

## **Career Minister Gottlieb joins Distinguished Speaker Series**

Retired Career Minister Gregory Gottlieb, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), recently visited Fort Leavenworth as part of the Simons Center's Distinguished Speakers Series. Gottlieb is the Director of the Feinstein International Center of Tufts University, and also holds the endowed position as the Irwin H. Rosenberg Professor in Nutrition and Human Security in the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University. While with USAID, Gottlieb served as the Acting Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance.

During his time on Fort Leavenworth, Gottlieb met with the Board of Trustees of the International Relations Council of Kansas City, where they spoke about development and aid issues around the world, U.S. aid policy, USAID, and Gottlieb's past experiences in the field.

From 11-13 April, Gottlieb visited with leadership and faculty at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College where they discussed USAID's continued commitment to sending faculty and students to the College and how CGSC Foundation-sponsored events (like the Distinguished Speakers Series) positively impact and foster interagency education and cooperation.

Gottlieb also joined faculty and students in several elective courses on the topics of U.S. Central Command South, statecraft and diplomacy, development and fragile states, and the interagency and national security. There, Gottlieb shared his expertise and experience on development issues and participated in class discussions.

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## **Ambassador Moon returns to Fort Leavenworth**

Retired Ambassador Patrick S. Moon returned to the Fort Leavenworth area in early April of this year, where he again took part in the Simons Center's Distinguished Speakers Series. Ambassador Moon, who served as the the U.S. Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina from 2010 to 2013, visited Fort Leavenworth April 2-5. He previously participated in the Distinguished Speakers Series in April 2017.

On April 2, Ambassador Moon kicked off his visit with an interview by KMBZ reporter Bill Grady, where he discussed multiple issues relating to U.S. national security, Russian security threats, the State Department, and diplomacy. Short segments of the interview aired throughout Tuesday and Wednesday at the top and bottom of the hour following the news.

The following morning, Moon met with students in the Advanced Placement American Government courses at Leavenworth High School, where he talked with the students about diplomacy and national security before answering questions about the Foreign Service, State Department, and the United States Air Force Academy.

Also on April 3, Moon joined retired Ambassador David Lambertson to share their experiences on Embassy Country Teams as part of the Simons Center's InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture Series. The two former ambassadors, with some 50 attendees present, discussed Ambassadorial expectations and Country Team operations in a foreign country, explaining how embassies are run, how the

Ambassador oversees operations in their country, and how interagency cooperation is affected, as well as reviewing the State Department and various national security issues.

On the evening of April 4, Ambassador Moon presented the scene-setter kick-off speech at the opening of the spring National Security Roundtable (NSRT). In his remarks, Moon focused on Russia, and how the U.S. might anticipate and address future security threats, particularly in the domains of cyber and space. Ambassador Moon continued his participation in the NSRT the following day, attending panel presentations and joining in on some of the discussions.

Later that evening, Moon spoke on the topic of “NATO-Russian Relations: From the Cold War to Current Challenges” at the David Theater inside Alumni Hall on the Parkville campus as part of a Park University, the International Relations Council (IRC) of Kansas City, and the CGSC Foundation co-sponsored event. The audience included the President and Provost of Park University, Park University Trustees, and Park University faculty and students, as well as several UMKC students.

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## **DoD, agencies collaborate on space technology**

The Pentagon, NASA, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the National Reconnaissance Office have come together to contribute to a review of the defense industrial base.

The four agencies make up a “space industrial base working group” that is examining how agencies could share space technology, collaborate on space-related acquisitions, and how the government purchases technology from the private sector. “With the innovation in space technology that is happening, there is growing interest in coordinating programs and requirements across the agencies,” said Brennan Hogan Grignon, director of industry outreach for the secretary of defense.

The “state of the defense industrial base” report is due to be completed at a later date, and was requested by President Trump in an Executive Order calling for an assessment of the defense industrial base and supply chain.

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## **Ambassadors discuss country teams in Brown-Bag Lecture**

Retired Ambassadors David Lambertson and Patrick Moon gave the latest presentation in the InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture Series, speaking about Ambassadorial Expectations and Country Team Operations on April 3. During their presentation Ambassadors Lambertson and Moon shared their experiences on Embassy Country Teams and discussed an Ambassador’s expectations of U.S. personnel and how Country Teams are structure and operate.

Lambertson, who served as the U.S. Ambassador to Thailand from 1991 to 1995, stated that the role of the ambassador is to “assert leadership in an informal way,” cultivating relationships through trust while maintaining communication between the embassy and Washington, DC. Lambertson went on to say that those working in an embassy should be aware of the differences between organizational cultures within the Country Team, and that the rules they learned on the playground as children still apply. “Don’t be a bully. Don’t be a pushover. Say ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ ... That