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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Every day is full of new opportunities at CITS. Opportunities for world-renowned experts to connect across disciplinary lines and work on pressing national security challenges. Opportunities for the community to interact with our network of scholars and practitioners during free-of-charge public events and lectures. Opportunities for students to learn the national security tradecraft while gaining real-world experience through meaningful internship and employment opportunities.

In just the past year, we have seen all of these opportunities - and others - accelerate. And I want to thank our faculty, staff, students, and fellows for their ingenuity, commitment and hard work that makes these opportunities possible. We work on a range of complicated issues, including how to meet 21st century energy demands, how to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction, and how to protect the world's population from violence. These are challenging problems, but they are also opportunities for everyone at CITS to make real contributions. In this way, CITS is a true center of applied research. We leverage the incredible insights made by our faculty and our network of practitioners and apply them to solving real-world problems. And the opportunity to work on these problems translates into real-world credentials for our students. Graduates of our Richard B. Russell Security Leadership Program (SLP)

and our Master of International Policy (MIP) program are uniquely equipped to make the world a safer place. They receive specialized training in areas such as energy, WMDs and human security that sets them apart from their peers. Beyond the classroom, they support CITS research and policy work in a variety of critical roles. They receive on-the-job experience conducting rigorous research, while also making substantive impacts on projects funded by the State Department, the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy. And they benefit tremendously from CITS' ongoing partnerships in the private and public sectors, including with KPMG, Georgia Power, Savannah River National Laboratory and the Department of Commerce, to name just a few. These strategic partnerships have created an abundant supply of graduate assistantships, internships and job opportunities, and a wealth of experiential learning opportunities for our students.

As a result, in 2023 alone our students have notched incredible accomplishments in the U.S. intelligence community, federal law enforcement, national laboratories, as well as multinational corporations and international nonprofits. Just take a look at some of their impressive resumes on pages 24 and 25 of this report. They are truly making a difference across sectors, industries and countries.

All of the opportunities at CITS do not occur by chance. They are possible because of the ongoing dedication of our faculty, staff,

students and fellows. And they are only possible with your support. I hope that you will consider making a gift to CITS this year to help sustain these opportunities and create new ones for our students and our community.

On a personal note, I am thankful each and every day to be a part of this amazing and storied organization. It is filled with some of the best colleagues, students and friends I have had the pleasure to know. My day is always full of opportunity. As we look ahead to another year, we are excited about all of the opportunities that the future holds.



Thank you,

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'J. Conrad', written over a dark background.

Justin Conrad

*Gary K. Bertsch Director,
Center for International Trade and Security
Professor of International Affairs*

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Thanks to your generous support, CITS facilitates a wide range of research, teaching and policy work in three critical areas: International Security and Nonproliferation, Energy Security, and Human Security. CITS serves as a true “center” of activity, bringing together diverse teams of scholars, practitioners, and students to clearly identify problems and develop solutions.

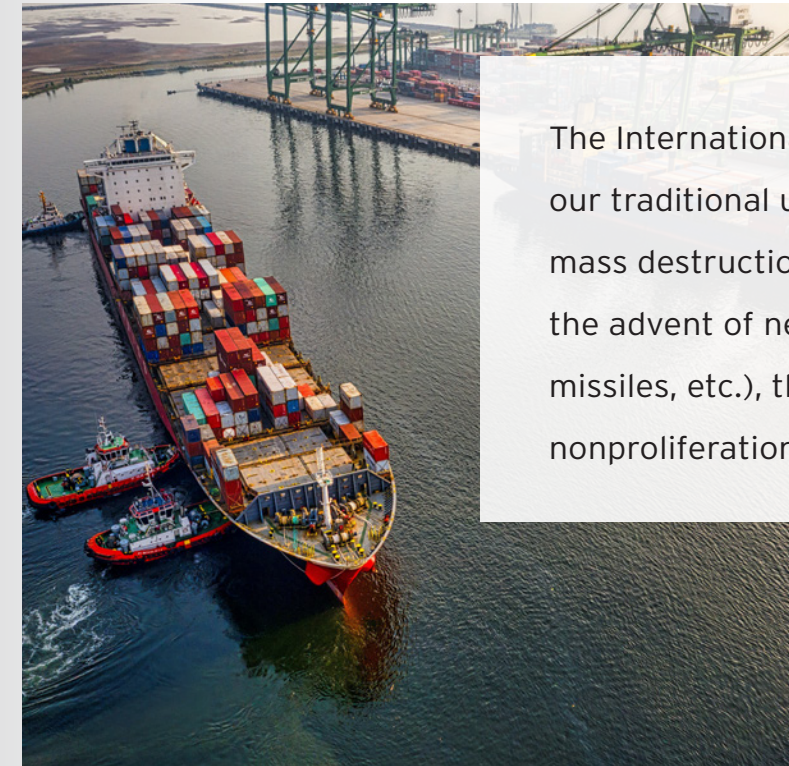
ENERGY SECURITY

The Energy Security initiative addresses emerging security challenges resulting from the global transition away from high-carbon energy sources. The link between energy policy and national security is well established, but the specter of climate change has elevated its urgency. The initiative brings together prominent academic voices as well as experienced practitioners and policymakers to develop timely solutions.



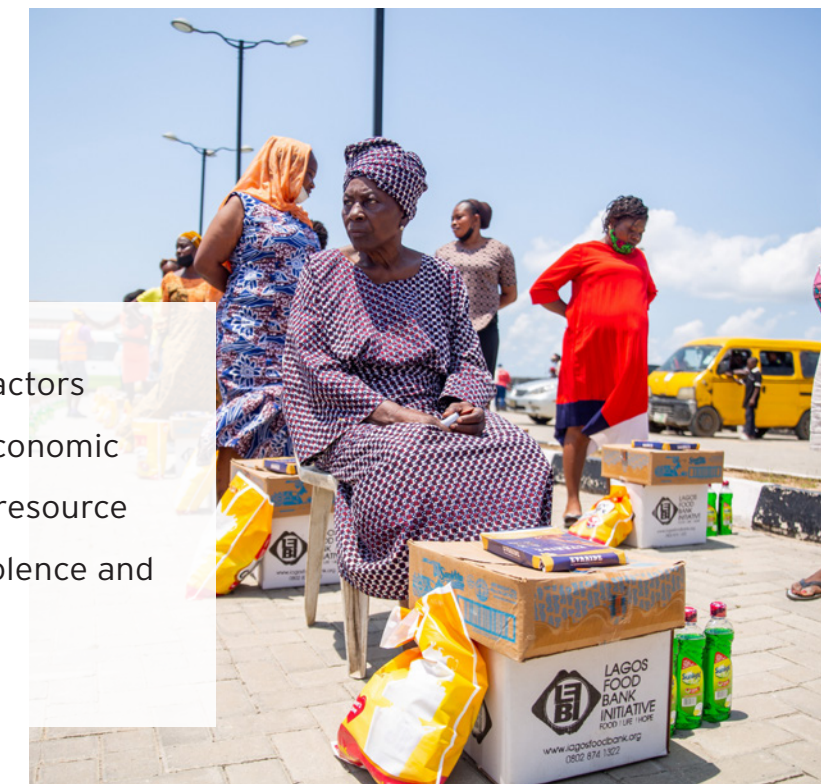
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND NONPROLIFERATION

The International Security and Nonproliferation initiative re-examines our traditional understandings of the proliferation and use of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs). Incorporating new theoretical approaches and the advent of new technologies (e.g., artificial intelligence, hypersonic missiles, etc.), the project seeks to develop a model of deterrence and nonproliferation that is relevant for the 21st century.



HUMAN SECURITY

The Human Security initiative examines a range of factors that influence or threaten the physical, social, and economic well-being of humans. These factors include natural resource and agricultural scarcity, climate change, political violence and political protest, human rights, and migration.



FACULTY FELLOWS

CITS was proud to welcome two exceptional scholars as Faculty Fellows during the year. These professors are applying their significant expertise in law enforcement, public administration, political economy, and artificial intelligence to illuminate issues of international security.



L. JASON ANASTASOPOULOS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF STATISTICS

Political economy of technology, international political economy, public administration

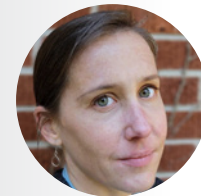


INKYU KANG

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

Policing, public management

FACULTY FELLOWS ARE CRITICAL TO THE CENTER'S RESEARCH, TEACHING, POLICY IMPLEMENTATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH MISSIONS. OUR RETURNING FELLOWS THIS YEAR:



EMILY BELL

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Environmental governance, collaborative processes



JEFFREY D. BEREJIKIAN

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, JOSIAH MEIGS DISTINGUISHED TEACHING PROFESSOR

Nuclear deterrence, foreign policy



DAVID GATTIE

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING

Energy policy, Energy security



RONGBIN HAN

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Political participation, authoritarianism, democratization, China



VICTORIA HASKO

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LANGUAGE AND LITERACY EDUCATION

DIRECTOR, RUSSIAN FLAGSHIP PROGRAM

Second language acquisition, bilingualism and cognition



GOPINATH MUNISAMY

PROFESSOR, AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS

International trade and investment, agricultural policy, economic development



AMANDA MURDIE

THOMAS P. AND JEAN LAUTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Intergovernmental organizations, human security



ROBERTO PERDISCI

PATTY AND D.R. GRIMES DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE FOR CYBERSECURITY AND PRIVACY

Networked systems security



RYAN POWERS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

International trade, globalization, public opinion



MEGAN TURNBULL

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Political order, political violence, Sub-Saharan Africa

CITS FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

JASON ANASTASOPOULOS

"When Blame Avoidance Backfires: Responses To Performance Framing And Outgroup Scapegoating During The Covid-19 Pandemic." *Governance*, 2022. (with Gregory Porumbescu, Donald Moynihan and Asmus Leth Olsen)

EMILY BELL

"Press, Pulse, And Perceptions: How Does Media Attention Signal Perceptions About Environmental Crises?" *Risks, Hazards and Crisis in Public Policy*, 2023. (with Tomás Olivier, Martín I García Asorey and Alejandra Rodas-Gaiter)

"Assessing Performance And Capacity Of Us Drinking Water Systems." *Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management*, 2023. (with Katy Hansen and Megan Mullin)

"External Drivers Of Participation In Regional Collaborative Water Planning." *Policy Studies Journal*, 2022. (with Amanda Fencel and Megan Mullin)

JEFFREY BEREJIKIAN

"Strategic Trade Professionals On The Future Of Non-Proliferation." *Center for International Trade and Security*, 2023. (with Justin Conrad and Ryan Powers)

"Is There A Public-Military Gap In The United States? Evaluating Foundational Foreign Policy Beliefs." *Armed Forces and Society*, 2022. (with Zachary Zwald)

JUSTIN CONRAD

"Natural Resource Exploitation And Military Spending." *International Studies Quarterly*, 2023.

"Rebel Human Rights Abuses During Civil Wars: Introducing The Rebel Human Rights Violations Dataset." *Journal of Peace Research*, 2023. (with James Igoe Walsh and Beth Elise Whitaker)

"Strategic Trade Professionals On The Future Of Non-Proliferation." *Center for International Trade and Security*, 2023. (with Jeffrey Berejikian and Ryan Powers)

DAVID GATTIE

"US Hyperfocus On Decarbonization Creates Geopolitical Blind Spots." *The Hill*, March 2023.

"America's Energy Transition: Security-Centric, Globally-Engaged, Climate-Inclusive." *Heliyon*, 2022. (with Timothy Foutz, Chase Dunca, and Joshua Massey)

RONGBIN HAN

"Racial And Gender Stereotypes In Immigration Attitudes: Evidence From China." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 2023. (with Li Shao, Juan Du and Dongshu Liu)

"Cosmetic Responsiveness: Why And How Local Authorities Respond To Mundane Online Complaints In China." *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, 2023. (with Yuan Wang)

"Scaling Authoritarian Information Control: How China Adjusts The Level Of Online Censorship." *Political Research Quarterly*, 2022. (with Li Shao)

"Opportunistic Bargaining: Negotiating Distribution In China." *China Quarterly*, 2022. (with Juan Du and Li Shao)

INKYU KANG

"Beyond Street-Level Procedural Justice: Social Construction, Policy Shift, And Ethnic Disparities In Confidence In Government Institutions." *Governance*, 2022.

"Mapping Out The Motivational Basis Of Active Representation As Intergroup Behavior." *Public Administration*, 2022. (with Sebastian Jilke)

JOSHUA MASSEY

"America's Energy Transition: Security-Centric, Globally-Engaged, Climate-Inclusive." *Heliyon*, 2022. (with David Gattie, Timothy Foutz, and Chase Duncan)

GOPINATH MUNISAMY

"International Market Information And Agricultural Commodity Price Dynamics." *Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies*, 2022. (with Sei Jeong)

"Anomalies And Recoveries In Agricultural Trade." *International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium*, 2022. (with Savin Khadka and Feras A. Batarseh)

AMANDA MURDIE

"Pressures From Home And Abroad: Economic Sanctions And Target Government Response To Domestic Campaigns." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2023. (with Ryan Yu-Lin Liou and Dursun Peksen)

"How Closing Civil Society Space Affects NGO-Government Interactions." *Journal of Human Rights*, 2023. (with Shanshan Lian)

"The Blame Game: Public Outcry And Terrorism Within And Exported From The Sanctioned State." *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 2023. (with Nazli Avdan, Bryan R Early, Ryan Yu-Lin Liou and Dursun Peksen)

"Why The Public Supports The Human Rights Of Prisoners And Asylum

Seekers: An Experimental Approach." *Political Research Quarterly*, 2022. (with Charles Crabtree, Jeong-Woo Koo and Kiyoteru Tsutsui)

"From Age To Agency: Frame Adoption And Diffusion Concerning The International Human Rights Norm Against Child, Early, And Forced Marriage." *Human Rights Review*, 2022. (with Morgan Barney, Baekwan Park, Jacqueline Hart and Margo Mullinax)

"Civil-Military Relations And Human Rights." *Armed Forces and Society*, 2022. (with Sam R Bell, K Chad Clay and Ghashia Kiyani)

ROBERTO PERDISCI

"TRIDENT: Towards Detecting And Mitigating Web-Based Social Engineering Attacks." *32st USENIX Security Symposium*, 2023. (with Zheng Yang, Joey Allen, Matthew Landen and Wenke Lee)

"PhishInPatterns: Measuring Elicited User Interactions At Scale On Phishing Websites." *Proceedings of the 22nd ACM Internet Measurement Conference*, 2022. (with Karthika Subramani, William Melicher, Oleksii Starov and Phani Vadrevu)

"Returning To Port: Efficient Detection Of Home Router Devices." *IEEE Conference on Communications and Network Security*, 2022. (Thomas Papastergiou and Manos Antonakakis)

RYAN POWERS

"Can Increasing Awareness Of Gender Gaps In International Relations Help

Close Them? Evidence From A Scholar Ranking Experiment." *International Studies Perspectives*, 2023. (Emily B Jackson, Daniel Maliniak, Eric Parajon, Susan Peterson and Michael J Tierney)

"Great Expectations: The Democratic Advantage In Trade Attitudes." *World Politics*, 2023. (Frederick R Chen and Jon CW Pevehouse)

"Strategic Trade Professionals On The Future Of Non-Proliferation." *Center for International Trade and Security*, 2023. (with Jeff Berejikian and Justin Conrad)

"The Myth Of The Eclectic IR Scholar?" *International Studies Perspectives*, 2022. (Helen V Milner and Erik Voeten)

"Trade Politics At The Checkout Lane: Ethnocentrism And Consumer Preferences." *Political Science Research and Methods*, 2022. (with Alexa Bankert and Geoffrey Sheagley)

"Does Social Science Inform Foreign Policy? Evidence From A Survey Of US National Security, Trade, And Development Officials." *International Studies Quarterly*, 2022. (with Paul C Avey, Michael C Desch, Eric Parajon, Susan Peterson and Michael J Tierney)

MARYANN E. GALLAGHER

"Is He Speaking Our Language? Donald Trump's Leadership Traits in Comparison with Previous Presidents." *Political Science Quarterly*, 2022. (with Susan Allen)

NEW NONRESIDENT FELLOWS

The Center for International Trade and Security is strengthened by an extensive network of practitioners and scholars who contribute to the Center's activities through our Nonresident Fellow program. Each Nonresident Fellow is a leader in their respective field.



MOLLY ARIOTTI

Expert, African politics and security



MOLLY BERKEMEIER

Expert, nuclear politics, nonproliferation and arms control



LOUIS CONDE

Senior Associate, Trade and Customs Practice, KPMG



DARRELL BLOCKER

Former CIA Deputy Director for Counterterrorism



DAVE BRANCH

Former Commander, U.S. Army Offensive Cyber Brigade



RONNY JUST

Former Governmental Relations Manager, Georgia Power

TOGETHER, THE EXPERTISE OF OUR FELLOWS ADDRESSES NEARLY EVERY ASPECT OF CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

RETURNING NONRESIDENT FELLOWS

ANTONIO V. BUTLER, JR.

Foreign Service Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Bahamas

SHANNON N. GREEN

Senior Advisor to the Administrator and Executive Director of the Anti-Corruption Task Force, USAID

JAMES HOLMES

J.C. Wylie Chair of Maritime Strategy, U.S. Naval War College

MARTY KAUTZ

Retired Special Agent, Department of Homeland Security and President, MKV & Associates

COL. MATTHEW KOPP

Director for US Army Security Cooperation with African Land Forces, United States Army

IGOR KHRIPUNOV

Nuclear Security Expert and Consultant, International Atomic Energy Agency

MYUNGHEE LEE

Assistant Professor, James Madison College at Michigan State University

ANNA MAGOULAS

Senior Manager for Global Trade Compliance, Raytheon

WILLIAM "JEFF" MERRELL

Vice President for Strategic Export Control, Rolls-Royce North America

T. JAMES MIN II

Partner, LimNexus

WALT SANSOT

Senior Nonproliferation Specialist, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

JACK SLAGLE

Global trade expert and consultant

WARREN STEMBRIDGE

Retired CIA Officer and Senior Advisor and Client Executive, Amentum

TAMMY TAYLOR

Associate Laboratory Director for Global Security, Savannah River National Laboratory

ANDREA VISKI

Director, Strategic Trade Research Institute

ANNE-CHARLOTTE MERRELL WETTERWIK

Policy Assistant, Research & Innovation Office, Delegation of the European Union to the United States

JOE D. WHITLEY

Former General Counsel of the Department of Homeland Security and Shareholder, Baker Donelson

ALYS WILLMAN

Senior Consultant, World Bank

NORA WEBB WILLIAMS

Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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SECURITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

SLP Alumni and Friends,

This has been a remarkable year for student achievements and the development of the Richard B. Russell Security Leadership Program (SLP).

The first semester of the SLP, which focuses on the policy writing and analysis skills essential to a career in security, was redesigned this year in line with UGA's new Active Learning initiative. Students put the policy writing and oral briefing skills they developed throughout the fall to the test in a two-week simulation of the US National Security Council (NSC). As members of the NSC they collaborated to write a National Security Strategy, as well as juggled a number of "ripped- from-the-headlines" crises, such as an incident in the South China Sea, and several surprise crises. Students' reflections at the end of the semester highlighted the skills they honed, especially writing policy briefs and advising others on short notice, and the lasting connections they formed with each other.

Students in the SLP were introduced to grant writing this year and had the opportunity to develop a grant proposal for a potential program that CITS could run to increase youth engagement in security issues. Many of our students go on to careers involving grant writing and I'm grateful to the alumni who pointed out this critical gap in our skills

training. SLP students developed many exciting grant ideas, however the winning team, *Fission Forward: A Nuclear Security Educational Program*, was selected by a panel of SLP alum and the students - Alex Drahos, Sahar Joshi, and Riley Mied - were awarded the Sam Nunn Scholarship.

The highlight of the SLP program for many students was the CITS Spring Break Trip to Washington, DC. Students from the SLP and MIP had the opportunity to visit a variety of government institutions, think tanks, and private sector organizations. One notable visit was to the Commerce Department where we heard from a panel of speakers, including Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement, Kevin Kurland. We are grateful to the nearly 75 DC-based SLP and MIP alumni who joined us for dinner at Carmines and can't wait to see you all again in March 2024!

In the spring semester students completed independent research projects on issues ranging from terrorist groups targeting strategies, to the relationship between organized crime and environmental degradation, to the prospects for a European common defense. (See page 21 for a full list of titles). The intensive research component of the SLP has had a profound impact on students, who go on to shape the UGA community and national security space far beyond Athens. According to UGA's 2023 Rhodes Scholar, Natalie Navarrete, "It was in the Security

Leadership Program that I started learning about nuclear policy and nuclear strategy within the field of international affairs...I did my first research connecting how Russian investments in media and education influence the way Latin American countries vote on security issues in the United Nations Security Council. From there, everything sort of snowballed." Recent alumni have published their SLP research, including Olivia Bauer in Georgetown's *Democracy & Society* and Andrew Zach in the *Columbia Undergraduate Law Review*.

The professionalization meetings that students participate in throughout the year, coupled with alumni visits and the trip to DC, have had substantial effects on the places where SLP students are interning, working, and continuing their studies. Students in the most recent cohort spent this summer interning with organizations such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta Police Department's

Homeland Security Unit, Noblis, and the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies. Our recent graduates have accepted positions at the US Department of Justice, Department of Treasury, Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, and Deloitte, among many other excellent employers. Those pursuing postgraduate law degrees and graduate programs were accepted to institutions including Harvard, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Georgetown, and, of course, UGA (Go Dawgs!).

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SECURITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

Among the many achievements and honors of SLP students that we celebrated this year were:

- Natalie Navarette - 2023 Rhodes Scholar
- Sophy Macartney - 2023 Scoville Fellow (Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation)
- Alexis Nash - 2023 Payne Fellow (USAID)
- 3 Fulbright Awardees (Zainub Ali - India; Lindsey Rhyne - Taiwan; Christopher Rosselot - Ecuador)
- 2 Boren Scholarship Awardees (Simi Kolodka and Mariah Cady - Kazakhstan)
- Sudhan Chitgopkar was UGA's 2023 Commencement Speaker and Connor Stockenberg was one of SPIA's convocation speakers.

All of us at CITS are excited to welcome the new cohort of SLP students, who represent majors across campus including International Affairs, Economics, Russian, French, and Journalism. Finally, we are thrilled that starting in January 2024 we will bring the SLP back to two cohorts per year. This means that twice as many students will be able to have access to the opportunities, skills training, and alumni network that has made the SLP such a remarkable program for UGA students.

On behalf of the SLP, thank you for all that you as alumni and friends have done to help support these formative student experiences and maintain the SLP's prominence in training the next generation of national security leaders. We're excited for the opportunities that the year ahead will bring!



Best Wishes,

Maryann E. Gallagher, PhD

Director, Richard B. Russell Security Leadership Program
Senior Lecturer, Department of International Affairs



RESEARCH TITLES

- LUKE CAGGIANO "The Russo-Ukrainian War and Support for European Defense Integration among EU Public Officials"
- SUDHAN CHITGOPKAR "Trusting Zero-Trust: How Public Trust in State Financial Institutions Affects Cryptocurrency Adoption Rates"
- ALEX DRAHOS "The Space Race: Examining Terrorist Attacks in Urban Public and Private Spaces"
- JACQUELINE GANUN "Do Women Editors Lead News Teams to Report More on Sexual Violence During Conflict? A Study of War Reporting in Ukraine and Tigrey, Ethiopia"
- SAHAR JOSHI "Sticks and Stones: Words as Modern Warfare"
- DANIEL KLEIN "Who Gets to Be Innocent? The Role of Gender in Civilian Casualties and Public Support for Military Action"
- RILEY MIED "Does Ideology Influence the Perpetration of Domestic Abuse by Extremists"
- THOMPSON MILES "Inside the Mind of Whistleblowers"
- SOFIA MOHAMED "Forced Migration And Infectious Disease: How Does Conflict Increase The Spread Of Infectious Disease?"
- ALEXIS NASH "Energy Catalysts: Are Women Driving the Energy Transition"
- SHEKINA SHINDANO "Invisibility is Not Superpower: Intersectional Invisibility and Black Women in National Security"
- CONNOR STOCKENBERG "Democracy's Rising Fever: Democratic Erosion and the COVID-19 Pandemic"
- ABBY THEN "Education with Conditions: Analyzing the U.S.' Strategic Use of Foreign Aid"
- KEVIN VEGA "Dangerous Economies: The Environmental Costs of Organized Crime"

MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Most students enter the MIP program with a well-honed story detailing their career goals. With little exception, the story outlines their intentions to pursue a meaningful career working abroad either as a government official, or as a representative of an international organization or non-profit. Lofty aspirations are a key ingredient to student success, but aspirations alone rarely lead to successful job and internship placements. The primary objective of the MIP is to transform well-intentioned students into competitive applicants vying for highly sought after security-policy careers.

We accomplish this transformation in several ways. Beginning at orientation, MIP students are counseled that time is short. Twenty-two months is a deceptively brief period to develop the knowledge, skills, and professional practices necessary to be competitive on the job market. The message is reinforced by faculty and a curriculum that is specially designed with an applied focus. This post-graduation emphasis instills a sense of purpose and a sense of urgency that serves our students well. As a result, students are more deliberate about their coursework, more attentive to experiential opportunities, and more strategic about their job searches.

This year we formalized the MIP Career Speaker

Series, an initiative to further bolster our student's competitiveness on the job market. The MIP Career Speaker Series brings security-policy practitioners to UGA's campus to engage with MIP students in the classroom as well as in one-on-one and small group settings. During these visits, speakers discuss their personal career paths, speak in-depth about the agencies and industries they represent, share open employment and internship positions, and offer a wealth of career advice. In addition to representing a variety of U.S. Government agencies, international organizations, and private corporations, many of our guests are UGA / SPIA alum. More than guest speakers, these practitioners represent a community of professionals invested in the welfare and success of CITS students.

Participants in the 2022-23 MIP Speaker Series included Mr. Kevin Kurland, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement at the Department of Commerce; Mr. Blake Pritchett, Deputy Director at the Office of Economic Sanctions Policy and Implementation at the Department of State; Mr. Bobby Wetherington, Export Control and Interdiction Analyst at the Department of Energy; Mr. Robert Mudano, National Security Analyst at Savannah River National Lab; Dr. Alys Willman, Senior Consultant

at the World Bank; Dr. Jode Willingham, U.S. Intelligence Officer; Ms. Dina Molaison, Senior International Trade Specialist at the Department of Commerce; and Ms. Kate Doty, Advisor for Nonproliferation Treaties and Agreements at Pacific Northwest National Lab. Private sector guests included Mr. Louis Conde, Mr. Eduardo Carillo, and Mr. George Zaharatos from KPMG, as well as Mr. Warren Stembridge, a senior advisor for Amentum's Intelligence National Security Solutions practice.

The time spent with our guests proved informative and productive. Graduates from the MIP class of 2023 accepted positions across the national security enterprise including Los Alamos National Lab, Pacific Northwest National Lab, KPMG, Deloitte, and Noblis. Other members of the 2023 cohort were awarded prominent fellowships, for example, the Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF), National Nuclear Security Administration Graduate Fellowship (NGFP), and the Della Ratta Fellowship with the Partnership for Global Security. Their junior peers in the class of 2024 gained valuable experience interning at the Carter Center, Department of Commerce, Sandia National Lab, Savannah River National Lab, Lockheed Martin, Huntington Ingalls Industries, Office of Naval

Intelligence, and the American Foreign Policy Council. Additionally, several MIPs participated in summer courses hosted by Brookhaven National Lab, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, and Pacific Northwest National Lab.

The MIP Speaker Series is the newest way we are assisting CITS students with fulfilling their lofty career aspirations. Thanks to the continued support of CITS' many friends, faculty, practitioners, and loyal alumni the MIP program continues to evolve and better prepare the next generation of security-policy professionals.



Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua N. X. Massey". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joshua Massey
Director, Master of International Policy
Senior Research Associate, Center for International Trade and Security



**MIP GRADUATE
CAPSTONES AND
PLACEMENT**



WILLIAM MATHISON

Export Controls as a Foreign Policy Tool to Combat the Rise of Asian Surveillance States
Deloitte, Atlanta



CHASE DUNCAN

Dragon's Gambit: Chinese Grand Strategy in Decarbonization Technology Supply Chains
KPMG, Atlanta



JULIA HARISAY

Reclaiming U.S. Nuclear Leadership Through Advanced Reactor Development
NNSA Graduate Fellow
Department of State



BEN HEXAMER

Trade Security in the Age of Climate Calamity
KPMG, Atlanta



ELLIE JOHNSON

The Proliferation Threat Posed by Hypersonic Missiles and the Insufficiency of Multilateral Export Control Regimes
Los Alamos National Laboratory



BRADEN SANDERS

Little Engines That Can: Novel National Security Policy Approaches in Freight Rail and Energy Security
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory



HYUNGJOO SHIN

Challenges and Opportunities for Korea in the U.S.-China Competition
Institute for National Security Strategy



SETH SUGERMAN

Supplying an American Nuclear Renaissance: Challenges and Opportunities for Government and Industry
KPMG, Atlanta



MICHAEL SWAY

The Nuclear Bedrock to Build America's Carbon Free Tomorrow
Della Ratta Fellow, Partnership for Global Security



STEPHEN TALIK

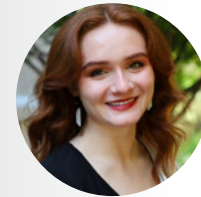
Seeking Semiconductor Security
KPMG, Dallas



REBECCA WILSON

Technology Facilitated Gender Based Violence and What Can Be Done
KPMG, Boston

**RICHARD B. RUSSELL SECURITY
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (SLP)
HONORS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



NATALIE NAVARRETE

2023 Rhodes Scholar
MPhil in Russian and East European Studies, Oxford University



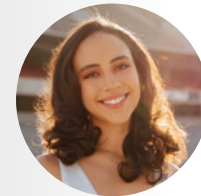
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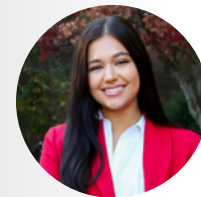
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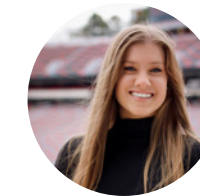
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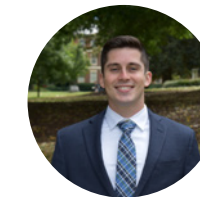
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CITS DC TRIP

Our Security Leadership Program (SLP) and Master of International Policy (MIP) students traveled to Washington, D.C. over Spring Break. Among the many stops this year, the students visited the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the State Department, and the Brookings Institution. The D.C. trip continues to be one of the most popular offerings at CITS, connecting our students to future employers and allowing them to see the inner workings of the nation's capital. The trip was made possible thanks to generous donations from our friends, including the Richard B. Russell Foundation, UGA's Parents Leadership Council, and Mrs. Robin Benson.



"The environment created by CITS and its donors is very supportive of our endeavors, and I am incredibly grateful to be a part of it. This trip opportunity is just one example of the commitment this organization has in equipping the students with what they require in order to succeed in their future career roles."

SARAH FETTER

"From the State Department to Brookings and everything in between, it was incredibly encouraging to see so many alumni in places that honestly I never really thought I'd be capable of working in. The trip overall helped me to see that I can be in these fields and that I'm equipped to do so."

CONNOR STOCKENBERG

"I'm incredibly appreciative for our close-knit alumni group that continues to cultivate strong relationships with current students as well as the organizations that work to provide us with vital information and advice to succeed in a variety of careers within the national security realm."

MADDIE GLEW



PROJECT GO

In 2023, CITS launched the Project Global Officer (GO) program in cooperation with UGA's College of Education. The UGA program immerses Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets in the Russian language, culture, and communities of the Baltic states. The 9-credit program offers an intensive study abroad experience that capitalizes on intellectually rich cultural hubs of the Russian-language émigré in Riga, the Latvian capital on the Baltic Sea. The intensive immersion is designed to enable students to make rapid progress in Russian, while acquiring regional expertise in a strategically important geopolitical context of Eastern Europe/the Baltics/NATO. The program is generously supported by the Institute of International Education and the U.S. Department of Defense.

COMING SOON

NAVIGATING EXPORT CONTROLS PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

Beginning in 2024, CITS will offer its first professional certificate course, Navigating Export Controls (NEC). This 9-week course is designed for working professionals with busy schedules who have little or no background in export control compliance. The fully online curriculum is ideal for anyone whose professional role requires an understanding of, or a sensitivity to, export control regulations. And it will assist these professionals with developing and implementing internal compliance programs (ICP) at their companies.



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2022-2023 LECTURE SERIES



DARRELL M. BLOCKER

Former CIA Deputy Director for Counterterrorism

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John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor in Land Policy, Michigan State University

"Shocks, Resilience and Development: Policy Implications for Africa"



MARY WATERS

Deputy Commissioner, International Trade, Georgia Department of Economic Development

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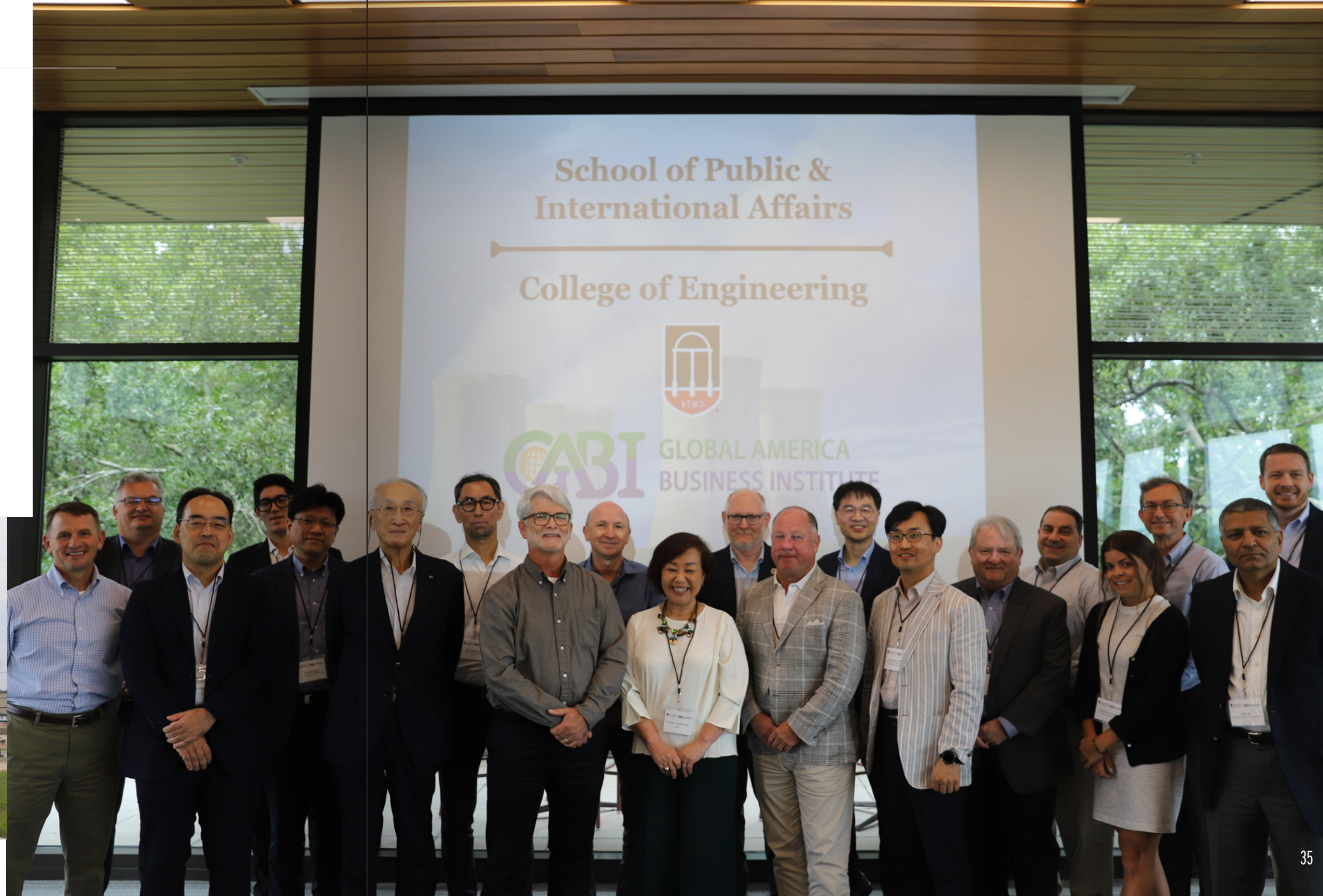
SK-Korea Foundation Chair in Korea Studies at Brookings Institution & Professor at Catholic University of America

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY MEETINGS ON RUSSIAN MALIGN INFLUENCE

Beginning in 2022, CITS launched a series of international meetings bringing together experts across a range of disciplines. These experts examined Russia's malign activities beyond the battlefield, including the use of disinformation/misinformation, cyber coercion and chemical and biological weapons. They also offered creative approaches to mitigating this behavior. Participants and attendees joined us from across North America, Europe and Asia.

NUCLEAR SUMMIT

In partnership with the College of Engineering, CITS convened a multinational group of experts in a high-level workshop to discuss the development of innovative institutional models and frameworks facilitating the global deployment of nuclear technologies around the world. Representatives from the U.S., Canada, Korea and Japan gathered in Athens for the three-day workshop, which included a day-long tour of the facilities and nuclear reactors under construction at Vogtle Power Plant near Augusta. Our partners at the Global American Business Institute helped to make the event a success.





COMPREHENSIVE BORDER MANAGEMENT ACADEMY (CBMA)

As UGA's academic year came to a close, the 2nd annual Comprehensive Border Management (CBMA) was just getting started. This year's Academy was bigger and better than ever, including visits to the world's busiest airport (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International) and the world's longest international border (US-Canada). We were honored to host customs, trade, and border officials from five countries in North Africa - Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia. Over the course of two weeks, these officials received comprehensive border security training, taking into account such factors as refugee flows, political violence, public health and the proliferation of conventional and unconventional weapons. Thanks to our partners at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) and the U.S. Department of State, the 2023 Academy was a great success.



SAVANNAH RIVER NATIONAL LABORATORY

As part of our ongoing relationship with Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL), CITS students began interning at the lab in 2022 in support of SRNL's missions. Students worked in the areas of nonproliferation, space policy, nuclear waste management and environmental management. Additionally, CITS faculty continued to provide high-level analysis and consultation to the lab's leadership. This included advising on the creation of the Department of Energy's Regulatory Center of Excellence, now located at the lab. The relationship between CITS and SRNL has been highly productive and mutually beneficial, and we look forward to deepening this relationship in the years to come.

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