



CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF WMD PROGRAM FOR EMERGING LEADERS PEL PERSPECTIVES



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Upcoming Events

- Early December 2011 (dates TBD): Department of Homeland Security Seminar
- 15 February 2012: Applications due
- Late February/early March 2012 (dates TBD): Winter Workshop
- 18-22 June 2012: Summer Immersion (tentative)

Non-PEL Events at NDU

- 29 November 2011: Spotlight Seminar: Greg Giles, SAIC, on Iran
- May 2012: WMD Center Symposium (dates TBD)

In Iraq?

- If you are in CENTCOM's AOR, LTC Thamar Main is too. Please feel free to contact him at Thamar.Main@iraq.cent.com.mil.

Request for PEL Member Spotlight

- In future issues, we will spotlight PEL members. If you would like to suggest someone or nominate yourself, please send an email to Margaret. Sloane@ndu.edu.

Director's Corner

Welcome to the first edition of PEL Perspectives! Perspectives will provide you with updates on PEL, its members, and alumni. I hope it helps you stay informed about PEL and the WMD Center's activities as well as the work of the broader community. I also hope it helps past, present and future PEL members stay connected.

There are nearly 130 people from across government in the PEL "family" now and we continue to grow. In fact, we will be taking applications for PEL-05 soon. Over the next few weeks, NDU President, VADM Anne Rondeau, will be sending letters to senior officials in your agencies inviting

them to again nominate outstanding candidates. When these letters are signed, we will notify you and ask that you also encourage colleagues to apply. As in the past, we take seriously PEL letters of support for applicants.

More good news! We finalized the PEL certificate and course credit process with NDU. Details and requirements will be forthcoming.

In case you missed it, we had a terrific summer. In May, a small group of PEL members met with former Defense Secretary William Perry. We also welcomed PEL-04 during the Summer Immersion. Former National Security



Adviser Brent Scowcroft was the speaker at our annual reception for new PEL members. And, in September, we visited Y-12 and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Keep your eye on these pages for upcoming events.

—Shane Smith, Ph.D.

The Center Recommends...

John Reichart, Ph.D. recommends Walter Isaacson's *Einstein: His Life and Universe* (2007).

Seth Carus, Ph.D. recommends the *Bio-Response Report Card*.

Creighton Hottinger recommends armscontrolwonk.com and www.nukesofhazardblog.com.

Brendan Melley recommends Richard North Patterson's *The Devil's Light: A Novel* (2011).

Forrest Waller recommends the film *Dr. Strangelove or: How Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb* (1964).

Shane Smith, Ph.D. recommends Jonathan Pollack's *No Exit: North Korea, Nuclear Weapons, and International Security* (2011).