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The InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture Series is co-hosted by the CGSC Foundation's Simons Center with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff School (CGSS). The series is an extracurricular, interagency topic-focused series that is intended to help enrich the CGSS curriculum. The presentations are scheduled each month. The CGSC Foundation and the Simons Center have received support for all brown-bag lectures in academic year 2019 from First Command in Leavenworth, Kansas.

All lectures in the InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture Series are free and open to the public. As the series moniker states, the lecture series is conducted in the traditional "brown-bag lunch" format. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunches into the conference room. Members of the public coming to the lectures from off-post will need to add extra time to check-in at the Fort Leavenworth visitor center.

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'The General and the Ambassador' podcast focuses on Qatar

Retired Ambassador Deborah McCarthy, the 2018 DACOR Visiting Professor of Diplomacy for the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), has expanded her podcast series "The General and the Ambassador: A Conversation." McCarthy's podcast promotes interagency cooperation and is produced by the American Academy of Diplomacy.

The latest episode focuses on U.S. military and diplomatic partnership in Qatar and features General David Goldfein and Ambassador Susan Ziadah. General David Goldfein, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, and Ambassador Susan Ziadah, currently Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, discuss their partnership in Qatar and the importance of joint U.S. military and diplomatic action in the field.

The DACOR Visiting Professor of Diplomacy Program is conducted in partnership with the Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired, Inc. (DACOR) organization located in Washington D.C., and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Foundation. Several times a year retired senior officials, usually Ambassadors with extensive diplomatic experience, come to Fort Leavenworth to interact with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College students and faculty to provide a Department of State and Chief of Mission perspective to the curriculum. During their visit they also interact with area universities and civic organizations discussing policy, regional, and political expertise, as well as speaking about careers in the Foreign Service.

For more information about McCarthy's "The General and the Ambassador" podcast, please visit www.generalambassadorpodcast.org.

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