



# RECONNECT, OPPORTUNITIES & IMPACT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28  
4:00-5:00 P.M.  
VIA ZOOM

MERSHON CENTER  
FOR INTERNATIONAL  
SECURITY STUDIES



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## Updates

- Access to Mershon Center building
  - Contact Kyle for access to materials. Please do not use for workspace
- Move to Derby Hall
  - Staff expected to move during fall semester
- Changes due to COVID-19
  - All events online, all funding grants extended due to travel ban
- First Fridays
  - Continuing in fall with focus on US election: October 4 and Nov 6
- Diversity Initiative
  - Mershon will implement a diversity pledge for programming and is forming a diversity and inclusion task force to develop future initiatives
- Call for Grant Proposals
  - Separate calls for each research cluster. Check website for dates

# American Foreign & Military Policy Cluster

**Richard Herrmann**

*Social and Behavioral Sciences Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science*

**Peter Mansoor**

*Gen. Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History*

**Jennifer Siegel**

*Professor of History*



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# American Foreign & Military Policy – Fall Events

## Discussion Groups

- **Sept. 17, 4-5 pm:** Origins of the Iraq War (Joe Stieb) – Postdoctoral scholar Joe Stieb will open this discussion with a brief talk about his forthcoming book on the formation of the regime-change consensus vis-à-vis Saddam Hussein's Iraq.
- **Oct. 22, 4-5 pm:** Civil-Military Relations in the United States (Peter Mansoor and Dakota Rudesill)
- **Nov. 19, 4-5 pm:** The Future of Biological Security (Host TBD)

## Speaker Series

- **Sept. 3, 3:30-5 pm:** Jennifer Siegel (Chair), Peter Mansoor, Mark Grimsley, Hasan Kwame Jeffries: Renaming U.S. Military Bases – This panel will examine the history and politics surrounding the renaming of U.S. military bases currently named for Confederate officers.
- **Oct. 6, 3:30-5 pm:** Scott Sagan: Nuclear Security
- **Nov. 10, 3:30-5pm:** Simon Miles, *Engaging the Evil Empire: Washington, Moscow, and the Beginning of the End of the Cold War* – Simon will discuss his new book about Reagan and Gorbachev's Diplomacy in the 1980s.

# Program for the Study of Realist Foreign Policy

**Randall Schweller**

*Professor of Political Science,*

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# Security and Governance Cluster

**Dakota Rudesill**

*Associate Professor of Law*

**Alexander Thompson**

*Associate Professor of Political Science*

**Thomas Wood**

*Assistant Professor of Political Science*



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# Security and Governance Cluster

- **Cluster overview**

- New security threats related to technology, information, and human security
- New challenges to good governance and institutions from the domestic to global levels
- Interdisciplinarity; policy, data and theory

- **Current activities**

- Comparative National Elections Project (CNEP)
- Events on national security law, politics, and elections
  - Spring and summer conferences with Election Law @Moritz
- Research on media and disinformation campaigns
  - Tom Wood, Yunkang Yang, Dorry Noyes
  - Follow-up to January 2020 Mershon conference on Informational Power



# Security and Governance Cluster

- **Coming up this year**
  - October conference “The Ballot and the Sword: The 2020 Election and the U.S. Military”
  - November conference on the presidential transition
  - ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security conference (early 2021)
  - *Just Security* blog posts and edited volume on good government
  - Speakers in the spring
- **Faculty grants**
  - Call for Proposals this fall, due in January
  - Likely themes: global governance, international order, and human security
- **How others can be involved**
  - Submit a grant proposal, attend our events, and feel free to contact us!
  - Cluster leaders:
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# Comparative National Elections Project

**Richard Gunther**

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**Paul Beck**

*Emeritus Professor and Academy Professor of Political Science*



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# Ask Me Anything

Mershon Center Director Chris Gelpi



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