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## History and Mission

Since 1983, the National Strategy Forum, a non-profit, non-partisan organization, has focused on the issues and trends affecting U.S. national strategy and national security.

A well-informed public is vital to the development of civic responsibility and a viable security structure, and the National Strategy Forum's principal mission is to promote open and informed public dialogue about national security topics such as international terrorism, homeland security and defense, continuity of public and private sector operations after a catastrophic incident, and civilian emergency preparedness. Public education programs include the National Strategy Forum Speaker Series (6-8 lectures annually) and a national security journal, the *National Strategy Forum Review*. There is no charge for membership in the National Strategy Forum, only an annual member fundraising campaign.

In addition to its public education programs, the National Strategy Forum conducts conferences on various subjects relating to national security.

## Speaker Series

### Recent Speakers:

- *Transitions and Challenges in the Military* -- **General Peter W. Chiarelli**, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, addressed the current challenges to the U.S. military, including budget cuts, adapting to 21st century technology and warfighting, the drawdown in Afghanistan and Iraq, and helping veterans of the military after their service in these arenas.
- *The Quest: Energy, Security and the Remaking of the Modern World* -- **Daniel Yergin**, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction for his book, *The Prize*, spoke to the NSF about increasing energy demands around the world, the future of fossil fuels and our dependence on them, and how energy security affects foreign policy and national security.
- *Media's Role in Achieving U.S. Objectives Abroad* -- **Aaron Lobel**, President and Founder of America Abroad Media, spoke to the NSF about AAM's mission and programs in countries like Afghanistan and Iraq
- *Why Taiwan Matters* -- **Professor Shelley Rigger** led a discussion her new book, *Why Taiwan Matters: Small Island, Global Powerhouse* and provided insight into the U.S. Cross-Strait strategy.
- *GITMO Operations* -- **Rear Admiral Jeffrey Harbeson**, Commanding Officer, Joint Task Force for Guantanamo Bay, addressed current operations at the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay.
- *Morocco: Stability in North Africa and the Middle East* -- **His Excellency Aziz Mekouar**, Ambassador of His Majesty the King of Morocco to the United States, spoke to the NSF about the current events in

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the region, including the recent regime changes in Egypt and Tunisia and protests in Syria, Libya, and Bahrain that are pushing for democracy and/or regime change.

- *Rethinking the Fundamentals of State-Building*: **Roger Myerson**, Ph.D., Nobel Memorial Prize Winner in Economics (2007) and Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago, provided an analysis of current nation-building efforts by the U.S. in Iraq and Afghanistan, and recommendations for future strategy.
- *Canada: Partnering with the U.S. to Secure North America*: **Brian Lee Crowley**, Managing Director of the Macdonald-Laurier Institute in Ottawa, Canada, spoke to the NSF about the U.S./Canada strategic and economic relationship.
- *Known and Unknown*: **Donald M. Rumsfeld**, former Secretary of Defense, talked about his experiences in government service, what drove certain policy decisions, and his relationships with former presidents Nixon, Ford, and George W. Bush.
- *What's Next for Egypt? The Players and Probabilities*: Panel presentation and Q&A with **Cherif Bassiouni**, distinguished research professor of law emeritus at DePaul University College of Law and expert on Middle Eastern affairs; **Brian Endless**, political science faculty at Loyola University Chicago; and **Joseph Morris**, former Chief of Staff and General Counsel of the U.S. Information Agency and former Assistant Attorney General in charge of international liaison at the U.S. Department of Justice.
- *Environmental Security*: **Michael Greenberger**, Director of the Center for Health and Homeland Security, talked about the recognition and inclusion of the environmental instability in the U.S. national security strategy.
- *Black Spots*: **Bill Banks**, Professor at Syracuse University, discussed the emerging security issue of black spots around the globe and the importance of using local level analytical tools for researching these clandestine locations.
- *A Decade of Indecision*: **Bill Smullen**, former Chief of Staff for Colin Powell, discussed U.S. security policy in the post-9/11 era.
- *Drug War in Mexico*: **Peter Bensinger**, Former DEA Administrator, discussed strategy for dealing with the cartels in Mexico and the illegal drug market in the United States.
- **General David Petraeus** addressed an NSF and Union League Club of Chicago audience about coordinating multi-national forces in the Middle East.
- **Major General Joseph Anderson**, Chief of Staff, United States Forces-Iraq, discussed U.S. military strategy in Iraq and the plan for drawing down U.S. forces from the country.
- **Brigadier General Tom Hemingway**, Legal Advisor to the Convening Authority in the Department of Defense Office of Military Commissions, argued the pros and cons of closing Guantanamo Bay and using military commissions to try detainees.
- **Admiral William Owens, Kenneth Dam, and Herbert Lin**, presented their new research about applying offensive cyber attack capabilities to U.S. national security policy.
- **Stewart A. Baker**, former Assistant Secretary for Policy at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, spoke about the current challenges to keeping our "virtual infrastructure" and communications secure.
- **Ambassador Jason C. Yuan** of Taiwan spoke about U.S./Taiwan/China relations and the recent Taiwan elections.
- **Ambassador Alon Pinkas** of the Rabin Center in Tel Aviv addressed the U.S.-Israel relationship and current events in the region.
- **Foreign Minister Sujata Koirala** spoke on Nepal's democratization, its economy, and relationship with neighbors India and China.
- **Ilan Berman**, expert on Iran and Vice President for Policy at the American Foreign Policy Council, spoke to the NSF about developing a long-term strategy for combating Islamic fundamentalism and terrorism.
- **General Anthony Zinni**, USMC (Ret.), former Commander of U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) and bestselling author, addressed the concept of leadership in today's interconnected world, and what

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will be required of America's future leaders in dealing with technology, foreign affairs, terrorism, and national security.

- **Raja Kamal**, Ph.D., Senior Dean at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago, spoke to the NSF about the uncertain challenges of the Middle East region, and how the U.S. might respond.
- **Col. Kirk W. Hymes**, Director of the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons, U.S. Department of State, and **Jeff Kueter**, President of The George C. Marshall Institute, discussed the emerging role of non-lethal weapons and the policy implications of their use.
- **James K. Glassman**, Undersecretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, addressed the NSF about strategies to “win the battle of ideas” as part of foreign policy.
- **Margaret Daly Hayes**, founding Director of the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at the National Defense University, spoke to the NSF about the U.S.-Latin American relationship, and the opportunities and challenges that the next President of the United States will face in this region.
- **Ambassador Nabil Fahmy**, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United States, addressed the challenges of preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East.
- **Lt. Gen. David P. Valcourt**, Deputy Commanding General/Chief of Staff, US Army and Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), spoke about the recently released Army Field Operations Manual FM 3-0 and how it will change U.S. military strategy and foreign policy, soldier training, and warfighting.
- **Aaron Lobel**, President and Founder, America Abroad Media, discussed U.S. strategic communications and public diplomacy in the Islamic world, and how non-governmental organizations can be a part of that effort.
- **Admiral Timothy J. Keating**, USN, PACOM Commander, spoke on US strategy and current events in the Asia/Pacific region, its importance of the region, and potential future challenges.
- **RADM Jon W. Miller**, USN, Deputy Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy for US Central Command (CENTCOM) discussed current trends and events in the CENTCOM area of oversight and their effects on regional security and US security interests, focusing on destabilization in Somalia and the Horn of Africa, the continuing insurgencies in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the US-Iran relationship.
- **M.E. (Spike) Bowman**, Deputy Director, National Counterintelligence Executive, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, addressed “Connecting the Dots: Counterterrorism Agencies and Technologies.”

## National Strategy Forum Review

Upcoming: Chicago Security Strategy

Winter 2012

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| ▪ The U.S.-China Relationship: Building Constructive Competition      | Fall 2011   |
| ▪ Black Spots: Breeding Grounds for Terrorism and Transnational Crime | Summer 2011 |
| ▪ The U.S.-Pakistan Relationship: Towards a Complementary Strategy    | Spring 2011 |
| ▪ Thinking About National Security: An NSF Guidebook                  | Winter 2011 |
| ▪ The Environment and National Security                               | Fall 2010   |
| ▪ Canada: The Other Special Relationship                              | Summer 2010 |
| ▪ The U.S. Image Abroad: Assessing Brand America                      | Spring 2010 |
| ▪ U.S. National Security Strategy 2010                                | Winter 2009 |
| ▪ Strategic Challenges Near and Far                                   | Fall 2009   |
| ▪ Strategic Outlook 2008  | Winter 2008 |

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- Violence and National Security Fall 2008
- Hedging Against Uncertainty: US Strategy in an Interdependent World Summer 2008
- Estranged Relations: U.S. and Latin America Spring 2008
- The Age of Disruption Winter 2007
- People, Populations, and Problems: Demographics & U.S. National Security Fall 2007
- Asymmetry: Strategies for Adapting to Contemporary Security Threats Summer 2007
- The Consequences of a Nuclear Armed World Spring 2007
- A Vision for the Future: The Young Generation and National Security Winter 2006
- The Long Emergency: National Strategic Trends and Future Consequences Fall 2006
- U.S. Strategic Relationships: Conflict and Cooperation Summer 2006
- The Domestic Dimension of U.S. Foreign Policy Spring 2006
- Catastrophic Incidents: Me, My Family, My Community, My Country Winter 2005
- Future Major U.S. Foreign Policy Issues Fall 2005
- Strategic Outlook 2005 Winter 2004
- Latin America: Why is it Important? Fall 2004
- The Future of the Transatlantic Alliance Summer 2004
- U.S. Foreign Policy: A Search for Common Purpose Spring 2004
- U.S. Strategy in the Islamic World Winter 2003
- Multilateral Approaches to Non-Proliferation Fall 2003
- Asia in the Shadow of a Rising Power Summer 2003
- Failed States Spring 2003

## National Strategy Forum Review Blog

- Recently launched on May 21, 2010.
- Monthly analysis of issues affecting U.S. national security news.

## Conferences and Workshops

The National Strategy Forum also organizes conferences and workshops on international terrorism, homeland and national security, civilian emergency preparedness, etc. The conferences listed below were underwritten by the McCormick Foundation.

- Upcoming: Food Safety and Security, January 2012
- Oct 2010 Asymmetric Warfare and International Law in the 21st Century
- July 2010 Conference: No More Secrets
- Oct 2009 Workshop: Contemporary Piracy: Consequences and Cures

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Sep 2009	Conference: National Security Threats in Cyberspace**
April 2008	Conference: The Intersection of Immigration and National Security
Oct 2007	Workshop: Due Process and Terrorism**
May 2007	Conference: International Networks and Homeland Security: Challenge and Opportunity
May 2006	Conference: Understanding the Privatization of National Security**
May 2005	Conference: Doing Business After Disaster (Continuity of Operations of the Public and Private Sector in the Event of a Catastrophic Incident)**
June 2004	Conference: Counterterrorism Technology and Privacy**
June 2003	Conference: The Role of the Military in Securing the Homeland
April 2001	Conference: State Emergency Health Powers and the Bioterrorism Threat (co-organized with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control)
June 2000	Conference: Catastrophic Terrorism

## Emergency Preparedness Program

The National Strategy Forum has had an interest in preparing the general public, schools, and businesses for a massive disruptive event, such as a catastrophic terrorist attack or natural disaster. The NSF has published several reports related to preparation, response, and recovery.

Jan 2009	National Workshop for FEMA: Organizing American Citizens: Prudent Preparation for Catastrophic Incidents
Feb 2007	Workshop with Chicagoland civic leaders on preparation for a catastrophic incident** (underwritten by the McCormick Tribune Foundation)
May 2005	Conference: Doing Business After Disaster (Continuity of Operations of the Public and Private Sector in the Event of a Catastrophic Incident)** (underwritten by the McCormick Tribune Foundation)
Oct 2003	Conference: Schools: Prudent Preparation for a Catastrophic Incident** (underwritten by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation)
Feb 2003	The National Strategy Forum publishes the handbook, “Prudent Preparation: What Can I Do in the Event of a Mass Casualty Incident?” which provides citizens with tools and reference sources to help them understand and prepare for a catastrophic event** (underwritten by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation)
April 2001	Conference: State Emergency Health Powers and the Bioterrorism Threat (co-organized with the US Centers for Disease Control and underwritten by the McCormick Tribune Foundation)

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## **Members of the National Strategy Forum Review Editorial Board**

### **Richard E. Friedman, President and Chair**

Richard E. Friedman currently serves as President and Chair of the National Strategy Forum and Counselor, American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security. He also serves as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs National Security Studies Program.

### **John Allen Williams, Ph.D., Editor**

Dr. Williams is Professor of Political Science at Loyola University Chicago and is Chair and President of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society. His writings include works on civil-military relations, military culture and professional military education, catastrophic terrorism, defense organization, and strategic policy. Dr. Williams' latest book is *U.S. National Security: Policymakers, Processes, and Politics* (with Sam C. Sarkesian and Stephen J. Cimbala).

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Marilyn Diamond is a Member of the Editorial Board. Her areas of expertise include U.S. domestic and foreign policy and public diplomacy. She has been the Co-Chair of the Casablanca Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program since 2001. Mrs. Diamond has been a Lecturer in American Politics from 1989-1994 at both Barat College in Lake Forest, Illinois and Loyola University Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. She serves as a Member of the Dean's International Council with the Harris School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago, and is also on the Board of Directors with the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

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