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Benjamin D. Crockett as associate dean of academic affairs and professor of practice, Benjamin D. Crockett partners with military and civilian stakeholders to maximize academic program effectiveness and explore feasible solutions to Africa's security challenges. His areas of expertise include security cooperation, political-military affairs, national security strategy, and peace support operations.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Mr. Crockett was the principal advisor at the U.S. State Department for the African Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership, a peace operations capacity building program for six African countries. Mr. Crockett concluded a 27-year career in the U.S. Army in 2015, retiring as a colonel. He served for over 20 years as a regional specialist in Middle East and African affairs, advancing U.S. defense strategy and security cooperation. His final assignment was as the regional director for East and Southern Africa in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, directing U.S. defense policy and relations with 15 countries and the African Union.

Mr. Crockett's military career also included positions on the Joint Staff and at the Defense Intelligence Agency. His overseas assignments included tours at the U.S. embassies in Egypt, Lebanon, Burkina Faso, and Sudan, the latter two as defense attaché. He began military service with postings in South Korea and Germany, and a deployment to Operation Desert Storm. He also deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mr. Crockett holds an M.A. from Princeton University in Near East studies and a B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley in political science. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Bronze Star Medal among other military awards and decorations.

Professor Tony R. Mullis holds a PhD in History from the University of Kansas. Presently, he is the Director of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for Security Studies and Chair of the Department of Security Studies and Criminal Justice at Angelo State University. Dr. Mullis retired from the US Air Force in 2005 as a Lieutenant Colonel after 22 plus years of uniformed service. His major fields of academic study include the history of the United States and military history. His secondary field is indigenous nations studies. Prior to attending the Air Command and Staff College as a student between 1996 and 1997, Lieutenant Colonel Mullis was an assistant deputy director for intelligence at the National Military Command Center in the Pentagon. There he coordinated activities of the CIA, NSA, and Military Service representatives and supervised the production and dissemination of substantive intelligence within the National Intelligence Community.

Prior to his tour of duty in the United Kingdom, he was an assistant professor in the Department of History at the U.S. Air Force Academy. While there, he developed and taught numerous courses in military history, American history, and diplomatic history. He spent five years on the faculty of the Air Command and Staff College in Montgomery, Alabama and over ten years at the US Army Command and General Staff College. He has further enhanced his academic expertise through scholarly publications and academic conferences. He has published a book, *Peacekeeping on the Plains: Army Operations in Bleeding Kansas*, through the University of Missouri Press. He has published book chapters related to the Bleeding Kansas era. Dr. Mullis has been a volunteer with NATO's Partnership for Peace Consortium Defense Education Enhancement Program since 2014.

Dr. Emile Ouedraogo (retired Burkina Faso Army Colonel) is an Independent International Consultant. He works on issues related to security in general, and on the African security sector reform and governance in particular. He is a Member of the African Security Sector Network (ASSN) and founding President of the Fondation pour la Sécurité du Citoyen au Burkina Faso (Burkina Faso Citizen' Security Foundation – FOSEC).

Dr. Ouedraogo left Burkina Faso Army active duty in 2012, after thirty (30) years of service. He served as Aide to the Prime Minister, Commanding Officer, Chief Military Intelligence Division at the Army General Staff before being appointed Minister of Security of Burkina Faso from 2008 to 2011. As a Minister of Security, he initiated and developed a Homeland Security Strategy for Burkina Faso and operationalized the concept of community policing and community participation in the management of security issues.

Dr. Ouedraogo was also a parliamentarian in the National Assembly of Burkina Faso and ECOWAS Parliament where he sat on the Political Affairs, Peace, Defense and Security Committees. In this capacity, he carried out informative and investigative missions in most ECOWAS countries and is therefore fully conversant with security issues which affect the subregion.

Dr. E. Ouedraogo earned a PhD with honors from the Center for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies, Paris, France on “Security Sector Reform and Governance in the ECOWAS Region: Issues and Prospects” (CEDDS, 2011-2014) and published a research paper with the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS/NDU/Washington DC) in July 2014 entitled « Advancing Military Professionalism in Africa ».

Dr. Gary Rauchfuss, is the Director of Records Management Training at the National Archives and Records Administration in College Park, MD. Since retiring from United States Army in 2005, Gary has held public and private sector positions focused on the application of evidence-based learning science to modernize training and education programs. His interests include application of evidence-based learning strategies, effective uses of educational technology, and acceleration of expertise development. He has served in diverse instructional design, training, and management positions including working with the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, U.S. Coast Guard Forces Command, Intelligent Decision Systems Inc., Computer Sciences Corporation and serving as an instructional design consultant for other companies.

Gary Rauchfuss has worked on a variety of initiatives including development of training program strategic plans, implementation of learning technologies, and improvement of the training and development workforce. Gary serves as a volunteer with the Partnership for Peace Consortium and the Africa Center for Strategic Studies working on international curriculum and faculty development projects. He is currently a member of the Program Advisory Board for USC’s Rosier School of Education Master of Learning, Design and Technology degree. He earned his PhD in Education from Capella University, a MS in Education from the Old Dominion University and a BS in Management from the University of Maryland University College.

Major Joshua A. Smith, Military Police Officer, US Army, is currently assigned as the Operations Officer and US Army Captains Career Course Common Core Assistant Course Manager in the Instructional Design Division, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence/Directorate of Academic Affairs of Army University. He is also an assistant instructor for the Common Faculty Development Developers Course and the Command and General Staff College Instructor and Lesson Author Courses.

MAJ Smith grew up in Ohio and was commissioned through ROTC at Bowling Green State University as a Distinguished Military Graduate in 2001. He has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Ohio Northern University, a M.A. in Human Resources Development from Webster University, and is working to complete a M.A. in Business and Organizational Security Management from Webster University.

His military education includes the Military Police Officer Basic Course, the Military Police Officer Advanced Course Honor graduate, and the Army Command and General Staff Officer Course. Military training he has attended includes Airborne School, Special Reaction Team Training Phase I & II, Law Enforcement Senior Leader Course, Anti-Terrorism and Police intelligence Course, and Defense Support to Civil Authorities II, Command and General Staff College Instructor Course, Command and General Staff College Developers Course, Common Faculty Development Developers Course.

Ms. Brandie C. Wempe is an Instructional Systems Specialist within the Faculty and Staff Development Division, Army University at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. She provides the Common Faculty Development Program of instruction to resident and non-resident students in an adult experiential classroom environment. She develops training products for programs of instruction, and lesson plans. She also serves as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) for resident and non-resident training learning options and instructional delivery modes to include distance learning. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology/Criminology, a Master of Science degree in Adult, Occupational and Continuing Education, and is currently working on a Ph.D. in Adult Learning and Leadership from Kansas State University.