

## DAVEED GARTENSTEIN-ROSS

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A scholar, practitioner and entrepreneur who focuses on understanding and fashioning innovative responses to terrorist groups and other violent non-state actors (VNSAs), *The International Herald Tribune* has described **Dr. Daveed Gartenstein-Ross** as “a rising star in the counterterrorism community.” He is the Chief Executive Officer of the private firm Valens Global. He also serves as a Senior Advisor on Asymmetric Warfare at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and an Associate Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague. Gartenstein-Ross’s past positions have included Senior Advisor to the Director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Office for Community Partnerships, Fellow with Google’s think tank Jigsaw, and Adjunct Assistant Professor in Georgetown University’s Security Studies Program.

Gartenstein-Ross has led a large number of major projects as a practitioner. They include open-source strategic analysis on terrorism and other sub-state threats for U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s (CBP) National Targeting Center to help it safeguard the country’s borders; serving as the lead instructor for over a year for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Individual Terrorism Awareness Course (INTAC); mapping the Islamic State’s (ISIS) digital propaganda and the online counter-ISIS narrative space for Google’s think tank Jigsaw, as it designed its heralded Redirect Method; organizing and facilitating a conference in Nigeria, as an EU-appointed Strategic Communication Expert, helping civil society activists understand militant groups’ use of social media and forge an action plan to counter it; and serving as a subject-matter consultant on the militant group Asaib Ahl al-Haq during a live hostage negotiations with it.

Gartenstein-Ross has served as an expert witness in numerous federal court cases, including a criminal trial, civil suits against state sponsors of terrorism, and several asylum hearings. He has testified on his areas of core competency before the U.S. House and Senate over a dozen times, as well as before the Canadian House of Commons. Gartenstein-Ross is also a frequently featured speaker at events and conferences throughout the globe.

As a scholar, Gartenstein-Ross is the author or volume editor of twenty-three books and monographs, and has a book on jihadist groups’ organizational learning forthcoming in 2020 that has been accepted for publication by Columbia University Press. He has also published widely in the academic and popular press, and is a member of the Editorial Board of the leading peer-reviewed journal *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*. Gartenstein-Ross holds a Ph.D. in world politics from the Catholic University of America and a J.D. from the New York University School of Law.

### POSITIONS

Valens Global, Washington, D.C. Chief Executive Officer, 2014-present.

- Valens is a private organization whose core competency is understanding violent non-state actors from a granular, actor-centric perspective. Its applications of this core expertise include delivering training, threat assessments, and reports; leading strategic simulations (*e.g.*, wargames and tabletop exercises); developing machine-learning tools; and helping clients upgrade their physical security.
- I founded this company and oversaw its growth, beginning with a single employee in August 2014. By July 2019, Valens has around a dozen full-time employees, and had been named to *Entrepreneur Magazine’s* E360 list of the top small businesses in the United States.
- Valens’s major clients include the private sector (including Google/Jigsaw, major oil and gas companies, and a Fortune 100 hotel chain), the U.S. government (including the Army Corps of Engineers, Office of Naval Research, U.S. State Department’s Global Engagement Center, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection), foreign or international institutions (including the European Union, NATO, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Canada’s Department of National Defence), and academic institutions (including Johns Hopkins University).

Advisor, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Washington, D.C., 2017-present.

- I lead a team performing analytic work for the National Targeting Center (NTC), helping NTC to understand key strategic trends related to terrorist groups, cartels, and other violent sub-state actors that could have an impact on U.S. borders.

International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) – The Hague, Netherlands. Associate Fellow, 2013-present.

- I served as a visiting fellow in March–April 2013, during which I lived in The Hague and undertook a major research project on the post-Arab Spring growth of salafi jihadism in Tunisia. The project included field research in Tunisia, and culminated in the study *Ansar al-Sharia Tunisia's Long Game: Dawa, Hisba, and Jihad*, which ICCT published in 2013.

Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD), Washington, D.C. Non-Resident Fellow, 2018-2019; Senior Fellow, 2010-2018; Vice President of Research, 2007-2010.

- FDD is a think tank focused on national security issues. I served as its Vice President of Research from July 2007 through January 2010, after which I served as a Senior Fellow.
- Work for the organization upon which my performance is evaluated includes writing reports; public writings (both academic and popular press); explaining terrorism and sub-state violence in the public sphere (television, radio, speaking to journalists); and briefing policymakers and officials.

Senior Advisor to the Director, Office for Community Partnerships (U.S. Department of Homeland Security), Washington, D.C., 2016-2017.

Jigsaw/Google, New York, N.Y. Fellow, 2016-2017.

- Jigsaw is a think tank and incubator within Google. As it describes its activities, Jigsaw “builds technology to tackle some of the toughest global security challenges facing the world today—from thwarting online censorship to mitigating the threats from digital attacks to countering violent extremism to protecting people from hate and harassment online.”
- My fellowship with Jigsaw is based on the organization’s concern about extremist groups’ use of the online space. I have led five different projects for Jigsaw, most of which remain confidential. One project that has been made public is the Redirect Method for individuals seeking out ISIS propaganda on YouTube.<sup>1</sup>

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. Security Studies Program, Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2013-2017.

The Catholic University of America (M.A. program), Washington, D.C. Lecturer, 2012, 2015.

University of Maryland Institute for Advanced Computer Studies, Faculty Research Assistant, 2013-2014.

The Gartenstein-Ross Group, Washington, D.C. President, 2005-07.

Investigative Project on Terrorism, Washington, D.C. Senior Terrorism Analyst, 2004-05.

Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, Armonk, N.Y. Associate, 2003-04, 2005.

Judge Harry T. Edwards, Washington, D.C. Law Clerk, 2002-03.

## **EDUCATION**

*10,000 Small Businesses* Certificate of Entrepreneurship, sponsored by the Goldman Sachs Foundation, classes held at Babson College, Wellesley, Mass., 2018.

Ph.D., World Politics, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., 2014.

*Dissertation title: “Towards Understanding the Significance of Religion for Jihadi Violent Non-State Actors.”*

M.A., World Politics, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., 2010.

J.D., *magna cum laude*, New York University School of Law, New York, N.Y., 2002.

B.A. with Honors, Communication, *magna cum laude*, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., 1998.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Georgetown University, Security Studies Program (graduate), Washington, D.C., 2013-2017. *Course taught: Violent Non-State Actors.*

University of Southern California, Executive Program in Counter-Terrorism, Los Angeles, Calif., 2013-present. *Course taught: Al-Qaeda and Its Affiliates.*

Adjunct Faculty Member, The Takshashila Institution, Bangalore, India, 2014-present. *Course taught: Violent Non-State Actors.*

Lecturer, The Catholic University of America (graduate), Washington, D.C., 2015. *Course taught: Violent Non-State Actors.*

Lecturer, The Catholic University of America (upper-level undergraduate), Washington, D.C., 2012. *Course taught: Al-Qaeda and Its Affiliates.*

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<sup>1</sup> See coverage of this project in Andy Greenberg, “Google’s Clever Plan to Stop Aspiring ISIS Recruits,” *Wired*, September 7, 2016, at <https://www.wired.com/2016/09/googles-clever-plan-stop-aspiring-isis-recruits/>. I led Valens Global’s efforts to map the counter-extremist narrative space on YouTube for this project.

Instructor, Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace (LDESP) program, Naval Postgraduate School, 2009-present (short seminars). Courses taught, by region:

- *Middle East and North Africa*. Regional Security Re-Alignment and Drivers of Instability in the Levant; Geography of Kuwait; Gulf States: Political, Economic, and Social Trends; The Arab Awakening and Its Implications for Stability; Non-State Actors in the Levant.
- *Horn of Africa*. History of the Horn of Africa; Drivers of Instability and Radicalization in Northeast and East Africa.
- *Afghanistan-Pakistan*. History of Afghanistan; Competing Interests of Afghanistan and Its Neighbors; Afghanistan-Pakistan Relations.

## **GRANTS**

Principal Investigator for grant awarded by the Canadian Department of National Defence's MINDS Program to produce a toolkit for countering foreign disinformation campaigns focused on discrediting Canadian forces deployed abroad (awarded in 2019; \$49,916.40 Canadian).

Principal Investigator for grant awarded by the Canadian Department of National Defence's MINDS Program to study how artificial intelligence can produce better understanding of violent non-state actors at a strategic level (awarded in 2019; ~\$50,000 Canadian).

Principal Investigator for grant awarded by the Canadian Department of National Defence's MINDS Program to study violent non-state actor use of new technologies (awarded in 2019; \$49,916.40 Canadian).

Principal Investigator for grant awarded by the Canadian Department of National Defence's Defence Engagement Program to study jihadist operations in Africa targeting Western interests (awarded in 2017; \$24,983.48 Canadian).

Principal Investigator for grant awarded by the Canadian Department of National Defence's Defence Engagement Program to study possible futures of the Islamic State in North and West Africa (awarded in 2016; \$24,269.79 Canadian).

Principal Investigator for Smith Richardson Foundation to fund the book *Fighting the Far Enemy* (awarded in 2016; \$108,350).

Co-Principal Investigator for Office of Naval Research Grant N00014-16-1-2918, using a big-data approach to anticipate where fractures are likely to occur in jihadist militant organizations (awarded in 2016; three years, \$1.5 million).

The Achelis & Bodman Foundation (\$50,000), Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation (\$40,000) and Kathryn W. Davis Foundation (\$5,000) provided grants to fund my study on terrorist radicalization, which was published as *Homegrown Terrorists in the U.S. and U.K.*, below (2008).

## **LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY**

"ISIS Post Caliphate: Threat Implications for America and the West," testimony before the House Committee on Homeland Security, May 23, 2018.

"Radicalization in the U.S. and the Rise of Terrorism," U.S. House Subcommittee on National Security and the Subcommittee on Government Operations of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 14, 2016.

"Terror in Europe: Safeguarding U.S. Citizens at Home and Abroad," U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, April 5, 2016.

"Boko Haram: The Islamic Insurgency in West Africa," U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, February 24, 2016.

"The Paris Attacks: A Strategic Shift by ISIS?," U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, December 2, 2015.

"The Impact of ISIS on the Homeland and Refugee Resettlement," U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, November 19, 2015.

"Radicalization: Social Media and the Rise of Terrorism," U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, October 28, 2015.

"Admitting Syrian Refugees: The Intelligence Void and the Escalating Homeland Security Threat," U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, June 24, 2015.

- “Jihad 2.0: Social Media in the Next Evolution of Terrorist Recruitment,” U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, May 7, 2015.
- “The Islamic State’s Strengths and Vulnerabilities,” House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development (Canada), February 5, 2015.
- “Successes and Failures of the U.S. and NATO Intervention in Libya,” House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, May 1, 2014.
- “Syria Spillover: The Growing Threat of Terrorism and Sectarianism in the Middle East,” U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, March 6, 2014.
- “State of al-Qaeda, Its Affiliates, and Associated Groups,” U.S. House Armed Services Committee, February 4, 2014.
- “The Terrorist Threat in North Africa: Before and After Benghazi,” Joint U.S. House Subcommittee Hearing of Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, July 10, 2013.
- “Islamic Extremism in American Prisons,” Georgia State Legislature (U.S.), September 11, 2007.
- “Prison Radicalization: Are Terrorist Cells Forming in U.S. Cell Blocks?,” U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, September 19, 2006.

### **EXPERT WITNESS – TESTIMONY (ORAL OR WRITTEN) PROVIDED**

- Fritz v. Islamic Republic of Iran* (District of D.C., 2018). Expert witness for plaintiffs in case centered on Iranian support for the militant group Asaib Ahl al-Haq (AAH), and AAH’s culpability in plaintiffs’ deaths.
- United States v. Young* (Eastern District Virginia, 2017). Expert witness for prosecution in the first criminal trial of an American law enforcement officer for material support for terrorism. Defendant was convicted.
- Foley v. Syrian Arab Republic*, CA 11-699 (District of D.C., 2016). Expert witness for plaintiffs, testifying about the Zarqawi network’s culpability in the deaths of three Americans.
- In the Matter of Abdul Qadir* (Arlington, Va. Immigration Court, 2015). Expert witness on the Taliban in Afghanistan.
- In the Matter of A.D.* (Memphis, Tenn. Immigration Court, 2012). Expert witness on al-Shabaab and country conditions in Somalia.
- In the Matter of B.O. in Removal Proceedings* (Boston Immigration Court, 2012). Expert witness on al-Qaeda’s activities and capabilities in Kenya.
- In the Matter of A.A.W.* (Bloomington, Minnesota Immigration Court, 2012). Expert witness on al-Shabaab and country conditions in Somalia.
- In the Matter of A.A.I.* (Colorado Immigration Court, 2011). Expert witness on al-Shabaab and country conditions in Somalia.
- In the Matter of the Application for Withholding of A.A.M.* (Boston Immigration Court, 2011). Expert witness on al-Shabaab and country conditions in Somalia.
- In the Matter of the Application for Asylum of M.A.A.* (N.J. Immigration Court, 2009). Expert witness on al-Shabaab and country conditions in Somalia.

### **CASES RETAINED AS AN EXPERT WITNESS**

- Sotloff v. Syrian Arab Republic* (D.D.C., litigation ongoing). Retained as expert witness for plaintiffs.
- Fouty v. Syrian Arab Republic* (D.D.C., litigation ongoing). Retained as expert witness for plaintiffs.
- Martinez v. Islamic Republic of Iran* (D.D.C., litigation ongoing). Retained as expert witness for plaintiffs.
- Fields v. Syrian Arab Republic* (D.D.C., litigation ongoing). Retained as expert witness for plaintiffs.
- Arizona v. Chowdbury* (Juvenile Court, Maricopa County, Ariz., 2018). Retained as expert witness by prosecution and served as a litigation consultant. The case resulted in a plea deal, so I did not testify.
- United States v. Abdul Kareem* (District of Arizona, 2016). Retained as expert witness by the defense; did not testify, but served as litigation consultant.

### **SELECTED CLIENT WORK**

- Office of Naval Research. 2016-present. Serve as Principal Investigator on a project using a big-data approach to determine where significant schisms or splits are likely to occur in jihadist organizations.
- Anti-Defamation League. 2018-present. I lead a broad project for ADL designed to supplement the organization’s training and analytic efforts.

Jigsaw/Google. 2015-present. Lead regular research projects for Jigsaw/Google helping the organization understand trends in violent extremism and harassment in the online space, and how they can be countered.

Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). 2009-present. Work as a Subject Matter Expert lecturing for military units deploying to critical regions for NPS's LDESP program.

Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD). 2015-present. In addition to my previous work as a Fellow at FDD, I lead Valens Global's efforts to enhance FDD's security posture. Projects I have led include background checks into new employees, a review of the office's security architecture and procedures, and a personal security review of one of the think tank's executives.

Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF). 2018-present. Lead Subject Matter Expert on three different projects convening international conferences and producing resulting Good Practices Documents (completed Good Practices Document on terrorist use of unmanned aircraft systems in 2019; ongoing work on watch-listing and maritime security).

Global Engagement Center, 2017. I led a project analyzing the audience impact of counter-narratives to extremist content on YouTube. My team automatically extracted 53 variables about relevant videos and accompanying comments. The extracted data was augmented with additional information, including algorithmic language detection, translation, and sentiment scoring to provide a granular look at various metrics and trends.

Wikistrat. 2013-2016. Performed analytic work on multiple client projects for this national-security consulting firm.

NATO. 2016-17. Led study for NATO proposing a new methodology for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of counterterrorism efforts; and designed a software platform to house monitoring and evaluation of future counterterrorism security assistance missions.

European Union Technical Assistance to Nigeria's evolving Security challenges (EUTANS). 2016. Served as a Subject Matter Expert in Strategic Communication. Organized, presented at and facilitated a conference in Abuja where civil society activists were introduced to Boko Haram's use of social media, grappled with their role in responding to online extremism, and produced a Strategic Action Plan.

Check-6. 2014-2016. Led threat analysis for this oil and gas firm, helping them make vital decisions about whether to let their employees travel through certain dangerous or unstable countries.

Ergo. 2013-2016. Subject matter consultant on projects examining terrorist attack risks in New York City and technical details of the Islamic State (ISIS).

Tullow Oil. 2015. Led team conducting an assessment of the likely impact of al-Shabaab's insurgency in Somalia on a possible pipeline investment in the Horn of Africa.

Equinor (formerly Statoil). 2015. Produced an analytic report on ISIS's growth in North Africa.

Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Organization (JIDO). 2014-2015. Worked on four projects: projecting the future (to 2024) of a variety of violent non-state actors; building scenarios in which the Syria conflict could spill into Jordan; analyzing the offensive that the Islamic State (ISIS) undertook in Iraq; and analyzing the Libyan civil war.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands. 2014-2015. Headed major project advising EU policymakers on options for addressing the crisis in North Africa.

Monitor 360. 2012. Subject matter consultant on project examining al-Shabaab's "master narratives."

BAE Systems. 2011. Designed a train-the-trainer course on Somalia; led instruction on al-Shabaab.

Lockheed Martin. 2011. Consultant on conceptual and strategic planning.

U.S. Department of State, Office of Anti-Terrorism Assistance. 2007-2010. Subject Matter Expert designing and leading training for three separate projects (Mitigating Prison Inmate Radicalization course; and modules on Trends in Terrorism, and Terrorism: Overview, Motives, and Methodologies).

Corporate Risk International. 2008-09. Subject matter consultant on Iraqi insurgent group Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq for live hostage negotiation.

### **TRAINING PROGRAMS** (Instructor)

"Armed Rebel Groups and Violent Extremist Groups in the Levant," 158th Military Engagement Team, Phoenix, Ariz., March 2-3, 2019.

"Security Situation and Armed Rebel Groups & Violent Extremist Groups in the Levant," 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Camp Shelby, Mississippi, October 29, 2018.

Individual Terrorism Awareness Course (INTAC), Army Corps of Engineers, Montross, Va., September 9, 2018.

"The Spread of ISIS to the Greater Levant," 158th Military Engagement Team, Phoenix, Ariz., August 21, 2018.

“The World and I: How Global Events Can Shape the Threats You Confront Locally,” Anti-Defamation League, Advanced Training School, Washington, D.C., June 19, 2018.

“The World and I: How Global Events Can Shape the Threats You Confront Locally,” Anti-Defamation League, Advanced Training School, Washington, D.C., December 5, 2017.

“Online Radicalization: Analysis of Social Media & Networks,” Bulgarian Ministry of Interior & Ministry of Defense, Sofia, Bulgaria, September 5-8, 2017.

Individual Terrorism Awareness Course (INTAC), Army Corps of Engineers, Winchester, Va., August 21, 2017.

Individual Terrorism Awareness Course (INTAC), Army Corps of Engineers, Winchester, Va., July 10, 2017.

Individual Terrorism Awareness Course (INTAC), Army Corps of Engineers, Winchester, Va., June 26, 2017.

Individual Terrorism Awareness Course (INTAC), Army Corps of Engineers, Winchester, Va., June 12, 2017.

Individual Terrorism Awareness Course (INTAC), Army Corps of Engineers, Winchester, Va., May 15, 2017.

“Illegal Weapons Traffic & Usage,” U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Washington, DC, May 2, 2017.

Individual Terrorism Awareness Course (INTAC), Army Corps of Engineers, Winchester, Va., April 24, 2017.

Individual Terrorism Awareness Course (INTAC), Army Corps of Engineers, Winchester, Va., March 6, 2017.

“The Islamic State’s European Networks,” U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Washington, DC, February 15, 2017.

“Implications of Refugee Resettlement in Canada,” U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Washington, DC, January 11, 2017.

Individual Terrorism Awareness Course (INTAC), Army Corps of Engineers, Winchester, Va., November 14, 2016.

“The Global Migration Crisis,” U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Washington, DC, November 8, 2016.

U.S. Army Central Command, Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, South Carolina, August 31, 2016.

Individual Terrorism Awareness Course (INTAC), Army Corps of Engineers, Winchester, Va., August 22, 2016.

Maryland Army National Guard, 29th Infantry Division, El Paso, Tex., August 9, 2016.

Individual Terrorism Awareness Course (INTAC), Army Corps of Engineers, Winchester, Va., July 11, 2016.

Individual Terrorism Awareness Course (INTAC), Army Corps of Engineers, Winchester, Va., June 20, 2016.

3-197th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Bliss, Tex., March 20, 2016.

3-197th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Bliss, Tex., February 19, 2015.

4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Tex., October 30, 2014.

4th Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Tex., March 25, 2014.

3rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Fort Knox, Ky., March 12, 2014.

32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Fort McCoy, Wis., February 11, 2014.

3rd Medical Command, Fort Hood, Tex., January 18, 2014.

3-238 General Support Aviation Battalion, Fort Hood, Tex., January 8, 2014.

42nd Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Hood, Tex., October 29, 2013.

19th Engineering Battalion, Fort Knox, Ky., October 1-2, 2013.

2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo., August 6, 2013.

Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., August 4, 2013.

6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry, Fort Hood, Tex., July 24, 2013.

Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., June 22, 2013.

55th Sustainment Brigade, Fort Hood, Tex., June 17, 2013.

2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Tex., February 20-21, 2013.

1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, February 5-6, 2013.

Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., December 2, 2012.

Polish Army Special Forces, Krakow, Poland, Nov. 13-15, 2012.

Counter Threat Training (mirror image course for U.S. military), Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 4-9, 2012.

Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., Oct. 20, 2012.

4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Polk, La., Oct. 9-10, 2012.

Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., Sept. 16, 2012.

38th Sustainment Brigade, North Fort Hood, Tex., Sept. 12-13, 2012.

1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga., Aug. 22-24, 2012.

136th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Fort Hood, Tex., Aug. 17-19, 2012.

311th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 3-5, 2012.

53rd Civil Support Team, Indiana National Guard, Indianapolis, Ind., July 24, 2012.

Croatian Military Academy, Zagreb, Croatia, June 19, 2012.

63rd Signal Battalion, Fort Gordon, Ga., June 5, 2012.

Oregon National Guard, Salem, Ore., May 22, 2012.  
Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., Apr. 21, 2012.  
Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., Feb. 25, 2012.  
5-19th Agribusiness Development Team, Edinburg, Ind., Feb. 9, 2012.  
Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., Jan. 21, 2012.  
Provincial Reconstruction Teams, Camp Atterbury, Ind., Jan. 5, 2012.  
BAE Systems, McLean, Va., Dec. 1, 2011.  
25th Combat Aviation Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Nov. 15, 2011.  
Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., Oct. 15, 2011.  
4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kans., Oct. 12-13, 2011.  
411th Engineer Brigade, New Windsor, N.Y., Sept. 23, 2011.  
76th Brigade Combat Team, Monterey, Calif., Sept. 21-22, 2011.  
Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., Sept. 10, 2011.  
3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Tex., Aug. 18, 2011.  
364th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Fort Bliss, Tex., Aug. 15, 2011.  
Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., Aug. 13, 2011.  
Agricultural Development Teams of Kansas, Minnesota and Mississippi (combined), Salina, Kan., July 22, 2011.  
116th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Camp Shelby, Miss., July 5, 2011.  
3rd Squadron, 124th Cavalry, Texas Army National Guard, Dallas, Tex., June 22, 2011.  
Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., May 21-22, 2011.  
37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Columbus, Ohio, May 20, 2011.  
Texas Agricultural Development Team, Austin, Tex., May 17, 2011.  
29th Combat Aviation Brigade, Monterey, Calif., May 11, 2011.  
I Corps, Fort Lewis, Wash., May 3, 2011.  
4th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, San Antonio, Tex., Apr. 26, 2011.  
Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., Apr. 2-3, 2011.  
I Corps, Fort Lewis, Wash., Mar. 21-22, 2011.  
26th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Fort Hood, Tex., Mar. 12-13, 2011.  
648th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Fort Stewart, Ga., Mar. 10, 2011.  
Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., Feb. 5, 2011.  
36th Infantry Division, 1st Cavalry, Fort Hood, Tex., Jan. 20, 2011.  
1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Tex., Jan. 11, 2011.  
172nd Brigade Combat Team, Grafenwoehr (Germany), Dec. 16, 2010.  
Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., Nov. 13, 2010.  
45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Monterey, Calif., Nov. 10, 2010.  
Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., Oct. 16, 2010.  
2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Oct. 12-13, 2010.  
197th Fires Brigade, Fort McCoy, Wis., Oct. 7, 2010.  
650th Regional Support Group, North Fort Hood, Tex., July 22, 2010.  
Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands, Washington, D.C., July 17, 2010.  
184th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Camp Shelby, Miss., July 6, 2010.  
177th Armored Brigade, Camp Shelby, Miss., June 24, 2010.  
Anti-Money Laundering Association, Rockville, Md., May 14, 2010.  
Oregon National Guard, Warrenton, Ore., Apr. 11-12, 2010.  
Anti-Money Laundering Association, Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 23, 2009.  
U.S. Army Central Command, Atlanta, Ga., July 15, 2009.  
Southern District of Indiana Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council, Indianapolis, Ind., Apr. 13, 2009.  
Northern District of Ohio Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council, Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 23, 2009.  
Northern District of Alabama Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council, Huntsville and Birmingham, Ala., Mar. 16-17, 2009.  
U.S. Department of State Office of Anti-Terrorism Assistance, lecture for senior Qatari officials, Dunn Loring, Va., Feb. 10, 2009.  
LECC Anti-Terrorism Training for South Carolina Law Enforcement, Columbia, S.C., June 5, 2008.  
Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, Suffolk County, N.Y., May 2007.

Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, Suffolk County, N.Y., June 2006.

### **BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS**

- How to Master the Strategic Environment of Sub-State Threats Through Applied Artificial Intelligence* (with E. Chace-Donahue and S. Carvin), report for Canada's Department of National Defence, January 2020.
- Virtual Plotters. Drones. Weaponized AI?: Violent Non-State Actors as Deadly Early Adopters*, report for Canada's Department of National Defence, July 2019.
- Evolving Terror: The Development of Jibadist Operations Targeting Western Interests in Africa* (with J. Zenn, S. Sheaffer & S. Bejdic), Foundation for Defense of Democracies, 2018.
- Islamic State 2021: Possible Futures in North and West Africa*, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, 2017.
- The Islamic State's Global Propaganda Strategy* (with N. Barr and B. Moreng), ICCT—The Hague, 2016.
- Islamic State vs. al-Qaeda: Strategic Dimensions of a Patricidal Conflict* (with J. Fritz, B. Moreng and N. Barr), New America Foundation, 2015.
- The Winner's Messaging Strategy of the Islamic State: Technically Excellent, Vulnerable to Disruption* (with N. Barr), Wikistrat, 2015.
- The Crisis in North Africa: Implications for Europe and Options for EU Policymakers* (with N. Barr, G. Willcoxon, and N. Basuni), Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael, 2015.
- Dignity and Dawn: Libya's Escalating Civil War* (with N. Barr), ICCT—The Hague, 2015.
- Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis's Oath of Allegiance to the Islamic State*, Wikistrat, 2015.
- China's Post-2014 Role in Afghanistan*, Washington, DC: FDD Press, 2014.
- Ed. (with J. Schanzer), *Allies, Adversaries and Enemies: America's Increasingly Complex Alliances*, Washington, DC: FDD Press, 2014.
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“The Current Threat to Civil Aviation,” keynote address, Airport IT & Security 2018 conference, Amsterdam, Dec. 4, 2018.

“#Extremism: Social Media, Recruitment, Radicalization and Counternarratives,” Partnering in Practice: Preventing Social Polarizations conference, Edmonton, Alberta, December 1, 2018.

“The Past, Present and Future of al-Qaeda,” Campbell University, Buies Creek, N.C., September 20, 2018.

“Islamic State’s Virtual Planners Model,” The Jamestown Foundation, Washington, D.C., June 6, 2018.

Panelist on Academic Panel, Defense Combating Terrorism Intelligence Conference, Reston, Va., May 15, 2018.

“Artificial Intelligence and Asymmetric Warfare,” presentation at NESA-AFRICOM Senior Leaders Dialogue, Tunis, Tunisia, May 2, 2018.

“Technology Tsunami,” U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) Young Lions Program, Fort Bragg, N.C., February 7, 2018.

“Evolving Terror: The Development of Jihadist Operations Targeting Western Interests in Africa,” Defence Engagement Program, Canadian Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Jan. 29, 2018.

“The World and I: How Global Events Can Shape the Threats You Confront Locally,” keynote speech, Counter Terrorism Symposium, Miami International Airport Auditorium, Miami, Fla., Jan. 23, 2018.

“The World and I: How Global Events Can Shape the Threats You Confront Locally,” Anti-Defamation League Advanced Training School, Washington, D.C., December 5, 2017.

“Islamic Extremist Propaganda,” Institute of World Politics, Washington, D.C., November 28, 2017.

“Countering Radicalization: What Can Be Done?,” Enriching the Middle East’s Economic Future conference, sponsored by UCLA Center for Middle East Development, Doha, November 13, 2017.

“Combating Online Radicalization” (panelist), Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C., November 9, 2017.

“Technology Tsunami,” U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) Young Lions Program, Fort Bragg, N.C., October 26, 2017.

“The Evolving Jihadist Ideology and Its Implications for the Intentions of al-Qaeda Core and al-Qaeda in Syria,” workshop presentation, Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Ottawa, October 3, 2017.

“Assessing the Next Steps of Foreign Fighters in Iraq/Syria,” workshop presentation, hosted by CENTRA Technologies, Arlington, Va., September 28, 2017.

“Information Tools to Support Counterterrorism Capacity-Building Collaboration,” workshop presentation, NATO Center of Excellence – Defense Against Terrorism, Ankara, Turkey, September 21, 2017.

“Sixteen Years After 9/11: Assessing the Terrorist Threat” (panel), New America Foundation, Washington, D.C., September 11, 2017.

“The Jihadist Landscape in South Asia,” Near East South Asia Center, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., August 14, 2017.

“Change or Continuity Since 2014: ISIS in Global Context,” The Evolving Terrorist Threat conference, The RAND Corporation, Arlington, Va., June 27, 2017.

“Future of the Salafi Jihadist Movement” (presenter), The Ideology of Salafi Jihadism, CENTRA Technologies, conference hosted for the U.S. intelligence community, McLean, Va., June 6, 2017.

“Organizational Adaptation” (panelist), Anticipating Adaptation and Innovation in Terrorist External Attack Planning, CENTRA Technologies, conference hosted for the U.S. intelligence community, Arlington, Va., May 22, 2017.

“Terrorism in 2020” (panel), Department of Defense Combating Terrorism Intelligence Conference, Reston, Va., May 9, 2017.

“Countering Violent Extremism,” presenter and panelist, Homeland Security Training Institute, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Ill., March 29, 2017.

“After the Islamic State: Consequences and Beneficiaries,” panelist, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C., March 7, 2017.

“Counterterrorism/Extremism and the Internet Challenge,” respondent, Quad-Plus Dialogue, hosted at the Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC, March 1, 2017.

“A Deep Dive on al-Qaeda’s Syrian Branch,” Al-Qaeda in 2017 Workshop, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC, March 1, 2017.

“Terrorism in Conflict Zones: Syria in Comparison,” CENTRA Technologies, conference for U.S. intelligence community, Arlington, Va., February 23, 2017.

“The Jihadist Landscape in South Asia,” Near East South Asia Center, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., February 6, 2017.

“What Next? Regional Trends and Threats,” Conference on What the New Administration Needs to Know About Terrorism & Counterterrorism, Georgetown University Center for Security Studies and St Andrews University Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence, Washington, D.C., January 26, 2017.

“How Does it All End?” workshop, panelist, National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), McLean, Va., January 12-13, 2017.

“The Jihadi Threat: ISIS, al-Qaeda and Beyond,” panel, U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C., December 12, 2016.

“The Islamic State’s Virtual Planners: A New Method of Terrorist Attack for the Social Media Age,” Anti-Defamation League Advanced Training School, Washington, D.C., Dec. 6, 2016.

Keynote speech, After ISIL: Stability and Spillover, sponsored by U.S. Army Special Operations Command and the Laboratory for Unconventional Conflict & Simulation (LUCAS), Duke University, Durham, N.C., Dec. 2, 2016.

“The Growing Challenge,” keynote address, Social Media Narratives and Extremism Workshop, sponsored by the Near East South Asia Center, National Defense University, Casablanca, Morocco, August 16-17, 2016.

“The Future of Violent Extremism,” Executive Program in Counter-Terrorism, CREATE center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, August 3, 2016.

“The Jihadist Landscape in South Asia,” Near East South Asia Center, National Defense University, Washington, DC, July 14, 2016.

“As the Rest of the World Gets Online: Implications for Militant Groups, Stability, and Social Change,” keynote speech, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Intel Talk series, Arlington, Va., July 13, 2016.

“Degree of Local and Popular Support for the Islamic State Provinces,” Beyond Syria and Iraq conference, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, D.C., June 9, 2016.

“Transnational Terrorism, Foreign Fighters and Youth Radicalization,” Developing Strategies to Address Contemporary Security Challenges on Europe’s Southern Flank, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch, Germany, May 10, 2016.

“Cyber Technology Roles and Trends in Radicalization,” keynote presentation, U.S. Army Special Operations Command Commander’s Conference, West Point, N.Y., May 4, 2016.

“Jihadism: Can It Be Defeated?,” Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington Forum, Washington, DC, April 13, 2016.

“Global Cyber-Vulnerabilities: Threats, Challenges, and Opportunities,” Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, DC, March 9, 2016.

“The Competition between the Islamic State and al-Qaeda,” The New Global Reality: Challenges and Risks to Regional Stability international conference, Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies, Astana, Kazakhstan, March 2, 2016.

“The Three P’s: Iran, Iraq, ISIS,” Near East South Asia Center, National Defense University, Arlington, Va., February 22, 2016.

“Intellectual Frameworks for Counter-Messaging,” U.S. Special Operations Command Central (SOCCENT), January 26, 2016.

Col. Richard R. Hallock Lecture Series, Columbus State University, Columbus, Ga., October 12, 2015.

“The Competition between the Islamic State and al-Qaeda: Implications for Regional States and the Future of the Jihadist Movement,” NATO Advanced Research Workshop, Brussels, October 6, 2015.

“The Nexus Between Crime and Terror,” Counter-Threat Finance Working Group, U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM), Tampa, Fla., September 22, 2015.

“ISIS: The New Caliphate?,” Near East South Asia Center, National Defense University, Washington, DC, September 21, 2015.

“Lone Wolves and Loose Networks,” International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, World Summit on Counter-Terrorism, Herzliya, Israel, September 9, 2015.

“The ‘Islamic State’: The Future of Global Jihad?,” International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, World Summit on Counter-Terrorism, Herzliya, Israel, September 8, 2015.

“Al-Qaeda and Its Affiliates,” National Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE), Executive Program in Counterterrorism, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, August 19, 2015.

“The Middle East: Now and Next,” The Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, N.Y., August 17, 2015.

“The Chaotic Future of the Middle East,” Near Futures for the Near East: A Government-Academic Dialogue, Minerva Research Initiative/Defense Intelligence Agency, Alexandria, Va., August 5, 2015.

“The Competition between the Islamic State and al-Qaeda,” Center for American Progress, Washington, DC, May 6, 2015.

“Mapping the Global Islamist Insurgency,” Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC, May 5, 2015.

“ISIS: Burning, Beheading and Mass Executions,” Sun Valley Global Affairs Forum, Sun Valley, ID, April 23, 2015.

“Are We Still Fighting a War on Terrorism?,” Washington Forum, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, DC, April 15, 2015.

“Libya’s Escalating Civil War,” Royal United Services Institute, London, 13 March 2015.

“Libya’s Escalating Civil War,” International Centre for Counter-Terrorism—The Hague, March 12, 2015.

“On Tribalism, Jihadists, and Lone Wolf Political Violence,” panel, Understanding the Extremist Threat workshop, Institute for National Strategic Studies, Washington, DC, March 11, 2015.

“Terrorism in Canada,” Infonex Canadian Emergency Management Conference, Ottawa, January 20, 2015.



- “The Islamic State: A New Genre of Foe for a New Media Age,” Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., Nov. 13, 2014.
- “Successes and Failures of the U.S. and NATO Intervention in Libya,” Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Annual Conference, Arlington, Va., Nov. 1, 2014.
- “The ISIL Campaign in Anbar,” National Defense University, Washington, D.C., October 20, 2014.
- “Pakistan: Protests and Policy,” Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C., September 19, 2014.
- “Terrorism and the United Arab Emirates,” National Defense College, Abu Dhabi, September 14, 2014.
- “Competition vs. Cooperation in Global Jihad,” International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, World Summit on Counter-Terrorism, Herzliya, Israel, Sept. 11, 2014.
- “Using a Political Science Ph.D. in DC: Skills and Training for Non-Traditional Opportunities” (panel), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, August 28, 2014.
- “Keeping Our Friends Close and Our Frenemies Closer?” Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C., July 11, 2014.
- “Tunisia and Ansar al-Sharia: Foreign Fighters and the Evolution of a Jihadist Group,” Combating Terrorism Working Group, Brussels, April 24, 2014.
- “Loss of Distance and the Public Intellectual: Twitter’s Impact on How We Interact and Think,” Wake Forest University Argumentation Conference, Winston-Salem, N.C., April 12, 2014.
- “The Prospects of Governance in Somalia,” Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., Mar. 5, 2014.
- “Ansar al-Sharia’s War with Tunisia,” International Centre for Counter-Terrorism—The Hague, The Hague, Netherlands, Feb. 20, 2014.
- “Understanding Al-Qaeda and its Affiliates: A Global Threat or JV Squad?” Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C., Feb. 5, 2014.
- “Social Media: Game Changer or Tool for Regime Exploitation?” Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C., Dec. 11, 2013.
- “Violent Non-State Actors: Strategies and Tactics in Addressing the Problem,” Centre for Public Policy Research, Kochi, India, Dec. 6, 2013.
- “Afghanistan After the United States Drawdown,” Takshashila Institution, Bangalore, India, Dec. 5, 2013.
- “Afghanistan After the United States Drawdown,” O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, India, Dec. 4, 2013.
- “Who Calls the Shots? Syria, Russia, Hezbollah” (discussion), Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Annual Conference, Arlington, Va., Nov. 23, 2013.
- “Ansar al-Sharia Tunisia’s Long Game: Dawa, Hisba, and Jihad,” Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Annual Conference, Arlington, Va., Nov. 22, 2013.
- “Afghanistan After the U.S. Withdrawal,” Takshashila Institution, Graduate Certificate in Public Policy program (webinar), Nov. 16, 2013.
- Panel: “The Challenge of Violent Non-State Actors and the Academy,” Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., Oct. 10, 2013.
- Panel: “Africa’s Youth in the Age of Extremism,” National Committee on American Foreign Policy, New York City, Sept. 26, 2013.
- Panel: “Homegrown Terrorism, Local Initiative, and ‘Lone Wolves,’” International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, World Summit on Counter-Terrorism, Herzliya, Israel, Sept. 11, 2013.
- Panel: “From A to Z: Al-Qaeda Central and Its Affiliates,” International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, World Summit on Counter-Terrorism, Herzliya, Israel, Sept. 10, 2013.
- “Ansar al-Sharia Tunisia: *Dawa, Hisba, and Jihad*,” International Centre for Counter-Terrorism—The Hague, Brussels, Belgium, Apr. 19, 2013.
- “Policy Under Fire: How Should the U.S. Handle the Non-Criminal Detention of Violent Non-State Actors?” Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C., Feb. 22, 2013.
- “Dispatches from Mali,” discussion sponsored by *Foreign Policy* and the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 30, 2013.
- “Why Are Consensus Views So Often Wrong in Regional Security Studies?,” Cultural Knowledge Consortium Speaker Series, online conference, Nov. 30, 2012.
- “Why Are Consensus Views So Often Wrong in Regional Security Studies?,” United States Naval Academy Africa Forum, Annapolis, Md., Oct. 17, 2012.
- “Why Are Consensus Views So Often Wrong in Regional Security Studies?,” Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Annual Conference, Arlington, Va., Oct. 12, 2012.

“Lone Wolf Islamic Terrorism: Abdulhakim Mujahid Muhammad (Carlos Bledsoe) Case Study,” Lone Wolf and Autonomous Cell Terrorism, conference at Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, Sept. 25, 2012.

“Tactics to Undermine Terrorist Organizations,” University of Maryland at College Park, Washington, D.C., Sept. 10, 2012.

“The Arab Spring, Organizational Resiliency, and a New Operating Environment: Al Qaeda’s Outlook 2012,” Defense Intelligence Agency Speaker Series, Washington, D.C., July 31, 2012.

“Combating Olympic Terrorism: National and International Lessons,” Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, Arlington, Va., July 25, 2012.

“Bin Laden’s Legacy: Strategy and the Global Fight Against al Qaeda,” Association for Intelligence Officers, Kennebunk, Maine, May 19, 2012.

“The Arab Awakening and the Future of al Qaeda,” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C., May 10, 2012.

“Homegrown Threats and Radicalization,” 7th Annual Homeland Security Law Institute, American Bar Association, Washington, D.C., Mar. 22, 2012.

“Somalia: America’s Forgotten Battleground,” World Affairs Council of Greater Richmond, Richmond, Va., Feb. 28, 2012.

“Islamist Radicalization,” U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Va., Feb. 22, 2012.

“Al-Qaeda After bin Laden,” School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C., Feb. 21, 2012.

“Bin Laden’s Legacy,” Pakistan Afghanistan Federation Forum, The Pentagon, Arlington, Va., Jan. 20, 2012.

“Foreign Fighter and Radicalization Threats,” Foreign Policy Research Institute, Washington, D.C., Dec. 6, 2011.

“Ungoverned Spaces: The Struggle for Somalia,” Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C., Dec. 2, 2011.

“Bin Laden’s Legacy: U.S. Mistakes in the War on Terror,” Cleveland Council on World Affairs, Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 22, 2011.

“Homegrown Terrorism: The Domestic Threat,” Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, Washington, D.C., Nov. 8, 2011.

“Why al Qaeda is Winning,” Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Annual Conference, Arlington, Va., Nov. 5, 2011.

“The Bin Laden Aftermath,” World Affairs Council of Greater Richmond, Richmond, Va., Oct. 27, 2011.

“Bin Laden’s Troubled Legacy,” New America Foundation, Washington, D.C., Oct. 18, 2011.

“Bin Laden’s Legacy: U.S. Strategy and the ‘War on Terrorism,’” High Point University, High Point, N.C., Oct. 7, 2011.

“9/11/01—Ten Years Later,” Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, Ky., Sept. 12, 2011.

“The Future of Terrorism: Combating the Next Wave,” Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C., Sept. 8, 2011.

“Are We Safer?” (debate with Peter Bergen), National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, University of Maryland, Washington, D.C., Sept. 1, 2011.

“Bin Laden’s Legacy” (Distinguished Speaker Series), National Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE), University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Aug. 4, 2011.

“Terrorist Use of the Internet,” National Counterterrorism Center, Conference on al Qaeda and the Global Threat, Warrenton, Va., July 28, 2011.

“Terrorism in Canada,” Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Ottawa, June 12-13, 2011.

“Terrorism’s New Breeding Grounds: Somalia,” AIPAC Policy Conference, Washington, D.C., May 22, 2011.

“Ideas, Identity, and Terror” (keynote speech), The Impact of Identity Politics on Violent Extremism: Regional Perspectives, Global Futures Forum, Monterey, Calif., Apr. 7, 2011.

“Homegrown Terrorists and Lone Wolves,” Government Security Conference and Expo, Washington, D.C., Mar. 29, 2011.

“Countering Terrorist Narratives,” Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C., Feb. 11, 2011.

“Domestic Intelligence: New Powers, New Risks,” Brennan Center for Justice (New York University School of Law), Washington, D.C., Jan. 18, 2011.

“Countering Youth Radicalization,” Preventing Youth Radicalization Conference, Ottawa Police Service, Ottawa, Dec. 7, 2010.

“Islamic Radicalization to 2025,” Special Operations Command Europe (SOCEUR), Component Commander’s Conference, Garmisch, Germany, Nov. 16, 2010.

- “The Economic Strategy of Jihad,” Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Annual Conference, Arlington, Va., Nov. 6, 2010.
- “The al Qaeda Plot in Europe: Testing Transatlantic Security Cooperation,” Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C., Oct. 15, 2010.
- “Somalia Case Study,” The Foreign Fighter Problem Conference, Foreign Policy Research Institute, Washington, D.C., Sept. 27, 2010.
- “Americans in al Qaeda,” International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, World Summit on Counter-Terrorism, Herzliya, Israel, Sept. 15, 2010.
- “The Danger of ‘Homegrown’ Terrorism in the U.S.A.,” Universität Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany, Sept. 9, 2010.
- “Academic Perspectives on al-Shabaab,” Inter-Agency Task Force’s Counter-Radicalization Branch, U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM), Washington, D.C., June 2010.
- “The Future of Anti-Money Laundering Efforts,” John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York City, June 9, 2010.
- “Al Qaeda and the Dynamics of Local: Somalia Case Study,” National Defense University, Washington, D.C., April 21, 2010.
- “The War Against al Qaeda in Somalia,” American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C., Apr. 19, 2010.
- “Terrorist De-Radicalization Programs,” Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C., Mar. 26, 2010.
- “Islam and the West,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Sept. 2009.
- “Pakistan’s Military and Religious Extremism,” Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Freeport (The Bahamas), June 11, 2009.
- “PKK Challenges Ahead,” Assembly of Turkish American Associations Convention, Arlington, Va., May 16, 2008.
- “Radicalization in the West,” Manhattan Institute, New York City, Apr. 8, 2008.
- “Assessing the Surge,” Cato Institute, Washington, D.C., Sept. 20, 2007.
- “Homegrown Terrorists and Converts,” L.A.P.D. Joint Regional Intelligence Conference, Los Angeles, April 12, 2007.

#### **ACADEMIC PEER REVIEW**

I am a member of the Editorial Board of the peer-reviewed journal *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*. I have also served as a peer reviewer for book publishers Columbia University Press and Continuum International Publishing; for the journals *African Security*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *The Journal of International Law and International Relations*, and *Terrorism and Political Violence*, and for monographs published by the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague.

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Safe Communities Institute Fellow, University of Southern California, 2016-present.

Distinguished Alumni Award, American Debate Association, 2015.

Senior Fellow. Homeland Security Policy Institute, George Washington University. 2010-2015.

Leader Development for Education and Sustained Peace Support Excellence Award (Naval Postgraduate School). 2009.

Lincoln Fellow. The Claremont Institute. Newport Beach, Calif. 2007.

#### **LANGUAGES**

*English*: native fluency.

*Italian*: advanced reading; intermediate speaking and writing.

*Spanish*: advanced reading; intermediate speaking and writing.

*French*: intermediate reading, basic speaking and writing.

*Arabic*: basic reading and speaking.