



DSCU's mission is to advance the knowledge and practice of Security Cooperation through the education, training, and development of the U.S. Security Cooperation workforce and through the education, training and institutional capacity building of partner nations; and to produce research, analysis, and lessons learned that expand the intellectual foundations of Security Cooperation.

## University Insights

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the "Report Card," a quarterly newsletter from DSCU! Whether you are a student, member of the Security Cooperation enterprise, scholar, proud alumnus/alumna, or simply someone eager to delve into the field of Security Cooperation, we are excited to share this publication with you.

The aim of the Report Card is to provide comprehensive and insightful coverage of the latest developments, breakthroughs, and trends in the world of Security Cooperation, and to highlight the amazing work of the DSCU faculty and staff. We hope this newsletter will serve as a valuable resource for all those interested in our ever-evolving field, and we look forward to your feedback and suggestions as we strive to make future issues even more informative and engaging. If you are interested in learning more about Security Cooperation and DSCA's present-day missions and roles, I highly recommend the "How DSCA Runs" Course, available on our website.

You will find in this issue our latest news, a few of our faculty's publications, links to stories about our Institutional Capacity Building partnerships, diversity initiatives, collaboration opportunities, areas for growth, and upcoming courses. Importantly, our inaugural edition provides a DSCU Primer.

In concert with DSCA, DSCU will continue to recognize and adapt to the current global strategic reality by evolving and growing our mission. Our work is focused on ensuring the best outcomes for the National Defense Strategy through the planning and execution of unique and tailored Security Cooperation activities and programs.

In the second issue, I hope to share the many exciting advances and changes within our University, including our continued progress in implementing a suite of initiatives to improve the Security Cooperation Workforce.

Dr. Celeste Gventer



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## University News

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[DIILS Partners with Ukraine](#)

[Women in Defense Advising: The Value of Women in Building Institutional Capacity Building](#)

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[Bush School of Government and Public Service Capstone Visit to DSCU](#)

[DSCU's SSCS Hosts Advanced Course](#)

[Women Peace and Security Workshop Report Released](#)

[Future Advisors Complete Defense Advisor Course](#)



French Army Captain Thomas Vermeulen spoke to DSCU's DIILS Legal Aspects of Combating Terrorism course in Newport, R. I., in May about current French operations and how the Law of Armed Conflict is being applied to them.

## DSCU Primer

The Defense Security Cooperation University (DSCU) is one of five directorates reporting to the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA). DSCA's mission is to advance U.S. defense and foreign policy interests by building the capacity of foreign partners in order to encourage and enable allies and partners to respond to shared challenges.

In 2019, DSCA stood up DSCU with the headquarters in the National Capital Region (NCR). DSCU is a team of teams. Our geographically separated and cross-functional components work in concert to create synergies that benefit students, strategic partners, and the National Defense Strategy. In collaboration with the rest of DSCA, the University plans for and responds to the real-world challenges and requirements of those we serve. DSCU's NCR HQ consists of the following elements:

- Strategic Workforce Programs Directorate—focused on the Security Cooperation Workforce Development Program and Security Cooperation Organization personnel (SCO) Management Program.
- Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) Directorate—focused on the planning, resourcing, and execution of ICB policy and programs, the advancement of ICB as a practice, and the professionalization and development of the ICB workforce.
- Security Cooperation Research and Lessons Learned Institute—which builds the intellectual foundations and promotes learning to improve the practice and advance the field of Security Cooperation.
- International Military Training and Education (IMTE) Division—which supports and manages programs and implements policies for Title 10/22-funded international military training and education activities.
- Irregular Warfare Center (IWC) – As part of its role as Executive Agent, as mandated in NDAA 23, DSCU stood up the IWC which reached initial operation capacity on October 15, 2022. The IWC serves as the central mechanism for developing the Department of Defense's (DoD) irregular warfare knowledge and advancing the Department's understanding of irregular warfare concepts and doctrine in collaboration with key allies and partners.



DSCU's School of Security Cooperation Studies (SSCS) in Dayton, Ohio, supports DSCA's mission of training, educating, and providing for the long-term development of the Security Cooperation workforce.

DSCU's recently established College of Strategic Security Cooperation (CSSC) located in the National Capital Region is focused on higher-level Security Cooperation education as well as functional and regional studies.

DSCU's Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DIILS) in Newport, Rhode Island, advances U.S. national security and foreign policy interests by building the capacity of foreign security forces to respond to shared security challenges in a responsible, accountable, and legally compliant manner through activities that promote the rule of law, enhance compliance with human rights and international humanitarian law, and support effective and responsible democratic governance.



DSCU's Institute for Security Governance (ISG) in Monterey, California, is the DoD's leading implementer for ICB and one of its strategic international schoolhouses. ISG is charged with building partner institutional capacity and capability through tailored advising, education, and professional development programs grounded in American values and approaches.

## Community: DSCU's 2022 Outstanding Performers

### Outstanding Performer of the Year Award for Faculty: Major Michael Andersen

Major Anderson is a key leader in DSCU who serves as the Execution Support Department Chair at the School of Security Cooperation Studies.

### Outstanding Performer of the Year Award for Staff: Jesse Lewis

Jesse Lewis serves as DSCU's lead budget analyst. Jesse led the Herculean effort to consolidate the various component budget requirements under a one DSCU budget umbrella, totaling \$243.66 million.



## Agility: Where in the World is DSCU?

- [ISG and DIILS Maritime Domain Awareness Table Top Exercise in Palau](#)
- [Ukraine Shores Up National Resiliency with Legislation](#)
- [DIILS Engages with Indonesia](#)
- [Justified Accord's Multinational Staff Officer Course Emphasizes Cooperation in Kenya](#)
- [DIILS Engages with African Maritime Colleagues](#)
- [ISG Peacekeeping Operations Support Activities in Nepal](#)
- [DIILS Human Rights and Law of Armed Conflict Seminar with Kazakhstan](#)
- [SSCS Mobile Training Team Engages with Finland](#)



DSCU's SSCS Instructor, Mr. Chris Miller, led a training panel at the CENTCOM Security Cooperation Education and Training Working Group (SCETWG) March, 2023. The DSCU team answered questions from Security Cooperation Organization (SCO) training managers and host nation representatives about training programming, scheduling, and student training administration.



A team from DSCU's ISG recently met with Polish Air Inspectorate partners, to include a visit to the 2nd Tactical Air Wing at Krzesiny Air Base to learn more about current F-16 and future F-35 air operations.

## Academic Excellence: Faculty Publications

We take pride in the quality and diversity of research and scholarly work produced by DSCU's faculty. In the DSCU Strategic Plan, the President directs civilian faculty members to increase and expand their published research and analysis to improve the quality and professionalism of the Security Cooperation workforce as directed in 10 U.S.C. 384. A few recent examples of DSCU faculty's work include the following:

**DIILS:** Jamie Jones and Ian M. Ralby, "The Imperative to See Food as Integral to Maritime Strategy," *Diplomatic Courier*, April 13, 2023.

**ISG:** Scott Woodruff Lyons, "Hossou v. Benin (Judgment on Jurisdiction)," *International Legal Materials* 62, no. 1 (2022): 91-99.

**SSCS:** John Zavage "Security, Subjectivity and Objectivity in Assessing Security Assistance," in *Assistance in the Middle East: Challenges ... and the Need for Change*, ed. Hicham Alaoui and Robert Springborg (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2023).

**CSSC:** Jeffrey T. Wyatt and John E. Chere, "Assignment Security Cooperation: Joint FAOs at the Tip of the Spear," *FAOA Journal of International Affairs*. April 12, 2023.

**CSSC:** David Malet and Jason E. Fritz. "Historical Responses to Foreign Fighters and Returnees" in *Returning Foreign Fighters: Responses, Legal Challenges and Ways Forward*, eds. Francesca Capone, Christophe Paulussen, and Rebecca Mignot-Mahdavi (The Hague: T.M.C. Asser Press, 2023) 33-48.

**DSCU:** Michael Skaggs. "The Military Attaché: Adapting to Foreign Cultures," in *Boots and Suits: Historical Cases and Contemporary Lessons in Military Diplomacy*, ed. Philip S. Kosnett (Quantico: Marine Corps University Press, 2023) 284-312.

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DSCU is hiring for key positions around the globe!**

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DSCU's ISG Security Governance Functional Lead and Women Peace & Security (WPS) Functional Co-lead, Nick Tomb, speaks on panel titled: "Setting Conditions to Advance WPS Operationally and Institutionally" at a WPS event sponsored by the Inter-American Defense College and USSOUTHCOM.

## Collaboration: Speaking Engagements

DSCU appreciates the opportunity to partner with other Security Cooperation scholars and thought leaders. DSCU's Security Cooperation subject matter experts are regularly invited to share their research, publications, and analysis.

- United States Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference: Michael Skaggs
- Brown University's Watson Center and the Naval War College's Humanitarian Response Program: LCDR Geoff Gillespie
- USAFE-USAFA Air-Ground Integration Conference: Nicholas Mull, Joseph Palumbo, and Jessie Evans
- Army War College: Dr. Jason Fritz
- Naval Post Graduate School: Scott W. Lyons
- International Stability Operations Association Conference: Dr. Whitney Grespin
- Tesla Inc. Government Civil Affairs Working Group: Nick Tomb
- United States Air Force Special Operations School: Mr. Arpad Kisch
- Middle East Institute: Dr. Celeste Gventer

Interested in collaborating with the DSCU team or having one of our experts speak at an event, conference or institute of higher education? Contact us at [dscu.info@mail.mil](mailto:dscu.info@mail.mil).

## Accountability: Evidence-Based Education and Practice

DSCU holds itself accountable to a higher standard of Security Cooperation education and practice by building and using evidence-based knowledge to inform curriculum and professionalize Security Cooperation through in-depth analysis, research, scholarship and lessons learned. We recognize that partnerships with U.S. government, international partners, and academic institutions are needed to help expand the intellectual foundations and critical inquiry of Security Cooperation. Below is a sample of what our team is tackling. Contact us at [dscu.ralli@mail.mil](mailto:dscu.ralli@mail.mil) to collaborate!

### Item 1: Research Agenda

Based on consultations with a variety of stakeholders, DSCU produced a research agenda to build the body of knowledge on Security Cooperation and help professionalize the U.S. Security Cooperation workforce. The research agenda, which will be formally released to the community in the coming weeks includes topics and ongoing debates meant to spark dialogue, debate, evidence-gathering, and theory development around Security Cooperation strategy, practice, and around Security Cooperation strategy and practice.

### Item 2: Lessons Learned

As directed by the Secretary of Defense in the National Defense Strategy, the DSCU's Security Cooperation Research and Lessons Learned Institute is operationalizing its team as the Lessons Learned capability for the entire Security Cooperation enterprise. DSCU is uniquely positioned to gather and analyze data, and identify and disseminate best practices because we:

- Are a neutral and expert team not consumed by current operations
- Have ability to examine the response across the Security Cooperation enterprise
- Have the connections with other researchers in and out of government

## Diversity: LEAD Forward

Founded in the summer of 2020 as a grassroots effort to provide a space for listening and learning, LEAD Forward is now DSCU's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Council. LEAD Forward's charter was signed by DSCU's President in September 2022. The charter's mission states, in part, that LEAD Forward aims to promote an ethos of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, with a scope to advance and support the development of DEIA competencies at the individual, unit, and institutional levels across DSCU. Four main goals drive the work of LEAD Forward, including 1) assessing, monitoring, and evaluating the advancement of DEIA throughout DSCU, 2) supporting the recruitment, hiring, and retention of a diverse workforce representative of our nation, 3) evolving the cultural climate by creating a more inclusive working environment, and 4) working toward sustainability and accountability of DEIA advancement at DSCU. To get involved in advancing DEIA initiatives throughout DSCU, please contact LEAD Forward at [dscu.wright-patt.list.lead-forward@mail.mil](mailto:dscu.wright-patt.list.lead-forward@mail.mil).

## DSCU Upcoming Courses

These are not all the courses and programs DSCU offers. Please visit our website for a full list of available courses, including continuous online training options. Out of caution for the security of DSCU personnel and Partner Nations many of our Institutional Capacity Building Advising programs, global engagements, support activities, and mobile education activities are not shared in advance.

Start Date	Title	Location
6/1/23	POE-200 Prerequisite for POE-201 Intermediate SC Planning, Oversight, and Execution	DSCU Virtual Location
6/5/23	ISG-MASL P179938-Developing Cyber Organizations and Workforces	Resident - ISG Campus
6/5/23	ISG-MASL P179623-Principles of Defense Acquisition & Contract Management (Spanish)	Resident- ISG Campus
6/5/23	IPTN-201 International Partner Security Cooperation Logistics and Finance	Mobile Training Team (MTT)
6/5/23	XSPT-211 Intermediate SC National Guard Program Management	Resident - WPAFB Campus
6/5/23	CASE-213 Intermediate SC Case Management	DSCU Virtual Location
6/6/23	CASE-205 - Intermediate DSAMS (Defense Security Assistance Management System)	Resident - NCR Campus
6/6/23	POE-201 Intermediate SC Planning, Oversight, and Execution	DSCU Virtual Location
6/12/23	SCO-220 Fundamentals and Application of SCO Operations	Resident - WPAFB Campus
6/12/23	POE-201 Intermediate SC Planning, Oversight, and Execution	DSCU Virtual Location
6/12/23	SCO-262 SCO Operational Engagements	Resident - NCR Campus
6/13/23	POE-211 Intermediate Assessment, Monitoring, and Evaluation	Resident - NCR Campus
6/19/23	ISG-MASL P179018 Civil-Military Responses to Terrorism	Resident - ISG Campus
6/26/23	SC-301 Advanced Topics in Security Cooperation	Resident - WPAFB Campus
6/26/23	POE-221 SC Initiatives Monitoring Course	Resident - WPAFB Campus
6/30/23	DIILS-MASL P176000 Cyber Law and Hybrid Warfare	Resident - DIILS Campus
7/3/23	ISG-MASL P179927 Building Institutional Capacity in the Maritime Security Sector	Resident - ISG Campus
7/5/23	SCO-299 Security Cooperation Office - Spouse Orientation	DSCU Virtual Location
7/10/23	IPTN-201 International Partner Security Cooperation Logistics and Finance	MTT
7/10/23	DA-200 Introduction to Strategic Advising (ISA)	Resident - NCR Campus
7/10/23	CASE-201 Intermediate SC Case Life Cycle Management	DSCU Virtual Location
7/10/23	ACQ-241 Intermediate Managing Major International Acquisition Competitions (MIAC)	DSCU Virtual Location
7/11/23	POE-201 Intermediate SC Planning, Oversight, and Execution	DSCU Virtual Location
7/14/23	EXEC-901 Security Cooperation Executive Course	DSCU Virtual Location
7/17/23	IPTN-200 International Partner SC Policy and Procedures	DSCU Virtual Location
7/17/23	ISG-MASL P179085 UN Peacekeeping Operations Contingent Commanders Course	Resident - ISG Campus

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7/17/23	CASE-201 Intermediate SC Case Life Cycle Management	Philadelphia, PA
7/24/23	LES-211 Intermediate Locally Employed Staff	Resident - WPAFB Campus
7/25/23	CASE-205 - Intermediate DSAMS (Defense Security Assistance Management System)	Resident - WPAFB Campus
7/25/23	POE-211 Intermediate Assessment, Monitoring, and Evaluation	MTT
7/26/23	SCO-262 SCO Operational Engagements	Resident - NCR Campus
7/31/23	IPTN-201 International Partner Security Cooperation Logistics and Finance	Resident - WPAFB Campus
7/31/23	CASE-212 Intermediate SC Case Financial Management	DSCU Virtual Location
8/1/23	DA-201 Strategic Advisor Course (SAC) - FACT (ESCAPE-Qualified CT-650)	Muscatatuck Urban Training Center
8/4/23	DIILS-MASL P176042 Legal Aspects of Defense Support of Civil Authorities	Resident - DIILS Campus
8/7/23	IPTN-201 International Partner Security Cooperation Logistics and Finance	MTT
8/8/23	POE-231 Strategic Evaluation Management Resident	Resident - NCR Campus
8/8/23	POE-211 Intermediate Assessment, Monitoring, and Evaluation	Resident - MacDill AFB FL
8/14/23	ISG-MASL P179931 Institutional Capacity Building for Logistics	Resident - ISG Campus
8/14/23	EXEC-901 Security Cooperation Executive Course	Resident - NCR Campus
8/14/23	CASE-201 Intermediate SC Case Life Cycle Management	DSCU Virtual Location
8/21/23	SC-010 Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)	DSCU Virtual Location
8/21/23	SC-301 Advanced Topics in Security Cooperation	Resident - NCR Campus
8/21/23	CASE-213 Intermediate SC Case Management	DSCU Virtual Location
8/28/23	ISG-MASL P179898 Strategies & Capabilities for Cyber Challenges	Resident - ISG Campus
8/28/23	ISG-MASL P179897 Securing the State: Building Institutions for National Security	Resident - ISG Campus
8/29/23	POE-221 SC Initiatives Monitoring Course	Resident - NCR Campus

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