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Dr. Paul David Miller, Ph.D.

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Dr. Paul D. Miller is a scholar and public servant devoted to ordered liberty at home and abroad. As a scholar, Dr. Miller is a political theorist and political scientist focusing on international affairs, the American experiment, and America's role in the world. He is a Professor of the Practice of International Affairs at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He serves as co-chair of the Global Politics and Security concentration in the MSFS program. He is also a non-resident Senior Fellow with the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security.

As a practitioner, Miller served as Director for Afghanistan and Pakistan on the National Security Council staff; worked as an intelligence analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency; and served as a military intelligence officer in the U.S. Army. Miller previously taught at The University of Texas at Austin and the National Defense University and worked at the RAND Corporation.

His most recent book, *Ethics of War: A Short Companion* was published by Broadman & Holman Academic in 2025 as part of the *Essentials in Christian Ethics* Series. Other books by Dr. Miller include *The Religion of American Greatness: What's Wrong with Christian Nationalism* (IVP Academic in 2022), *Just War and Ordered Liberty* (Cambridge University Press, 2021) and *American Power and Liberal Order* (Georgetown University Press, 2016). Miller's writing has also appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, *Survival*, *The Dispatch*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *The Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Orbis*, *The American Interest*, *The National Interest*, *The World Affairs Journal*, *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, and elsewhere. He is a contributing editor of *Providence: A Journal of Christianity and American Foreign Policy*, a research fellow at the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, and a visiting professor with AEI's Initiative on Faith and Public Life.

Miller holds a doctorate in international relations and a bachelor's degree in government from Georgetown University, and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University.

Expertise:

Nationalism, American Foreign Policy, Christian Nationalism, International Relations, Just War Theory, National Security, Military, War and Peace, Political Theory, Religion, Religion and Politics, Security Studies, Strategy



Dr. Kori Schake, Ph.D.

Kori Schake is a senior fellow and the director of foreign and defense policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI).

Before joining AEI, Schake was the deputy director-general of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. She has had a distinguished career in government, working at the US State Department, the US Department of Defense, and the National Security Council at the White House. She was also senior policy advisor on the 2008 McCain campaign. She has taught at Stanford, West Point, Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, and the University of Maryland.

Schake is the author of five books: "[The State and the Soldier: a History of Civil-Military Relations in the United States](#)" (Polity Books, 2025); "[America vs the West: Can the Liberal World Order Be Preserved?](#)" (Penguin Random House Australia, Lowy Institute, 2018); "[Safe Passage: The Transition from British to American Hegemony](#)" (Harvard University Press, 2017); "[State of Disrepair: Fixing the Culture and Practices of the State Department](#)" (Hoover Institution Press, 2012); and "[Managing American Hegemony: Essays on Power in a Time of Dominance](#)" (Hoover Institution Press, 2009).

She is also the coeditor, along with former Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, of "[Warriors & Citizens: American Views of Our Military](#)" (Hoover Institution Press, 2016).

Schake has been widely published in policy journals and the popular press, including in CNN.com, *Foreign Affairs*, *Politico*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*. She is a contributing writer at The Atlantic and War on the Rocks.

Schake has a PhD and MA in government and politics from the University of Maryland, as well as an MPM from the University of Maryland School of Public Policy. Her BA in international relations is from Stanford University.

Experience

- International Institute for Strategic Studies: Deputy Director-General and Research Director, 2018–19
- King's College, London: Visiting Professor, Department of War Studies, 2018–19
- Hoover Institution, Stanford University: Research Fellow, 2008–18 and 2005–07
- McCain-Palin campaign: Senior Policy Adviser, 2008
- US Department of State: Deputy Director of Policy Planning, 2007–08
- The US Military Academy at West Point: Distinguished Chair in International Security Studies, 2005–08
- National Security Council: Director for Defense Strategy and Requirements, 2002–05
- University of Maryland: Visiting Professor, School of Public Affairs, 1999–2002
- Johns Hopkins University: Adjunct Professor, European Studies, School of Advanced International Studies, 1999–2002
- National Defense University: Researcher, Institute for National Strategic Studies, 1998–2002
- University of California, San Diego: Fellow, Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, 1996–98
- U.S. Department of Defense: Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Strategy and Requirements, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 1994–96; NATO Desk Officer, Directorate of Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, 1990–94



Dr. Marc LiVecche, Ph.D.

Marc LiVecche is the McDonald Distinguished Scholar of Ethics, War, and Public Life at *Providence*. He is also a non-resident research fellow at the U.S. Naval War College, in the College of Leadership and Ethics and adjunct professor of ethics at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Dr. LiVecche completed doctoral studies, earning distinction, at the University of Chicago, where he worked under the supervision of the political theorist and public intellectual Jean Bethke Elshtain, until her death in August, 2013.

His first book, [*The Good Kill: Just War & Moral Injury*](#), was published in 2021 by Oxford University Press. He has co-edited, both with [**Eric Patterson, Responsibility and Restraint: James Turner Johnson and the Just War Tradition**](#), published by Stone Tower Press and [**Military Necessity and Just War Statecraft**](#), published by Routledge. Currently, he is finalizing *Moral Horror: A Just War Defense of the Bombing of Hiroshima*.

Prior to these academic endeavors, LiVecche spent twelve years doing a variety of things in Central Europe — ranging from helping build sport and recreational leagues in post-communist communities, to lecturing on culture, moral philosophy, history, and theology at a study and research center, to leading seminars on history and ethics onsite at the former Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi concentration camp in Poland. This latter experience allowed him to continue his undergraduate study of the Shoah; a process which rendered him entirely ill-suited for pacifism.

LiVecche lives in Annapolis, Maryland with his wife and children—and a transient *marmota monax* whistlingpigging under the shed.



Dr. Eric Patterson, Ph.D.

President and CEO of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation

A foreign policy expert, Dr. Eric Patterson, Ph.D., previously served as president of the Religious Freedom Institute (RFI), where he led the organization's efforts to advocate for religious liberty around the world through training and educational programs for students, teachers, public officials, and other audiences.

Prior to RFI, Patterson was a university dean and professor. His government experience includes service as a White House Fellow, at the U.S. Department of State, and, for more than 20 years, as an Air National Guard commander. He is an active scholar on the moral dimensions of national security and international affairs, as well as author of more than 20 books, including *Just American Wars: Ethical Dilemmas in U.S. Military History* and the co-edited volume *The Reagan Manifesto: "A Time for Choosing" and Its Influence*.



Dr. John H. Modinger, Ph.D.

Dr. John H. Modinger, Ph.D., is a retired Air Force officer who has taught at the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) and the School for Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) for the last 11 years.

Long before his ongoing stint in academia, Modinger served more than a dozen years as a navigator aboard KC-135 and C-130 aircraft. He was also a Tactical Airlift Control Element (TALCE) commander, responsible for setting up rudimentary flight operations at unimproved airfields prior to the commencement of large air operations from that location.

At the end of his first assignment to the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA), he was chosen by USAFA leadership to complete a doctorate at the prestigious University of Calgary's *Centre for Military and Strategic Studies* in Alberta, Canada, from Aug 2005-Aug 2008. His dissertation, titled *Hegemony Over the Heavens: The Chinese and American Struggle in Space*, dealt primarily with space weaponization and space control issues.

Shortly after completing his terminal degree and returning to USAFA, he was selected to become a permanent professor. He's published extensively and is routinely sought after for his expertise on China, and in the realm of civil-military relations.



Dr. Trent J. Lythgoe, Ph.D.

Dr. Trent J. Lythgoe, Ph.D., is an associate professor of military leadership and the Fox Conner Chair for Leadership Studies at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Before joining the Command and General Staff College, Lythgoe served as a U.S. Army aviator for 22 years, completing three combat tours of duty and retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

Lythgoe earned his doctorate in political science from the University of Kansas, where he studied civil-military relations. His teaching and research interests include adaptive leadership, learning organizations, and professional writing.

Lythgoe's work has been published in military and academic journals. He is the editor and lead author of *Professional Writing: The Command and General Staff College Writing Guide*, as well as a member of the *Army Civilian Professional Journal* editorial board. Outside academia, Lythgoe enjoys spending time with his wife, Wendy, and serving as his Golden Retriever's personal concierge.

Dr. Michael J. Forsyth, Ph.D.

Dr. Michael J. Forsyth, Ph. D., a retired U.S. Army colonel, is currently an associate professor and director of the Department of Command and Leadership at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

During his military career he served as a field artillery officer commanding organizations at every level through brigade. He also served as chief of staff of Alaskan Command and Alaska NORAD Region.

Forsyth's new book entitled *The White House and Pentagon at Odds* from McFarland Publishing was released in December 2025. He has four previously published books with McFarland Publishing including *The Red River Campaign of 1864*, *The Camden Expedition of 1864*, *The Great Missouri Raid*, and *A Year in Command in Afghanistan*. He is also the editor of *The Confederate Military Forces in the Trans-Mississippi West, 1861-1865: A Study in Command* published by Savas-Beatie, and author of *God Gave Us Dogs to Teach Us...* published by New Harbor Press. In addition, he has published many articles in history and military affairs in several publications.

Forsyth holds a doctorate in war studies from the Royal Military College of Canada.