

DEAN'S SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES REPORT



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DATE: 16 August 2019

Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. SOCOM Hackathon, 13-15 August
2. Astronaut Anne McClain lecture, 1 November
3. Dept. R&A, 4 November

Top 3 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

1. Dr. Kevin McMullen, a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), wrote a newsletter for the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) titled "Industry Success through Student Involvement." Dr. McMullen discusses how interactions between engineering professional and students is highly beneficial for the development of future engineers who are prepared to make an immediate impact on the field upon graduation. These interactions provide students with an alternative perspective, so they may better use the knowledge that they learn in the classroom to formulate solutions for real-world problems.
2. July – 3 August 2019 CDT Truman Gabriel, Dr. Greg Freisinger, and Dr. Becky Zifchock travelled to Calgary, Canada for the International Society of Biomechanics annual conference. The group presented four podium and four poster presentations, including work from CDT Isaiah Ball and CDT Nathaniel Schlosser who were unable to attend due to military training. The research presented ranged from validating novel wearable sensors and evaluating them in the field at Fort Bragg, to orthopaedic research measuring knee stiffness during total knee replacement. In addition to the attending scientific sessions and seminars on high quality research, the trip was an excellent opportunity to interact with professional peers and colleagues. POC is Dr. Greg Freisinger, CME/CIE, gregory.freisinger@westpoint.edu

DEPARTMENT: G&EnE

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1. From 21-23 August, LTC William Wright and the GIS Program is hosting two representatives from the Research Division of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). During the visit, the representatives will discuss AIAD opportunities with Cadets, finalize the ongoing Interagency Agency Agreement (IAA), and meet with professors from GIS, Geography, and the Modern War Institute on a currently funded 3-year research project.
2. On 4 September, from 1800-1930, the Green Team in G&EnE will host a welcome back BBQ for the Environmental Science and Environmental Engineering majors at Clinton Lot. This BBQ is also open to any other cadets who are part of ESSW (Engineers and Scientists for a Sustainable World).
3. On 19 September, the G&EnE Center for the Study of Civil-Military Operations will host the Africa Symposium. This will include panel discussion among military and civilian representatives with interests in Africa with a discussion on the continent as a whole.

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1. Academy Professor LTC Jason Ridgeway returned from his operational experience at USAFRICOM in Stuttgart, Germany. LTC Ridgeway assisted with the planning and execution of a pilot program for evaluating DoD-funded humanitarian assistance projects in Africa. This included ten days of travel in Gabon, where he inspected schools and medical facilities and met with the director of the Gabonese military hospital in Libreville. LTC Ridgeway also explored future areas for collaboration between USAFRICOM and GENE, including faculty engagement with African educational institutions and cadet AIADs.
2. On 2 August, LTC Will Wright returned from his summer deployment to Djibouti, Africa where he was embedded with the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency's Support Team for the Horn of Africa (NST-HOA). While deployed LTC Wright was able to observe and assessed the NST for NGA's leadership and was also able to support the team with day-to-day operations. During the deployment he gave several classes to the J2 staff on many of the different unclassified GIS and Remote sensing tools readily available to US Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen. Additionally, his data management skills were utilized to repair over 250 projects where data links had previously been broken. On 8 August LTC Wright provided his debriefing to the NGA leadership.

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3. From 29 July to 10 August, MAJ Ben Sylvester (G&EnE) led four cadets on an AIAD to Iceland. While there they conducted an analysis of Icelandic physical and cultural geography.

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1. August 16th: Department Hail. Senior leaders hail newly arrived staff and faculty.
2. August 21st: HI 101/151 Evening Lecture. Lieutenant Colonel Sculley gives a lecture on the Colonial American militia tradition of the 17th and 18th centuries. The lecture will take place during the deans lecture hour and will be attended by plebes enrolled in HI 101 or HI 151, Army of the Republic: Leading Citizen Soldiers.

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1. August 9-11th: USCC Gettysburg Staff Ride. USCC cadet leadership conducted a staff ride to Gettysburg. Department faculty provided analysis of different stands to foster cadets' understanding of battlefield leadership.
2. August 12th: Department Strategic Review. Senior leadership conducted a full day offsite trip to USMAPS to foster discussions of key department topics for the academic year and beyond.
3. August 15th: Department Faculty Call. Colonel Yoshitani briefed staff and faculty on the department's goals for the academic year and how they nest within the Dean and Superintendent's guidance.

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1. 21 August: SOSH will host **Dr. Ray Raymond** for engagement with the Scholarship Program. Dr. Raymond is a former British Diplomat, speaker, author, and current Professor of Government and History at the State University of New York's Stone Ridge campus. His diplomatic career spanned more than 20 years working on politico-military issues; of particular note, he previously served on the Marshall Scholarship selection committee and he possesses keen insights regarding the selection process.
2. 21 August: The CTC will host **Edmund Fitton-Brown**, coordinator of the UN Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team and former UK ambassador to Yemen. Fitton-Brown was featured in the CTC Sentinel a few months ago, and he asked to come up to us at West Point to talk about ways of strengthening the relationship between the CTC and his organization at the UN. He will be traveling up from NYC with Sentinel editor **Paul Cruickshank** as well as a political affairs officer from the Security Council Affairs Division at the UN, **Robert Cullinane**.
3. 26-27 August: SOSH will host **Dr. Kevin Lang**, a Professor of Economics at Boston University and a Research Associate at several prestigious institutions, to include the National Bureau of Economic Research, the Center for Research and Analysis of Migration at University College in London, and the Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality at Stanford University. He will present a **Dean's Hour lecture to cadets enrolled in SS388 and SS462 titled, "Labor Economics,"** as well as a faculty colloquium with the Department of Social Sciences.

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1. 11-13 August: **MAJ George Fust** visited Fort Benning, GA and the Maneuver Center of Excellence. MAJ Fust engaged three different classes of the Maneuver Captains Career Course in order to inform the officers about opportunities to teach at West Point. MAJ Fust received wide interest in the opportunity and was also able to connect with the 199th Brigade Commander who offered support in the future
2. 13 August: **SOSH conducted a senior faculty off-site** at the USAA Branch Bank in Highland Falls, NY. The day included time to discuss recently departed faculty AARs, as well as develop ideas in large group and break-out sessions in support of the

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Department Strategic Plan. It was a great day spent building the team ahead of the academic year to come.

3. 15 August: Four members of SOSH senior faculty were recognized at the Superintendent's Convocation. **Dr. Scott Silverstone** received a Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence; **LTC Heidi Demarest** was recognized for promotion to Associate Professor; and **LTCs Mark Crow and Mike Rosol** were recognized as Academy Professors.