**Professors address impacts of National Security Strategy**

A six-person panel addressing potential impacts of the 2015 U.S. National Security Strategy released in February included two Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies professors. The panel was part of the May 19 to 21 LANPAC Symposium and Exposition held in Honolulu. The event, sponsored by the Association of the U.S. Army Institute of Land Warfare, attracted more than 1,250 people from 32 nations.

DKI APCSS' Dr. Virginia Bacay Watson and Dr. Lora Saalman articulated opportunities and challenges for the United States in specific Asia-Pacific sub-regions — Southeast Asia and China/India respectively — in security-related arenas, such as defense and international trade.

The discussion took place within the context the U.S. “rebalance” to the Asia-Pacific region. Among several key points in the strategy are modernizing and upholding alliances with Japan, South Korea, Australia and the Philippines and deepening partnerships with Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia.

**Faculty members join in discussion on Philippines security environment**

Four members of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies faculty joined with the Philippines’ National Security Council and the National Defense College of the Philippines Sept. 21 to 23 to discuss new features defining the Philippines security environment. The event titled “Global and Regional Trends Affecting Philippine Security” took place at the NDCP campus on Camp Aguinaldo in Manila. The DKI APCSS team provided subject matter expertise and facilitation, according to Dr. Virginia Bacay Watson, the Center’s academic lead for the event. Joining Watson were fellow faculty members Drs. Lori Forman, Mohan Malik and Rouben Azizian. Forty-six DKI APCSS alumni took part in the event.

**Video offers inside look at Center’s history, education philosophy**

The Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies has captured on video the essence of its history, operating philosophy, and focus on relationship-building. Featured are interviews with and images of key Center leadership (past and present), staff and alumni. The video can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKxlbToLa1A.

**DKI APCSS hosts India-Japan-U.S. trilateral talks**

Gathering to exchange views on a broad range of regional and global issues of mutual interest, 16 leaders met at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies June 26 for the seventh India-Japan-U.S. dialogue.

Participants addressed a variety of issues, including multilateral institutions in the Asia-Pacific, maritime security, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

Co-chairs included Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Nisha Biswal, and Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Daniel Russel. The Indian delegation was led by Ministry of External Affairs Joint Secretaries Vinay Kwatra, Pradeep Rawat, and Amandeep Gill.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director-General of Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Takio Yamada headed the delegation from the government of Japan.

The deepening of this regular dialogue since 2011 reflects a growing convergence of the regional and global interests as the three countries broaden cooperation to span the region from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.

The meetings are designed to harmonize the three nations’ understanding of challenges, threats and areas of cooperation that contribute to peace and stability.

This is the second trilateral meeting between the three held at DKI APCSS. In May 2014, they gathered at the Center to strengthen collaboration in regional humanitarian assistance and disaster management.
Promoting greater inclusion of women as leaders and policy makers in the security sector, the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies continues to aggressively employ its Women, Peace and Security program as a focal point of its education model.

“We are happy to report that over the past few months, WPS continues to grow in strength and impact, with a few developments well worth noting,” said Dr. Bill Wieninger, one of the Center’s four WPS coordinators. “First, our efforts to increase women’s participation in our courses and workshops continues to succeed, with the Advanced Security Cooperation course (ASC 15-2) having the highest rate of female participation (27 percent) to date.”

Wieninger added the Center has also elevated the number of senior female leaders as guest speakers who offer their views on leadership in a complex security environment. Recent examples include Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James at ASC 15-2 and

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Pacific Air Forces Commander Lori Robinson at ASC 15-1.

“Additionally,” said Wieninger, “we’ve seen a growth in the success of WPS-focused Fellows Projects in recent months.”

For example, Nepal broadcast journalist Aarti Chataut, an alumna of Comprehensive Responses to Terrorism (CSRT 15-1), crafted a project designed to shed light on wartime violence against women and advocate solutions (see story on page 25). According to Wieninger, the Nepalese government embraced Chataut’s project, leading to creation of a national program titled “Orientation on the Concept of Gender and Implementation of UNSCR 1325 and 1820.”

“This is one of a growing number of WPS-focused fellows projects which are building security sector capacity in the region,” said Wieninger.

Further, National Defense University recently published a WPS-focused work by DKI APCSS professor Dr. Miemie Byrd. She contributed a chapter titled “Promoting Women’s Participation in Disaster Management and Building Resilient Communities” to the NDU publication *Women on the Frontlines of Peace and Security* (see synopsis on page 38).

DKI APCSS Director Lt. Gen. Dan Leaf, who oversees the Center’s WPS program, attributed its successes to “a lot of hard work by the faculty and staff and our alumni. We are in this for the long haul and will continue to refine and improve our WPS program and thus enhance security sector governance for the entire Asia-Pacific region.”

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**DKI APCSS team supports workshop focused on HA/DR**

“Creating security for a people-centered ASEAN” was the theme of the Special Operations Forces Pacific workshop held May 25 to 29 in Da Nang, Vietnam. Four Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies professors supported the event focused on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, maritime security, and combating terrorism.

Center participants included Dean Carleton Cramer, Dr. Alexander Vuving, Dr. Alfred Oehlers and professor Shyam Tekwani. The four were among the 75 attendees from nine ASEAN countries and four ASEAN dialogue partner nations.

Participants worked to achieve several key objectives increase dialogue through information exchange; strengthen planning capabilities via information exchange; and provide a venue for sharing best practices.

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**SECAF James addresses ASC 15-2 Fellows**


Her audience included 114 participants in the five-week-long Advanced Security Cooperation course (ASC 15-2).

James is the Department of Defense’s lead official for U.S. airpower, space operations and cybersecurity.

During her speech of roughly 20 minutes, James emphasized the importance of international cooperation, noting her service’s crucial military-to-military ties with Asia-Pacific nations such as China and India. She cited, for example, U.S.-India ties that were central to the two nations’ humanitarian response following the devastating earthquake in Nepal and the evacuation of 450 civilians from Yemen. In the spirit of cooperation, she encouraged ASC Fellows to sustain the relationships they form during the course.

“It’s very important to build a diverse network in thought and background,” she said, adding, “Remember, you will never be able to ‘surge’ in trust. Trust is something that you all are building during this period in the Asia-Pacific Center.”
Center welcomes new foreign policy advisor

Brent Christensen is the new foreign policy advisor at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. He is only the second such advisor in the Center’s 20-year history, and is the first active duty U.S. Foreign Service officer to serve in this position. He replaces retired Ambassador Charles Salmon, who retired in 2014.

Christensen will evaluate the Asia-Pacific region’s political and security environment, and leverage his observations to assist the Center’s leadership in designing and implementing outreach programs and courses.

His principal task is to help the Center evolve its academic programs to address the region’s latest core challenges and meet U.S. Pacific Command theater engagement objectives. These objectives include connecting U.S. and international security leaders in the interest of peace, an effort that Christensen said made the advisor’s job appealing.

Prior to his arrival, Christensen served as deputy director of the American Institute in Taiwan for three years. In this position, he managed the United States’ unofficial mission in Taiwan and supervised its 450 American and local employees. From 2010 to 2012, he contributed to formulation of U.S. policy toward Taiwan as director of the U.S. State Department’s Office of Taiwan Coordination.

Christensen has also served as a counselor for environment, science, technology and health at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and as foreign affairs advisor to former U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe.

His education background includes a master’s degree in East Asian Studies from George Washington University and bachelor’s degree in Chinese from Brigham Young University. He also holds a doctor of dental medicine degree from Oregon Health Sciences University.

As DKI APCSS’ foreign policy advisor, Brent Christensen will use his understanding of the Asia-Pacific region to help evolve the Center’s academic and outreach programs.

IT department ensures vital comm capabilities for DKI APCSS staff, faculty, Fellows

Communication and information capabilities are a critical component of any modern education program.

The Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies information services department provides the Center with the on-line networking, computer maintenance and audiovisual support needed to accomplish its mission.

“Our team provides exceptional education technology, support and services that enrich the DKI APCSS learning environment and enable interaction with the global audiences,” said department head Brad Ong.

The department is comprised of 21 professionals in three divisions: network technology, customer services and visual information.

Prior to, during and after courses and workshops, the staff strives to provide key services such as:

- Maintaining client support for normal computing and network operations;
- Ensuring compliance with U.S. government directives regarding secure computing; and
- Leading modernization, administration and maintenance of the electronic communications infrastructure.

Debbie Fikac (left) and Sharon Godwin transport laptops used by course Fellows to accomplish research and access network capabilities. The two are among the 21 members of the Center’s information services department.
The Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies welcomed a number of new members to its staff while saying goodbye to others during the period May 1 to October 30.

In the executive operations group, U.S. Army Col. Daniel Griffith joined the Center as the chief of staff, replacing USA Col. Doug Mulberry. EOG welcomed USA Capt. Michael Carveli who joined the staff as an operations officer. EOG bid farewell to executive officer U.S. Air Force Maj. Nicholas Torres, the strategy and assessment division’s USA Lt. Col. Susan Smeltzer, and Stephanie Hika from public affairs.


Brent Smith, Scott Shira and Preston Hall joined DABO’s information services team. DABO welcomed Theodore Uyeno, who replaced Corey Dodd in administrative support. TSgt Aristides Cruz joined the facilities division, replacing TSgt. Lester Clayton. DABO bid farewell to operations officer USMC Maj. Yohannes Negga and solar panel project manager Tom Marzec.

The college of security studies bid farewell to professors Dr. Jeffrey Hornung and Dr. Steven Kim, USA Lt. Col. Ian Francis, and USA Fellows Col. Todd Fish, Lt. Col. Kenneth Lawrence, Lt. Col. Benjamin Hwang and Lt. Col. Nathan Springer. College operations said goodbye to Filomena Batayola, who served on a temporary assignment.

The admissions department welcomed USN Yeoman 3rd Class Calandra Castillo, and USA Sgt. Sabrina Williams, and bid farewell to USN Yeoman 2nd Class Katrina Coleman and U.S. Army Sgt. Alexis Santoshenriquez.

The alumni division said goodbye to USA Maj. Raymond Brand.

People who served as interns during this period included Cadets Liana Blatnik, John Stanley and Britton Tremain, Anna Vladykina, John Stanley, Nicholas Liu, Joseph Hinton, Seo Young Myaeng, Julien Teel, Darang Candra, Emma Wendt, Luisa Telnov, Michele Ezaki, Turana Mammadova, Matyas Kreidler, David Lim, Angela Chavers, Alyson Kim, Matthew Merighi, Jacqueline Os-hiro, Renae Syndergaard, Ethan CROSbie and Cody Fultz.

Masayuki Masuda and Mizuho Kajiwara served as a visiting academics.
**APCSS Course Calendar**

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**Understanding Kashmir and Kashmiris**

Understanding Kashmir and Kashmiris is a new book authored by Dr. Christopher Snedden. It provides a comprehensive, informed and even-handed narrative of the Kashmir dispute for a general audience.

The seemingly intractable Kashmir dispute and the fate of the Kashmiris throughout South Asia and beyond are twin themes in Snedden’s book. Its formal synopsis relates that in 1846, the British created the state of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) — popularly called ‘Kashmir’ — and then quickly sold the region to the powerful local raja (ruler), Gulab Singh. Intriguingly, had they retained it, the India-Pakistan dispute over possession of the state may never have arisen, but Britain’s concerns lay elsewhere — expansionist Russia, beguiling Tibet and unstable China ‘circling’ J&K.

In his book, Snedden contextualizes the geo-strategic and historical circumstances surrounding the British decision to relinquish prestigious ‘Kashmir’, and explains how they and four Dogra maharajas consolidated and controlled J&K subsequently.


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**Women on the frontlines of Peace and Security**

*Dr. Miemie Winn Byrd* contributed a chapter to the new National Defense University publication *Women on the Frontlines of Peace and Security*.

Her chapter is titled, “Promoting Women’s Participation in Disaster Management and Building Resilient Communities.” She makes the case that because women are especially vulnerable to the effects of disasters, they should be intimately involved in disaster planning and preparation, including making decisions and allocating resources.

She refers to the U.N. Hyogo Framework, which outlines work required to reduce disaster losses and associated gender issues.

The NDU publication as a whole addresses a wide range of security topics to include women and conflict prevention and integration of women into defense policy.

To read the article, go to http://ndupress.ndu.edu/Books/WomenonthefrontlinesofPeaceandSecurity/ WPSSectionV.aspx#ch16.

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**Sharing perspectives in CSRT**

Omobolanle Sabiu, with Nigeria’s Ministry of Defense, takes part in an exercise as part of a recent Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism course. CSRT provides security practitioners in the Asia-Pacific region, as well as other designated countries around the world, the operational and strategic-level skills necessary to enhance their ability to understand and combat terrorism and transnational threats. CSRT Fellows explore the nature of today’s terrorist threats, and analyze tools and capabilities for combating terrorism and transnational threats to promote appropriate strategies.
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The annual Asia-Pacific Chiefs of Defense Conference took place in Honolulu this year. Among participants in the September event were several alumni pictured at right with U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. (Ret) Dan Leaf, director of DKI APCSS (center). They are (from left to right) Cambodia Gen. Eth Sarath (SEC 08-2), Papua New Guinea Brig. Gen. Gilbert Toropo (EC 03-3), Fiji Commodore Viliame Naupoto (EC 02-3), and Tonga’s Brigadier Honorable Lord Fielakapa (EC 01-1, CCM 12-1).