

AIR UNIVERSITY **LANGUAGE, REGIONAL EXPERTISE** **& CULTURE SYMPOSIUM**

MARCH 29 - 30, 2017 | MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE



FEATURED SPEAKERS



Gen (ret) Roger A. Brady



Prof Peter Stone, OBE

GENERAL INFORMATION

AWC Lobby - Registration beginning 7:00, 29 March

Jones Auditorium, AWC - Session/Panel A

Library Auditorium, Rm 170, Bldg 1405 - Session/Panel B

TLC Auditorium, Rm 243, Bldg 1405 - Session/Panel C

TLC Idea Lab, Rm 229, Bldg 1405 - Session/Panel D

TLC Idea Lab, Rm 230, Bldg 1405 - Session/Panel E

Classroom 150, Bldg 1405 - TBD

Library Lobby - Registration, Information stands, refreshments, and drop box for feedback forms

Lunch Suggestions:

Maxwell Club (5 min walk): Lunch Buffet All-U-CAN-EAT

Wednesday- German Menu, Thursday- Barbecue (11:00-13:00, \$10.50)

Two Putts Bar & Grill (5 min walk): Breakfast 6:30-10:00, Lunch 10:00-14:00

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

Jones Auditorium, Air War College (AWC), Building 1401

Mr. Howard Ward, Director, Air Force Culture and Language Center (AFCLC)

8:00

Welcome and Award Ceremony

Gen (ret) Roger A. Brady, Commander, US Air Forces Europe; Commander Air Component Command, Ramstein AB; and Director, Joint Air Power Competency Center, Ramstein AB (Jan 2008-Feb 2011)

Opening Remarks

9:30

BREAK

9:45

Session A: Jones Auditorium, AWC, Bldg 1401

1. Mr Serge Da Deppo, NATO Transformation Command, Future Solutions Branch

“NATO Cross Cultural Competence Online Solutions and Expert Network” How to join the NATO worldwide cross cultural expert network and leverage its online solutions.

2. Dr Gunther Mueller, USAF Brig Gen (ret), Air Force Culture & Language Center (AFCLC) Language Program Advisor

“Expanding global capabilities... the evolution of USAF language, regional expertise & culture (LREC) policy”

Session C: TLC Auditorium, Rm 243, Bldg 1405

1. Dr Daniel Haulman, Chief, Organizational Histories Branch, Air Force Historical Research Agency

“Operations Vittles, The Berlin Airlift” Humanitarian Airlift, blockade, Communism

2. Dr Dan Connelly, Air Command and Staff College Faculty

“How to Partner with Russia: Lessons from the GULAG Archipelago” Russia’s experience with Soviet GULAG labor camps reflects cultural realities relevant to needs of today’s DoD policy toward partner/ rival Russia.

Session B: Library Auditorium, Rm 170, Bldg 1405

Ms Rebecca McKenzie, AFCLC Language Division

“LEAP: Deliberately Developing Airmen to Operate Seamlessly with Many Air Forces, Part I”

Participants:

SSgt Helena Giammarco, Horn Player Air Force Band of Mid-America, LEAP participant in German

1st Lt Joseph Inkrott, F-16 Avionics Program Manager, LEAP participant in Swahili

Maj Adam Bradbury, AC-130/U Pilot, Command Post controller, LEAP participant in Portuguese Brazilian

Session D: TLC Idea Lab, Rm 229, Bldg 1405

1. Maj Matthew Borawski, Air Command and Staff College (ACSC) AY 17

“German Military Unification after the Fall of the Wall: A Social and Organizational Success?” With the fall of the Berlin Wall, many social and organizational challenges existed in joining the East and West German militaries.

2. Mr Shelby Sommer, ACSC AY 17

“Germany’s Space Capability and International Cooperative Efforts” Discussion on the origin, rise, fall, and status of Germany’s current space capabilities amid the current instability in the world.

10:45

BREAK

11:00 Session A: Jones Auditorium, AWC, Bldg 1401

1. **Dr Jonathan Kochert, Dr Richard Hoffman**, US Army Research Institute; **Ms Jennifer Klafehn, Ms Cristina Anguiano Carrasco**, Educational Testing Service

“Validation of Cross-Cultural Competence Assessment Battery: An Assessment of Cultural-General Capability” A validation effort of recently developed cross-cultural competence measures utilizing training simulations from Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations, and Special Forces.

2. **Dr Allison Abbe, Mr Joseph Adams, Ms Amy Alrich**, Institute for Defense Analyses

“Learning from Multicultural Experiences” Multicultural experiences provide rich opportunities for cultural learning. Defense organizations can maximize their benefit by improving how to structure and track such experiences.

Session B: Library Auditorium, Rm 170, Bldg 1405

Mr Chris Chesser, AFCLC Language Division

“LEAP: Deliberately Developing Airmen to Operate Seamlessly with Many Air Forces, Part II”

Participants:

Maj Jonathan Bess, T-38C Instructor Pilot, LEAP Participant in Arabic

Capt Raymond Zhang, C-5M Pilot, LEAP Participant in Chinese Mandarin

TSgt Stephanie Cadet, Biomedical Equipment Repair NCOIC, LEAP Participant in French

Session C: TLC Auditorium, Rm 243, Bldg 1405

1. **Dr Angelle Khachadorian**, AFCLC Faculty

“The Anthropology of Call Signs” Call signs are a fascinating characteristic of AF culture that indicate everything from group membership to autobiography.

2. **Dr Sandra Schoder**, Defense Language Institute (DLI); **Dr Tricia Fogarty**, AFCLC Faculty

“War in cinema: using film to prepare personnel for joint and combined missions” Culture is brought to life by international films. The analysis of such can enhance successful multilateral missions

Session D: TLC Idea Lab, Rm 229, Bldg 1405

1. **Maj El Mostafa Bouhafa**, ACSC AY 17, Morocco

“German Moroccan Partnership in the Renewable Energy Domain” German/Moroccan partnership in the renewable energy domain illustrates both countries’ commitment to preserve the environment and exemplifies effectiveness of North/South cooperation.

2. **Maj Ryan Barton**, ACSC AY 17

“Refugee crisis: Germany’s social and economic impact trends” Determining rationale for such policy, potential benefits of having such policy and assessing an overall positive or negative impact to Germany as a whole based on the policy.

12:00 LUNCH | SEE PAGE 1 FOR SUGGESTIONS

13:00 Panel A: Jones Auditorium, AWC, Bldg 1401

“Examining the Opportunities and Challenges Associated with Teaching Strategic Culture in Coalition-Centered Professional Military Education”

Dr Lauren Mackenzie, Maj Amanda Coleman, Lt Col (ret) Mike Purcell, USMC University, Center for Advanced Operational Culture Learning

Panel B: Library Auditorium, Rm 170, Bldg 1405

“Hand Go, Hand Come? Coalition-Building in Africa” Following Prof Burgess’ presentation on French vs US military engagements in Africa, panelists will provide their perspectives on these security relationships.

Dr Scott Edmondson, AFCLC Faculty; **Dr Stephen Burgess**, AWC Faculty; **Col Peter Githinji**, AWC AY 17, Kenya; **Lt Col Babacar Thiam**, AWC AY 17, Senegal; **Maj Dafup Mwanlong Istifanus**, ACSC AY 17, Nigeria

Panel C: TLC Auditorium, Rm 243, Bldg 1405

“Missed Steps and Forward Paths: International Communication Case Studies in Professional Contexts” Panelists will identify challenges in communicating effectively across cultures and analyze underlying values, beliefs, traditions, & assumptions that can contribute to misattribution and misunderstanding.

Dr Susan Steen, AFCLC Faculty; **Lt Col Amro Mohammed**, AWC AY 17; **Lt Col Shawn Covault**, AWC AY 17; **Lt Col Boudewijn Roddenhof**, AWC AY 17, Netherlands.

14:30 BREAK

14:45 Jones Auditorium, AWC, Bldg 1401

Featured Speaker

Professor Peter Stone, OBE, UNESCO Chair in Cultural Property Protection and Peace, Newcastle University; Chair, UK Committee of the Blue Shield; Secretary, Blue Shield International

“The Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict: Unhelpful Distraction or Important Responsibility?”

16:00-17:30 Open House, TLC and DLI areas, (Upstairs Library), Bldg 1405

Day 2 | Thursday, March 30, 2017

8:00 **Session B:** Library Auditorium, Rm 170, Bldg 1405

Please note: There is no Session A at Jones Auditorium at 8:00.

1. Dr Jonathan Zartman, ACSC Faculty
“Elite Defections to Da’esh, and The Enduring Value of American Military Training” Engagement, IMET assistance and support for social dialogue offer continuing value, despite the appearance of instability in Central Asia.

2. Lt Col Kelli Moon, USAF Special Operations School
“Intercultural Competence for SOF Operating in the Human Domain” This briefing will focus on an overview of the five cultural dimensions (Physical, Social, Economic, Political, and Beliefs & Symbols) and how they impact SOF operations in the human domain.

Session C: TLC Auditorium, Rm 243, Bldg 1405

1. Lt Col Jeremy Cole, eSchool of GPME
“An Education While Educating: Lessons Learned teaching PME in Colombia” I learned three universal lessons teaching international PME: human connections are essential, learning requires deliberate action, paradigms are starting points.

2. Maj Lee Opperman, Squadron Officer College; **Maj Truett Kinard**, Inter-European Air Forces Academy
“Inter-European Air Forces Academy: Enabling Coalition Operations through Combined Education” Truly coalition at the core, faculty and students of the Inter-European Air Forces Academy epitomize effective delivery of coalition-centered PME.

Session D: TLC Idea Lab, Rm 229, Bldg 1405

1. Ms Monika Kandi, DLI
“How Structured Cultural Encounters in the Foreign Language Classroom Build the Foundation for Diplomacy” Laying the foundation of cultural understanding on which diplomacy can be built will pave the way toward successful intercultural partnership.

2. Ms Carolina Grober, DLI
“Geopolitical Research Curriculum for Heritage Language Learners” This presentation outlines a Geopolitical Curriculum that was designed for and implemented in a Spanish Iso-Immersion program at Ft. Bragg.

Session E: TLC Idea Lab, Rm 230, Bldg 1405

1. Capt Jeremy McKoy, NASIC/GXA, Det 1
“Middle East Air Operations as a Liaison: The Other Side of the COIN” How should Airmen support foreign air operations as liaisons? Relationship-building, listening, risk tolerance and prior cultural exposure are key.

2. Capt Bianca Romanyk, Graduate School of Engineering Management, Air Force Institute of Technology
“How do cross-cultural collaboration efforts, competencies, and implications affect the success of a construction project in European bases?”

9:00 BREAK

9:15 **Room:** Jones Auditorium, AWC, Bldg 1401

1. Mr Lee Pittman & Mr Gil Mata: Air Education and Training Command (AETC) / A3Q
“Language, Region and Culture training provided to General Purpose Force Airmen” AETC/A3Q provides LREC training to thousands annually through in-person and on-line education & training for Air Advisors, deploying Airmen & Airmen supporting Security Cooperation activities.

2. Lt Col Andrew Johnson: National Guard, State Partnership Program
“The Mission and Growth of the National Guard’s State Partnership Program”

10:15 BREAK

<p>10:30 Session A: Jones Auditorium, AWC, Bldg 1401</p> <p>1. Chap (Maj) Kelly O’Lear, John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center of Excellence</p> <p><i>“Operationalizing Religion”</i> Army Chaplains are to provide “analysis of the impacts of indigenous religions on military operations” and “religious leader liaison (RLL), religious analysis, and religious support products for all plans and orders.”</p> <p>2. Dr Ernest Rockwell, Acting Dean, Air Force Research Institute</p> <p><i>“Embracing Religious Diversity in the American Armed Forces: Providing Sikhs the Opportunity to Serve”</i> This paper explores the manner in which Western militaries have incorporated—or failed to incorporate—Sikhs into their forces.</p>	<p>Session B: Library Auditorium, Rm 170, Bldg 1405</p> <p>1. Dr Don Holman, DLI</p> <p><i>“Formulating Proficiency Descriptors to Facilitate Foreign Language & Cultural Competence”</i> What are advantages and disadvantages of proficiency descriptor banks for foreign language acquisition and testing?</p> <p>2. Lt Col Sabine Peters, Defense Financial Management & Comptroller School, Eaker Center</p> <p><i>“Collaborative Assessment Preparation in an English Language Classroom in Afghanistan”</i> Implementation of a collaborative English language learning strategy builds student confidence at Afghan airbase. Discusses findings and lessons learned.</p>
<p>Session C: TLC Auditorium, Rm 243, Bldg 1405</p> <p>1. Dr Mica Hall & Dr Mohammad Reza Kazemi, DLI</p> <p><i>“Teaching Religion by the Transitive Property”</i> Teaching religion is integral to language teaching, as religion is integral to culture, and culture is key for language mastery.</p> <p>2. Dr Parandeh Kia, DLI</p> <p><i>“Teaching Cultural History in the Persian Language Classroom”</i> Including cultural history in foreign language curriculum can empower students to navigate the ideas and practices that give language meaning.</p>	<p>Session D: TLC Idea Lab, Rm 229, Bldg 1405</p> <p>1. Dr Hiam Kanbar, DLI</p> <p><i>“Proficiency levels and cultural awareness: How to align them”</i> Overcoming the challenges of cultural differences between learners and foreign language materials and situations should start as early as possible.</p> <p>2. Capt Philip Tice, LeMay Center Intelligence Directorate</p> <p><i>“Improving LREC Assignments”</i> Seeking better alignment of language skills with language-designated billets.</p>

11:30 **LUNCH | SEE PAGE 2 FOR SUGGESTIONS**

12:30 **Panel A:** Jones Auditorium, AWC, Bldg 1401

“Culture Detectives’: Finding Culture in Film” Participants apply key concepts of intercultural communication and discuss how analyzing communication in film can facilitate competence in real-life encounters.

Dr Susan Steen, AFCLC Faculty; **Mr Christopher Collins**, AWC AY 17 ; **Mr Thomas Fetterhoff**, AWC AY 17 ; **Lt Col Boudewijn Roddenhof**, AWC AY 17, Netherlands

Panel B: Library Auditorium, Rm 170, Bldg 1405

“The Development and Future Applications of the UN Course on Cultural Property Protection for Armed Forces” After a presentation on the development of the 3-day course, potential stakeholders and attendees will discuss the adaptation of the course for future training initiatives.

Prof Peter Stone, OBE, UNESCO Chair in Cultural Property Protection and Peace, Newcastle University; Chair, UK Committee of the Blue Shield; Secretary, Blue Shield International

Mr David Selnick, USAF (ret), Assistant Dean, School of Criminal Justice & Social Sciences, Assistant Professor of Intelligence & Security Studies, Tiffin University; Doctoral candidate in Heritage Studies, Newcastle University

14:00 **BREAK**

14:15 **Panel A:** Jones Auditorium, AWC, Bldg 1401

“Air University International Officer Discussion on the Americas”

Maj Michael Hardwick, International Officer School

Panelists from Mexico, Guatemala, and Peru

14:15 Panel B: Library Auditorium, Rm 170, Bldg 1405

“Whither Europe?” A roundtable discussion of changing European and national identities, recent elections, and the future of the European Union and trans-Atlantic relations.

Dr Elizabeth Peifer, AFCLC Faculty; **Gp Capt Shaun Harvey**, Royal Air Force Advisor, AWC; **Dr Douglas Peifer**, AWC Faculty; **Dr Anna Batta**, AWC Faculty

15:45 BREAK

Jones Auditorium, AWC, Bldg 1401

16:00-16:15 **Mr Howard Ward**, AFCLC Director

Closing Remarks

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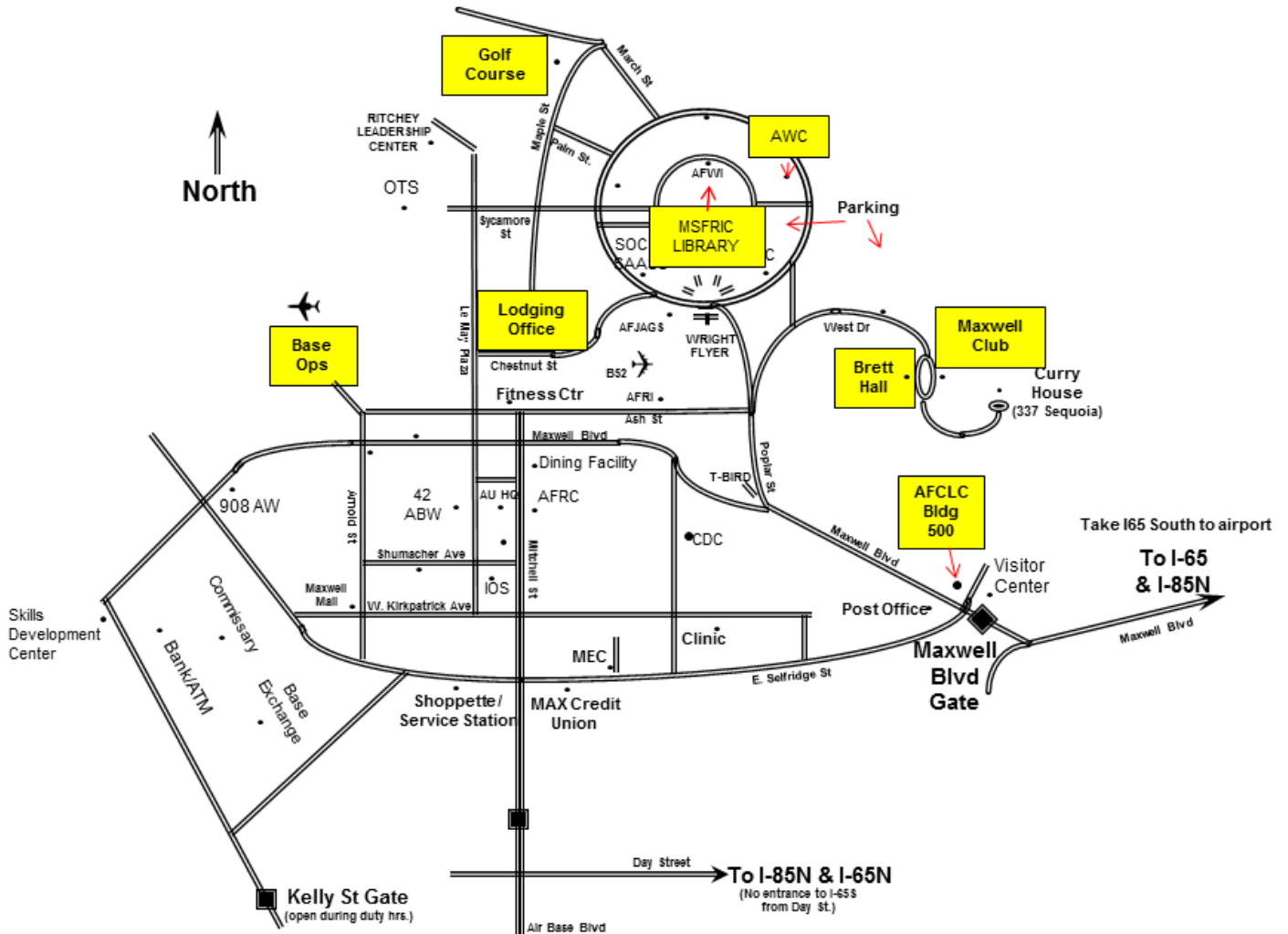
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CLOSING REMARKS

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Please join us next spring for the third annual AU LREC Symposium. The working theme is "Language, Regional Expertise and Culture: Essential and Operational". More information will be available in the fall at <http://culture.af.mil>.