "Apocalyptic Opportunism: Cult Formation and Violence in an Unstable Nation-State," March 2011.

Service to the College, Academy, Government, and Allies

Served on three hiring panels for Naval War College at NPS

Served on three TSDM curriculum review panels (2014, 2017, 2022)

Serve on the NWC at NPS Workshop committee for guest speakers

Led the 2017 TSDM curriculum review and managed curriculum since for NWC at NPS

Naval War College Matthew C. Perry Award for International Research Judge (2016-2022)

Second reader on (14) master's theses, Naval Postgraduate School including 3 international student theses, one PhD committee

Peer reviewed manuscripts for editors at: Terrorism and Political Violence, International Security, RAND Corporation, Contemporary Security Policy, Texas National Security Review, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, Small Wars and Insurgencies, Perspectives on Terrorism, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, RUSI, War on the Rocks, Security Studies, Australian Journal of Defense and Strategic Studies, Hurst Publishers, RESOLVE, Routledge, Palgrave Macmillan, GW Program on Extremism, Columbia University Press, Oxford University Press, Defense and Security Analysis, Journal of Human Rights, Policy and Internet Review

Served as an ISCNE mentor at MIIS for the Army War College simulation (2023)

Served as an expert witness for the US Government in terrorism case (2021)

Supported the DIA IIFP INDOPACOM course (2021)

Briefed US/Allied/EU governmental agencies/military involved in the Counter-ISIL fight:

“DAESH's' Media Strategy and Propaganda Efforts,” Armed Forces of the Philippines invited talk, March 23, 2023

“Islamic State’s Global Enterprise,” 3rd Bn, 3rd Special Forces Group, USSOCCOM, Fort Bragg, NC, 17 March 2022.

“Islamic State and Irregular Warfare,” Special Operations Division Panel, CIWAG, Newport, RI, 5 Mar 2022.

“Islamic State: prospects in 2022,” Canadian Government Privy Council (NSC) and Iraqi Embassy, 2 February 2022.

“Islamic State: current challenges,” Danish (external) Intelligence Service, 6 December 2021.

“Islamic State and Denmark,” Danish Federal Police, 6 October 2021.

“Perspectives on Islamic State Leadership: Past, Present, and Future, CTC West Point (with interview in CTC Sentinel), 17 Sept 2020.

“The Islamic State,” 5th Special Forces Group, USSOCOM, Ft. Campbell, KY, Academic Onboard Brief, 3 September 2020.

“The Islamic State and Great Power Competition,” Joint Staff/SMA Talk, 25 August 2020.

“ISIS Military Strategy and Counterstrategy Lessons for the Philippines,” Lessons from the Global War on ISIS, SCCB Project with Government of the Philippines, Manila, Sep 4, 2019.

USCENTCOM reachback support - Afghanistan, with John Arquilla, Hy Rothstein, Afshon Ostovar, May 16, 2018.

“Mythbusting the Islamic State” to CGSR, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, 29 Nov 2017.

“ISIS” to Tunisian military officers visiting NPS’ Defense Analysis Department, 26 Apr 2017.

“ISIS and the Wilayet Sinai” to Egyptian military officers visiting the NPS, 8 Mar 2017.

“Lighting the Path: The History of the Islamic State Media Department,” in the UK Parliament, hosted by Henry Jackson Society and Lord Kilclooney, 10 January 2017.

“Two trajectories of a future ISIS insurgency in Iraq post-Mosul,” SMA CENTCOM Reachback Cell, November 2016.

“Lighting the Path: The evolution of the Islamic State Media,” SMA CENTCOM Speaker Series, November 2016.

“Introduction to ISIS,” Executive Leader Program for the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS), Naval Postgraduate School, 2 November 2016.

“The Islamic State and the Return of Revolutionary Warfare,” SMA CENTCOM Speaker Series, October 2016.

“Perceptions of ISIL and its Leaders,” Major Terrorist Group Leaders’ Perceptions of US and Western Counterterrorism Resolve, USG Intelligence Agencies, Washington DC, June 2016.

“Introduction to ISIS,” Executive Leader Program for the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS), Naval Postgraduate School, 11 November 2015.

Discussant, “ISIS: Remaining and Expanding,” Naval War College Monterey/Department of Defense Analysis Panel, Naval Postgraduate School, 20 August 2015.

Panel Member, “The Contemporary Strategic Environment,” *Naval War College Monterey Conference on the “Terror War,”* Naval Postgraduate School, 24 April 2015.

Panel Member, “The Islamic State and its Adversaries,” *Naval War College Monterey Faculty Workshop,* Naval Postgraduate School, 27 February 2015.

“The New Caliphate,” *Fleet Seminar Program Workshop,* U.S. Naval War College, August 2014.

“The New Caliph: Just another Broadway Joe,” *Naval War College Faculty Workshop,* Naval Postgraduate School, August 2014.

“When Images and Identity Collide: Islamic State of Iraq, 2003-2012,” *Naval War College Faculty Workshop,* Naval Postgraduate School, January 2014.

Academic Presentations

“Cooperating with the Enemy: Book Talk,” moderator for NWC at NPS Workshop, 4 May 2023.

Generation Jihad, TBP April 2023.

“Islamic State, al-Qaeda, and the State of Global Jihadist Leadership,” GW Program on Extremism, 27 April 2023.

“Unconventional Warfare in the Age of Great Power Competition,” NWC at NPS Workshop, 3 March 2022.

“Soldiers of the End Times,” Washington Institute of Near East Policy, 16 February 2022.

“The Rise of the Islamic State,” SS465 guest lecture, West Point, NY, 12 October 2021.

“Key Personalities of the Islamic State,” University of Maryland START, 6 January 2021.

“10 years of the ICCT: What is next?” ICCT-The Hague, 16 November 2020.

“The Islamic State’s Global Insurgency: Lessons from The ISIS Reader and its counterstrategy implications,” Deakin University, 12 November 2020.

“The State of the Islamic State,” AFPC Webinar, 23 Sept 2020.

Webinar on Islamic State Reader, American Enterprise Institute, 14 July 2020.

“The Islamic State and American Foreign Policy,” World Affairs Council Monterey Bay, 30 June 2020.

“ISIS Reader book talk,” Saatchi Webinar, 23 June 2020.

“Generation Jihad, Episode 8: The Islamic State Reader,” Long War Journal Podcast, 30 April 2020.

“Ground Perspectives on the Wars against the Islamic State,” George Washington Program on Extremism, Mar 5, 2019.

“The Islamic State and the Return of Revolutionary Warfare,” TRENDS Research, Stimson Center, March 2016.

Discussant, “Jihadi Alliance Building (and Breaking): Osama Bin Laden, Abu Mus'ab al-Zarqawi, and the Strategy to Build the Caliphate in Syria,” talk by Brian Fishman, Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), May 2016.

“Government Sanctioned Militias: Poisoning the Patient or Miracle Cure?” The Joseph Kruzel Memorial Foreign and Defense Group, Washington State University, March 2012.

“A Tour of Duty in North Babil Province, Iraq.” The Joseph Kruzel Memorial Foreign and Defense Group, Washington State University, Fall 2009.