



# INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES (ISSS) SECTION

## 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

### FULL REPORT

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The annual meeting with ISAC was hosted by the Five Colleges, Inc. (Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst) from October 8 - 10, 2015. The conference had 225 registered participants presenting in 55 panels. The conference also featured a photo exhibit and talk by the Nairobi-based National Geographic award winning photographer Pete Muller presenting his work on "Masculinity and Conflict" as well as a premier showing of the new documentary "The United Nations: The Last Station Before Hell" and a talk by Professor Lise Morje Howard of Georgetown University who served as the academic advisor to the project. The keynote address was given by Dr. Colin Kahl, Deputy Assistant to the President and National Security Advisor to Vice President Joseph Biden. The conference ran a budgetary surplus. Our thanks to Jon Western and his assistant Linda Fernandes and to his program team from the Five College International Relations Program for a very successful conference.

We are looking forward to next year's conference at Notre Dame University (South Bend, Indiana) in October 2016, hosted by Dan Lindley.

ISSS membership remains, by far, the largest ISA section with 1580 members. The section continues to grow, with membership up by over 14 percent in the last two years. As of December 1, 2015, we had \$106,646 in our accounts. In an effort spearheaded by the section Treasurer, Erik Dahl, we also raised \$13,100 from 18 different sponsors for the ISSS reception at the 2016 annual ISA conference, Atlanta, not all of which is captured in the section account total.

ISSS will present four awards at the 2016 conference. Martha Crenshaw of Stanford University won the ISSS Distinguished Scholar Award. Alex Downes of the George Washington University was the recipient of the section's newly created Emerging Scholar Award. The ISSS Best Book Award goes to Vipin Narang, of MIT, for his book *Nuclear Strategy in the Modern Era: Regional Powers and International Conflict (Princeton Studies in International History and Politics)*. The co-winners of the Patricia Weitsman Award for Outstanding ISSS Graduate Paper are Amanda Rothschild for her paper, "Tipping Theory: Origins of Great Britain's Suppression of the Slave Trade and Implications for Today's Collective Action Problems" and Mark Bell for his paper, "Beyond Emboldenment: The Effects of Nuclear Weapons on State Foreign Policy." They will receive their awards at the ISSS reception at the ISA conference in Atlanta. Each of the ISSS awards comes with a \$500 prize and plaque to honor the winners.

ISSS's conference program for 2016 in Atlanta remains the largest section program. It was ably assembled this year by Eugene Gholz, University of Texas, Austin.

The new ISA journal, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, is now up and running, with former section chair, Deborah Avant (University of Denver), Editor-in-Chief. The editorial team is now receiving and evaluating

manuscripts. The section provided a substantial allocation to help fund a workshop for participants in the special issue that will initiate the journal.

The section is now in the process of conducting elections for four seats on the ISSS Governing Council. Maria Rost Rublee, Vice Chair of the Section, is overseeing this process. Current office holders, their terms, and the members of the various section committees are listed below.

James H. Lebovic, Section Chair  
February 2015 - February 2017  
George Washington University

Maria Rost Rublee, Section Vice-Chair  
February 2015 - February 2017  
Monash University

Erik Dahl, Treasurer  
February 2015 - April 2018  
Naval Postgraduate School

Charles Eugene Gholz, Section Program Chair  
February 2015 - March 2016  
University of Texas

Jon Western, ISSS-ISAC Conference Director  
October 2015  
Mount Holyoke College

## GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jon Western  
February 2015 - April 2018  
Mount Holyoke College

Charles Eugene Gholz  
February 2015 - April 2018  
University of Texas

Christopher Layne  
February 2015 - April 2018  
Texas A & M University

Julia M. Macdonald (graduate-student representative)  
February 2015 - April 2018  
George Washington University

Kelly M. Greenhill  
February 2015 - April 2018  
Tufts University, Harvard University

Patrick James  
February 2015 - April 2018  
University of Southern California

Kimberly Marten  
April 2014 - March 2017  
Barnard College

James Wirtz  
April 2014 - March 2017  
Naval Postgraduate School

Fiona Adamson  
through spring 2016  
SOAS, University of London

Stacie Goddard  
through spring 2016  
Wellesley College

Richard Lacquement  
through spring 2016  
U.S. Army War College

Maria Rost Rublee  
through spring 2016  
Australian National University

#### ADVISORY COUNCIL (THROUGH MARCH 2016)

James Wirtz  
Naval Postgraduate School

Stacie Goddard  
Wellesley College

Jon Western  
Mount Holyoke College

Charles Eugene Gholz  
University of Texas

Maria Rost Rublee, ex officio  
Australian National University

Erik Dahl, ex officio  
Naval Postgraduate School

## SCHOLAR AWARD COMMITTEE (THROUGH MARCH 2016)

Kimberly Marten, Co-Chair  
Barnard College

Stephen Martin Walt, Co-Chair  
Harvard University

Karen Rasler, Member  
Indiana University

Courtenay R. Conrad, Member  
University of California, Merced

David M. Edelstein, Member  
Georgetown University

## PATRICIA WEITSMAN AWARD COMMITTEE (BEST GRADUATE PAPER) (THROUGH MARCH 2016)

Kelly M. Greenhill, Chair  
Tufts University, Harvard University

Patrick James, Chair  
University of Southern California

Julia M. Macdonald, Chair  
George Washington University

## BEST BOOK SELECTION COMMITTEE (THROUGH MARCH 2016)

Christopher Layne, Chair Texas A & M University

Patricia Sullivan, Member  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Ronald Krebs, Member University of Minnesota

## ISSS COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE (THROUGH MARCH 2016)

Maria Rost Rublee, Chair  
Australian National University

Richard Lacquement  
U.S. Army War College

Fiona Adamson  
SOAS, University of London

James H. Lebovic, H-Diplo-ISS Forum Representative  
February 2015 - February 2017  
George Washington University

Erik Dahl, Fundraising  
February 2015 - March 2016  
Naval Postgraduate School