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David (Dave) Shanahan joined DKI APCSS in December 2004 while still on active duty. He served in roles as Transnational Studies Department Chairman, acting deputy director, and was appointed Deputy Dean, college of Security Studies upon his Army retirement in April 2006. In July of 2015 he transitioned from academic management duties and was appointed as Professor in the College of Security Studies. His academic interests are in Security Sector Development, Technology Implications on Security, and Complexity Management

Mr. Shanahan has lectured and taught electives on, Tools for Complexity Management, Security Sector Development, and Futures Studies. He has served as the Course Manager for DKI APCSS' Transnational Security Cooperation (TSC) Senior Course from 2006-2010. He co-led the DKI APCSS September 2006 workshop on Democratic Transition and Security Reform in Nepal which became the archetype for the transformation of the DKI APCSS conference program to an outcome oriented workshop program. Since, he has co-led or participated in workshops and seminars in various areas including: Civil Military Relations building - Bangladesh (2007&09); Critical Infrastructure Resilience Building - Mongolia (2008); Science, Technology and Security -Honolulu (2010) Security Sector Development: National Priorities and Regional Approaches - Honolulu (2010&11), US-South Asia Leaders Engagement on Disaster Management co-sponsored by Harvard Kennedy School (2012), Biosecurity in Southeast Asia –Philippines (2014); Security Sector Development- Fiji 2015; and Climate Change and Security in High Asia – China 2015.

Prior to his arrival at the Center, he was assigned for three years as the Chief of Staff of U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC) at Ft. Shafter, Hawaii. There he oversaw the post 9/11 evolution of USARPAC's role in providing the base to U.S. Pacific Command Joint Task Force Homeland Defense. During his tenure, USARPAC readied and deployed the preponderance of its assigned forces in operational support to the Global War on Terrorism

In his earlier career, Mr. Shanahan served in a succession of infantry troop assignments culminating with command of 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. While in troop leading positions, he participated in numerous joint and combined training exercises within the United States as well as Japan, Korea, Australia, Philippines, Spain, Germany, and Panama. In He served in the Pentagon's Army Staff, Joint Staff and in Heidelberg, Germany, where he assumed command of the NATO's Allied Land Forces Central Europe Support Group. He was operationally deployed to: the Sinai in 1990-91 as part of the Multinational Force and Observers; to Hurricane Relief operations on Kauai in 1992, and in support of both the Stabilization Force (SFOR) and Kosovo Force (KFOR) in the Balkans. In KFOR, 1999-2000, he commanded a multinational force of 2000 soldiers and civilians comprising 13 nationalities.

He is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College; Army War College fellowship at the Center for Strategic and International Studies; and APCSS Executive Course 04-3. He has a Bachelor of Science in engineering from the United States Military Academy, and a Master of Arts in international relations from the Naval Postgraduate School. His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (2), the Legion of Merit (2), and the U.S. Army Ranger Tab.