

SATSA

STUDENT ASSOCIATION ON TERRORISM & SECURITY ANALYSIS



CIA Director James Woosley poses with SATSA members following his roundtable discussion.

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President's Welcome

Dear SATSA alumni and friends,

My name is Egon Donnarumma and I am serving as President of SATSA for the 2012-2013 academic year. On behalf of the Student Association on Terrorism and Security Analysis (SATSA), I am delighted to welcome you to our inaugural organization newsletter.

SATSA's mission is twofold. First, we hope to contribute to the academic discussion surrounding today's national and international security issues. To further the academic dialogue, we invite speakers across the spectrum of law and policy to share their insights with Maxwell and College of Law students. Additionally, we publish The Journal for Terrorism and Security Analysis annually. After two years of incisive leadership by Thomas Schafbuch (JD/MPA '12), the journal enters its seventh year under the tutelage of its current editor-in-chief Cory Cali (JD/IR '13).

The events hosted by SATSA throughout the year culminate with our annual Conference on National and International Security. Last March, former SATSA president Jeff Keesom (JD/MPA '12) led our organization to its eighth and most successful conference yet, which featured a keynote address from former CIA director General Michael Hayden. We hope our conference this year will meet the high bar that Jeff set.

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Roundtable Discussion: DCI Woosley

SATSA, in conjunction with the Global Panel Foundation, held a small roundtable event with former CIA Director James (Jim) Woolsey. During the roundtable, Director Woolsey focused the discussion on energy security. It was not a topic that had interested me beforehand but hearing about it from someone enthusiastic about it did change my perspective a bit, especially considering the importance of the topic in security circles today. He spoke of oil from a strictly global energy security standpoint as well as connecting it more localized events, such as the way Saudi Arabia used it keep its citizens placated during the Arab Spring. As he described it, the money the Saudi Arabian monarchical government collected from international oil sales were funneled to citizens to keep them from demanding a democratic revolution. Another idea Director Woolsey discussed at length was the possibility of making oil into a good as ordinary as salt (i.e., not a strategic commodity): providing alternatives in order to break the cartel that controls most oil on the market today. Such alternatives would include requiring vehicles to run on more than gasoline.

At the end of the roundtable, SATSA members were able to ask Director Woolsey questions about the topic of energy security as well as more general questions about his time as Director of the CIA. He was very gracious with his time and answers, and he spoke even longer than expected. There were no complaints about this outcome.

Student Profile: Andrew Bisset (MPA '13)



Background:

I went to SU as an undergraduate majoring in political science & economics. I graduated in May and went right into the MPA program in July. While I was completing my Bachelor's degree, I worked as a field supervisor EMT 30+ hours a week. I also have been an active volunteer fireman since the age of 16. I got my start in community service in scouting as a kid.

Why Maxwell?

Even as an undergraduate, I already knew it was a great fit. The faculty I knew were exceptional. I also loved the single-year MPA format. I considered the Kennedy School at Harvard, and the Fels institute at UPENN, but ultimately Maxwell won out.

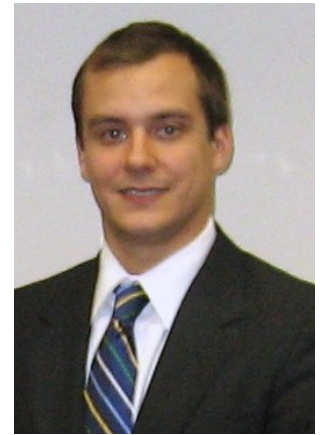
What do you think of Maxwell so far?

My experience at Maxwell has been nothing but positive. I love the professors and classes. I think the student body is exceptionally bright. The whole learning environment has been outstanding, and has really helped develop me both academically and personally. Aside from SATSA, I'm working as a graduate assistant at the National Security Studies Program ([NSS](#)), and a research assistant at [INSCT](#). Both have provided me with amazing learning and networking opportunities. I also recently came on board with the University's emergency management team, working as a consultant for the director. I've been helping develop the University's (secret) Emergency Operations Center and some of the policies and procedures for that.

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President's Welcome

Our second objective is to bridge connections between current students and practitioners in the field. As such, we have redesigned our website, <http://satsa.syr.edu>, and built out the SATSA LinkedIn group, which we would encourage you to join. Additionally, this September we held, for the second year, an internship student panel and published a guide to national security internships. The hope is to bolster our network within the university by sharing the experiences and resources of students who have held national security related internships with those who seek such an opportunity.



To further expand our connections with the professional world, we hope this newsletter will be the start of a conversation between students and alumni. The following pages will provide a brief insight into who we are as an organization and what it is we do. But we would like to hear from you as well. We invite you to provide us feedback, critiques, and advice. We look forward to a continuing exchange of ideas and advice.

Sincerely,

Egon Donnarumma
SATSA President



Announcements

SATSA Networking Event

SATSA, in conjunction with the Maxwell DC Networking Trip Planning Committee, will be getting current students and alumni together in Washington, DC the weekend of February 22/23, 2013. Full details will be circulated in January.

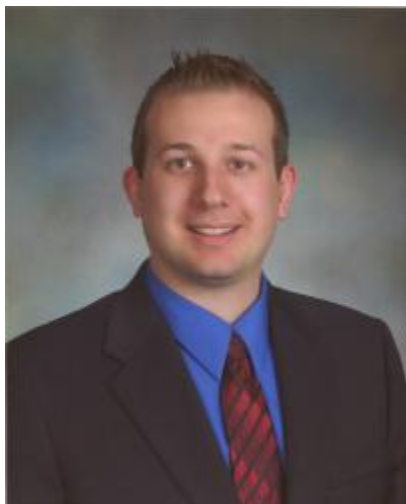
SATSA Security Conference

SATSA's annual security conference will be held in the Spring 2013. Panel discussions will include use of drones as well as many other topics. Additional details on exact dates and speakers will be posted soon.

As a result of our commitment to keep our members involved and alumni informed, SATSA is re-launching both the LinkedIn group and our website. The LinkedIn group, titled "Student Association on Terrorisms and Security Analysis (SATSA)," currently has 88 alumni and current members. The group has plenty of opportunities to engage in national security-related discussions and network with alumni who are currently working in the field. We strongly encourage anyone who does not currently have a LinkedIn account to create one and get connected today.

Additionally, our new website, <http://satsa.syr.edu>, has just launched. On it you can find current SATSA news, conference updates, journal updates, and more. Please check our LinkedIn group and the website for SATSA developments. As always, if you have any suggestions about things you would like to see on the website or LinkedIn group, feel free to let the E-Board know!

Alumni Spotlight: Jeff Keeson, Deloitte



What do you do in your current role?

I support U.S. Intelligence Community clients and help them solve their most challenging problems. I love working for Deloitte and consulting in general. Deloitte's size and reputation mean that there are numerous opportunities to work with most Federal agencies, including the big players in national security. The great thing about consulting is that it allows you to work with several different agencies in a very short amount of time and gain a very diverse set of experiences along the way.

How did your experience at SUCOL/Maxwell help you in your career?

My experiences at Maxwell and SUCOL have been immensely helpful in preparing me for my career. I use the hard skills I learned at Maxwell every day while working on my client project. Although consultants do not act as attorneys, having my law degree has also been helpful. There have been instances on my current project where I have identified possible legal issues for our client to consult with their attorneys on. My experiences with INSCT and SATSA both inside and outside the classroom have provided me with the domain knowledge and substantive expertise to be successful working in the national security arena in general and the intelligence community more specifically.

What courses at SU would you recommend?

Adm. Murrett's Intelligence Community class and Prof. Banks' National Security Law class have been particularly beneficial. Also, Administrative Law is an incredibly important course for both law students and Maxwell students to take. It never ceases to amaze me how often the concepts covered in that course come up. I highly recommend that anyone interested in working for or with the Federal Government take the course.

What advice do you have for someone interested in a national security and/or consulting career?

The best source of national security career advice I found at Syracuse was the INSCT faculty. Take the time to get to know them when you take their classes and build relationships with them. Use them as a bouncing board for ideas on finding internships and full-time jobs and ways you can polish your resume. Completing a national security-related internship (paid or unpaid) is the most important thing you can do. It will enrich the rest of your academic experience and improve your full-time job prospects. If you can find an internship where they will sponsor you for a (non-provisional) security clearance at the Secret, Top Secret, or Top Secret / SCI level, all the better.

For students interested in consulting that have at least one year of school remaining after this year, I strongly recommend applying to consulting firms' summer programs. These are a great way to "try before you buy" and like law firms, many consulting firms will extend successful summer interns full-time job offers. For 1Ls, strongly consider applying to the JD / MPA joint-degree program. The application deadline is early in the spring semester. Maxwell's MPA program will arm you with a skill set that will make you very attractive to consulting firms.

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Internship Panel Discussion

In October, SATSA held its 2nd Annual Internship Panel Discussion. The panelist this year included the following individuals:

- Egon Donnarumma (JD/MPA '13), Department of Defense
- Mary Capparuccini (MPA/IR '14), Department of State and Department of Homeland Security
- Kate Theobald (JD '13), Army JAG
- Lawrence Raab (JD/MPA '14), Treasury – Financial Crimes Enforcement Network
- Ryan Suto (JD/PD '13), UNDP – Bahrain



Fellow Maxwell students provide insight on Internships

compiled an informational packet given to all attendees on potential internship opportunities. The list included information on agencies where Maxwell or Law school students had interned in the past and potential contacts for others. With close to thirty attendees, the panel was informative and a good kickoff to the SATSA 2012-2013 year.

Each individual gave a short recap of their experience, speaking about lessons learned and how they obtained the internship. Following this, a short question and answer session was held. When asked about particular advice they could give to future applicants, Mr. Donnarumma said that that getting a top-secret clearance was especially advantageous; several other panelists agreed with this assessment. Regardless of the internship, getting the clearance opens up doors to other agencies and future opportunities. Mr. Suto, the only participant that did not intern at a U.S. agency or entity, gave guidance to those that were interested in pursuing international internships or with international governmental organizations. In addition, SATSA board members Amber Demery and Kate Theobald

Student Profile: Andrew

Why security?

My interest in national security and SATSA evolves from my passion for helping other people and patriotism. My cousin was killed on 9/11. I was 11 years old at the time, and the event had a profound impact on me. It sparked my interest in counterterrorism and national security. The marriage of that academic pursuit, combined with my passion for helping other people has shaped my interest in national security and the intelligence field.

Future plans: My plans for this summer/post graduation are to work for whoever wants to hire me [*haha*]. All kidding aside, I'd really like to work in the intelligence community. Since that's such a difficult field to break into from the civilian side, I've applied to several fellowships, including the PMF, an emergency management one with DHS, and a leadership development one with LMI consulting. My fallback is emergency management consulting. I have several offers from small consulting firms in that field if I don't end up in DC working for the government.

LCDR Kimball Maritime Lecture

On Monday, November 5, 2012, SATSA hosted Lieutenant Commander Chris Kimball, JAGC, USN, for a lunchtime lecture at the College of Law. LCDR Kimball's lecture at the College of Law was entitled "Maritime Law and the Navy's Enforcement of U.N. Security Council Resolutions at Sea. In addition to fielding a variety of questions from the approximately thirty law and Maxwell student attendees, LCDR discussed topics including counter-piracy efforts off the Horn of Africa, laws of the sea, and nation-to-nation relations with foreign navies. The students were also very interested in hearing the LCDR's perspectives on the United State's application of certain legal norms, such as: the coastal boundaries; the doctrines of the right of innocent passage and freedom of navigation; as well as, gunboat diplomacy.



LCDR Kimball is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Leadership, Ethics and Law at the United States Naval Academy. LCDR Kimball spent five years as a Surface Warfare Officer, which included a 2001 deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Since 2005, LCDR Kimball has served as an officer in the Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corp, which has included a seven month tour as the Deputy Legal Advisor to a German-led operational NATO command in northern Afghanistan where he advised U.S. and NATO commanders on a host of operational law and international law matters.

Student Profile: Jesse Champion (JD '15)

Background:

I am a military veteran and grew up in Scranton, PA. Currently, I am a first year law student at Syracuse University College of Law (SUCOL). From 2003-2009, I served as a non-commissioned officer and commissioned infantry officer. During two deployments to Iraq, I served with the 82nd Airborne and 4th Infantry Divisions and I earned a Combat Infantryman Badge and Bronze Star Medal for leadership and meritorious service in a combat environment.

Along with being a graduate of various military courses, I am a graduate of Temple University with a bachelor's degree in film and communications.

Why SUCOL?

I chose the Syracuse University College of Law, for the high level of professionalism that was consistently displayed by SUCOL admissions staff, faculty, students, and alumni during visits and interactions over the summer, I was drawn to the excellent national reputation and strong alumni base of the University and the College of Law -namely the unmatched opportunities present in the study of national security law and policy. Relating to national security and counter-terrorism issues, SUCOL's dedication to relevant and current subject matter is unmatched. Countless professional opportunities in national security law and a knowledgeable and experienced faculty were strong factors for me in making my decision to attend.

Lastly, the prospect of expanding my educational experience with a joint degree or certificate through the Maxwell School and INSCT was a motivating and rewarding goal to work towards.

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**What do you think of SUCOL so far?**

The academic program at SUCOL has been exceptionally challenging, intellectually demanding, and truly one of the hardest challenges I have ever faced. However, I appreciate the level of support and teamwork among my classmates that has been consistent throughout my first semester. I have been involved in SATSA and the Journal for Terrorism and Security Analysis (JTSA). Being involved with SATSA/JTSA has provided a sense of comfort in connecting with likeminded individuals as well as broadening my perspective on professional opportunities after law school. Additionally, I am involved in the Criminal Law Society and serve as a BARBRI 1L Student Representative, which has helped to further my interactions with classmates.

Why security?

While serving in the military for six years, I was exposed to a wide array of rewarding experiences - domestically and abroad – that centered on national security and the fight against terrorism. After honorably discharging from service in 2009, I felt drawn to make an even broader impact in public service and further my education in the study of law. As the battlefield changes globally and technological capabilities continue to evolve, the law changes and evolves with it. Today, national security is a dynamic area of law to be a part of and unquestionably places an attorney on the “front lines” of legal and policy challenges. Moreover, given my experiences gained in the military, I am confident my legal education will augment well into making a positive and lasting impact for the well being of our nation’s security.

Future plans:

This summer, I hope to intern with a United States Attorney’s Office or federal agency in the New England area, while living with my wife in the Boston area. I hold the career goal of one day serving as an attorney for a federal intelligence agency or with an intelligence committee, working on cutting edge projects and analyzing complex national security issues pertaining to our country’s well-being.

Alumni Spotlight: Jeff Keesom (Continued)

Looking back, would you have done anything differently?

If I had to do it all over again, I would not have worried as much about the bar exam as I did. I would only take "bar classes" if you are actually interested in the subjects. I do not believe that the "bar classes" I took increased my preparation level for the exam. In the end, my review course was the most helpful and no, I did not take the super expensive course that everyone takes. I passed the NY bar exam on my first attempt and I will also be eligible to waive into the DC bar.

Any other comments you have and would want included?

All comments and opinions provided by me are my own and do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of Deloitte Consulting LLP or any of the other Deloitte member firms.

Call for Papers: Journal on Terrorism and Security Analysis

The Journal on Terrorism and Security Analysis (JTSA) is pleased to announce its 2012 call for papers for our upcoming journal publication, entitled *Beyond Terror: Security in the Post-Bin Laden World*. The JTSA invites paper submission to be considered for publication in this year's journal regarding a variety of security topics, such as national or international security, intelligence, counterterrorism, and cyber security. Emphasis relating the political, legal, ethical, economic, or strategic concerns of the above topics and their relation to modern security issues, such as the post Bin-Laden dynamic and its implications, will be given serious consideration for submission.

This year's deadline for submissions is January 5, 2013. The JTSA is a subsidiary organization of the Student Association on Terrorism and Security Analysis (SATSA) at Syracuse University and participates in the annual SATSA conference, hosted by SATSA and held at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Selected authors will be invited to share their research at this year's upcoming conference. Papers previously submitted to other publications are acceptable but previously published papers are not eligible for consideration. Please send only near-completed or finished drafts. Paper length should be between 2,000-10,000 words. Please send all documents as attachments preferably in Microsoft Word. Please direct all submissions to: satsa@maxwell.syr.edu

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