

# 2021 GW Nuclear Security Policy Boot Camp Speakers

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### William Alberque



William Alberque is a Nonresident Fellow at the Henry L. Stimson Center, focusing on nuclear non-proliferation, arms control, and other international security issues. Mr. Alberque has worked on arms control, non-proliferation, and safeguards since 1994. He began as a safeguards analyst with the Department of Energy before his reassignment to the new Material Protection, Control, and Accounting team, tasked with improving the security of highly enriched uranium and plutonium across the former Soviet Union. He managed security upgrades at eight Russian facilities and supported Projects Sapphire and Auburn Endeavor in Kazakhstan and Georgia, respectively. He performed consulting with nuclear reactor operators on security and safeguards before joining the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in 2000. At DTRA, he worked in strategic planning and communication, as well as WMD consequence management, before focusing on conventional arms control and small arms and light weapons

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Davis began his career at the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress and has served with the State Department, Congressional committees, and the National Security Council. Davis was group leader for proliferation networks in LLNL's Z Program and in 2007 he was Senior Advisor at the National Counter Proliferation Center, in the office of the Director of National Intelligence.

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## Lynn Eden



Lynn Eden is a senior research scholar (emeritus), at Stanford University. Her Ph.D. is in sociology from the University of Michigan; she works at the intersections of history, sociology, and political science. From 1990 to 2016 Eden was senior research scholar at the Center for International Security & Cooperation (CISAC) in the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford. From 2002 to 2016 she was also the associate director for research at CISAC (except for 2008-2009 when she was acting co-director). Previously Eden taught in the history department at Carnegie Mellon University.

Lynn Eden has written on U.S politics, nuclear arms control—including deep reductions, and U.S. foreign and military policy. Her first book, *Crisis in Watertown*, written when she was an undergraduate (University of Michigan

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Eden also ghosted a book on the 1964 Klan murders of civil rights workers Schwerner, Cheney, and Goodman in Philadelphia, Mississippi; and she has co-edited two books on U.S. military, arms control, and nuclear policy. Using historical documents and personal interviews, Lynn Eden is currently writing about how analytical organizational routines, narratives of deterrence, and humor make it possible for highly ethical U.S. military officers to develop operational plans to prevail in nuclear war.

#### Anna Erickson



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Steve Fetter is a professor in the University of Maryland School of Public Policy; he has served as dean of School and is currently dean of the Graduate School. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on International Security and Arms Control and has served on committees to assess the future of U.S. nuclear weapons policy, monitoring of nuclear weapons and nuclear materials, effects of nuclear earth-penetrating warheads, internationalization of the nuclear fuel cycle, conventional prompt global strike, geo-engineering, ballistic missile defense, and nuclear forensics. He has taken leave from Maryland several times to work in government, including the departments of State and Defense and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and has been a consultant to several other agencies and a member of the Director of National Intelligence's

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#### Eric Gomez



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In 2020, Gomez was a member of the Project on Nuclear Issues Nuclear Scholars Initiative program, where he conducted research on the impacts of U.S. intermediate-range missiles on U.S.-China strategic stability. He also participated in the 2019 Strategic Force Analysis Boot Camp hosted by Georgetown University and Sandia National Laboratories.

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### **Siegfried Hecker**



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## **Newell Highsmith**



Newell Highsmith served for 30 years as an attorney at the U.S. Department of State with primary responsibility for legal issues related to arms control and the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction and missiles. He was the Assistant Legal Adviser for Arms Control and Nonproliferation from 2002 to 2013 before taking on broader responsibilities as a Deputy Legal Adviser from 2013 to 2017. He served as primary or sole legal adviser on the U.S. delegations that negotiated: the 1994 Agreed Framework with North Korea; the 2008 Agreement for Nuclear

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In addition, he was directly involved in developing the U.S. response to: Syria's use of chemical weapons; Syria's construction of a clandestine nuclear reactor; Russia's violations of its arms control obligations; Indian and Pakistani nuclear testing; Libya's renunciation of weapons of mass destruction; and Iraq's nuclear weapons program. He also worked on arms control and nonproliferation issues as a detailee to the National Security Council (1996-98).

Newell Highsmith received a B.A. in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and an LL.M. in International Law from George Washington University Law School. Prior to joining the State Department, he worked in private practice for 3 years and was a Teaching Fellow at George Washington University Law School for 2 years. He has regularly written, spoken, and consulted on nuclear issues since retiring from the State Department in April 2017.

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From 2001 to 2008, Hitchens worked at the Center for Defense Information, where she served as Director, and headed the center's Space Security Project, setting the strategic direction of the center and conducting research on space policy and other

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As a student, he interned with the AAAS Center for Science, Technology and Congress, now the Office of Government Relations. He earned a master's degree in public policy with a focus on science and technology policy at George Mason University, and a B.A. in journalism from Ithaca College.

#### Frank Jannuzi



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### Allison Macfarlane



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In addition to his scholarly articles, he is the co-author of Unmaking the Bomb (MIT Press, 2014) and editor of several books and has made two documentary films on peace and security in South Asia. He received the 2014 Linus Pauling Legacy Award for "his accomplishments as a scientist and as a peace

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### Sharon Squassoni



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## Warren Stern



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