

Duke SANFORD

 TRIANGLE CENTER
on TERRORISM *and*
HOMELAND SECURITY

2020-2021

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security (TCTHS) is to enhance the understanding of terrorism and the means to combat it through education, research and public engagement. Founded in 2005, the TCTHS faculty conduct research, comment on current events and policy debates, and run executive education programs. The center sponsors multiple events each year providing an opportunity for students to interact with leading practitioners and scholars.

TCTHS PARTICIPANTS

FACULTY

David Schanzer, *Director*

Tim Nichols, *Deputy Director*

Executive Director, Counterterrorism and Public Policy Fellowship Program

STAFF

Beth O'Brien, *Program Coordinator*

STUDENTS

Undergraduate and Graduate students

TCTHS faculty offered four security-related courses:

David Schanzer

- 9/11, Islam & the Modern Middle East (PubPol 190FS, Fall 2020)
- Privacy, Tech & National Security (PubPol 554, Spring 2021)

Tim Nichols

- National Security Decision-Making (PubPol 505S-01, Fall 2020)
- Intelligence for National Security (PubPol 507S, Spring 2021)

David Schanzer serves as the lead faculty contact and on the selection committee for the Carlucci Fellowship, which provides summer stipend funding and mentorship to 4-6 Sanford graduate students per year.

Executive Education:

- Four senior officers from the U.S. Army, one Department of Defense civil servant, one State Department agent, and one FBI agent participated in the Counterterrorism and Public Policy Fellowship Program from Aug 2020-May 2021.
- Approximately 225 members of the U.S. armed forces were students in the custom executive education programs offered by Tim Nichols from July 2020-June 2021.

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

EVENTS

- Amarnath Amarasingam and Mia Bloom, [“What to do about QAnon?”](#) March 3, 2021.
- Movie Screening and Discussion with Daniel Lombroso, [“White Noise: Inside the Racist Right,”](#) February 10, 2021.
- [“Duke Women in National Security”](#), CTPP Fellows panel, February 15, 2021.
- “Our War” Movie Night & Discussion with CTPP Fellows, Zoom, February 24, 2021.
- Deputy Director Sue Gordon, Simon Miles and David Schanzer, [“National Security Challenges for the Biden Administration,”](#) January 27, 2021.
- Daveed Gartenstein-Ross and Dr. Erroll Southers, [“White Supremacist Violent Extremism: How Can It be Prevented,”](#) September 10, 2020.

ACTIVITIES

- **David Schanzer** was the AY21 acting director of the Duke Program in American Grand Strategy while Peter Feaver was on sabbatical.
- **Duke Counterterrorism and Public Policy Fellowship:** The ninth cohort of fellows in this program, directed by Tim Nichols, included four senior officers from the U.S. Army, one Department of Defense civil servant, one State Department agent, and one FBI agent (see separate CTPP report).
- **Executive Education Programs:** TCTHS provides the administrative structure for custom executive education courses for various units in the U.S. military. These courses, which range from 1-5 days, are supervised by Tim Nichols and taught by Nichols and other Duke faculty.
- **Museum Guest Curator:** David Schanzer served as a guest curator for an exhibit: “Post 9/11: The Evolution of American Law Enforcement” at the National Law Enforcement Museum and Memorial, Washington D.C.

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:

- Police Executive Research Forum, “Critical Issues Report: Domestic Extremism and Terrorism,” Jan. 14, 2021
- News Briefing, “How to Deal with Terrorism at Home and Abroad,” Duke News, Durham, NC, Jan. 28, 2021
- News Briefing, “Chaos and Violence at the U.S. Capitol,” Duke News, Durham, NC, Jan. 7, 2021

PUBLICATIONS

RESEARCH REPORTS

- Charles Kurzman and David Schanzer, [“Muslim-American Involvement with Violent Extremism – 2001-2020,”](#) January 14, 2021.
- Tim Nichols, [“Sending Special Operations Forces into the Great-Power Competition,”](#) Small Wars Journal, August 2, 2020.

OP-EDS & INTERVIEWS

- Schanzer, [“The White House Unveils its First National Strategy to Fight Domestic Terrorism,”](#) Background Briefing interview with Ian Masters, June 16, 2021.
- Schanzer, [“Biden is exorcising the ghost of bin Laden from US foreign policy,”](#) The Hill, April 22, 2021.
- Schanzer, [“Congress should make domestic terrorism a crime,”](#) Tampa Bay Times, January 20, 2021.
- Schanzer, [Inauguration Security and QAnon,](#) Newsy Tonight interview, January 13, 2021.
- Schanzer, [“The Terrorist Movement That Attacked the Capitol Will Need to Be Confronted,”](#) Medium, January 7, 2021.
- Schanzer, [Remembering 9/11 and the Current Terrorist Threat,](#) WWI.com radio interview by Dave Cohen, September 15, 2020.

PLANS FOR 2021-2022

- Eight professionals will participate in the Counterterrorism and Public Policy Fellowship Program which includes representatives from the U.S. Army, FBI, State Department, and the National Counterintelligence and Security Center.
- TCTHS 9/11 Event: Wajahat Ali will join David Schanzer to reflect on how 9/11 impacted America and the world in commemoration of the 20th anniversary.
- David Schanzer and Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, CEO of Valens Global will co-teach the half semester course National Security Simulation: Great Power Competition, Non-State Actors and Human Rights (PubPol 590-01).