



The National Security Institute (NSI) is dedicated to finding real-world, practical answers to hard national security law and policy questions.

We are looking for partners that share a vision that supports a robust American national security posture.



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THE NATIONAL SECURITY INSTITUTE
At George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School



Gen. Michael Hayden (Ret.), former Director of the CIA and NSA, and Jamil N. Jaffer, NSI Founder and Exec. Director, at an NSI-Hoover Institution event.



NSI Director of Programs Darren M. Dick leading an NSI Technologist Fellowship session on Capitol Hill.



NSI Advisory Board Members, Fellows, and staff mingle at NSI's annual Advisory Board dinner.

OUR HISTORY

NSI was founded in 2017 to fill the significant gap in institutions identifying practical solutions that enable both a robust national defense and safeguard our constitutional liberties.

OUR MISSION

We are different than other think tanks – our work is timely, fact-based, and geared towards informing and impacting policymakers in a way that works for them and we work tirelessly to educate the next generation of national security leaders.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION...

200 NSI has grown to over 200 experts

140 NSI has produced over 140 national security events and conferences

+7,000 NSI has appeared in the media over 5,500 times

500+ NSI has enhanced the educational experience of over 500 students

OUR FUTURE

NSI intends to become the intellectual powerhouse supporting a strong and consistent American foreign policy leadership abroad.

CONNECTING WITH DECISION MAKERS

NSI will take advantage of our location in the D.C. metro region and leverage our experts' multi-faceted backgrounds in government, industry, and academia to produce cutting-edge programming to bridge the gap between the technology, innovation, and national security communities.

A LEADING INSTITUTION

NSI will make Scalia Law School at George Mason University the leading law school for students interested in pursuing national security careers by offering compelling courses and creating opportunities for students to gain real-world experience.

DIVERSE OPPORTUNITIES

NSI will champion bringing more individual and intellectual diversity into the national security community by collaborating with GMU and other educational institutions to provide programming, professional development, and mentor opportunities for students of all backgrounds.

To learn more about NSI, visit nationalsecurity.gmu.edu

IMPACTING POLICY

NSI has a rare voice amongst traditional policy and academic centers— we support a strong military, a highly capable intelligence community, and American global leadership — and we tirelessly work to infuse these beliefs in the policymaking community through practical and concise policy analysis.

NSI experts are at the forefront of informing key decision-makers through policy papers, Congressional appearances, high-profile events, and analysis across all media platforms.

NSI IN CONGRESS

NSI experts regularly testify before Congress to inform its members.

NSI IN THE MEDIA

NSI experts engage the public through leading newspapers, TV, media, and other media outlets. NSI also produces podcasts featuring analysis and debate on pressing national security issues, as well as interviews with leading policymakers and foreign policy voices.

NSI EVENTS

NSI regularly hosts high profile events that focus on timely policy matters and feature distinguished national security and foreign policy experts from across government and the private sector.

NSI POLICY PAPERS

NSI Policy Papers are well-informed and concise materials that offer actionable recommendations – providing insight into today’s most critical national security challenges.



Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-08) speaks at an NSI event on digital defense.



Amb. Ryan Crocker, former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq and Syria; Henry Nau, Professor, George Washington University; Matthew R.A. Heiman, NSI Director of Strategy; and Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (PA-06) speak at an NSI event on U.S.-Syria policy.



Bryson Bort, Founder and CEO, SCYTHE; Robert Ackerman, Founder and Managing Director, Allegis Cyber Capital; Rachel Kolesnikov-Lindsey, Director, Org. Development, DIU; Ron Gula, President, Gula Tech Adventures; and Bob Stasio, Managing Director, Dreamit Ventures, speak at a joint NSI, Wilson Center, and ICS Village conference.



This project features events, papers, and other policy engagements that strive to address the most timely and critical threats to U.S. interests.



Member of the press participates in an NSI media engagement event.

TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY: Preserving U.S. Leadership in a New Decade

The U.S. faces an unprecedented strategic competitor in China and NSI will identify the diplomatic, economic, and military policies the U.S. should pursue to respond to the threat to U.S. interests and to individual liberty posed by the Chinese Communist Party.

CHINA'S RISE: Confronting China's Challenge to the World Order

As America's preeminent role in driving innovation is being threatened, NSI will examine what the U.S. should do to ensure its continued global leadership, including how to respond to national security threats and increased economic competition while promoting innovation.



James Clapper former Director of National Intelligence participates at an NSI event on democratic institutions.



THE NSI APPROACH

NSI draws on the expertise of its all-volunteer group of experts and leverages a small but effective staff footprint to address the immediate needs of key policymakers.

OUR EXPERTS

NSI's experts have held senior positions in the intelligence, defense, technology, and law sectors.

Our Advisory Board provides important strategic guidance and useful insights on new programs and academic initiatives to connect students, government, and industry.

Our Fellows generate actionable policy solutions and advance NSI's mission through their research, public engagement, and work with key policymakers and business.

FEATURED ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS



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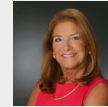
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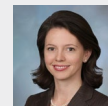


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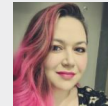


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Lester Munson, former Staff Director, Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Matthew Ferraro, Senior Associate, WilmerHale; and Loren Dealy Mahler, former Director of Legislative Affairs, National Security Council participate in an NSI event on foreign policy in the 116th Congress.



Ben Powell, former Gen. Counsel, ODNJ; and Matt Olsen, former Director, NCTC, speak at an NSI event on cybersecurity.

LEADING THE WAY

NSI regularly launches cutting-edge programs to reach new audiences and to support more informed national security policymaking.

TECHNOLOGIST FELLOWSHIP

Seeking to inject more technology-related expertise into the national security and cyber policy processes, NSI provides technologists from across the country the core tools needed to effectively engage policymakers in both the legislative and executive branches.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

NSI brings together national security and cyber experts with leading journalists for a series of invite-only policy briefings and networking receptions to increase tech-literacy amongst tech, cyber, and national security reporters.

CYBER AND NATIONAL SECURITY TRAININGS

NSI educates Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branch officials and staff on the threats posed to U.S. national security and the American economy by adversarial nation-states like China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea. NSI also hosts trainings for policymakers on modern technology infrastructure, and related legal and policy issues, through a curriculum developed jointly by technologists and lawyers, which features lectures and hands-on exercises with hacking and defensive tools.

Responding to the new realities of the post-Coronavirus environment, NSI launched a series of virtual programming that features thought-provoking content from well-regarded scholars, industry leaders, and national security policymakers.

NATSEC NIGHTCAP

NSI's flagship series features biweekly public conversations with senior policymakers.

FEATURED GUESTS

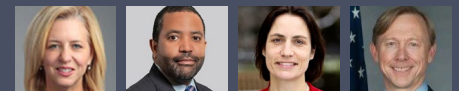


Rep. Will Hurd (TX-23); Bonnie Jenkins, former Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs, Department of State; Lisa Monaco, former Homeland Security Advisor to the President; Gen. Keith Alexander (Ret.), former Director, NSA

QUESTIONS FROM QUARANTINE

A series of candid, off-the-record events exclusively for NSI Advisory Board members, Fellows, Faculty, and GMU law national security students.


FEATURED GUESTS




Ellen McCarthy, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Intelligence and Research; Jonathan Burks, former Chief of Staff, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan; Fiona Hill, former Senior Director for Europe and Russia, NSC; Brian Hook, former Special Representative for Iran, Department of State



Chris Krebs, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, leads an NSI Technologist Fellowship session.



The inaugural class of NSI Technologist Fellows



Benjamin Wittes, Editor in Chief, Lawfare, and Richard Ledgett, former Dep. Director, NSA, participate in an NSI Media Engagement event.

The challenges of tomorrow
REQUIRE SOLUTIONS TODAY.

EDUCATING FUTURE LEADERS

NSI is dedicated to educating future leaders by providing students with a wide range of experiences in the national security arena.

OUR FACULTY

NSI's faculty is a powerhouse combination of academic talent, real-world experience and thought leadership. This allows our faculty to develop education experiences in and outside the classroom to prepare the next generation of national security leaders.

OUR COURSES

NSI uses the insights of its experts to design a curriculum that provides an in-depth study of core national security law issues and examines emerging questions raised by our increasingly connected world.

NSI provides students with the skills necessary to engage in rigorous analysis of key issues and offers them opportunities to work on cutting-edge legal and policy matters.

NATIONAL SECURITY LAW AND POLICY PROGRAM

NSI oversees the Antonin Scalia Law School's National Security Law and Policy Program, including the National Security Law and Policy Concentration.

CYBER, INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY LAW LL.M.

NSI created and oversees the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Cyber, Intelligence and National Security Law which provides graduates with the expertise to navigate the emerging policy, legal, and constitutional issues in these key areas.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

NSI offers research opportunities, on-campus national security related programming, internship and externships with leading public and private sector employers, and other professional development and networking opportunities with lawyers and and policymakers for all GMU law students.

NSI SUMMER PROGRAM

NSI hosts an annual program consisting of two courses taught by a U.S. Supreme Court Justice and NSI Founder Jamil N. Jaffer on the separation of powers and interbranch conflicts in national security in Padua, Italy.

PADUA



2020 National Security Summer Program students. The program was held in Williamsburg, VA due to COVID-19.



2019 National Security Summer Program students at the University of Padova.



To learn more about how NSI is educating future leaders, visit nationalsecurity.gmu.edu