

Research Symposium on Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination & Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Workshop

September 17-18, 2020

Program and Speaker Biographies





Welcome Letter

On behalf of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies (CHRHS) at the Brown University Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs and the Humanitarian Response Program (HRP) at the U.S. Naval War College, we welcome you to the first ever *Research Symposium on Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination* and the fourth *Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Workshop*. Due to travel restrictions imposed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, these twin events will be held virtually this year on Thursday, September 17th and Friday September 18th.

Our *Research Symposium on Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination* features four presentations of recently completed original research studies from a variety of disciplines, from anthropology to law and political science to public health. The research questions covered in these studies were selected by our working groups at the 2018 *Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Workshop* after being identified as some of the most pressing and important topics in the realm of civilian-military coordination during humanitarian emergencies. In addition to the original research presentations, we will also present the summary findings of our recently completed UN OCHA Civil-Military Coordination Service (CMCS) Strategic Reassessment, commissioned by CHRHS at Brown University at the request of UN OCHA.

The 2020 *Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Workshop* is the fourth in a series of workshops designed to explore current and future challenges in humanitarian response, including disasters and pandemics, complex emergencies, and routine humanitarian engagements. The theme of this year's workshop will be the related topics of humanitarian access, protection of civilians, and aid worker security. Participants will be grouped into a series of working groups that will meet prior to and after the workshop to discuss and refine an agenda for six major themes within the civ-mil humanitarian space, as described in greater detail below.

As a follow-on to the three previous workshops, this event aims to improve humanitarian coordination by supporting a Community of Practice in civilian-military issues and promoting information sharing that can inform policy and processes during crises; highlight key opportunities for professional education, training, and development for key decision makers to identify the best practices associated with overcoming cultural, policy, technical, and legal challenges to coordination and information sharing; and continue to develop and refine a comprehensive research agenda in order to build the evidence base for this field and better inform practice.

On behalf of Brown University and the Naval War College, we would like to thank the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the R. Dudley Harrington, Jr. Charitable Foundation, the Naval War College Foundation, and UN OCHA's CMCS for their support of our Research Symposium on Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination and Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Workshop.

Sincerely,

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Adam C. Levine, MD, MPH, FACEP
Director, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies
Brown University Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

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David Polatty
Professor & Director
Humanitarian Response Program
U.S. Naval War College

Program Agendas | September 17- 18, 2020

Thursday, September 17, 2020 | 08:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT/ UTC-4 Research Symposium on Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination

- 8:00am – 8:15am Welcoming Remarks | *Adam Levine and David Polatty*
- 8:15am – 9:00am Presentation #1: Surmounting Contemporary Challenges to Humanitarian-Military Relations | *Rob Grace*
- 9:00am – 9:45am Presentation #2: The Responsibility of States Indirectly Involved in an Armed Conflict to Provide Medical Care: A Contemporary Challenge for the Classification of Armed Conflicts | *Sangeetha Yogendran*
- 9:45am – 10:00am Break
- 10:00am – 10:45am Presentation #3: Community Perceptions of Military Involvement in Pandemic Response in the North East Region of Nigeria: Implications for Civil-Military Relations | *Chris Kwaja*
- 10:45am – 11:30am Presentation #4: Humanitarian Civil-Military Information Sharing in Complex Emergencies: Realities, Strategies and Risks | *Naysan Adlparvar*
- 11:30am – 11:55pm Reassessing the Civil-Military Coordination Service at UN OCHA: Findings & Recommendations | *Rob Grace and Brittany Card*
- 11:55am – 12:00pm Closing Remarks

Friday, September 18, 2020 | 08:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT/ UTC-4 4th Annual Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Workshop

- 8:00am – 8:30am Welcoming Remarks | *Christina Paxson, Shoshana Chatfield, Adam Levine and David Polatty*
- 8:30am – 10:00am Panel: Contemporary Challenges in Humanitarian Response
- *Peter Maurer, International Committee of the Red Cross*
 - *Ella Watson-Stryker, Médecins Sans Frontières*
 - *James Stavridis, 16th Supreme Allied Commander, NATO*
- 10:00am – 10:15am Break
- 10:15am – 11:45am Working Group Leads Discussion
- 11:45am – 12:00pm Closing Remarks

Speaker Biographies

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Research Symposium on Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination



Naysan Adlparvar

Naysan Adlparvar is a lecturer at Yale University's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs. Previously, he was a postdoctoral fellow with both the Council on Middle East Studies (2016-18) and the Anthropology Department (2018-20) at Yale University. In 2017, Naysan was awarded the Rice Faculty Fellowship by Yale's MacMillan Center. He was also a visiting academic at Oxford University's Middle East Centre in Fall 2018. He teaches courses on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in Afghanistan, the socio-political impacts of US-led interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan, and on society and politics of the Middle East. Naysan holds a PhD from the Institute of Development Studies at Sussex University. His doctoral research, exploring political reconstruction and identity in Afghanistan, won a Sutasoma Award from the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland.

Building on over a decade of policy and program work with the UN and NGOs in Afghanistan, Iraq and Jordan, his research focuses on humanitarianism, migration and socio-political relations in transitional and conflict-affected contexts. He has been published by *American Ethnologist*, *IDS Bulletin* and *The Conversation*. His work is forthcoming in *Iranian Studies* and the edited book, *Unsettling Middle Eastern Refugees: Regimes of Exclusion and Inclusion in the Middle East, Europe, and the United States*. Naysan's most recent role with the UN includes advising their Crisis Bureau on global governance and peacebuilding issues.



Brittany Card

Brittany Card is the Deputy Director of the Providence Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), where she helps lead the city of Providence, Rhode Island in its preparation, response, and recovery from disasters, including COVID-19. She is also a consultant for various organizations on humanitarian affairs and humanitarian civil-military coordination, including the Humanitarian Advisory Group and Center for Civilians in Conflict. Prior to joining PEMA, Brittany was an assistant professor in the Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Program at the U.S. Naval War College, where she led the development of curriculum and research on the protection of civilians and humanitarian action in complex emergencies. She also previously worked for the United Nations Office for the

Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), where she served as the lead researcher for OCHA's flagship publication series *World Humanitarian Data and Trends*. Brittany holds a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Saint Anselm College.

Rob Grace



Rob Grace is a researcher and affiliated fellow at the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies (CHRHS), based at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, where he undertakes research on humanitarian-military relations. During the 2019-2020 academic year, he is a USIP-Minerva Peace Scholar at the United States Institute of Peace and a Graduate Research Fellow at the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School. Since 2011, he has been a researcher at Harvard University—first at the Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research (HPCR) and then at the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI)—where he has led research projects on humanitarian negotiation and international fact-finding. He is the co-editor of the *HPCR Practitioner's Handbook on Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding*, published by *Cambridge University Press* in 2017. His work has also been published by *Journal of Conflict & Security Law*, *World Health & Population*, *Conflict and Health*, *Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies*, *Negotiation Journal*, the European Society of International Law, Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection, the Foreign Policy Association, and *Foreign Policy in Focus*. He also co-teaches a graduate course on international disaster management at the Heller for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University. He is a doctoral candidate in political science at Brown University, where he is working on a dissertation analyzing humanitarian access negotiations.

Chris Kwaja



Chris M.A. Kwaja is currently a Senior Lecturer and Researcher at the Centre for Peace and Security Studies (CPSS), Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola, Adamawa State, Nigeria. Prior to joining the CPSS, he lectured at the Centre for Conflict Management and peace Studies, University of Jos, Jos, Nigeria. He is a Visiting Research Fellow with the Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD), Abuja, Nigeria, as well as a Global Fellow of the Centre for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies at Brown University. He holds a Doctorate Degree in International Relations and Strategic Studies from the Department of Political Science, University of Jos, Jos, Nigeria. His research focuses on the politics of identity in Africa, the privatization of security, democratization, conflict and peace studies, as well as security sector reform in transition societies. In 2014, Kwaja was part of the Humanitarian Assessment Mission of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to Plateau State, which was the first comprehensive humanitarian mission conducted by the NHRC in Nigeria. Most recently, in 2016 he was commissioned as the Zonal Coordinator for the North East region to conduct the *National Survey on Small Arms, Experiences of Arms Violence and Perception on Security in Nigeria*.



Sangeetha Yogendran

Sangeetha Yogendran is a global fellow at the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies (CHRHS) based at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University. Sangeetha is currently a PhD Fellow at the Human Rights Centre, Faculty of Law and Criminology at the University of Ghent where she is working on the ERC-funded project “Righting Victim Participation in Transitional Justice.”

As a human rights and humanitarian professional from Singapore, Sangeetha has spent time working in the occupied Palestinian territories on humanitarian law violations, as well as with Rohingya refugee communities in Malaysia and in Australia. More recently, she has worked as a researcher on humanitarian assistance, rule of law, and business and human rights issues with various NGOs focused on the ASEAN region. She has also worked in humanitarian response throughout Asia and has been deployed to support humanitarian responses in the Philippines, Nepal, Indonesia, and Bangladesh. Sangeetha is a qualified Advocate & Solicitor in Singapore, and holds an LL.M. in Public International Law from the University of Melbourne, an LL.B (Hons) from the National University of Singapore, and a postgraduate diploma in Poverty Reduction Policies and Practices with the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

Friday, September 18, 2020

4th Annual Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Workshop



Adam Levine, Director, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies

Dr. Adam C. Levine is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Director of the Division of Global Emergency Medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He received his Medical Doctorate from the University of California, San Francisco and his Masters of Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley before completing his specialty training in Emergency Medicine at the Harvard Affiliated Emergency Medicine Residency in Boston. He has previously led research and training initiatives in East and West Africa and South and South-East Asia.

Dr. Levine currently serves as the Director for the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, whose mission is to promote a just, peaceful, and secure world by furthering a deeper understanding of human rights and humanitarian challenges around the globe, and encouraging collaboration between local communities, academics, and practitioners to develop innovative solutions to these challenges. He also serves as the Primary Investigator for the Global Emergency Response and Recovery

Partner Engagement Cooperative Agreement between International Medical Corps and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which is focused on improving international and local capacity for responding to future epidemics and pandemics. His own NIH and foundation-funded research focuses on improving the delivery of emergency care in resource-limited settings and during humanitarian emergencies.



Shoshana Chatfield, President, U.S. Naval War College

Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield is the President of the U.S. Naval War College and a career naval helicopter pilot. A native of Garden Grove, California, she graduated from Boston University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts in international relations and French language and literature. She received her commission through Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) in 1988 and earned her wings of gold in 1989. Chatfield was awarded the Navy's Political/Military (Pol-Mil) Scholarship and attended the Kennedy School of Government, receiving a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University in 1997. In 2009, the University of San Diego conferred upon her a doctorate of education.



Peter Maurer, President, ICRC

Peter Maurer is the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (appointed in 2012). Under his leadership, the ICRC carries out humanitarian work in over 80 countries. As President, Mr Maurer has a unique exposure to today's main armed conflicts and the challenges of assisting and protecting people in need. He travels regularly to the major conflict theatres of the world including Syria, Iraq, Yemen, South Sudan and Myanmar. As the ICRC's chief diplomat, and through the ICRC's principled, neutral approach, Mr Maurer regularly meets with heads of states and other high-level officials as well as parties to conflict, to find solutions to pressing humanitarian concerns.

Mr Maurer has served as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in Switzerland as well as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York. As a diplomat he worked on issues relating to human security, including mine action, small arms and light weapons as well as on the responsibility of states in the implementation of international humanitarian law.



Christina Paxson, President, Brown University

Christina Paxson is the nineteenth president of Brown University and Professor of Economics and Public Policy. She assumed the role of president on July 1, 2012. President Paxson worked with students, faculty and staff to develop Building on Distinction, a 10-year strategic plan launched in 2014 that is shaping the growth and progress of a University committed to addressing the defining challenges of the 21st century. Key priorities of her presidency include cultivating collaboration and entrepreneurship among teacher-scholars and students; creating engaged learning programs that integrate teaching with community-based research and real-world experiences; and expanding financial aid.

In the fourth year of her presidency, President Paxson led a campus-wide effort to create more just, diverse and inclusive communities in support of Brown's mission, releasing Pathways to Diversity and Inclusion: An Action Plan for Brown University in February 2016.

Prior to her appointment at Brown, President Paxson was dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs and the Hughes Rogers Professor of Economics and Public Affairs at Princeton University. A nationally recognized leader in higher education, respected economist and public health expert, President Paxson is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. In January 2016, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston named Paxson to its board of directors. President Paxson is a 1982 honors graduate of Swarthmore College, and earned her graduate degrees in economics at Columbia University (M.A., 1985; Ph.D., 1987).



David Polatty, Professor, U.S. Naval War College

David Polatty is a civilian professor at the U.S. Naval War College (NWC), Captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve, and Visiting Fellow at Brown University. He has over 28 years of professional experience with a focus on national and human security, crisis planning, and humanitarian response.

Since 2008, Dave has served as a civilian professor at NWC, where he teaches postgraduate courses on strategic planning and crisis response. He is also the founder and director of NWC's Humanitarian Response Program (HRP), which works to improve the U.S. Navy's and international militaries' effectiveness in conducting humanitarian assistance and disaster response operations through innovative education, research, and simulation activities.

He is a fourth-generation Naval Officer and currently serves as an O-6 in the U.S. Navy Reserve. He has commanded five Navy Reserve units that focus on planning and operations - U.S. Forces Korea, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. Fourth Fleet, U.S. Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction, U.S. European Command J3 (Operations), and Chief of Naval Operations, N3/N5 (Operations and Plans).



Admiral James Stavridis, USN (Ret)

Admiral James Stavridis is an Operating Executive of The Carlyle Group, following five years as the 12th Dean of The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. A retired 4-star officer in the U.S. Navy, he led the NATO Alliance in global operations from 2009 to 2013 as Supreme Allied Commander with responsibility for Afghanistan, Libya, the Balkans, Syria, counter piracy, and cyber security. He also served as Commander of U.S. Southern Command, with responsibility for all military operations in Latin America from 2006-2009. He earned more than 50 medals, including 28 from foreign nations in his 37-year military career.

Earlier in his military career he commanded the top ship in the Atlantic Fleet, winning the Battenberg Cup, as well as a squadron of destroyers and a carrier strike group – all in combat. In 2016, he was vetted for Vice President by Hillary Clinton and subsequently invited to Trump Tower to discuss a cabinet position in the Trump Administration.

Admiral Stavridis earned a PhD in international relations and has published nine books and hundreds of articles in leading journals around the world. His 2012 TED talk on global security has close to one million views. Admiral Stavridis is a monthly columnist for TIME Magazine and Chief International Security Analyst for NBC News, and has tens of thousands of connections on the social networks.



Ella Watson-Stryker, Humanitarian Representative, Médecins Sans Frontières

Ella Watson-Stryker is the Humanitarian Representative in the United States for Doctors Without Borders / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). MSF provides emergency medical care to people affected by armed conflict, disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and exclusion from healthcare. The Humanitarian Representative has a responsibility to carry out humanitarian diplomacy in support of MSF’s medical operations. As an independent humanitarian organization, MSF engages with militaries and armed groups to ensure that our medical teams have safe and unfettered access to populations in need.

Ella joined MSF in 2014 as part of the response to the West African Ebola outbreak. She has responded to humanitarian emergencies faced by populations affected by conflict including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, Myanmar, Tanzania, Kenya, and Greece. Her most recent operational experience is in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States. Ella has a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs, with a focus on global Public Health.

2020 Civilian-Military Working Groups

Aid Worker Security

Explore the range of challenges facing humanitarian aid workers and medical responders in conflict settings and complex emergencies - including attacks by militaries, non-state armed groups, law enforcement, and criminal actors - within a broader context of threats to health, inclusivity, and the erosion of humanitarian norms. This group will explore the future of aid worker security at the operational level, proactively addressing challenges to inclusivity in aid worker security, the role of technology in aid worker security, and the impact of changing humanitarian contexts on aid worker security, such as COVID-19 and the weakening of humanitarian notification systems.

Climate Change & Resilience

Explore climate change challenges to humanitarian response and resilience, particularly in disaster response contexts and also in application to military installations. Previous group meetings have highlighted that climate change will have broad impacts, including on long term planning on military bases, deployment of mitigation resources, escalation of global conflicts, and its complications on military and humanitarian disaster response.

Humanitarian Access

Explore the range of challenges to full and unimpeded humanitarian access which is a fundamental prerequisite to effective humanitarian action. This group aims to focus on improving humanitarian access in complex emergencies. Discussions will focus on the two-pronged UN concept, comprising:

- Humanitarian actors' ability to reach populations in need
- Affected populations' access to assistance and services

Outbreaks

Aims to to conceptualize and explore humanitarian civil-military coordination challenges in preparing for and responding to pandemics, epidemics, and other global public health emergencies.

Protection of Civilians

Explore the range of challenges that prevent parties in armed conflict from more effectively recognizing the dignity and rights of civilians, including through preventing civilian harm, protecting civilians caught in conflict, and responding to harm when it occurs. This group aims to help armed actors and civilians in conflict develop and implement solutions to prevent, mitigate, and better respond to civilian harm.

Urbanization

Aims to improve the coordination between civilian and military actors given specific challenges and opportunities presented by the urban environment in conflict and natural disaster settings. Urbanization is forcing a shift in traditional humanitarian practice towards more locally-driven, long-term planning and development operations, and away from short-term, in-kind aid to market interventions.