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Biography

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Roderick M. Cox joined the Simons Center on March 28, 2016.

The Simons Center for Interagency Cooperation is a major program of the CGSC Foundation. The Center is committed to the development of interagency leaders and an interagency body of knowledge that facilitates broader and more effective cooperation and policy implementation. As a research, analysis, studies, and publication center, the Simons Center is focused on the interagency aspects of national security; counterterrorism; stability and reconstruction operations; homeland defense and security; and disaster preparation and response.



Prior to joining the Simons Center, Cox was a consultant providing personal career guidance and business management advice, a speaker at civic, philanthropic, and educational organizations on leadership, management, and security policy, and a volunteer assisting various organizations that support veterans, school children and the homeless in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

In 2013 and 2014, Cox served as a District Director for the U.S. Small Business Administration responsible for the Kansas City District, which serves the four million citizens in the western half of Missouri and the eastern third of Kansas. As the SBA's senior area representative, he managed and implemented the SBA's strategic plan, programs, and services providing service and funding in support of entrepreneurs, business owners and community organizations. He also served on the Greater Kansas City Federal Executive Board fostering interagency cooperation and focusing on veterans in government service issues.

Prior to the SBA, Cox served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army for more than 32 years as an artilleryman, foreign area officer, professor and historian, retiring in August 2013. His service included numerous joint, combined, and interagency operations both in the United States and overseas to include combat, peacekeeping, humanitarian, and diplomatic duties in the Middle East, Africa, Central and Southeast Europe, Central Asia and the Far East. His senior leader assignments included service as the director of the U.S. Army Combat Studies Institute where he managed Army-wide history programs and was the publisher of the CSI Press. He served as chief of Operations Group for the U.S. Army Battle Command Training Program where he trained multifunctional brigade commanders and their units to serve in Iraq and Afghanistan and for interagency operations in response to domestic disasters. He also previously served as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's Professor of Military Studies and Chair of the Department of Leadership & Strategy at the U.S. Air War College, where he was responsible for professional military education in the areas of leadership and strategic defense policy for U.S. and allied colonels and senior civilians from across the U.S. government. Prior to that assignment he was the chief of staff for the U.S. Central Command's Combined Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC)/ARCENT, responsible for support of ground operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Horn of Africa. Earlier assignments in his career include duty as a foreign liaison officer for the Secretary of Defense, international programs management, battery and battalion command, and assignments in special access programs and with nuclear capable units.

Cox's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the NATO Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

Cox earned both Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Missouri at Columbia and a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College. Among numerous academic and skill courses, he is a resident graduate of the U.S. Army War College, the National Defense University's Armed Forces Staff College, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the U.S. Army Combined Arms and Services Staff

School, and he is an honor graduate of the U.S. Army Field Artillery Advanced and Basic Officer Courses. He currently serves on the board of the University of Missouri Military Veterans Alumni Association and as a member of Bank of America's Advisory Panel.

Cox is a proud Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans, a Member of the American Legion, an Endowed Life Member of the University of Missouri Alumni Association, a Founding Member/Sponsor of the National Museum of the U.S. Army, a Life Member of the Fort Leavenworth Historical Society, a Life Member of the Friends of the Frontier Army Museum, a Life Member of the Military Officers Association of America, a Life Member of the Army War College Foundation, and a Life Member of Delta Sigma Pi International Business Fraternity. He has been honored with a plaque at the City of St. Peters, Missouri, Veterans Hall of Honor, selected by the Salute to Veterans Corporation as an Honored Guest of the 26th and 27th Annual Salute to Veterans, and is an Inducted Member of the Fort Zumwalt High School (O'Fallon, Missouri) Hall of Fame.

Cox resides in Leavenworth, Kansas, with his wife of over 20 years, Dru (RN, BSN, CCM), who is a certified nurse case manager serving military families at the Munson Army Health Clinic on Fort Leavenworth, and with his daughter Paige, who attends the University of Missouri at Columbia pursuing a degree in Journalism.