

DEAN'S SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES REPORT



DEPARTMENT: G&EnE

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DATE: 22 August 2019

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

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.

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

1. At the start of this semester, 17 cadets have started new independent study projects both individually and in groups within G&EnE. These projects are in numerous veins of research and many are interdisciplinary both within G&EnE programs and other departments. This adds to the large number of cadets who are already on a second or more semester of independent study.
2. On 19 and 20 August, numerous faculty within G&EnE participated in club night, enabling cadet support and participation in a large number of academic, support and religious cadet clubs.
3. On 21 August, the G&EnE GIS program hosted a welcome back event for all GIS majors. This included two guest speakers to talk about National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) AIAD opportunities and the options to go Space as a functional area in the future.

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1. September 4th: Department of History Coffee Group. The department leadership hosts spouses, partners, women serving in the department, and anyone else who wants to attend for an evening of coffee, desserts, and comradery.
2. September 6th: Junior Brown Bag. Senior faculty host a brown bag luncheon with junior rotators. Topics discussed include academic promotion, evaluations, staying relevant with the operational force, functional area, and more.

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1. August 16th: Department Hail. Senior leaders hailed newly arrived staff and faculty during a family style meal in the Clausewitz Library.
2. August 21st: HI 101/151 Evening Lecture. Lieutenant Colonel Sculley conducted a highly interactive lecture on the Colonial American militia tradition of the 17th and 18th centuries. The lecture took place during the dean's lecture hour and was attended by plebes enrolled in the new history course, HI 101/151, Army of the Republic: Leading Citizen Soldiers.

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Cadet (CDT) Ryan Rocca (NEN1, '20), CDT Jackson Szczerbik (HMH2H/NSM0N, '20), and CPT(P) Boone Gilbreath attended the 2019 Deterrence Symposium at USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, NE from 31 – 2 AUG. During the symposium, the cadets and faculty participated in discourse with elected officials and senior military leaders from the United States as well as NATO and other regional allies to define current and future challenges in strategic deterrence. Cadets Rocca and Szczerbik attended a follow-on AIAD through 10 AUG with the

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USSTRATCOM J5N directorate where they worked with Army FA52 (Nuclear and Counterproliferation) officers and learned about nuclear deterrence, nuclear targeting, nuclear operations, and nuclear weapons effects on the battlefield.

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1. 26 August: The **International Affairs program** welcomes **Alexander Davis** of the Princeton for a writing seminar with our faculty. Mr. Davis is a sociologist who explores the cultural foundations of social inequality through the lens of gender and sexuality studies. He is also a member of the **Princeton Writing Program** and will work with SOSH faculty on ways to teach and develop good habits of writing in cadets.
2. 27 August: The **Domestic Affairs Forum** and the **American Politics program** will conduct a kick-off event at the Trophy Point amphitheater featuring a debate between **MAJ George Fust** and **MAJ Brian Vaeni** on the topic "Should service members vote?" There will be some audience Q&A followed by a mixer at the Cadet Humanities Forum building where light refreshments will be served.
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. 12 August: **Dr. Jason Warner** and **CPT Michael Robinson** conducted a **Twitter Workshop** for SOSH faculty. During the 90-minute session, they discussed the academic virtues of Twitter, some best-practices, and some pit-falls. The session inspired

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great questions and follow-up conversations and will make the department better prepared to engage responsibly on this social media platform.

2. 14 August: **The American Politics program** conducted its annual off-site at Jefferson Hall where the program welcomed new faculty, recognized newly minted assistant professors, discussed program changes, and unveiled this year's theme – *“The year of Courageous Ideas.”*

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.