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Leadership

Ms. Amanda Dory is the Director of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, located at the National Defense University in Washington, DC. Prior to this appointment, she held the position of Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs. Ms. Dory is a career member of the Senior Executive Service.

Ms. Dory has served in multiple leadership roles in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, including Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, and acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Plans and Posture. She also served on the National War College faculty and as associate dean for outreach.

She is an alumna of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and received a master's degree with concentrations in international economics and African studies from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Colonel (ret) Tim Mitchell currently serves as an Adjunct Faculty for the Institute for Defense Analyses and the Africa Center for Strategic Studies.

Mr. Mitchell served a thirty-year career in the Army as an Infantry Officer and Foreign Area Officer with a focus in Sub-Saharan Africa. He ended his Army career in 2017 while serving as an assistant professor of National Security Studies at the National War College in Washington, D.C. Tim is a French speaker with eight years of experience serving as the U.S. Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché (SDO/DATT) in three African countries: Chad, with non-resident accreditation to the Central African Republic, (2004-2007); Tanzania (2007-2010) and most recently Liberia (2013-2015) where he played a lead role in the international efforts to stop the spread of Ebola in West Africa. COL (ret) Mitchell also served as the Chief, Security Cooperation Division at U.S. Army Africa in Vicenza, Italy, where he was responsible for coordinating all U.S. Army security cooperation activities in Africa.

A 1987 graduate of West Point, Tim commanded an Infantry Company in Panama and served as an instructor in the Social Sciences Department (1997-2000) at West Point prior to becoming a FAO. Tim earned a Masters degree in Public Policy from Duke University and a Masters degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He is also a graduate of the Tunisian Command and Staff College.

Facilitators

Dr. Joel Amegboh is an Assistant Professor for African Security Studies, responsible for overseeing the Africa Center's academic programming on National Security Strategy Development and Youth, Peace, and Security and integrating these considerations into the Center's research and outreach.

Prior to joining the Africa Center for Security Studies, Dr. Amegboh worked for several agencies and departments under the United Nations. These include the Educational Outreach Division of the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Mali Integrated Operational Team, located in the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs. His research interests include advocacy for, and paradigm shifts in peacebuilding in Africa, terrorism and counterterrorism efforts, human security, security-development-governance nexus, and the role of youth in peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

Dr. Amegboh holds a Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University, an M.A. in Global Development and Peace Studies, and a B.A. in International Political Economy and Diplomacy from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut.

As Associate Professor at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, **Dr. Nate Allen** oversees academic programming on cyber issues and peace operations. Dr. Allen's expertise includes cyber issues, emerging technology, civil-military relations, and regional security partnerships across Africa.

Previously, Dr. Allen was a policy advisor at the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP) Task Force on Extremism in Fragile States. He has also worked at the U.S. State Department, House of Representatives, and as a research analyst at NORC at the University of Chicago. Dr. Allen's work has appeared in a wide range of leading policy and peer-reviewed publications, including *Armed Forces and Society*, *The Washington Quarterly*, *Democratization*, *Orbis*, *War on the Rocks*, *The Washington Post*, and *Foreign Affairs*. He has received fellowships from American University, the Robertson Family Foundation, and USIP, where he was a 2016-2017 Peace Scholar. He currently serves as a Research Fellow at South Africa's Stellenbosch University and is a Council on Foreign Relations Term Member.

Dr. Allen holds a Ph.D. in international relations and African studies from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, an M.A. from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs, and a B.A. from Swarthmore College.

Dr. Robert M. Kerr is serves as an Associate Professor and Director of Instruction in the Department of Joint Warfighting at the USAF Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL. He has worked extensively throughout Africa on security cooperation initiatives, and since 2019 has served as the Academic Lead for the African Military Education Program's Malawi Defence Force Command and Staff College project; he will continue to serve in this capacity as the MDF establishes a Senior Level Education Defence College. Dr. Kerr's operational experience

includes serving as a Senior Political/Cultural Advisor embedded with US Army's the 4th Infantry and 1st Cavalry Divisions in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. In addition to teaching Joint Planning and Military Theory at ACSC he has taught Special Tactics Airmen at the USAF Special Operations School for more than 13 years. His current research is on doctrinal reforms in African militaries to meet the challenges of the 21st century human and national security landscape. His doctorate is in Political Geography from the University of Oregon.

Dr. Émile Ouédraogo is an adjunct professor of practice at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, specializing in issues related to national security strategy development and security sector reform and governance. Since 2007, he has worked with the Africa Center on more than 60 activities as a speaker, facilitator, and author. He also works with UN, AU, ECOWAS, Just Future (Netherlands), Partners Global (USA), Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Germany), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Germany). He is a member of the Executive committee of the African Security Sector Network and founding President of the « Fondation pour la Sécurité du Citoyen » of Burkina Faso (FOSEC).

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Ouédraogo completed a six-month mission with the African Union in 2017 as a security sector reform and governance expert for Madagascar. He is currently Senior Expert consultant for the UN in Mali and also international expert in DRC for the Dutch project "Just Future." As Minister of Security of Burkina Faso from 2008 to 2011, he initiated and developed a Homeland Security Strategy and operationalized the concept of community policing and community participation in the management of security issues.

After 32 years of service with the Burkina Faso Army, he retired from active duty in 2012 as a Colonel, having served in positions including Aide de Camp to the Prime Minister, Support Regiment Commanding Officer, Infantry Commando Regiment Commanding Officer and Chief of the Military Intelligence. Dr. Ouédraogo was a parliamentarian in the National Assembly of Burkina Faso and the 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 of ECOWAS' 15 countries.

He earned a Ph.D. from the Center for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies in Paris, France, on security sector reform and governance in the ECOWAS Region and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria.

Brigadier General Joyce Sitienei is currently the Director of the International Peace Support Training Centre. She is an education officer in the Kenya Defence Forces. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from Kenyatta University, master's degree in International Studies from the University of Nairobi and a Post graduate Diploma in Peace and Conflict Studies from the Africa Nazarene University. She is an alumna of the National Defence College, Kenya.

Brig Joyce Sitienei has held several appointments since joining military service, key being Unit Education Officer in the Women Service Corps and the 15 Kenya Rifles, Instructor and Head of Distance Learning at the Defense Forces School of Higher Education; SO2 Lessons Learnt, Head of Curriculum design, Head of Applied Research and Col Plans and Programmes at the IPSTC. She has extensive experience in training in instructional methodology and adult education techniques. She also has wide knowledge and practice in curriculum design.

In 2001 she worked in Rwanda as part of the Kenya Military Assistance Training Team (KMATT) and in 2002-2003 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as a Military Observer. Her decorations include Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS), United Nations and other Constitutional medals earned in service of the country.

Panelists

Brigadier General Joy Curriera is the Commandant of The Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C. The Eisenhower School prepares selected military officers and civilians from around the world for strategic leadership and success in analyzing national security strategy and in evaluating, marshaling, and managing resources in order to execute that strategy. As the commandant, General Curriera is responsible for formulating academic policies, supervising curriculum planning, and ensuring excellence in classroom teaching.

General Curriera hails from the state of Washington. She graduated from the U.S. Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and received her commission as an Army Signal Corps officer in 1990. Following company command, she transferred to the Adjutant Generals Corps and has served most of her career as a Human Resources Management leader. She has held numerous command and staff positions at the company, battalion, and brigade level. Her operational assignments have taken her to the Midwest and Southeast U.S., and to the countries of South Korea, Germany, Japan, and Iraq. Prior to being assigned to the Eisenhower School, General Curriera served at the Strategic level as the Director of Operations for the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-9 (Installations), at Headquarters Department of the Army, Pentagon.

General Curriera holds a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University, National War College, and a Master of Arts degree in Human Resources Management from Webster University. Her awards include the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, The Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

General Gary M. Brito assumed duties as the 18th Commanding General, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), on September 8, 2022. He is responsible for building and sustaining a highly trained, disciplined, and fit Army by: acquiring the best people, training the most lethal Soldiers, developing the most professional leaders, guiding the Army's culture, and shaping the future force.

General Gary M. Brito is a native of Hyannis, Massachusetts, commissioned as an Infantry Officer through Penn State University, and entered active duty in March 1987. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Airborne and Ranger Schools, Combined Arms Staff Services School, Command and General Staff Officers Course, and Senior Service College at the Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS), Norfolk, Virginia. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Studies from Penn State University, a master's degree in Human Resource Management from Troy State University, and a second master's degree in Joint Strategy and Campaign Planning from the Joint Advanced Warfighting School. He is also a graduate of the MIT Seminar XXI Program.

General Brito has served in a variety of command and staff assignments throughout his career. Previous assignments include: U.S. Army's 49th Deputy Chief Staff, G-1; Commanding General, Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk; Deputy Commanding General for Sustainment, then later Operations, 25th Infantry Division; Director, Force 2025 and Beyond, US Army Capabilities and Integration Center (ARCIC), TRADOC; and Operations Officer (G3) for III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas. In that capacity, he deployed and served as the Deputy Director, Afghanistan National Security Forces (ANSF) Development, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Joint Command in Kabul, Afghanistan; Commander, 120th Infantry Brigade, First Army; Commander, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Brigade, 3d Infantry Division; Operations Officer (S3), 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment; and later as the Brigade Operations Officer (S3), 2d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. Additionally, he served as the Aide-de-Camp to the III Corps Commanding General, Fort Hood, Texas; and Chief, Commander's Planning Group (CPG) and interim Executive Officer to the Commanding General, TRADOC. He has twice served at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California: first as a Company/Team and Battle Staff Observer/Controller and later as a Senior Battalion and Brigade Combat Team Trainer. He served in multiple company grade positions at Fort Benning, Georgia, and has deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Legion of Merit (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal for Valor, Army Commendation Medal (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Expert Infantryman Badge.

Dr. David D. Dworak retired from the US Army with the rank of colonel and is currently the Provost at the US Army War College. He has over thirty years of experience supporting joint military operations worldwide and has taught numerous courses on strategic planning, supply chain management, logistical support, and military history. He has over nine years' experience in strategic and operational executive development and teaching graduate level courses in strategic thinking, supply chain management, and operational planning. His previous roles at the US Army War College include Deputy Provost, Director of Institutional Assessments, Department Chair, and Professor of Sustainment Operations. He is a certified Demonstrated Master Logistician and has a PhD in history from Syracuse University.

Dr. Barbara Kellerman is a Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School's Center for Public Leadership. She was the Founding Executive Director of the Center, and a member of the Kennedy School faculty for over twenty years. Kellerman has held professorships at Fordham, Tufts, Fairleigh Dickinson, George Washington, Uppsala, Dartmouth, and the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. During the spring 2022 term she was Visiting Professor of Leadership at Christopher Newport University. She also served as Director of the Center for the Advanced Study of Leadership at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Kellerman received her B.A. from Sarah Lawrence College, and her M.A. M.Phil., and Ph.D. (in Political Science) degrees from Yale University. She was awarded a Danforth Fellowship and three Fulbright fellowships. At Uppsala (1996-97), she held the Fulbright Chair in American

Studies. Kellerman was cofounder of the International Leadership Association (ILA) and is author and editor of many books including *The Political Presidency; Bad Leadership; Followership; Leadership: Essential Selections on Power, Authority, and Influence* (2010); *The End of Leadership* (2012); *Hard Times: Leadership in America* (2014), *Professionalizing Leadership* (2018), and (with Todd Pittinsky) *Leaders Who Lust: Power, Money, Sex, Success, Legitimacy, Legacy*. Kellerman has appeared on media outlets such as CBS, NBC, PBS, CNN, NPR, MSNBC, Reuters, and BBC, and has contributed articles and reviews to the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Harvard Business Review*.

Dr. Stephen Mariano is the Provost of the U.S. National War College. He most recently served as the deputy commandant and dean of the NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy. He also served on the faculties of the School of International Service at American University, National Defense University, the Royal Military College of Canada and the U.S. Military Academy. He holds a B.A. in mathematics and economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara, an M.A. in national security affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a Ph.D. in war studies from the Royal Military College of Canada.

Colonel Major Mahamadou SEIDOU MAGAGI was appointed Senior Military Liaison Officer (SMLO) supporting 3 Integrated Operational Teams (IOTs UNMISS, UNISFA, and UNITAMS) at United Nations HQ, New York in March 2023. Before his selection as SMLO, he had been the Director of Centre National d'Etudes Strategic et de Sécurité (CNESS) of Niger from July 2018 to November 2022. He is an Army officer with 32 years of service and has served at various positions, notably as Director of Military Engineers Corps and Aide de Camp to Niger President. He took part to two UN operations: the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (ONUCI) and the UN Mission in Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC). Colonel Major Magagi's main military courses comprise: Cadet training from Saint-Cyr Military School in France, Senior Staff Course of the Command and Staff College at Jaji, Nigeria, and War College Diplomas from Cours Supérieur Interarmées de Défense (CSID) de Yaoundé, Cameroun, and from the College of International Security Affairs (CISA), National Defense University (NDU), Washington. He has the following academic qualifications: a Bachelor of History from Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne University, a Civil Engineer Diploma from Angers Military Engineers School, France, and a Master of Arts in Strategic Security Studies from CISA, NDU.

Dr. Bradley McAllister is a Professor of National Security Studies at the National War College and a specialist in insurgency, terrorism, and state responses to internal violence. Dr McAllister is the director for the War College's foundational course in Strategic Logic and directs the War College's concentration in Counterterrorism. Prior to joining the Faculty at NWC, Dr. McAllister was an intelligence officer focusing on insurgent behavior, tactics, and strategy. Before joining the US Government, Dr. McAllister was a lecturer in International Affairs at the University of Georgia and a Research Fellow in Terrorism Studies at the University of St Andrews in the United Kingdom. His specialization is in the organization of rebel groups, the strategies of rebellion from the insurgent perspective, and counterterrorism as grand strategy.

Dr. Jeffrey D. Peterson serves as the Director of the Superintendent's Character Integration Advisory Group (CIAG) at the United States Military Academy. He served on active duty for 28

years in a variety of leadership and staff positions in the United States, Korea, Cuba, and the Middle East to include a combat battalion command during “the surge” in Iraq. After command, he served as the director of West Point’s economics program from 2008 – 2014. In 2012, then COL Peterson was the Director, Center for the Army Profession and Ethic (CAPE) where he led the effort to publish the Army’s first doctrinal manual on the Army Profession and Ethic. As the Chair for the Study of Officership at WestPoint since 2015, he stewarded the West Point Superintendent’s capstone course on Officership, designs character and leader development programs, and advises senior academy leaders on the state of West Point’s Honor System. As the Director of the CIAG, he leads the effort to better integrate character development across the West Point Leader Development System (WPLDS) to ensure our graduates lead honorably, live honorably, and demonstrate excellence.

Dr. Kelly J. Ward joined the faculty of the National War College in July 2014, and was immediately selected as Associate Dean of Academics that October. He teaches the “Foundations of Strategic Leadership” course, and the “U.S. Domestic Context” course, as well as electives in National Security Economics. His regional study area for the upcoming academic year is Israel/Palestine.

Dr. Ward retired from the U.S. Army after a 26-year career as an Armor/Cavalry officer. His final assignment was as the Director, Commander’s Action Group (CAG), for the Army Surgeon General and MEDCOM Commander. Ward served previously as a Professor of Economics and the Course Director for the “Economics of National Security Strategy” core course at The Eisenhower School, National Defense University. He also served previously as the Chief of Business Operations, Army Office of Business Transformation, Office of the Under Secretary of the Army.

Dr. Ward was an Academy Professor of Systems Engineering and Acquisition Systems Management at the United States Military Academy from 2007-2010, and an Assistant Professor of Economics from 1998- 2000. Colonel (ret.) Ward’s overseas assignments include Germany, Kuwait, and Iraq. His civilian education includes a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from Cornell University, and a PhD in Applied Economics from The Pennsylvania State University. He has functional expertise in Behavioral and Environmental Economics, Health Economics, and Bureaucratic Incentives and Stewardship.

Brigadier General Luke Mwetseni Yetala is the first Commandant of the Malawi Defence Force Command and Staff College (MDFCSC). His appointment as Commandant was made on July 3, 2020. Since then, General Yetala has ably steered the college to see the graduation of two Junior Command and Staff Courses (JCSC) and one Senior Command and Staff Course (SCSC). Currently, the college is running the second and third CSCS and JCSC respectively. General Yetala was integral in establishing the Command and Staff College through needs assessment and curriculum development to ensure the college delivers high quality Professional Military Education to the MDF.

Over three decades, he has been in the Military, General Yetala has risen through ranks from the rank of Second Lieutenant to the current rank. He has also held a number of appointments which among others include the current appointment of the Commandant, Deputy Chief of Operations at the Malawi Defense Force (MDF) Joint Headquarters from 2018 to 2019, while from 2015 to

2017 he worked as Battalion Commander for 1 Malawi Rifles and 9 Malawi Rifles and Commander MALBATT 9 FIB 5 of the Force Intervention Brigade in DRC from 2017 to 2018. General Yetala also served as Officer Commanding Cadets Training Wing in 2013 at Malawi Armed Forces College (MAFCO). As Deputy Chief of Operations, General Yetala's main role was planning and supervising execution of joint operations. In 2019 however, while serving as Deputy Chief of Operations, General Yetala also took part in the formulation of the 2019 Presidential and General Election's Security Strategy.

As MALBATT Commander, General Yetala commanded a number of combat operations. Of particular importance was Operation PHOENIX RISING which involved the defeat of FDLR Rebel Group in DRC at GLEMLIN in Virunga National Park. Apart from being a Commanding Officer Cadets Training Wing at MAFCO, General Yetala has trained MDF Officers at different levels. His first assignment was at 1 Malawi Rifles as Infantry Platoon Commander where he was immediately deployed on OPERATION KWAENI in Mozambique.

General Yetala has a Diploma in Strategic Studies from the University of Nairobi. He is an International Fellow of the National Defense University (NDU) of USA and he is an alumnus of the National War College of NDU where he obtained his Master's Degree in National Security Strategy in 2020. Before joining the Military, General Yetala worked as an Accounts Assistant at Liwonde Agricultural Development Division under the Ministry of Agriculture. Outside military profession, General Yetala has passion for farming and charity works. Currently, he is the President of Salima Lions Club International. He is married to Phyllis with two children (Faith and Fortune).