



# ENGAGING THE GLOBAL LANDSCAPE

COLLABORATION • COMPETITION • CULTURE

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AIR UNIVERSITY  
LANGUAGE, REGIONAL  
EXPERTISE, AND CULTURE  
SYMPOSIUM

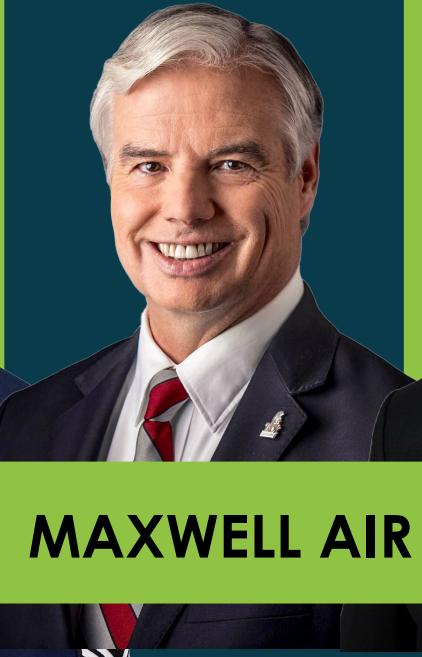
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JOHN D.  
LAMONTAGNE



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DAVID A.  
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AMBASSADOR (RET)  
LARRY E.  
ANDRÉ JR.



NOV 13–15 | MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE

# Symposium, Day: 11-13

0700

AWC -  
Jones

Registration:

0800

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Opening  
Remarks

*Mr. Howard Ward*

0805

AWC -  
Jones

Featured  
Speaker:

*CMSAF David A.  
Flosi*

0900

Break

0910

Breakout Session

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AWC -  
Brocks

LEAP Panel 1:  
*TSgt Christopher  
Wood, Lt Col  
Stephen Elliot*

AWC -  
Burchinal

Cultural  
Competency in  
Conflict:  
Lessons from  
Afghanistan  
and Beyond:  
*Dr. Barbara Salera  
Lopez, Mr. Arpad  
Kisch, Mr. Walt  
Grissom*

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Jones

655 ISRG Panel  
Discussion:  
LREC in the Air  
Force Reserves  
:  
*Maj Timothy  
Ramig, CMSgt  
Elizabeth  
Robinson*

Exploring the  
Formation of  
Second  
Language/Culture  
(L2/C2)  
Identities during  
Study Abroad :  
*Dr. Jeff Watson*

1035

Break

1045

Breakout Session

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LEAP Panel 2:  
*SSgt Enoch Koech,  
Capt Suren*

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The German  
Cyber Guided  
LITE: a  
Gamechanger

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Jones

USAF Strategic  
Competition  
and Cultural  
Engagement—

AWC -  
Kelly

Language  
Training for  
Essential

ACSC -  
Barnes

	<i>Uswatta, Maj Hader Rendon</i>	<i>for LREC Proficiency : Capt Max Umland, Dr. Sandra Schoder, Maj Kenneth Hynes, TSgt Christopher Wood</i>	<i>What Change is Needed? : Dr. Susan Alaniz</i>	<i>Cultural Competencies : Ms. Sara Nimis, Dr. Manuela Wagner</i>	
<b>1115</b>		<i>Reconceptualising Cross-culture: Terms of Engagement and Terms of Separation: Dr. Richard Davis</i>	<i>Language acquisition and cultural competency through the examination of agenda-setting theory in the realm of using Netflix : 1st Lt Shiqing Cao</i>		
<b>1210</b>	Lunch				
<b>1330</b>	<b>AWC - Jones</b>	<i>Featured Speaker <i>Ambassador (ret.) Larry E. André</i></i>			
<b>1430</b>	Break				
<b>1440</b>	<b>Breakout Session</b>				
<b>1440</b>	<b>AWC - Brocks</b>	<i>Military Hegemony: A Cross-Cultural Experience : Lt Col John Wright</i>	<i>Warrior Heart: The Foundation of Combat Readiness : Dr. Susan Steen, Dr. Angelle Khachadoorian, Maj Joseph Regan, Dr. Paul Hoffman, Maj Ian VanBergen, Maj Philip Jenkins</i>	<i>Student Heritage Speakers Modeling Pronunciation: Capt Michael Richey</i>	<i>The 21st Century Space Race: Global Competition for Bitcoin : Capt Matthew Smith</i>
<b>1510</b>	Never go out without your terp! :	<i>Perspectives Essential for Collaboration: A Case Study of Exchange</i>		<i>Joint Collaborative LREC Efforts for Enhanced Global</i>	<i>GPC in South America: Leveraging Military Relationships</i>

	<i>T Sgt Guillaume Allardice</i>	Programs at U.S. Military Bases in Japan: <i>Ms. Shumi Kudo</i>	Engagement and Mission Readiness: <i>Dr. Svetlana Mylnikova</i>	in a Changing Landscape: <i>Lt Col Katie Baldwin</i>
<b>1545</b>	Fostering Cultural Competence in North Korean Studies through an Integrated Curriculum: <i>Dr. Gyseon Bae, Ms. Mikyoung Ryu</i>	Great Power Competition in the Indian Ocean: Then and Now : <i>1st Lt Josh Weldon</i>	Enhancing Intercultural Communication: Navigating the Complexity of Language, Culture, and Regional Studies in DOD Communities: <i>Dr. Shaima Khinjani</i>	Mexico, Colombia, and the United States: Comparisons in Counternarcotics and American Intervention : <i>Capt Michael Shields</i>
<b>1615</b>		Military & Culture in Great Power Competition: The Cause for Renewed U.S. Military Cultural Engagement : <i>Maj Kelly Hogan</i>	From Language to Action: The Power of Cultural Immersion in Operational Readiness: <i>Dr. Ragaa Shenouda, Mr. Onsy Shenouda</i>	Beyond Language: the Importance of Culture in the Building Partner Capacity Mission: <i>Capt Briana Winslow</i>
<b>1640</b>	Break:			
<b>1700</b>	SOS - Husband			Icebreaker:

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*Gen John D.  
Lamontagne*

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LEAP Panel 3:  
*Capt Daniela  
Carchedi, 1st Lt  
Anna Logrande,  
Capt Antonio  
Arnold*

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Building  
Partnership  
Capacity in the  
Indo-Pacific:  
Reflections on  
an Advanced  
LITE  
Experience in  
Timor-Leste:  
*Lt Col Meridee  
Trimble, Capt Tia  
Scoggan*

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Cultural  
Collaboration  
and Security  
Cooperation in  
a Competitive  
World: Nigeria  
and the United  
States in  
Perspective:  
*Air Commodore  
Shehu Muhammad  
Chindo*

AWC -  
Kelly

Mirror Move:  
How the Russo-  
North Korean  
Alliance can  
Breathe New  
Life into Japan-  
Korea Relations  
:  
*Capt Shaquelle  
James, Capt Emily  
Stith*

ACSC -  
Barnes

Encountering  
ACE during the  
German ACE  
LITE :  
*Dr. Sandra Schoder,  
Mr. Chris Chesser,  
Lt Col Franklin  
Nesselhuf*

0940

Chinese  
Strategic  
Culture and its  
Impact on Self-  
Perceptions  
and State  
Behaviors:  
*Dr. Yan Ke*

Cultural  
intelligence and  
collaboration  
as critical  
enhancers of  
military  
operations on a  
global  
landscape :  
*Group Capt Duke  
Ejike Daniels*

**1035**

Break

**1045**

Breakout Session

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LEAP Panel 4:  
*Capt Milovan  
Dakic, 2nd Lt  
Marimar Calisto,  
Maj Sarah Luong*

AWC -  
Burchinal

Historical  
Dynamics and  
Contemporary  
Geopolitics:  
Russian and  
Chinese  
Influence in  
Latin America  
and U.S.  
Strategic  
Responses:  
*SrA Gerardo Lara  
Lenttini, SrA  
Kurmanjan Bolot*

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Enhancing  
Philippines  
(PHL)-United  
States (US)  
Interoperability in  
Information  
Technology/Cyber:  
*Maj Rommel  
Villanueva*

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Kelly

US Policy in  
Post-Coup  
West Africa :  
*Maj Jeb Beard*

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Language  
access for  
Innovative  
Readiness  
Training (IRT)  
Missions:  
Providing  
culturally  
competent  
care:  
*SSgt Geoffrey  
Payero, TSgt Scott  
Foor, Lt Col  
Barbara  
McCormick*

**1115**

Cultural  
Competence in  
Military  
Collaboration  
and Strategy  
for the Alliance  
of Sahel States  
Region:  
*Dr. Habib  
Soumahoro*

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Lunch

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*Maj Gen (ret.) Walter  
D. Givhan*

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Boosting Military Language Learner Motivation Through Career Applicability and Cultural Immersion : <i>Dr. Siyi Gao, Col Zachary Miller</i>	Empowering International Military Women through Security Cooperation Education: <i>Ms. Miriam Bergue Alves, Dr. Deborah Gibbons</i>	SAF/IA FAO Brief : <i>Lt Col Shane Moran</i>	Island of Memory: A People's History of Japanese Colonialism and War in the Northern Mariana Islands: <i>Dr. Jessica Jordan</i>	Language and Culture & the Air Advisor Enterprise : <i>T Sgt Guillaume Allardice, SMSgt Kossivi Akou, 1st Lt Sanchez Rosado, Maj Evan Grinstead, Capt Valdir Ruiz, T Sgt Roberto Contreras Lopez, Lt Col Mary Bordelon, SSgt Alexander Guerre, Capt Jose Colon-Franco</i>
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<b>1510</b>	Enhancing Gender Equality in the Botswana Defense Force: Case study on the application of culturally sensitive barrier analysis and its impact on recruiting, retention, and promotion policies : <i>Lt Col Sharon Arana</i>	Beyond Western I.R. Paradigms: The Strategic Culture of Southeast Asian Middle Powers and Implications for US Strategy: <i>Dr. Michael Kraig</i>
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<b>1540</b>	Culture of the Air: A Comparison of Three Air Force Cultures : <i>Lt Col Franklin Nesselhuf</i>	Geopolitics, Identity, and Policy Clashes Over Taiwan : <i>Capt Douglas M. Kasson</i>
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<b>1605</b>	Break
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<b>1615</b>	<b>AWC - Brocks</b>	<b>AWC - Burchinal</b>	<b>AWC - Jones</b>	<b>AWC - Kelly</b>	<b>ACSC - Barnes</b>
	Developing Cadets' Mindset to Engage Allies and Partners: A Student-Led	Differential Framing of Iran-associated Attacks from Iranian & US Media:	Developing Strategic Empathy and Perspective Taking in Professional		Lighting a Spark - Taking Language Learners from the Classroom, to the Field, to

	<p>Learning Plan about Indonesia and Malaysia: <i>Lt Col Meridee Trimble, C2C Alexander Thue, C2C Ryan Nguyen</i></p>	<p><i>Ms. Emily Stranger</i></p>	<p>Military Education : <i>Dr. Olenda Johnson, Dr. Kristin Mulready-Stone, Dr. Allison Abbe</i></p>	<p>the Operational Air Force and Space Force : <i>Lt Col Sabine Peters, C1C Joseph Reed, C2C Lydia Barnett</i></p>
<b>1645</b>	<p>Building Bridges through International Military Sports: Enhancing Cross-Nation Cooperation and Shared Understandings : <i>Lt Col Nicole Jansen, Lt Col (ret) Marci Walton</i></p>	<p>Re-Centering Ukraine: New Directions in Studying the Democratic Post-Soviet World: <i>Dr. Emily Channell- Justice</i></p>		<p>The New Asian Nuclear Challenge: Deciphering &amp; Reimagining the Chinese/North Korean Nuclear Threat: <i>Capt Shaquille James</i></p>
<b>1715</b>	<p>Helping Airmen Engage a Modernizing Asia: Understanding Allies, Partners, and Adversaries through the Prism of Nationalist Political Ideologies: <i>Dr. Michael Kraig</i></p>		<p>Collaboration and Competition: Navigating US- Türkiye Dynamics : <i>Dr. Kristin Bashir</i></p>	

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LEAP Scholar  
Q&A (Optional)  
:  
*Mr. Chris Chesser,  
Ms. Lori Quiller*

0800

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Remarks  
*Mr. Howard Ward*

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K. McKeague*

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Leading  
Immigrant  
Airmen :  
*A1C Olesa  
Arellano, SMSgt  
Alejandro Velez,  
SrA Erica Nieves  
Marrero*

America's  
Secret Weapon:  
*Capt Timothy  
Nolan, MSgt  
Ramchand  
Francisco*

Cultural  
Training for  
Young Military  
Personnel:  
Nurturing  
Global  
Competence :  
*Mr. Antonio  
Rodriguez*

Engaging  
Generation Z In  
a Multi-  
Generational &  
Global  
Workforce :  
*Capt Brittany  
Castonguay*

0940

Pedagogy  
Applied:

Bringing the  
Interpersonal

Metacognition  
for the Cross-  
Cultural Airman  
:  
*Capt Peter  
Carkhuff*

Mode into the  
Classroom :  
*Dr. Daniel Thornhill*

**1010**

Cultural  
Competence in  
the AI-Driven  
Battlefield:  
Shaping the  
Future of  
Warfare :  
*A1C Edwin Lax*

Mental  
Fortitude and  
Cultural Agility:  
Enhancing  
Psychological  
Resilience and  
Intercultural  
Competence  
for Global  
Military  
Engagement:  
*SSgt Joshua  
Palileo*

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Predicting  
cultural  
intelligence  
(CQ) through  
military  
multicultural  
experience:  
*Col Shawn Covault*

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Burchinal

A Chinese  
LEAP Scholar's  
Experience and  
the work of  
CASL :  
*Maj Katelynne  
Baier*

AWC -  
Jones

US military  
operations and  
attempts to  
build state  
capacity in  
Afghanistan  
during  
Operation  
Enduring  
Freedom:  
*Dr. Richard Ledet*

AWC -  
Kelly

Cognitive  
Science, Bias,  
and  
Perceptions of  
War:  
*Dr. Angelle  
Khachadoorian*

ACSC -  
Barnes

Bring Back the  
Code Talkers!  
Counter-  
Intelligence  
Advantages of  
Indigenous  
Languages:  
*Capt Nathan Gale*

**1115**

Arctic  
Ambitions:  
Russia and  
China in the  
High North:  
*Dr. Elizabeth Peifer*

Training  
Techniques for  
Military  
Interpreters :  
*Ms. Anna Morton*

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Break

**1150**

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Jones

**Closing Remarks**  
*Mr. Howard Ward*