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Next Meeting: Richard Brennan Jr. of RAND The End of the Iraq War: Realities and Lessons Learned

Rick Brennan is a career Army officer with high-level Department of Defense policy-making experience on issues relating to the ongoing war in Iraq, conflict resolution and war termination, homeland defense, and strategic planning. Since 2006 he has served in successive positions in Iraq to include supporting MNF-I/USF-I as the RAND team leader for the Joint Interagency Task Force - Iraq (JIATF-I) and most recently as the Senior Advisor to the USF-I Director of Operations (J3). He has conducted significant research and analysis on Special Forces operations in Iraq, Phase IV Stability and Support operations in Iraq between 2003 and 2005, and the transition from military operations to civilian control in Iraq between 2003 and 2012. He has led and participated in several other RAND studies related to homeland security, homeland defense, and military transformation. Recent related

works include Richard R. Brennan, Jr., Charles P. Ries, et al., *Ending the U.S. War in Iraq: The Final Transition, Operational Maneuver, and Disestablishment of United States Forces - Iraq*, RAND (RR-232-USFI), 2013; and Richard R. Brennan Jr., et al., *Smooth Transitions? Lessons Learned from Transferring U.S. Military Responsibilities to Civilian Authorities in Iraq*, RAND (RB-9749-USFI), 2013.



When: Thursday, February 13, 2014
Where: Denver Country Club (1st & Gilpin)
Time: 6:00 - 9 p.m. (cocktails from 6:00 – 6:45, followed by dinner/speaker)

**RSVP: Reservations to
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Member of the Quarter: Julia Patterson



First Quarter 2014 DCFR
Member of the Month — Julia
Patterson

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Julia Patterson’s background is in political science with an international emphasis. She worked in Japan for four years and had a vast experience in business development in the Balkans. Currently, she works for an engineering firm that specializes in water and air purification. Julia used to love outdoor backpacking and winter camping and she likes to cross-country ski.

Julia has been a member of the DCFR since 2006. She is part of the scholarship committee that reviews student’s applications for study abroad grants made in cooperation with Colorado State University. Also, she supports the DCFR’s activities in the World Affairs Challenge that empowers rural high school teams. Julia thinks that some of the

most valuable assets of the DCFR is the “variety of speakers and that is a very good cohesive group of members.” She always learns something from the meetings and loves that “you can talk to people in a more professional way.” Julia thinks that “DCFR is more like a family.”

Word From the Board: New Future Member/Guest Policy Option



Dr. Joseph Szylowitz
President of the Denver Council of Foreign Relations

- Beginning in February of 2014, each member is entitled to bring one guest per season (2013-14, 2014-15, etc.) to any one dinner meeting at the cost of \$25 (instead of the standard \$45) as a potential future member.

- In order to access this reduced fee, the member must: 1) designate the guest as a potential future member at the time of their RSVP (not at

the door) and supply the basic contact information (name, email address, mailing address) and a short bio (a paragraph will do) via email or referring us to a web site or on paper to DCFR either prior to or on arrival at the dinner. In addition, the member will be asked to introduce their potential member guest to the DCFR leadership on arrival at the meeting.

- To protect DCFR from the fiscal risk of this policy being mis-applied (meal costs are roughly \$45), we would ask that if your guest either cannot make it on short notice or is unwilling to be contacted in any way in the future, that you the member pay the standard \$45 guest fee.



Outreach Update: *NICOLE ARANCI*: DCFR STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP FOR SPRING 2014

Nicole is an Honors student at Colorado State University. She grew up on a corn and wheat farm near Bethune, Colorado, where there were ten students in her high-school graduating class. She notes that there was not much opportunity to meet different people while growing up.

Nicole has special strengths in communi-

cation: she was on the speech team in high school and takes courses in media studies. She is particularly interested in studying children's literature, which she will be able to do at the University of South Australia. In the future, she wants to explore ways to encourage boys and girls to work together more effectively.

Meanwhile, she develops her knowledge of business with an internship at Hewlett Packard in Fort Collins and has been offered another internship at HP in Australia after her semester of studies in 2014.



Home: Bethune, Colorado
Colorado State University Business (Marketing) Major
Study Abroad: University of South Australia
Internship with HP

Member News and Notes

Lewis Griffith named Executive Director

DCFR in an effort to improve coordination between the membership and the board as well as streamline communications has asked Dr. Lewis Griffith of the Korbel School to take on the role of Executive Director. This role makes Lewis the central point of contact for all DCFR

business and he welcomes your inquiries and suggestions via 303-871-2550 or Lewis.Griffith@du.edu

The Membership Process

DCFR operates as a Member based organization with current members nominating new

members for membership or new members submitting a request for membership of the DCFR Board via Membership Director Curtis Cook. Membership dues are \$350 per person or \$650 per couple. Dr. Cook can be reached for all forms of membership inquiries via ccook@coloradocollege.edu





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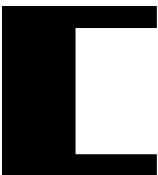
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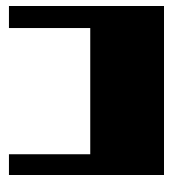
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Founded in 1938 as a committee of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, the Denver Council on Foreign Relations (DCFR) is incorporated as an independent, non-partisan, non-profit [(501(c)3] organization. Our mission is to conduct informed, non-partisan discussions on foreign policy among citizens, community leaders and policy makers; to heighten public awareness and expand understanding of contemporary and emerging international issues, locally and regionally; and to stimulate inputs to policy makers, based on research and related activities, that reflect perspectives developed in Denver and the Rocky Mountain region. We welcome participation via membership or, for those contemplating application, as a guest at any of our speaker events or collateral programs.



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Upcoming Events

Feb 13th - Dinner Speaker:

Rick Brennan Jr.

RAND Corporation and One of the Authors of *Ending the U.S. War in Iraq: The Final Transition, Operational Maneuver, and Dis-establishment of United States Forces-Iraq*

Topic: How The Iraq War Ends

@ The Denver Country Club Mixer at 6pm, Dinner begins at 7pm Registration via Polly Cox at pwcox@qwestoffice.net or call (303) 321-3231

March 5th -- Dinner Speaker

Amory Lovins

Chairman/Chief Scientist @ Rocky Mountain Institute

Topic: A Farewell to Fossil Fuels?

@ The Denver Country Club Mixer at 6pm, Dinner begins at 7pm Registration via Polly Cox at pwcox@qwestoffice.net or call (303) 321-3231

April 10th -- Dinner Speaker:

James Forsyth

School of Advanced Air and Space Studies

Topic: International Cyber Policy: What is Possible, What is Likely"

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May – TBA — 75 Anniversary