

Note from the Davis Fellow:



Dear CENFAD Community,

It is hard to believe that another semester has past, and what an eventful semester it was! I would like to thank all of you for making this fall semester an incredibly successful one for the Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy. We have hosted seven distinguished speakers in our Colloquium Series, welcomed back a number of Temple University graduates whose first books have been recently published, and rolled out a revamped website on the College of Liberal Arts' new platform. It has truly been a whirlwind of exciting events for CENFAD!

None of these events would be possible without the support that you, the CENFAD community, gives with each and every event. Speaking for both our director Alan McPherson and myself, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude.

Speaking of Dr. McPherson, it has been an absolute honor to work with him in pursuit of maintain and furthering CENFAD's legacy. This semester with CENFAD has been one of the most fulfilling periods of my academic life, and I look forward to continuing our work in the coming months.

This edition of *Strategic Visions* contains a variety of rich contributions from members of the CENFAD community. Temple University's graduate students have been enthusiastic and instrumental in delivering a wide variety of interesting content for our magazine. Joshua Stern contributed

a section of his master's thesis entitled "The Action Plan, Or: How Reagan Convinced the American People to Love the Contras." He argues that a document from the Office of Public Diplomacy titled Public Diplomacy Action Plan: Support for the White House Education Campaign served as the "primary organizational blueprint for one of the largest domestic propaganda campaigns of the 20th century."

Furthermore, we have brief pieces written by two individuals who have recently been very involved with CENFAD. First, the 2017-2018 Davis Fellow Eric Perinovic writes an update on his time in Germany as a Fulbright Scholar. Next, this years non-resident fellow Erik Moore writes an introductory note on is research interests and current projects.

Additionally, *Strategic Visions* contains books reviews of the recent books that our colloquium speakers have published, interviews with select speakers from our colloquium series this fall, and a brief piece that I composed after a conversation with Marc Gallicchio, the Villanova University Professor who earned his PhD at Temple University and is the co-author, along with Waldo Heinrichs, of the Bancroft Prize winning book *Implacable Foes: War in the Pacific, 1944-1945*.

As we move into 2019, I would like point you to our upcoming events. We will be continuing our successful Colloquium Series featuring esteemed historians as well as a conversation

with students from the Army War College in January. Be sure to be on the lookout for future emails with more information. If you have any questions about CENFAD events, both past and present, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Along similar lines, I would also like to invite you to provide me with any feedback about CENFAD. What have we been doing that you like? What can we improve? This invitation is always open, as is my door. Please feel free to send a message or drop by for a chat!

I look forward to seeing you all at our spring events. Have a wonderful break and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Mike Fischer