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# CISSMUpdate



SPRING/SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER

## Woldemariam and Shifrinson Join CISSM and SPP as Senior Fellows, Associate Professors



**Dr. Michael Woldemariam** and **Dr. Joshua Shifrinson** are joining CISSM and the School of Public Policy this fall term as senior fellows and associate professors, respectively. Woldemariam brings a wealth of expertise on civil conflict in Africa to augment the research agenda driving CISSM's **Civil Violence** and **Human Security** projects. Shifrinson's extensive research on great power competition, NATO expansion, and the rise of China will add new perspectives to CISSM's **Nuclear Past, Present and Future** and **U.S.- Russian Security Relations** projects.

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First Ever CISSM *Iran Update*  
Surveys Iranian Views on War in  
Ukraine, Nuclear Options



CISSM released its first ***Iran Update***, a smaller addition (focused on policy-relevant and time-sensitive questions) to CISSM's larger Iranian public opinion survey series. The interim report entitled "**Iranian Public Opinion on the War in Ukraine and Nuclear Options**" found a clear majority still reject nuclear weapons, while less than half think the JCPOA will be restored despite a large majority believing restoring the JCPOA would benefit the Iranian economy. On Ukraine, a clear majority see Russia's attack as illegitimate aggression and not in self-defense though Iranians are divided over whether their government should do more to oppose the war.

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## The Collective Choreography of Multistakeholder Cooperation on Climate Change



Multi-stakeholder partnerships among states and non-state actors have become increasingly prevalent models for the delivery of global public goods. Various international organizations—particularly the United

Nations entities—are pouring resources into large-scale efforts such as conferences and summits to promote partnerships. Are such efforts effective? CISSM affiliate, **Dr. Poorti Sapatnekar**, argues that these efforts can be effective when organizational attributes align and facilitate collective choreography in her new CISSM Working Paper, "**Global Governance 2.0: The Collective Choreography of Cooperation.**"

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## CISSM Experts Share Perspectives on War in Ukraine



How does the Russian invasion of Ukraine affect European and global security? What does it mean for the rules-based order and democracy? What are the implications for NATO and collective defense? What might a protracted struggle look like? How does Putin maintain his power? These are some of the questions that CISSM scholars address in the newly launched "**CISSM Perspectives on the Russia - Ukraine War**" webpage. Featured items include Professor **Alec Worsnop's** analysis of the prospects for **Ukrainian insurgency** against Russia and viewpoints from CISSM Director **Nancy Gallagher** and new CISSM Senior Fellow and SPP Professor, **Joshua Shifrinson**, on the implications of Finland and Sweden **NATO accession** and the likelihood of **nuclear escalation**.

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## A Conversation with CISSM Research Director David Backer





CISSM Research Director **Dr. David Backer** sat down for a conversation on his research interests, professional background, and what he seeks to accomplish at CISSM. Backer plays an integral role in guiding CISSM's overall strategic direction as well as building out its portfolio on **human security** with his research projects on food security and transitional justice. Backer is also working with SPP faculty to enhance research productivity and the pursuit of external sources of funding for various projects.

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## Implications of North Korea's Ambiguous Nuclear Posture for Proliferation Risks



**Dr. Ariel Petrovics** and co-author, Dr. Hyun-Binn Cho, Assistant Professor at The College of New Jersey, published their first article for an ongoing research project examining nuclear proliferation risks. *The Washington Quarterly* article entitled "**North Korea's Strategically Ambiguous Nuclear Posture**" lays out an organizational framework to help analysts and





Can the United States' Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) system protect the U.S. homeland from North Korean ICBMs? CISSM affiliates, **Jaganath Sankaran** and **Steve Fetter**, argue that GMD is incapable of providing reliable defense against North Korea. The authors argue that GMD imposes high geopolitical costs by negatively impacting strategic stability with Russia and China in their new article published in *International Security*, "**Defending the United States: Revisiting National Missile Defense against North Korea**"

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## Catherine Worsnop Wins SPP Public Impact Award



Professor and CISSM Research Fellow **Catherine Worsnop** was awarded the Public Impact Award during the School of Public Policy's **Fifth Annual Celebration of Service** ceremony. The award honors those in the SPP community that have used their research and expertise in service of the public. Dr. Worsnop's contribution looks at the role of

international organizations in addressing global health security. Worsnop was a part of a group of international researchers generating new data and analysis on trade and travel restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## "A Strategic Approach to Cybersecurity," New Course Set to Launch on Coursera in October



The second installment of the new MOOC series taught by **Dr. Charlie Harry**, Director of the **Center for Governance of Technology and Systems (GoTech)**, will launch on Coursera in October. The course entitled "A Strategic Approach to Cybersecurity" will explore how private and public sector leaders can develop strategic approaches to defend critical systems and integrated organizations. The new course follows the highly popular "**Cybersecurity for Everyone,**" reaching over 44,000 enrollees in its first year on the platform.

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## Save the Date: CISSM & SPP Welcome Back Events





Join your fellow Policy Terps on Thursday, September 1st to meet CISSM experts and to learn more about CISSM's research agenda. First, CISSM will hold its **annual Open House** from 12-1:15 pm where CISSM faculty, staff, and associates will introduce themselves, summarize their current research projects, and highlight opportunities for student involvement. SPP will then hold its **annual Welcome Back** event from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. Meet representatives from CISSM and other centers and student groups to learn about their work and how to get involved. The Welcome Home event is open-house style and includes food, giveaways and tours of the brand new SPP **building** .

**[Learn more about CISSM's Open House »](#)**

**[RSVP here for the SPP Welcome Home event »](#)**

#### RECENT PUBLICATION BY CISSM AFFILIATES

##### **Japan may not militarize soon, but Abe's dream lives on**

CISSM Author: Naoko Aoki

August 5, 2022

##### **Are US sanctions against Iran & Russia backfiring in dangerous ways?**

CISSM Author: Ariel Petrovics

Other Authors: Ryan White

August 1, 2022

##### **Shinzo Abe's murder has shocked the world. What legacy will he leave behind?**

CISSM Author: Naoko Aoki

Other Authors: Robert Dohner



July 8, 2022

**Who lost Ethiopia? The unmaking of an African anchor state and U.S. foreign policy**

CISSM Author: Michael Woldemariam

Other Authors: Harry Verhoeven

June 24, 2022

**Legal, but Lethal: The Law of Armed Conflict and US Nuclear Strategy**

CISSM Author: Steve Fetter

Other Authors: Charles Glaser

April 25, 2022

**Arms Control for the Third Nuclear Age (Book Review)**

CISSM Author: Nancy Gallagher

March 22, 2022

**Russia's Anti-Satellite Weapons: An Asymmetric Response to U.S. Aerospace Superiority**

CISSM Author: Jaganath Sankaran

March 18, 2022

**What the election of Yoon Suk-yeol means for South Korea-Japan security ties**

CISSM Author: Naoko Aoki

March 14, 2022

**Americans on War Powers, Authorization for Use of Military Force and Arms Sales: A National Survey of Registered Voters**

CISSM Author: Steven Kull

Other Authors: Evan Scot Fehsenfeld, Evan Charles Lewitus

March 1, 2022

**Causing Crisis Works**

CISSM Author: Joshua Shifrinson

Other Authors: Kelly M. Greenhill

February 19, 2022

**First Steps for Possible U.S.-China Strategic Stability Talks**

CISSM Author: Naoko Aoki

February 8, 2022

**Letter: Germany's duty to its past is also to uphold its borders**

CISSM Author: Clay Ramsay

February 6, 2022

**Conflict and Climate Factors and the Risk of Child Acute Malnutrition Among Children Aged 24–59 Months: A Comparative Analysis of Kenya, Nigeria, and Uganda**

CISSM Author: David Backer

Other Authors: Kathryn Grace, Andrew Verdin, Molly Brown, Maryia Bakhtsiyarava, Trey Billing

February 1, 2022

## **Restoring and Improving Nuclear Forensics to Support Attribution and Deterrence**

CISSM Authors: Steve Fetter

Other Authors: Robert Rosner, Marvin L. Adams, Sue B.

Clark, Donald L. Cook, Donald J. Depaolo, Michael

Dunning, Benjamin C. Garrett, Laura S. Holgate, William

Jeffrey, Jenifer Shafer

December 29, 2021

### RECENT CISSM NEWS

#### **Alec Worsnop Awarded DHS Grant for Research on Terrorist Group Recruitment**

August 11, 2022

#### **Phoebe Devos-Cole MPP'22 Discusses Gender and Leadership in the U.S. Military**

June 27, 2022

#### **Patrick Kelly MPP'22 Completes Capstone Research on Human Trafficking**

June 24, 2022

#### **Four Undergraduates Awarded \$2,000 for Summer Research**

May 11, 2022

#### **Leitenberg Publishes Timely Research on Russian Bioweapon Disinformation**

May 5, 2022

#### **Alumni Spotlight: Rennie Silva '11**

April 26, 2022

#### **CISSM Launches New Summer Graduate RA Awards & 2022 Seed Grant Competition**

April 3, 2022

#### **McCarthy Covers Career in National Security Service and the Importance of the Intelligence Community**

March 30, 2022

#### **Fetter, Sankaran Contribute to New Panel Report on Ballistic Missile Defense**

February 14, 2022

### ABOUT CISSM

CISSM conducts research, outreach and education focused on multiple, overlapping types of international

security challenges. The challenges include those posed by dual-use technologies (e.g., information, nuclear and space), political dynamics that threaten human security, and those that require national governments (including the United States, China, Russia, and Iran) to develop innovative forms of international cooperation and governance.

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## Support CISSM

CISSM's **Target of Opportunity Fund** supports exploratory research, education, and outreach efforts on security policy problems for which CISSM does not currently have dedicated grant funding.

The **Steinbruner Student Support Fund** provides financial support for research and professional development activities by School of Public Policy students working on any policy problem related to cooperative security.

The **Kelleher Fellowship for International Security Studies** supports School of Public Policy students focused on international security policy.

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