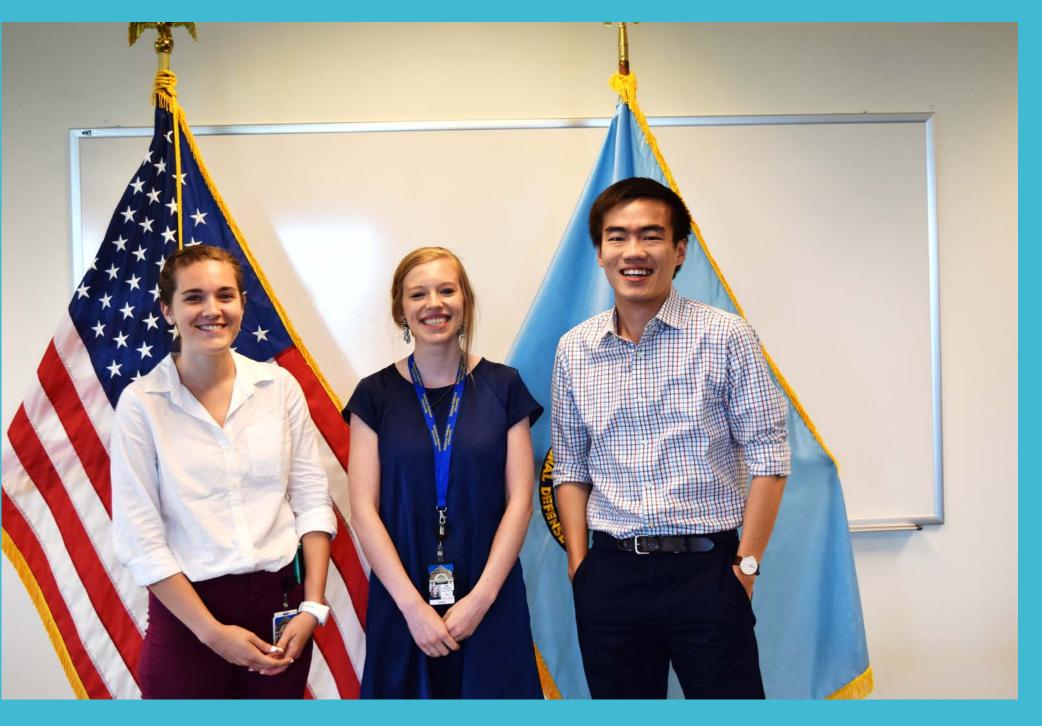## Program Support

One of my job responsibilities is to assist with the planning and coordination of NESA events. NESA organizes programs that bring NESA region participants together is a result of the commitment of our participating countries who send their best and brightest to NESA Center seminars and workshops. Participants are almost equally divided between military and civilians, and come from across our Combatant Commands. Recognizing the vital interests of countries outside of the NESA region, the Center also invite several NATO members to participate in our programs.

Research Assistant

I also served as the research assistant for two professors of the National Defense University. I conducted research with Dr. Daniel Baltrusaitis on China's new grand foreign policy in the Middle East, and preparing for a joint publication. At the mean time, at the request of Dr. Samuel Greene, I assisted with his latest academic journal on the legitimacy of U.S.-supported presidential elections in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Dr. Daniel Baltrusaitis is a Professor of Strategy and Security. His research interests include defense strategy, coalition and alliance politics, Gulf and Middle East security, contemporary defense affairs, and joint operational art.

Dr. Samuel Greene is an Assistant Professor, specializing in democratic transitions and consolidation in new democracies, counterinsurgency, and the development of political and economic institutions. His current research considers comparative lessons from cases of successful and unsuccessful democratization in Central America, Africa, and the Middle East.

Work Sample

1. Understanding of need for legitimacy (and definitions of legitimacy) by insurgents

Samples

Mao

- "[The population] may be likened to water and [the insurgent] to the fish who inhabit it. How may it be said that these two cannot exist together? It is only undisciplined troops who make the people their enemies and who, like the fish out of its native element, cannot live."[1]

Marighella

- "The urban guerrilla should understand how to live among the people and take care not to appear odd or distant from the normal life of the city."[2]
- "One of the principal challenges of the guerrilla is identification with popular causes in order to win popular support."[3]

2. Understanding of need for legitimacy (and definitions of legitimacy) by counterinsurgents

3. Statements by counterinsurgents about the relationship between elections (or democracy more broadly)

Classical Counterinsurgents

Bernard Fall - *"The Theory and Practice of Insurgency and Counterinsurgency"*

Robert Thompson - *"Defeating Communist insurgency: the lessons of Malaya and Vietnam"* (U240 .T56 1966)
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- "But for a government to function with a loyal opposition on the lines of western democracy must take a very considerable time. It requires the build-up of respected institutions – judicial, legislative and administrative – together with many unwritten by well-understood trations and conventions."

[1] Mao Tse-tung, *Mao Tse-tung on Guerrilla Warfare* Translated by Samuel B. Griffith (Washington: U.S. Marine Corps, 1989), 93. Avalible online at (www.marines.mil/Portals/59/Publications/FMFRP 12-18 Mao Tse-tung on Guerrilla Warfare.pdf)
[2] Carlos Marighella, *Manual do Guerrilheiro Urbano*, 7. Avalible online at (http://www.documentosrevelados.com.br/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/carlos-marighella-manual-do-guerrilheiro-urbano.pdf)Translation mine. Org: "O guerrilheiro urbano deve saber como viver entre as pessoas e se cuidar para não aparentar ser estranho ou distante da vida normal da cidade"
[3] Ibid, 57. "Um dos problemas principais do guerrilheiro é sua identificação com as causas populares para ganhar o apoio popular."

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Libya	Kuwait	Lebanon	India	Tajikistan
Mauritania	Oman	Palestinian Authority	Maldives	Turkmenistan
Morocco	Qatar	Syria	Nepal	Uzbekistan
Tunisia	Saudi Arabia	Turkey	Pakistan	Azerbaijan
	UAE		Sri Lanka	Iran

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