

## Note from the Davis Fellow



Dear CENFAD Community,

This has most assuredly been an intriguing time for the Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy. The knock-on effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have presented new innovation opportunities for CENFAD in general and myself as the 2021-22 Thomas J. Davis Fellow in particular. For instance, many of us have become much more familiar with Zoom during the past academic year, and now that we also have the ability to have in-person meetings once again, CENFAD has opted to host hybrid events as part of our Fall 2021 lecture series. This has permitted lecturers and attendees to be present in the flesh (yay for human contact!), while also continuing to deliver quality content to remote audiences in a “best of both worlds” manner.

Though CENFAD’s director Dr. Alan McPherson himself has been on sabbatical during the past semester, I have nevertheless been extremely grateful for his remote assistance in adjusting to my new



responsibilities, and I have also had the benefit of receiving help from the following CENFAD faculty affiliates, towards whom I am also deeply appreciative: Dr. Jay Lockenour, Dr. Bryant Simon, Dr. Harvey R. Neptune, Dr. Benjamin Talton, Dr. Artemy Kalinovsky, and the CENFAD chair Dr. Petra Goedde. Together, those Temple University faculty and I have coordinated five lectures, each respectively delivered (in order of appearance) by [Dr. Antulio J. Echevarria II](#), [Dr. Judkin Browning](#), [Dr. Julia Irwin](#), [Dr. Glenn E. Robinson](#), and [Joseph “Joe” Weisberg](#). All are available for retrospective viewing on the CENFAD website.

Additionally, in this edition of *Strategic Visions*, readers will find five interviews/Q&A sessions, one being print-exclusive with CENFAD’s inaugural Immerman Fellow, Ethan Cohen, and the other four appearing in both print and video formats: one with [Temple doctoral candidate and former 2017-18 Davis Fellow Eric Perinovic](#) concerning his dissertation work; one with [the aforementioned Dr. Talton](#) regarding his 2019 book [In This Land of Plenty: Mickey Leland and Africa in American Politics](#); one with [Dr. David B. Zierler, Temple PhD alumnus, former 2005-06 Davis Fellow, and current director of the Caltech Heritage Project](#); and one with another [Temple PhD alumnus and former 2014-15 Davis Fellow Dr. Silke Zoller](#), discussing her 2021 book [To Deter and Punish: Global Collaboration Against Terrorism in the 1970s](#).

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Finally, this edition of *Strategic Visions* also contains two book review submissions authored by Temple graduate students. These include a review of Mark Philip Bradley and Mary L. Dudziak's edited collection [\*Making the Forever War: Marilyn B. Young on the Culture and Politics of American Militarism\*](#) by Alexandra Southgate, and a review of Temple alumnus David Johnson Lee's 2021 book [\*The Ends of Modernization: Nicaragua and the United States in the Cold War Era\*](#) by Joseph E. Johnson.

If you have any ideas for submissions or improvements to subsequent editions of *Strategic Visions* (especially the upcoming Spring 2022 edition) or regarding other CENFAD activities, please do not hesitate to let me know. In the meantime, I hope you have a festive and joyous holiday season!

Sincerely,

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