



## Note from the Davis Fellow

By Brandon Kinney



To the CENFAD Community,

It would be quite the understatement to say that the end of this semester has looked quite different than what any of us were expecting. From the closure of campus to Zoom meetings and classrooms, the current pandemic has completely changed the way we are experiencing higher education. Yet I am thankful and would like to express my gratitude for all those who have helped the Center and me over the past eight months. Without the support of our community, the guidance of Director Dr. Alan McPherson and previous Davis Fellow Michael Fischer, and the participation of our guest lecturers from all over the world, none of this great work would have been possible.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our final two speakers for this semester's colloquium series, but we look forward to seeing Dr. Daniel Immerwahr and Dr. David Engerman in the future. Despite our shortened lecture series, we had an extremely eventful February. Each week, CENFAD hosted one lecture on the topics of NATO, human rights activists, the construction of race in Morocco, and the return of democracy to Chile. We heartily thank Dr. Timothy Sayle, Dr. Sarah Snyder, Dr. Chouki El Hamel, and Dr. Pablo Rubio for joining CENFAD at Temple University and giving us a memorable semester.

For this edition of *Strategic Visions*, two of our guest lecturers, Timothy Sayle and Sarah Snyder, graciously agreed to sit down with me for an interview. You can read my interview with Dr. Sayle about his book *Enduring Alliance: A History of NATO and the Postwar Global Order* [here](#) and my interview with Dr. Snyder about her book *From Selma to Moscow: How Human Rights Activists Transformed U.S. Foreign Policy* [here](#).

In addition, we have three great book reviews from Temple graduate students. Our first reviewer examines Joseph Fry's diplomatic history of the American Civil War in *Lincoln, Seward, and US Foreign Relations in the Civil War*. Our next two reviewers chose books recently published by scheduled lecturers, including Sayle's *Enduring Alliance* and Daniel Immerwahr's *How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States*.

During my tenure as the Thomas Davis Fellow, the Center solicited submissions for the Edwin Sherman Family Prize for Undergraduate Scholarship in Force and Diplomacy. I am happy to announce that, during the Spring and Fall semesters, we received numerous entries from undergraduates in universities all over, and the winner of the prize will be announced in late May.

It has been a great pleasure to work for CENFAD as the Davis Fellow, and I look forward to supporting the Center as I move forward. I know that I and many of my colleagues are looking forward to a time when we can return to campus and visit the archives in search of history again. But, until then, I wish everyone in our community and across the world a safe summer.

Yours in Liberty,  
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