McCain Institute Announces Inaugural National Security Fellowship Class
For rising leaders in counterterrorism from the Five Eyes nations

WASHINGTON, DC (September 26, 2019) — The McCain Institute for International Leadership at Arizona State University announced today the selection of its inaugural class of National Security & Counterterrorism fellows for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Designed and led by Nicholas Rasmussen—director of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) from 2014-2017 and senior White House national security official under Presidents Bush and Obama—the fellowship reflects the McCain Institute’s commitment to investing in the most promising character-driven leaders of the next generation. The 2019-2020 cohort includes:

Patrick Bruce Baetjer, Foreign Service Officer, State Department, Washington, D.C.

Amanda Barnett, Joint Staff Action Officer for Counterterrorism and Special Operations, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.

Meredith Bourke, Supervisory Intelligence Analyst, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.

Catherine Bray, Head of Wider World Team, U.K. Permanent Representation to the European Union, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Brussels

Aditi Cottle, Australian Government, Canberra

Anna Wallis Dietrich, Analyst, National Counterterrorism Center, Washington, D.C.

Pippa Hendon, Acting Director of Southeast Asia Terrorism and Senior Philippines Analyst, Office of National Intelligence, Canberra

Sarah Morell, Political Analyst, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C.

Narelle Parris, Team Leader, Diversion Operations, Counterterrorism, Australian Federal Police, Canberra
Chris Selim, Head of Operational Policy and Secretariat, Home Office, London

Leah West, Lecturer on National Security and Intelligence, Norman Patterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University, Ottawa

Executed in partnership with the Strand Group at King’s College in London and the National Security College at the Australian National University in Canberra, the fellowship program will create an enduring international network of future national security decisionmakers.

“We have selected women and men of extraordinary achievement and promise who in the mold of Senator John McCain have demonstrated their commitment to national security and public service,” said Rasmussen, who joined the McCain Institute as a senior director last year. “Simply put, investing in the personal and professional development of the most promising emerging leaders engaged in national security and counterterrorism is vital for our future.”

For more information, visit: www.mccaininstitute.org/mccain-national-security-and-counterterrorism-fellowship

About the McCain Institute for International Leadership at Arizona State University

Inspired by the leadership of Senator John McCain and his family’s legacy of public service, the McCain Institute implements programs and initiatives aimed at making a difference in people’s lives across a range of critical areas: leadership development, human rights, rule of law, national security, counterterrorism and combatting human trafficking.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Institute is proudly part of ASU, the largest public university in America— ranked #1 in innovation for five years running.

Learn more about the McCain Institute at mccaininstitute.org.

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