

Note from the Davis Fellow



Dear CENFAD Community,

As my time as the Thomas J. Davis Fellow draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this year such a success. It was an honor to meet and learn from so many different people studying such diverse topics. I would like to thank especially CENFAD's director Alan McPherson, whose leadership and direction continues to make the Center a vibrant and engaging community for the study of military and diplomatic history. Thank you, also, to all the members of the CENFAD community. Your support guarantees that the Center continues to thrive.

The Center's colloquium series welcomed seven distinguished speakers who discussed topics that included the war in Ukraine, the Cold War, Indigenous diplomacy in eighteenth-century North America, the creation of *Sesame Street* in post-Soviet Russia, and the Revolutionary War – easily one of the most topically diverse colloquium series we have had in recent memory. I would like to thank [Mitchell Orenstein](#), [David C. Engerman](#), [Alec Zuercher Reichardt](#), [Alexander Vindman](#), [Marc Selverstone](#), [Natasha Lance Rogoff](#), and [Holly Mayer](#) for sharing their research and experiences with CENFAD. Some of the lectures were not recorded due to the Temple University graduate student worker strike in which I participated, but



lectures that were recorded can be viewed at our [website](#).

In addition to our colloquium series, the Center also hosted a panel organized by the U.S. Army War College. Lastly, we also announced a partnership with the Consulate of Mexico and the Mexican Cultural Center in celebration of the bicentennial of Mexico-U.S. diplomatic relations.

This semester's edition of *Strategic Visions* includes two interviews from visiting speakers. I met with Mitchell Orenstein and Holly Mayer over Zoom to talk about their recent works. These interviews appear in print and video below. This issue also includes two essays from members of the CENFAD community. In his essay, "So You Want to Be President," former Vice President and Treasurer of the World Bank and current member of Temple's College of Liberal Arts Board of Visitors Gene Rotberg discusses opponents of globalization and ways the United States could compete in an increasingly globalized world. Philip Evanson, Associate Professor Emeritus of History at Temple, explores the new obstacles facing Brazilian democracy in "The Brazilian Presidential Election of 2022 and the Crisis in Brazilian Democracy."

Strategic Visions also features news and reviews from current faculty and three graduate students. We highlight a new course, designed by CENFAD-affiliated faculty member Dr. Artemy Kalinovsky, which explored the problems of post-Cold war peace and security in light of the ongoing violence in Ukraine. Graydon Dennison reviewed Robert Kagan's [*The Ghost at the Feast: America and the Collapse of World Order, 1900-1941*](#), Grace Anne Parker reviewed Tanya L. Roth's [*Her Cold War: Women in the U.S. Military, 1945-1980*](#), and Audrey Rankin

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reviewed Erin Woodruff Stone's [*Captives of Conquest: Slavery in the Early Modern Spanish Caribbean.*](#)

Finally, I wish good luck to my colleague and friend Joseph Johnson, who will be succeeding me as the Davis Fellow for the 2023-2024 academic year. I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Ryan Langton