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Dr. Miemie Winn Byrd joined the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in 2007. Dr. Byrd researches, teaches, and publishes in the areas of U.S.-Myanmar (Burma) relations; security dynamics in Southeast Asia; economics and security linkages; rising inequality and its implication on security; the roles of private-sector, women, and education in socioeconomic development; civil-military operations; leadership; organizational development & innovation; and transformational learning & adult education.

Some of Dr. Byrd's publications include *"Worlds Apart: Why North Korea Won't Follow Myanmar's Path to Reform"* in *Global Asia*; *"Why the U.S. Should Gender its Counterterrorism Strategy"* in *The Military Review Journal*; *"Combating Terrorism: A Socio-Economic Strategy"* and *"Combating Terrorism with Socioeconomics: Leveraging the Private Sector"* in *Joint Force Quarterly*, a professional military and security journal published for the Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff by National Defense University; and *"Education, Economic Growth, and Social Stability: Why the Three Are Inseparable"* in APCSS' publication, *American and Russian Perspective on Security and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific*. She also served as the editor for USPACOM's Asia-Pacific Economic Update publications from 2005 to 2007.

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