

DFL Weekly SITREP (4 MAY 11)

Current Week **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Cadet Events and Academic Trips:

a. On 28 April, 100 of DFL's majors, across seven languages, presented projects as part of West Point's LN490 Capstone Projects Day. The presentations showcased the cadets' abilities to integrate their knowledge of language and culture with other aspects of the curriculum and their 47-month experience at the Academy. With topics ranging from U.S. and Russian involvement in Kazakhstan to U.S. options for partnering with regional allies to achieve lasting stability in Yemen, DFL's cadets have analyzed complex real-world issues and used these briefs to lay out the complexity of the issues, discuss anticipated challenges and opportunities, and propose viable responses.



Chinese Firsties answer questions at the completion of their capstone presentation on China and Energy Security. Pictured from left to right are Cadets: Joey Gonzales, Judith Li, Ian Lenny, and Casey Clemons.

b. On 26 April, DFL held its 20th Annual Phi Sigma Iota (PSI) Banquet honoring 49 total new members including: 40 cadets and 9 faculty. Phi Sigma Iota is the premier international foreign language honor society dedicated to the principles of friendship, a zeal for languages, and research and individuality. Attending this special event were: Club President: CDT Joseph Gelinas (Chinese Major) Faculty Advisors: Drs

Joshua Enslin & Geri Smith Guest Speaker: BG Timothy E Trainor, Dean of the Academic Board, and the 2011 USMA Inductees.



Chinese faculty and Chinese major cadets proudly stand with the Dean, Brigadier General Trainor after being inducted into the Phi Sigma Iota Foreign Language Honor Society on 26 April. From left to right in the photo are: Cadet Joseph Gelinis, current Cadet President of the West Point Chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, Cadet Stewart Glenister, Ms. Can Wang, Dr. Yuanman Liu, Brigadier General Trainor, Dean of the Academic Board, Cadet Andrew Chack, and Cadet Clark Yuan.

2. Faculty Development/Service:

On 1 May, Dr. Hongyu Huang and her two collaborators in China and Canada rendered the Chinese translation of Vincent Mosco, *The Political Economy of Communication* (2nd ed., Los Angeles: Sage Publications, 2009, 280 pages). Vincent Mosco is the Canada Research Chair in Communication and Society and Head of the Department of Sociology, Queen's University, Canada. His book, *The Political Economy of Communication*, is a contemporary classic of media studies. Dr. Huang's Chinese translation will be published this year by Shanghai Translation Publication House, the largest and one of the most prestigious and comprehensive translation presses in the People's Republic of China.

3. Upcoming Key Events: On 6 May, DFL's Spanish section will host the department's spring event – Cinco de Mayo at the 49er Lodge. In addition to promoting camaraderie and collegiality, highlights will include Salsa dance lessons and entertainment for children.