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Lieutenant Colonel Suzanne C. Nielsen is an Academy Professor and the Director of the International Relations and National Security Studies Program at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. She is responsible for all aspects of the international relations program, which is one of the largest undergraduate majors at the Academy. She also chairs the Academy's Scholarship Committee which selects and prepares cadets to compete for post-graduate programs to include the Fulbright, Gates, Marshall, Rhodes, and Truman Scholarships and the East-West Center Fellowship.

Her dissertation, *Preparing for War: the Dynamics of Peacetime Military Reform*, is about the process of organizational change and particularly focuses on the transformation of the US Army during the 1970s. This work won the American Political Science Association's Lasswell Award for the best dissertation completed in the field of public policy in 2002 and 2003. In addition to military change, her research interests include civil-military relations and strategy. She published a monograph entitled *Political Control over the Use of Force: A Clausewitzian Perspective*, as well as several chapters in *The Future of the Army Profession* and articles in *Defence Studies*, *International Studies Perspective*, *Public Administration and Management*, and *Military Review*. She is currently working as a co-author to publish the sixth edition of the textbook *American National Security* (forthcoming from Johns Hopkins University Press), and as a co-editor for an edited volume on American civil-military relations.

Lieutenant Colonel Nielsen is a military intelligence officer who has served in units in the Republic of Korea, Germany and the United States. While commanding an intelligence company, she deployed her unit twice from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to Europe to support peace enforcement operations in Bosnia. Prior to returning to West Point in 2005, she was a battalion executive officer and then theater analysis and control element chief in the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade in the Republic of Korea. During the summer of 2006, she served on the staff of the Director of the National Security Agency working transformation-related initiatives.

A distinguished graduate from the United States Military Academy, she also holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University. She was a Marshall Award recipient from the US Army Command and General Staff College and received an M.M.A.S in strategy. She is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations and the American Political Science Association, and a fellow in the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society. She is also a member of the governing council of the International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association. She currently lives in New Windsor, New York.

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Academic Background:

- 2003 Ph.D. in Political Science, Department of Government, Harvard University. Dissertation: *Preparing the Army for War: The Dynamics of Peacetime Military Reform*
- 2003 M.M.A.S., Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS. Thesis: *U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, 1973-1982*
- 1997-1999 M.A. in Political Science, Department of Government, Harvard University
- 1986-1990 B.S. in Political Science, United States Military Academy, West Point. Distinguished Graduate and Superintendent's Award Recipient; also received awards for second highest class standing and the highest class rating in humanities, international affairs, military science, and law.
- Fall 1988 United States Coast Guard Academy (exchange student)

Teaching Experience:

- 2005-Present **Academy Professor/Director of International Relations**, Department of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy. Teaching courses in international relations and national security.
- 1999-2002 **Instructor and Assistant Professor**, Department of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy. Course directed and taught the academy's core course in international relations. Served as co-course director and team taught senior seminars on the Strategy and Politics of Cyberwarfare and Politics and Film.

Publications:

Current Book Projects:

- Jordan, Amos A., William J. Taylor, Michael J. Meese, and Suzanne C. Nielsen. *American National Security*, 6th Edition. Johns Hopkins University Press (forthcoming).
- Nielsen, Suzanne C. and Don M. Snider, eds. *American Civil-Military Relations: Realities and Challenges in the New Era* (manuscript under review).

Monograph

Nielsen, Suzanne C. *Political Control over the Use of Force: A Clausewitzian Perspective*. The Letort Papers. Carlisle Barracks, PA: The Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College, 2001.

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Co-Editor

Kaufman, Daniel J., Jay M. Parker and Suzanne C. Nielsen, eds. *Through Alternative Lenses: Current Debates in International Relations*, 3rd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2001.

_____. *Through Alternative Lenses: Current Debates in International Relations*, 2nd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2000.

Book Reviews

Nielsen, Suzanne C. "Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Privatized Military Industry." A review of the book by the same title by P.W. Singer. *Military Review* (May-June 2005): 103.

Nielsen, Suzanne. "The Craft of Strategic Leadership." A review of *Supreme Command* by Eliot Cohen. *Joint Force Quarterly* (Autumn 2002): 136-137.

Presentations:

Panel Presenter, "Civil-Military Relations: Fifty Years after *The Soldier and the State*," at the Biennial International Conference of the Inter-University Seminar of the Armed Forces and Society, Chicago, Illinois, 26 October 2007.

Rountable Chair and Participant, "American Civil-Military Relations: Huntington's *The Soldier and the State* at Fifty Years," at the at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 1 September 2007.

Remarks on "The Evolution of American Defense Policy since the End of the Cold War," Harvard University Center for European Studies, 2006-2007 Berlin Program, Germany, 25 June 2007.

Paper on "The Tragedy of War: Clausewitz on Morality and the Use of Force," Panel on "Political Power and the Use and Abuse of War," at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 31 August 2006.

Paper on "Taking People Seriously: How the U.S. Army Has Been Shaped by the All-Volunteer Policy," Co-authored with Darrell Driver and Jason Dempsey, Panel on "The All-Volunteer Force" at the conference on "Citizenship, the Soldier and the State" held at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, 3-4 April 2006.

Paper on "Preparing for War: The Dynamics of Peacetime Military Reform," Panel on "Changing Structures and Functions of the Armed Forces" at the Biennial International Conference of the Inter-University Seminar of the Armed Forces and Society, Chicago, Illinois, 21-23 October 2005.

Discussant, Panel on "Nuclear North Korea: International Security Implications," at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, DC, 1-4 September 2005.

Paper on “Preparing for War: The Dynamics of Peacetime Military Reform,” Panel on Changing Structures and Functions of the Armed Forces, at the Biennial International Conference of the Inter-University Seminar of the Armed Forces and Society, Chicago, Illinois, 21-23 October 2005.

Discussant, Panel on The Use of Force: Cross-National Perspectives, at the Biennial International Conference of the Inter-University Seminar of the Armed Forces and Society, Chicago, Illinois, 21-23 October 2005.

Discussant, Panel on Nuclear North Korea: International Security Implications, at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, DC, 1-4 September 2005.

Paper on “Teaching Strategy and Security in Cyberspace,” Panel on Multimedia Strategies for Teaching International Relations, at the Annual International Studies Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, 24-27 March 2002.

Discussant, Panel on Narcotics and Security: A New Challenge to Foreign Policy, at the Annual International Studies Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, 24-27 March 2002.

Paper on “Rules of the Game? The Weinberger Doctrine and the American Use of Force,” Panel on Leading the U.S. Army Profession into the Twenty-First Century, at the Biennial International Conference on Armed Forces and Society, Baltimore, Maryland, October 19-21, 2001.

Paper on “Civil-Military Relations and Military Effectiveness,” Panel on New Directions in Civil-Military Relations, at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, August 29-September 2, 2001.

Paper on “Rules of the Game? The Weinberger Doctrine and the American Use of Force,” Panel on the Political-Social Expertise of the Military Profession, at the Conference on the Future of the Army Profession, West Point, New York, June 14-16, 2001.

Paper on “Political Control Over the Use of Force: A Clausewitzian Perspective,” Panel on Theoretical Perspectives on Civil-Military Relations, at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, February 20-24, 2001.

Discussant, Panel on Conflict Across the Taiwan Strait, at the University of South Carolina and Duke University Conference on East Asian Security, Charleston, South Carolina, 5-7 November 1999.

Paper on “China and Military Affairs: Prospects for Achieving a Revolution,” presented to co-directors of the Association of the United States Army’s Project on the Role of American Landpower, Department of Social Sciences, West Point, 26 July 1999.