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

1. 28th February: BS&L is having their biennial GatherRING, RING stands for “Return, Innovate, Network, Grow”. The overall intent of the event is to unite past, present, and future members of our department, and enable us to enjoy an evening of fellowship and socializing. As part of the event, we will also be awarding BG(R) Tom Kolditz (former head of BS&L from 2001-2012) with our department’s distinguished faculty award.

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1. LTC Annmarie Ruppert and 17 Cadets will travel to Quebec City, Canada from February 14-17 for a Francophone cultural trip with the French Forum.
2. The German Liaison Officer, LTC Christian Klein, together with MAJ Eric Simpson and SGM Timo Braese, will take the LG476 class (Speaking and Reading in a Military Context – German) to visit the German Consulate in New York City on February 28. Cadets will speak with members of the consulate, tour the United Nations building, and see the transatlantic partnership in action.
3. On March 17, the Spanish section will host Brigadier General Álvaro Vicente Pérez Durán, Director of *Escuela Militar de Cadetes General José María Córdova* (Colombian Military Academy). The visit aims to strengthen the strategic partnership between the two militaries that will include a meeting with the Dean, BG Cindy Jebb, as well as interaction with the Admissions Office and SHARP representatives.

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

1. Dr. Jeff Watson and COL Eugene Gregory conducted a meeting at the United States Air Force Academy (USFA) with the Defense Language National Security and Education Office (DLNSEO) and our fellow service academy language/culture partners as part of our ongoing research on LREC acquisition across the services.
2. The French Section farewelled two French second lieutenants from the *Ecole Militaire Interarmée* on February 7. The lieutenants were at West Point for a three-week English

language immersion. They audited courses alongside their hosts and presented their former French Army regiments to the LF476 (Speaking and Reading in a Military Context - French) class.

DEPARTMENT: Department of English and Philosophy
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1. Cadets in EN354: Special Topics: Irish Drama attended the opening-night performance of "Lady G," an original play at the Irish Repertory Theater in New York City. The play explores the life and ideas of Lady Augusta Gregory, a founder of the Irish Literary Theatre and mainstay of the Irish dramatic movement in the early 20th century. It also included full productions of two of Lady Gregory's short plays, "Workhouse Ward" and "McDonough's Wife," the latter making its U. S. premiere. EN354 students have been studying Gregory, W. B. Yeats, J. M. Synge, and their efforts, through drama, to make Irish cultural nationalism a powerful force for Irish independence.
2. On 8 FEB, the DEP's own faculty competed in a Powerlifting competition in Lexington, KY. MAJ Justin Cunningham took third for his weight class while CPT (P) Steven Thomas took first for his. Both officers gave a strong representation of themselves, the department, and West Point during the event.
3. On February 11, 2020, the Department of English and Philosophy held its monthly "Works in Progress" meeting. MAJ Justin Cunningham presented his paper, "But how stands the country affected?: Mapping the Civil-Military Divide through Literary Responses to the Standing Army Controversy in 18th Century Britain and 19th Century America." The paper explored how the literary depictions of soldiers in standing armies represents a personification of the collective socio-political anxieties surrounding the rise of professional and permanent military apparatuses, while also providing a clear antecedent for the current civil military divide.

DEPARTMENT: G&EnE
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1. On 15 February, two G&EnE majors will showcase their hard work as part of the Class of 2020 100th Night Show. Cadets Elijah Payne and Joshua Schwindt, both

Environmental Science majors, have roles in the show. COL Kimball (G&EnE) also assisted the class by reviewing the script and advising the support from the Cadet Theatre Arts Guild (TAG). This year marks the 124th iteration of the 100th Night Show, and a rare throwback to the days when it was performed in Robinson Auditorium.

2. On 19 February, cadets enrolled in Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa (EV376) will travel to NYC on a Culture Day to put their knowledge in practice for African Geopolitics. The trip will include a visit to the Middle Eastern Institute at Columbia University where they will receive a lecture on the Middle Eastern Politics. After that they will conduct a tour of Morgan Stanley's offices and receive a lunchtime briefing from the Investment Banks leaders for portfolios in the Middle East and North Africa in order to gain an understanding of how the global world views volatility and economics in the region.
3. On 24 February, 26 cadets currently enrolled in EV379 (Photogrammetry) will be led by Dr. Matt O'Banion (G&EnE) to visit Keystone Aerial Surveys, Inc. located at the Northeast Philadelphia Airport in Pennsylvania. Cadets will spend the day learning about various aspects of airborne imagery and LIDAR acquisition, explore sensor equipped manned and unmanned aircraft, and gain exposure to data processing and product development techniques.

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1. On 10 February, Cadet Madeline Easter presented her research on the "Rwandan Genocide" at the Esri Federal Users Conference in Washington, D.C. This was a collaborative research project between G&EnE and History (Dr. David Frey, Dr. Michael Gehren, COL Chris Oxendine, & LTC Will Wright).
2. On 10 February, Firsties enrolled in EV491 (Advanced Environmental Engineering Design) completed their capstone preliminary design brief. The event is an important milestone prior to completing their final design, which will be presented on Projects Day. This year EV491 has two capstone teams working on projects with real-world clients. One team, led by COL Phil Dacunto and sponsored by DPW (Mr. Paul Dunaev), is redesigning the Lusk Reservoir Water Treatment Plant disinfection system. The second team, led by LTC Andy Pfluger and sponsored by DPW (Mr. Jamie Sturm), is designing an anaerobic co-digestion unit for food waste diversion at the Target Hill Wastewater Treatment Facility. The points of contact are COL Phil Dacunto and LTC Andy Pfluger.

DEPARTMENT: History

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1. 21-23 February: US Coast Guard Academy's Holocaust Symposium. The symposium, created in partnership with the Museum of Jewish Heritage, brings together cadets and midshipmen from

all of the Service Academies to discuss how study of the Holocaust and other genocides is integral to educating future officers not only for purposes of atrocity prevention, but for molding ethical officers resistant to bias.

2. 6 March: Plebe Parent Night: Historians kick off Plebe Parent Weekend by hosting the parents of history majors in the Clausewitz Library. Instructors will be on hand to discuss the history curriculum and a full display of material culture will be available for parents and their cadets to interact with.

3. 7-15 March: Spring Break Staff Rides. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class cadets travel on two different staff rides to Normandy, France and Ireland in order to study history where it happened. Cadets on the Normandy staff ride will study the D-Day invasion of France and cadets on the Ireland trip will study Irish history since the First World War. Cadets have been preparing for these staff rides throughout the fall and spring semesters.

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1. 12 February: History Major Professional Development: Junior instructors hosted an officer professional development session for approximately ten history majors from all classes. The main topic of discussion was broadening assignments as a mid and senior grade captain, particularly returning to USMA as an instructor.

2. 13 February: Ski Lodge Dinner: Historians and their families gathered at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge for an evening of comradery. Families gathered to eat pizza, play board games, and enjoy each other's company during the winter gloom.

DEPARTMENT: Physics and Nuclear Engineering

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1. The Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering is a part of a research alliance recently selected for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) Interaction of Ionizing Radiation with Matter University Research Alliance (IIRM-URA) award. The IIRM-URA will perform frontier-type research for meeting DTRA's goals and objectives within its strategic plan by seeking advances in understanding material radiation interaction, advancing devices and integration, and advancing nuclear survivability and response. Alliance leaders include Pennsylvania State University (Project Manager), Massachusetts Institute of Technology

(materials lead), University of Michigan (devices and integration lead), University of Florida (survivability and response lead), as well as other universities and associated national laboratories.

2. On 12 February 2020, the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering hosted our annual ABET Advisory Board visit. This advisory board, consisting of representatives from our constituencies of the US Army, Academia, and Industry, plays a vital role in shaping our Program Educational Outcomes and ensuring our program is continually achieving all ABET criteria. We are extremely thankful for their time, advice, and support each year during the visit.

3. MAJ Cathleen Barker attended the Nuclear Debris Collection and Analysis Forum at Patrick AFB, Florida. The forum provided excellent insight into the nation's nuclear response program and opportunities for potential future research and collaboration projects for USMA students.

4. On January 29th, CDT Thomas Williams visited Dr. Steve Swanekamp at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) located in Washington DC to discuss research related to a joint DTRA and D/P&NE sponsored NE489 independent study. CDT Williams has spent the last 8 months modeling System Generated Electromagnetic Pulse (SGEMP) using a Large Scale Plasma (LSP) particle in-cell high performance computational code to simulate plasma response and resulting return current in an enclosed area. CDT Williams has been accepted to give an oral presentation at the Hardened Electronics and Radiation Technology (HEART) Conference which will take place on March 26, 2019. The purpose of the visit to NRL was to review research progress and begin preparation for the oral presentation.

5. Dr. Ken Allen served as a Team Chair as part of an ABET Program Visit at Delaware Technical Community College, Stanton, DE, 25-28 Jan.

DEPARTMENT: Social Sciences
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1. 18 February. The Department of Social Sciences welcomes **Ambassador Donald Yamamoto**, U.S. Ambassador to Somalia. **AMB Yamamoto** will guest lecture in SS486: State Building and SS483: National Security Seminar; in the evening he will take part in an International Affairs Forum event with cadets in the Haig Room.
2. 20 February. As part of a SOSH Research Lab event, **MAJ Kyle Greenberg, Dr. Matt Gudgeon, Dr. Rich Patterson** will present preliminary analysis from a paper that they are co-authoring with **Corbin Miller** and **Adam Isen** of the U.S. Department of Treasury

at 1200 in the SOSH Conference Room. The paper explores the effects of Army service in the All-Volunteer Era. More specifically, given that volunteers come from predominantly low-income households, the paper estimates the causal effect of volunteer Army service on income and social mobility.

3. 20 February. The Economics Program welcomes **COL Pat Work**, Military Deputy Director DCS G3 PA&E, as a guest lecturer with Leadership Economics. Before his current position, **COL Work** (USMA '95) commanded 2BCT, 82nd Airborne Division followed by time as the XO to the 39th Chief of Staff of the Army. We look forward to rich engagements with this Army senior leader.

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1. 6 February. **Professor Mary McCord**, Visiting Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center, guest-lectured in SS465: Terrorism, New Challenges. Her talk titled "Terrorism in the U.S.: Understanding the Spectrum" provided powerful insights into domestic terrorism-related course objectives. Professor McCord was the Acting Assistant Attorney General for National Security at the U.S. Department of Justice from 2016 to 2017 and Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the National Security Division from 2014 to 2016; she currently serves as Legal Director at the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection.
2. 5 February. **Dr. Max Margulies and CPT Mike Robinson** presented their draft chapter, "Conflicting Loyalties and Dissent in Civil-Military Relations," for the forthcoming edited volume from Oxford University Press titled *American Civil-Military Relations Reconsidered: The Military, Politics, and Modern War* at a lunchtime research workshop Wednesday afternoon. After a brief presentation of their main arguments, they fielded questions and quibbles from the gathered faculty. The discussion that followed offered potentially fruitful changes and sharpened their case to nest it more firmly in the foundational civ-mil literature.
3. 3 February. **Ms. Leigh Angers**, the Director of Legislative Affairs at the Congressional Budget Office joined SS480: The Public Policymaking Process, for a guest lecture focusing on multiple traditions in American political development. **Ms. Angers** has been with the CBO since 2007 and has held several important posts in the organization.