



West Point Awarded Minerva Chairs

The U.S. Military Academy (USMA) at West Point was recently awarded two Minerva Chairs from the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and is now seeking applications for Minerva Fellows. The support through the Minerva Initiative also makes possible the hiring of two research assistants.

The two Minerva Fellows will each oversee a research project.

One is entitled "Social, Spatial and Cultural Topologies of African Villages" that will be managed by the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering. The other is "Understanding the Differences in the Islamic Ideology and in Asian Cultures" that will be managed by the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership. Both projects address the Minerva topic "New Approaches to Understanding Dimensions of

National Security, Conflict, and Cooperation."

The Network Science Center at West Point (NSC) is proud to be part of the Department of Defense and West Point Minerva research team. For more information about West Point's Minerva program visit <http://www.netscience.usma.edu/research/minerva.htm>.

Meet the New Members of the NSC

- Chris Eastburg
- Andrew Lohman
- Brian Lunday
- Brian Macdonald
- Jon Malinowski
- William Pulleyblank
- Diana Ringquist
- John Ringquist
- Diane Ryan
- Jana Shakarian
- Irving Smith
- Chris Stavroulakis
- Csilla Szabo
- Ryan Tate
- Charles Thomas
- John Willis
- Rachel Yon

6th Annual Network Science Workshop

23-25 October 2011
Thayer Hotel in West Point, NY

The focus of the workshop is to explore interdisciplinary approaches to Network Science that impact and enhance military applications. We would especially like to explore the following topics: Networks in Command and Control, The Networked Patrol Leader (ex: Warrior Web, TIGR), Networks and Social Media, Organizational Analysis, and the Progress of Network Science.

If you are interested in submitting a paper for consideration, please send it to tish.torgerson@usma.edu no later than 2 September 2011. Papers will be evaluated by the Program Committee. Authors of accepted papers will be notified by September 23, 2011.

There is a workshop registration fee of \$200 which will be used to cover meals and other conference supplies. Registration for the workshop can be done at:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=tkqm4edab&oeidk=a07e4kj7nhvbb3d0863>

Register soon! Space is limited.

Please contact the Thayer Hotel at (845) 446-4731 to make your reservations, there have been 30 hotel rooms set aside at the for your convenience with a special rate of \$189 per night.

NSC Launches Blog: the Central Node

To learn more about
the Network Science
Center at West Point

go to:

www.netscience.usma.edu/default.html



The NSC has launched the Central Node to provide researchers and practitioners with an online gathering place to share ideas and news. It also serves as a link through which everyone with an interest in network science can keep track of the activities of NSC researchers and staff in real time. Check it out and contribute at <http://blog.netsciwestpoint.org/>.

About the Network Science Center

The Network Science Center (NSC) brings together service members, civilians, and cadets to research and develop significant contributions in the study of network representations of physical, biological, and social phenomena leading to predictive models. The NSC is a thought-leader in this emerging discipline and addresses Army-specific and related Network Science challenges. The NSC also provides relevant educational opportunities for current and future Army leaders.

The NSC is inherently interdisciplinary, leveraging a wide range of USMA academic departments, research centers, and disciplinary experts with close ties to military and civilian research centers. This interdisciplinary capability is critical, given the nature of networks which are pervasive across all aspects of life: biological, physical, and social. The unique ability of the Military Academy within the Army to bring these disciplines together provides an opportunity for significant contributions to the defense of the United States against both conventional military threats and the threat of terrorism.

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