



2022 Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination Research Symposium and Workshop

March 28-30, 2022

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, the Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Program (HRP) within the College of Maritime Operational Warfare (CMOW) at the U.S. Naval War College, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) Civil-Military Coordination Service, and the United Nations World Food Program (UN WFP), we welcome you to our sixth Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination Research Symposium and Workshop.

After two years of virtual events, we are pleased to join in person again this year on the Brown University campus in Providence, Rhode Island. Our research symposium on March 28th features five presentations of recently completed empiric studies, several of which have grown out of working group discussions at our prior workshops, which cover a range of contemporary challenges in global humanitarian action. This year's presentations cover several timely topics, including humanitarian-military relations in complex emergencies; humanitarian access in the era of strategic competition; humanitarian action in the age of climate change; trends in Russia's foreign humanitarian assistance; and stabilization initiatives in the Lake Chad Basin.

The research symposium will be followed by a two-day workshop on March 29th and 30th and is the latest in a series of annual workshops designed to bring together international leaders from UN agencies and humanitarian Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and International Governmental Organizations (IGOs), the U.S. armed forces and allied militaries, and academe to explore current and future challenges in humanitarian response. The theme of this year's workshop is "Humanitarian Response in Conflict: The Challenge of Humanitarian Response in the Era of Strategic Competition." Participants will be grouped into a series of working groups that will meet during the workshop to discuss and refine both a policy and research agenda for five major thematic areas, including humanitarian access, protection of civilians in conflict settings and natural disasters, aid worker security, infrastructure resilience in a changing climate, and outbreaks of disease. Four cross-cutting sessions will bring together participants across the thematic groups for further discussion.

Finally, on behalf of the leadership of Brown University and the U.S. Naval War College, we would like to express our most sincere gratitude to the R. Dudley Harrington, Jr. Charitable Foundation, the US State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, the U.S. Naval War College Foundation, the Widgeon Foundation, UN OCHA, and UN WFP for their generous support of this year's Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination Research Symposium and Workshop.

Sincerely,



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6TH ANNUAL CIVILIAN-MILITARY HUMANITARIAN COORDINATION RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP AGENDA

*Humanitarian Response in Conflict: The Challenges of Humanitarian Response in the
Era of Strategic Competition*

at Brown University, March 28-30, 2022

MONDAY, MARCH 28: RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

- 9:00 a.m. Vans Depart The Graduate Hotel for Brown University
- 9:30-10:00 Light breakfast– Stephen Robert ‘68 Hall (280 Brook Street) Agora Lobby
- 10:00-10:15 Welcoming Remarks and Research Symposium Overview | *Edward Steinfeld (Watson Institute; Director) & Adam Levine (CHRHS) - 280 Brook St., True North 101 Classroom*
- 10:15-12:00 Presentation 1: Civilian-Military Interaction in Conflicts: Best Practices and Perceptions | *Presentation by Dr. Maria Carinnes P. Alejandria, (University of Santo Tomas), Samuel Boland (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine), Rob Grace (Brown University) & Zein Tayyeb (UNOCHA)*
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch buffet – *Agora Lobby*
- 1:00-1:45 Presentation 2: Humanitarian Access, Great Power Conflict, and Large-scale Combat Operations | *Presentation by Rob Grace (Brown University) & Tarana Sable (Brown University)*
- 1:45-2:30 Presentation 3: The Rising Tide: Humanitarian Action in the Age of Climate Change | *Presentation by Lt. Col. Theodore Shanks (Watson Institute Military Fellow)*
- 2:30-2:45 Coffee Break – *Agora Lobby*
- 2:45-3:30 Presentation 4: Trends in Russia’s Foreign Humanitarian Assistance From 15 Years of Open-Source Data | *Presentation by Jonathan Robinson (CHRHS Global Fellow)*
- 3:30-4:15 Presentation 5: The Impact of Stabilization Initiatives in the Lake Chad Basin: The Case of Northeast Nigeria | *Presented by Amit Arkhipov-Goyal (Elva)*
- 4:15-4:30 Closing remarks | *Michael Marx (WFP)*
- 4:30-5:00 Coffee and networking - *Agora Lobby*
- 5:00 Vans depart Brown University for The Graduate Hotel



TUESDAY, MARCH 29: WORKSHOP DAY 1

- 7:45 a.m. Vans Depart The Graduate Hotel for Brown University
- 8:00-8:30 Light breakfast– Stephen Robert ‘68 Hall (280 Brook Street) Agora Lobby
- 8:30-9:00 Welcome, Overview, and Participant Introductions | *Bediako Buabene (UNOCHA) & Adam Levine (CHRHS) - 280 Brook St., True North 101 Classroom*
- 9:00-10:15 Keynote Panel Discussion: Comparative Approaches to International Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief | *Moderated by Jonathan Robinson (CHRHS Global Fellow)*
- Rear Admiral Robin Watters, U.S. Navy (retired)
 - Ari Tolany (CIVIC)
 - Ella Watson-Stryker (MSF)
- 10:15-10:30 Coffee Break – *Agora Lobby*
- 10:30-12:30 Working Groups Breakout Sessions
- Aid Worker Security - *111 Thayer St., Classroom 138*
 - Climate Change & Coastal Resilience - *111 Thayer St., Classroom 112*
 - Humanitarian Access - *111 Thayer St., Leung Conference Room*
 - Outbreak / Pandemics - *111 Thayer St., Classroom 116*
 - Protection of Civilians - *111 Thayer St., Birkelund Boardroom*
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch buffet, Watson Institute
- 1:30-3:00 Working Groups Breakout Sessions II
- 3:00-3:15 Coffee Break – *Agora Lobby*
- 3:15-5:15 Breakout Groups into Cross-Cutting Themes Sessions
- Nonstate Armed Groups & Humanitarian Response | *Led by Michael Pymble (ICRC) - 111 Thayer St., Birkelund Boardroom*
 - Deconfliction & Targeting of Humanitarians | *Led by Jonathan Robinson (CHRHS Global Fellow) - 111 Thayer St., Leung Conference Room*
 - Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination Policy & Guidance | *Led by Mark Herrick (CARE) & Sarah Fuhrman (CARE) - 111 Thayer St., Classroom 138*
 - Norm Erosion & Humanitarian Response | *Led by Prof. Charli Carpenter (University of Massachusetts Amherst) - 111 Thayer St., Classroom 116*
- 5:30-7:00 Reception – *Agora Lobby*
- 7:00 Vans depart Brown for The Graduate Hotel



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30: WORKSHOP DAY 2

- 7:45 a.m. Vans Depart Graduate Hotel for Brown University
- 8:00-8:30 Light breakfast– Stephen Robert '68 Hall (280 Brook Street) Agora Lobby
- 8:30-8:45 Day Two Opening Remarks | *Hank Brightman (NWC/HRP) - 280 Brook St., True North 101 Classroom*
- 8:45-10:00 Keynote Address: Protecting People in War: Civilian-Military Cooperation | *Lise Grande; President and CEO, United States Institute of Peace (USIP)*
- 10:00-10:30 Coffee Break - *Agora Lobby*
- 10:30-12:30 Working Group Breakout Sessions III
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch buffet - *Agora Lobby*
- 1:30-2:45 Working Groups Presentations - *280 Brook St., True North 101 Classroom*
- 2:45-3:00 Closing Remarks and Way Ahead | *Hank Brightman (NWC/HRP)*
- 3:00 Vans depart Brown University

Speaker and Group Leader Biographies

March 28, 2022

Research Symposium on Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination



Dr. Maria Carrines Alejandria

Maria Carinnes Alejandria is an Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology of the University of Santo Tomas where she also serves as the head of the Social Health Studies unit of the Research Center for Social Sciences and Education. She is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Social Health, a peer-reviewed open access journal published by the University of Santo Tomas. She received her PhD in Anthropology from University of the Philippines where she explored food insecurity among older adults in a subaltern community. As a feminist anthropologist of health, she has been collaboratively working with urban informal settlers in negotiating with social institutions for inclusive development towards health justice. She currently serves as a core committee member of the Health Technology Assessment Council of the Philippines which was created to implement the Universal Health Care Act in the country.

In 2014, she participated in the BIARI Fellowship through the Population and Development Institute. She also co-organized BIARI Philippines in 2018 and 2019. Her most recent publications include the edited volumes *Aging in the Global South: Opportunities and Challenges*, and *Disaster Archipelago: Locating Vulnerability and Resilience in the Philippines*; and journal articles exploring intergenerational vulnerability to food insecurity, communicable diseases, and the intersection between health and climate change.



Amit Arkhipov-Goyal



Samuel Boland

Samuel Boland is a global health researcher and consultant specializing in humanitarian and public health emergency response. Among others, Samuel has worked for the World Health Organization, UK-Med on behalf of the Department for International Development, Brown University, Mercy Corps, GOAL Global, and the Massachusetts General Hospital Division of Global Health and Human Rights. Samuel's ongoing research at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine focuses on the role and perception of military and security services in their support to humanitarian and public health emergency responses. Samuel is a Truman ('15) and Marshall ('16) scholar.



Rob Grace

Rob Grace is a researcher and affiliated fellow at the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, based at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University. Previously, he was a USIP-Minerva Peace Scholar at the United States Institute of Peace, a Graduate Research Fellow and a Summer Fellow at the Harvard Program on Negotiation, and a researcher at the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative. He is also an Adjunct Lecturer at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University and a doctoral candidate in political science at Brown University.



Jonathan Robinson

Jonathan Robinson is a Netsimco contracted humanitarian operations specialist supporting the Naval War College's Humanitarian Response Program. A specialist in aid worker security, conflict analysis, and humanitarian access, Jonathan spent nearly a decade of experience working in the Middle East. He has collaborated with numerous local, regional, and international humanitarian, civil society, and peacebuilding organizations in complex emergencies and post conflict settings during this time such as The Carter Center's Syria conflict resolution program, the International NGO Safety Organization's (INSO) Syria team, as well as the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) in Syria, The Halo Trust's Yemen program, and Caritas Switzerland's Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria programs. Prior to joining the humanitarian sector, Jonathan worked as a security analyst in Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and southern Iraq. Jonathan holds a Masters in Islamic and Middle Eastern studies from the University of Edinburgh, UK, and an undergraduate degree in archaeology from Durham University, UK.



Tarana Sable

Tarana Sable is a Research Assistant for the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs. She is a junior at Brown studying History and Political Science. In addition to her work at the Watson Institute, Tarana is a Writing Fellow and Senior Managing Editor of the Brown Political Review. She is also a volunteer tutor at the Refugee Dream Center and teaches English to college-aged students in Aden, Yemen through an internship with the US Department of State.



Lt. Col. Theodore Shanks

Lt Col Shanks is a Visiting Scholar and National Defense Fellow at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs. He previously served as the Provost of the US Air Force's Air Mobility Training Center and as Commander of the 97th Training Squadron. He has served in several other command and staff positions, including as the Director of Strategic Communications and Speechwriter to the Commander, US Transportation Command, as Chief of Executive Development, Air Mobility Command, and as Air Mobility Division Chief, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. He received his BA in Aviation Management from The Ohio State University, an MA in Unconventional Warfare from American Military University, and holds professional certificates from Saint Louis University and Georgetown University. An Air Force active duty officer and command pilot, he has flown more than 3,000 hours and 500 combat hours in the C-17 and C-21 aircraft and participated in combat operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and East Africa, and in humanitarian responses worldwide.

In 2014, he graduated from the Air Force's elite Joint Mobility Fellow program, where he authored ground-breaking research into the future use of unmanned and autonomous airlift systems in tactical environments. He currently researches the Department of Defense role in global climate change and its response to climate security threats.



Zein Tayyeb

Zein Tayyeb is a Humanitarian Affairs Officer at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Jordan. Her role is focused on establishing and maintaining contacts with other humanitarian agencies to plan and evaluate complex humanitarian and emergency assistance programmes. Zein works closely with the security and military authorities on the humanitarian operations under the civil-military coordination umbrella. For the past six months, she has been supporting the Civil-Military Coordination Service (CMCS) in Istanbul with the MENA operations and policy guidance on CMCoord-related issues. She also worked with UNICEF for over three years, where she was based in the Syrian refugee camps in Jordan. Her work was focused on providing quality education, psychosocial support, and life skills development for all the Syrian children in and out of schools. More recently, Zein has been contributing to the CHRHS research study Civilian-Military Interaction in Conflicts: Best Practices and Perceptions to further develop new tools for evaluating community perceptions of military humanitarian assistance. Tayyeb holds a Master's degree in International Relations and Human rights from the University of East London, UK. Her research interests focus on human rights-based issues, migration, integration, education, and youth.

March 29-30, 2022

6th Annual Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination Workshop: Day 1



Dr. Heath “Hank” Brightman

Dr. Heath “Hank” Brightman is a full professor within the College of Maritime Operational Warfare at the United States Naval War College and the Acting Director of the Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Program (HRP). He also serves as the distinguished EMC Informationist Chair. From 2008-2016, he served as an Associate Professor, Professor, and Director of Applied Research & Analysis in the War Gaming Department of this institution. From 2000-2008, he served as a tenured Associate Professor and Chair of the Criminal Justice Department at Saint Peter’s University in Jersey City, New Jersey.

In his Navy Reserve career, Commander (CDR) Heath “Hank” Brightman serves as Commanding Officer of Navy Reserve, Cryptologic Warfare Group SIX - FT DEVENS. He previously served as Executive Officer, Navy Information Operations Command – Texas, as a future operations planner and the Unit J7 at Navy Reserve, U.S. European Command J3 Operations located at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He served as twice as Commanding Officer of Navy Reserve Security Force units located at Weapons Station Earle and Submarine Base New London.

Hank also spent more than ten years in a wide range of environmental law enforcement, supervisory resource protection, emergency response and white-collar crime investigation with the U.S. Department of the Interior and the United States Secret Service. Hank presently serves as an adjunct faculty member at Salve Regina University and Saint Peter’s University.

Hank received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, a Masters in Criminal Justice Administration from Boston University, two master’s degrees from Salve Regina University and a Doctorate in Educational Administration & Leadership from Seton Hall University. He is also a graduate of Air University, Air Command and Staff College.



Bediako Buahene

In November 2020, Bediako Kwame Buahene was appointed as the Chief of the Civil-Military Coordination Service (CMCS) for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). CMCS is based in Istanbul, Turkey, with a very small presence in Geneva, Switzerland. Bediako joined the United Nations in 2005, as a protection officer for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Kenya working on protection and human rights issues as they related to the asylum seeking and refugee population in Kenya.

In 2008, Bediako joined OCHA Somalia as a humanitarian affairs officer with a thematic focus on humanitarian access, protection and humanitarian civil-military coordination with the African Union forces in addition to regular coordination functions.

In 2012, Bediako returned to UNHCR as a Protection Cluster Coordinator for Somalia, and in 2014 returned to OCHA as the Head of the Coordination Unit for the Syria Cross Border Operation initially based in Hatay, Turkey and from 2015 onwards based in Gaziantep, Turkey. His Unit was instrumental in coordinating the first international humanitarian cross border response within ten days after the passing of Security Council Resolution 2065 (2014) and remained the lead coordination unit for all humanitarian cross border activities from Turkey.

Additionally, the Coordination Unit focused on cluster coordination, protection, localization (i.e. inclusion of Syrian NGOs), humanitarian civil-military coordination and humanitarian access. During his tenure with OCHA Turkey, Bediako also served as the Deputy Head of Office, as well as, Head of Office, a.i.

In 2018, Bediako joined OCHA Yemen as a Senior Humanitarian Affairs Officer overseeing the Amman Support Hub for Yemen with time spent in Sana'a, Yemen. In addition to being the acting Head or Deputy Head of Office in Sana'a, his main responsibility was to oversee the reporting and monitoring of a half-billion-dollar grant to support the humanitarian response in Yemen.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Bediako was a private practice lawyer specializing in immigration and refugee law for nearly eleven years in Vancouver, Canada. He has a law degree as well as a graduate degree in International Relations specializing in Strategic Studies. He currently lives with his family in Istanbul, Turkey.



Dr. Charli Carpenter

Charli Carpenter is Professor in the Department of Political Science and Legal Studies at University of Massachusetts-Amherst specializing in international law and human security, and Director of Human Security Lab, an interdisciplinary initiative focused on science in the human interest. Her teaching and research interests include the protection of civilians, laws of war, humanitarian affairs, humanitarian disarmament, global advocacy networks, political violence, and the role of pop culture in global security. She has published three books and numerous journal articles, held fellowships at the Peace Research Institute of Frankfurt, Oakley Center, and Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, has served as a consultant for the United Nations, State Department, Department of Defense, and human rights NGO community, is a bi-weekly columnist at World Politics Review, and regularly contributes to Foreign Policy, and Foreign Affairs. In addition to teaching and research, Professor Carpenter spends her time parenting, traveling, arguing with concentration camp guards, kayaking, snowboarding, and rescuing spiders.



Dr. Emily Chapman

Emily is a Senior Research Fellow contracted to the Australian Department of Defence. Her current projects include a three-nation case study for the Australian Civil-Military Centre with Massey University (NZ) and Brown University titled Civil-Military-Police Coordination during National Responses to COVID-19. She is also authoring Australian Defence Force (ADF) Doctrine titled Civil-Military Interaction.

Emily received her Ph.D. from the University of New South Wales, Canberra in June 2020. The project focused on civil-military interaction during Australian responses to overseas natural hazards. Prior to completing her Ph.D., Emily was an Operations Analyst with Defence Science and Technology Group, embedded in the Australian Army to support the transfer of learnings from operations into force preparation. During this time, she deployed with lessons teams to the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.

Emily is concurrently a member of the ADF, serving as a Reserve Operations Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force. She gained operational experience in disaster response in the Philippines and Fiji, which followed time in Timor Leste and a short period in the Middle East (Al Minhad Air Base). She currently supports the evaluation of joint collective training, posted to Headquarters Joint Operations Command.



Dr. Daniel Eisenberg

Daniel Eisenberg is a Research Assistant Professor of Operations Research at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) and Deputy Director of the NPS Center for Infrastructure Defense (CID). Dan's research focuses on the design, operation, and adaptation of resilient infrastructure systems with emphasis on applying resilience engineering theory to improve system design and emergency operations. He uses tools from operations research, engineering, and public administration to link built and social systems together and identify fragilities in existing practices. He currently leads projects on the design and management of resilient island and military installation infrastructure systems. Dan's work as an educator helps advance critical infrastructure knowledge worldwide through in-residence classes at NPS and the delivery of NATO short courses across Europe and the Middle East. Dan also leads research and education efforts beyond NPS in several professional organizations. He is chair of working group 3 (WG3 infrastructure analysis, protection, and recovery for the Military Operations Research Society (MORS, chair of the critical infrastructure protection and recovery (CIPR) working group for the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE, and editor for the American Society of Civil Engineers Journal of Infrastructure Systems (ASCE JIS).

Dan received his Ph.D. and M.S.E. in Civil, Environmental, and Sustainable Engineering from Arizona State University (ASU) and a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from University of California, Davis. Prior to joining NPS, he was a student contractor with the US Army Engineer Research and Development Center's Risk and Decision Science Team. He has significant international research experience and received several prestigious fellowships, including a National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship, a NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship in Solar Energy Utilization (IGERT-SUN), a NSF East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes (EAPSI) Fellowship – South Korea, an NSF Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW) – South Korea, and a Fulbright Fellowship to Brazil.

Jules Frost



Jules is the Civil Society Engagement Adviser of the Australian Civil-Military Centre where she contributes to the advancement of national capabilities to prevent, prepare for and respond more effectively to humanitarian crises through advancements in civil-military-police engagement. An executive with over 25 years of international experience in humanitarian contexts, Jules is new to Canberra, having recently moved from Switzerland where she was based for nearly 10 years working with organizations including World Vision, Medair, and the CHS Alliance.

During her extensive career with World Vision, she became a leading authority on civil-military-police relations. By developing strong relations with UN, NATO and other armed forces, Jules pioneered joint-training relationships and developed operational guidelines that have had a major influence across the humanitarian and military sectors.

She has held key operational roles with portfolios in some of the most difficult and challenging contexts in East & Southern Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and the Asian Tsunami Response while Director for Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs, World Vision USA. She later served as the Head of Innovative Partnerships in Australia.

Immediately prior to joining the APMC, she worked for the CHS (Core Humanitarian Standard) Alliance where she oversaw program development and management, partnership building, and fundraising efforts in support of Accountability to Affected People (AAP), Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH), and People Management. Jules has a Master of Arts degree from American University in International Communications and Development and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations from Pepperdine University.



Sarah Fuhrman

Sarah Fuhrman is CARE USA's Senior Manager of Humanitarian Policy & Advocacy. In her time with the organization, she has supported CARE country offices, including Afghanistan and Ethiopia, to scale up their humanitarian programming and advocacy and improve relationships with donors and other humanitarian stakeholders. Sarah also supports country offices by chairing CARE International's Safeguarding Humanitarian Space Community of Practice, to preserve and expand humanitarian access, and is managing the revision of CARE International's Policy on Interacting with Armed Actors. She co-chairs InterAction's Protection of Civilians Working Group, which drives humanitarian advocacy with the U.S. Department of Defense; and is exploring the intersections between food insecurity, gender, and the protection of civilians in conflict. Sarah is also an adjunct professor in Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. Before joining CARE, Sarah worked for USAID/OFDA, providing humanitarian advocacy, information management, and policy support on a variety of responses, including DRC, Iraq, Kenya, South Sudan, and Yemen. A lawyer by training, Sarah holds an LL.M. in public international law, with a focus on international humanitarian and human rights law.



Lise Grande

Lise Grande is the President and CEO of the U.S. Institute of Peace, established by Congress in 1984 as a non-partisan, independent national institution dedicated to preventing, mitigating, and helping resolve violent conflict abroad. She has 25 years of continuous overseas experience leading, managing, and coordinating complex operations for the United Nations. Lise has held leadership positions in humanitarian, stabilization, peacekeeping, peacebuilding, and development operations in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and the Caucasus.



Dr. Kaveh Khoshnood

Dr. Khoshnood is an Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies at the Yale School of Public Health and executive committee member at Yale Council on Middle East Studies. He is co-founder of Yale Violence and Health Study Group and a faculty member of the Program on Conflict, Resiliency and Health at the Yale MacMillan Center. Dr. Khoshnood is trained as an infectious disease epidemiologist and has more than three decades of domestic and international experience in HIV prevention research among people who use drugs and other at-risk populations. Dr. Khoshnood's research interests include: 1) epidemiology and prevention of HIV/AIDS, 2) research ethics and 3) humanitarian health. His projects are primarily in China, Lebanon and Bhutan.

Dr. Khoshnood teaches a new course on health in humanitarian crises.



Katherine Kramer

Katherine Kramer has over 20 years' experience in the humanitarian sector and is passionate about improving the behavior of armed actors in situations of armed violence and conflict to improve the protection of civilians. She worked for 17 years at Geneva Call, where she led negotiations with armed groups in Asia to improve their policies and practices in relation to International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law. She joined InterAction as Senior Manager for Protection of Civilians in the Humanitarian Policy and Practice Team in October 2020 where she leads InterAction's protection of civilian work, including shaping U.S. policy and practice on the protection of civilians in armed conflict.

Jacob Kurtzer



Dr. Adam Levine

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.

Michael Marx



David Polatty

David Polatty is a Senior Fellow at Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve, professor at the U.S. Naval War College, and strategic advisor to humanitarian nongovernmental organizations. He has nearly 30 years of professional experience with a focus on national and human security, crisis planning, and humanitarian response.

He served as a civilian professor at NWC for 14 years where he designed and taught a number of postgraduate courses. He also founded and directed NWC's Humanitarian Response Program, which aims 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 currently teaches undergraduate courses at Brown University that explore the intersection of human and national security.

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). Dave's research primarily focuses on civil-military coordination in humanitarian response and his active research efforts include the protection of civilians in future conflict, humanitarian notification systems for deconfliction, and pandemic response.

Michael Pymble

Michael Pymble joined the Royal Australian Navy in 2006 as a Legal Officer and served for five years, his last posting as an operational legal adviser in the Joint Operations Command Headquarters. He joined the International Committee of the Red Cross as a Pashto interpreter in Helmand Province in 2011-12 and then in Khost Province from 2013-14. From 2015-2019 he was based in Ukraine, primarily working with the Ukrainian Armed Forces to increase their knowledge and application of the Law of Armed Conflict. From January 2020 he has been based in Washington DC. He is a graduate of the University of Technology, Sydney, the Royal Australian Naval College and the National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad.



Ari Tolany

Ari Tolany is the U.S Program Manager at Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC) in Washington D.C, where she focuses on civilian protection, security assistance, and arms control. She holds an M.A. in Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Texas at Austin and was previously a Herbert J. Scoville Peace Fellow at the Stimson Center and a Brumley Next Generation Fellow at the Strauss Center for International Security and Law.



Ella Watson-Stryker



Admiral Robin Watters

Robin Watters is a retired two-star U.S. Navy admiral who served in Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom and in several senior commands in the Asia-Pacific theater. His final assignment was as the Chief of Staff to the senior military commander of all U.S. forces in the Asia-Pacific region. In his civilian career, Robin was the COO at the Boston-based non-profit Seeding Labs, Inc., a company dedicated to ensuring talented research scientists in developing countries have access to equipment, training, and partners. Robin was also a vice president at the entrepreneurial, high technology company, Sonalysts, focusing on initiatives in training, decision-making tools, and anti-submarine and mine warfare. Robin has an undergraduate degree in business from the University of Nebraska and an MBA from Bryant College.

2022 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.