



# West Point

The United States Military Academy

**Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: The Thayer Hotel, Lobby**

**4:00 PM - 4:30 PM:** Pre - registration

**4:30 PM:** Meet in the lobby of The Thayer Hotel for transportation to the South Dock (Ms. Kristine Ringler)

**5:00 PM - 8:00 PM:** Boat Cruise on the Hudson River (West Point History: Dr. Chris Arney)

**Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: The Thayer Hotel, Bradley Room**

**7:00 AM - 8:30 AM:** Breakfast and Registration

**8:30 AM - 8:45 AM:** Welcome and Introductions, Dr. Erin Fitzgerald, Minerva Steering Committee for the Office of the Secretary of Defense and COL John Graham, USMA Associate Dean of Research and Director of the Network Science Center

**8:45AM - 9:30 AM:** Opening Presentation, Dr. John Nagl, USMA Minerva Fellow, “**Culture and Irregular Warfare**”

**9:30AM - 12:00 PM:** **Africa Session: Dr. Jon Malinowski, Chair and LTC Andy Lohman, Discussant.** (Self-serve refreshments in foyer 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

- Mr. Charles Thomas, USMA Department of History, Africa Studies and the Network Science Center
  - **Session Title: “Loyalty to Our Country: Civil-Military Social Networks and the Stability of Tanzania, 1964-1993”**
- Dr. Abdi Ismail Samatar, University of Minnesota, Department of Geography
  - **Session Title: “The Politics of Piracy in Somalia”**
- Dr. Ezekial Kalipeni, University of Illinois, Department of Geography
  - **Session Title: “Realities of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Low Socioeconomic Income Areas of the City of Lilongwe”**
- Dr. Makame Muhajir, University of Kansas and the USMA Minerva Fellow, The Department of Geography & Environmental Engineering
  - **Session Title: “Ethno-cultural and Political Interactive Research in Tanzania”**

**12:00 PM - 1:15 PM:** Lunch and Cadet Poster Presentations

**1:15 PM - 3:45 PM:** **Asia Session: COL Irving Smith, Chair and Dr. Kate Coronges, Discussant.** (Self-serve refreshments in foyer 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

- MAJ Benjamin Hung, USMA Department of Mathematics and the Network Science Center
  - **Session Title: “Optimization-Based Influencing of Village Social Networks in a Counterinsurgency”**
- Dr. Jeff Johnson, East Carolina University and the Army Research Office
  - **Session Title: “Building Cultural Models: The Rule of Law in China”**
- Dr. John Harrison, Department of International Security Studies, National Defense University
  - **Session Title: “Terrorism in Asia”**
- Mr. Luke Gerdes, USMA Minerva Fellow, The Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership
  - **Session Title: “Promise or Peril? An Assessment of the Potential of Network Analysis in the Context of Asian Extremism”**

**3:45 PM - 4:15 PM:** Closing Presentation, Dr. Marcia Hartwell, USIP Visiting Scholar, “**Learning to Negotiate Shared Space: Redefining U.S. Civilian-Military Operations in Insecure Environments**”

**4:15 PM - 4:30 PM:** Summary of USMA and Army Research

- Elisa Bienenstock, Army Research Office and Georgetown University and Dr. Chris Arney, USMA Department of Mathematics and Network Science Center

**4:30 PM - 4:45 PM:** Conclusion and Appreciation, Mr. John Willis, USMA Director of Research Operations and Ms. Kristine Ringler USMA Minerva Research Associate