Wednesday, 23 March - Friday, 25 March
Virginia Military Institute - Lexington, Virginia

All sessions and events in Marshall Hall, Center for Leadership and Ethics, unless otherwise noted

Wednesday, 23 March

8:00 am – 8:00 pm Registration *(Gallery)*
8:00 – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast *(Hall of Valor)*

9:00 - 9:30 am **Welcoming Ceremonies** *(Gillis)*
Posting of the Colors, VMI Color Guard
Spanish National Anthem & U.S. National Anthem, VMI Brass Band

Opening Remarks *(Gillis)*
GEN J. H. Binford Peay III, U.S. Army (Ret.), Superintendent, Virginia Military Institute
H.E. Jorge Dezcallar de Mazarredo, Ambassador of Spain to the United States

9:30 – 11:00 am **Diplomacy & Democratization** *(Gillis)*
Moderator: James A. Larocco, Ambassador (Retired), Near East South Asia, Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University

- **John Duke Anthony**, Ph. D., founding President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations
- **Daniel Brumberg**, Ph. D., Senior Advisor, Center for Conflict Analysis and Prevention, U.S. Institute of Peace
- **H.E. Dr. Hussein Hassouna,** Ph. D., Chief Representative of the League of Arab States to the United States

11:15 am – 12:30 pm **Academic Paper Session A** *(Marshall Hall Breakout Rooms)*

11:15 am – 12:15 pm **Special Session with General Peter Pace, USMC (Ret.)** *(Gillis)*
Introduction by General Peay

12:30 – 1:30 pm Buffet Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 pm **History, Culture, Religion, & Arts** *(Gillis)*
Moderator: COL Kathleen Bulger-Barnett, Virginia Military Institute

- **Lourdes Maria Alvarez**, Ph. D., Director of the Center for Catalan Studies and Professor of Spanish at Catholic University of America
- **Reza Aslan**, Ph. D., Professor, University of California; Author, *No god but God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam (2006)*
- **Jonathan Ray**, Ph. D., Samuel Eig Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies, Theology Department, Georgetown University

3:15 – 4:45 pm **Academic Paper Session B** *(Marshall Hall Breakout Rooms)*

5:00 pm **Cultural Celebration - Food, Dance, Music, and Film**
Host: CAPT Susan J. Rabern, USN (Ret.), Virginia Military Institute

- **Marketplace of International Foods,** *5 – 8 pm (Hall of Valor)*
- **Al-Andalus Music Dance Ensemble**, *5:45, 6:45, 7:45 (Hall of Valor)*
- **Films** *(Gillis)*
  Host: Dr. Michael Barry, Princeton University
  - ***Cities of Light***, *5:30 pm*
  - ***Out of Cordoba***, *7:00 pm*

Thursday, 24 March

7:30 am – 6:00 pm Registration *(Gallery)*
7:30 – 8:30 am Buffet Breakfast *(Hall of Valor)*

8:30 – 9:30 am **Economics & Trade** *(Gillis)*
Moderator: Robert C. Troxler, Global View Investments

- **Mark Mowrey**, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Eurasia and the Middle East
- **John D. Sullivan**, Ph. D., Executive Director, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)
- **Robert C. Troxler**, President, Global View Investments

9:30 – 10:30 am	**Special Session: Egypt & Beyond** *(Gillis)* *Moderator: Heba El-Shazli, Virginia Military Institute* • **Charles E. Dunne**, Scholar, Middle East Institute • **COL Joseph Englehardt**, U.S. Army (Ret.), former U.S. Defense Attaché in Cairo; former Director for Middle East Studies, U.S. Army War College
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	**Academic Paper Session C** *(Marshall Hall Breakout Rooms)*
12:15 – 1:30 pm	Buffet lunch *(Hall of Valor)*
1:45 – 3:00 pm	**Hope for the Future** *(Gillis)* *Moderator: John Milewski, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars* • **Ambassador Akbar Ahmed**, Ph. D., Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies, American University • **Tamara Sonn**, Ph. D., William R. Kenan, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Humanities, College of William & Mary
3:15 – 4:45 pm	**Academic Paper Session D** *(Marshall Hall Breakout Rooms)*
6:00 – 7:20 pm	**Conference Reception and Banquet** *(Hall of Valor)*
7:30 – 8:30 pm	**Keynote Address** *(Gillis)* **Stephen Prothero**, Ph. D., Professor, Boston University; Author, *God is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World--and Why Their Differences Matter* (2010) *Introduction by General Peay*

Friday, 25 March

8:00 – 10:30 am	Registration *(Moody Hall)*
8:00 – 9:00 am	Buffet Breakfast *(Moody Hall)*
9:00 – 10:30 am	**Academic Paper Session E** *(Moody Hall)*

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Matrix - Academic Paper Sessions

Paper sessions on Wednesday and Thursday will be held in Marshall Hall. Paper sessions on Friday will be held in Moody Hall.

	Session A Wednesday 11:15 am-12:30 pm	**Session B** Wednesday 3:15-4:45 pm	**Session C** Thursday 10:45 am-12:15 pm	**Session D** Thursday 3:15-4:45 pm	**Session E** Friday 9:00-10:30 am
Track 1 *Allegheny*	**Military History, Warfare and Memoirs I** *(pg. 2)*	**Military History, Warfare and Memoirs II** *(pg. 3)*	**History and Moving Frontiers I** *(pg. 4)*	**History and Moving Frontiers II** *(pg. 5)*	**Undergraduate Research Papers II** *Moody Hall* *(pg. 6)*
Track 2 *Boardroom*	**Al-Andalus as a Center of Culture** *(pg. 2)*	**Parallels & Paradox in Religion and Faith** *(pg. 3)*	**Linguistics and History** *(pg. 4)*	**Undergraduate Research Papers I** *(pg. 5)*	**Undergraduate Research Papers III** *Moody Hall* *(pg. 6)*
Track 3 *Blue Ridge*	**Cultural Pluralism and Plurality of Culture** *(pg. 2)*	**Cultural Identity and Public Opinion** *(pg. 3)*	**Images of Tariq ibn Ziyad** *(pg. 4)*	**Images of Islam & the Media** *(pg. 5)*	**Undergraduate Research Papers IV** *Moody Hall* *(pg. 6)*
Track 4 *Shenandoah*	**Coexistence and Convivencia: Past Models for Future Harmony** *(pg. 2)*	**Literature: Crossing Cultural Frontiers between East and West** *(pg. 3)*	**Literature in the Strait between East and West** *(pg. 4)*	**Migration, Finance and Educational Bridges** *(pg. 5)*	**No session**