

## ADVANCING THE CONVERSATION

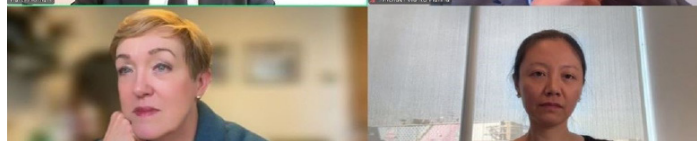
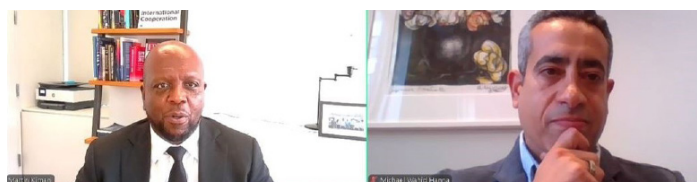
*Events and Dialogue.* Throughout the year, we brought together senior officials and other thought leaders in critical discussions. From intelligence to emerging technologies to the consequential elections of 2024, our programs grappled with pressing national security issues facing the United States and the world.



A Conversation with Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines



Social Media, Government Jawboning, and the First Amendment



The U.S. Elections on a Global Stage



Stopping the Destabilizing Flow of Sensitive Technology



Fireside Chat with CISA Director Jen Easterly

*Policy-Relevant Research and Analysis.* As part of our signature [War Powers Resolution Reporting Project](#), we charted notable presidential reporting activity focusing on complex U.S. involvement in hostilities in the Middle East. Against the backdrop of an ever-evolving modern battlefield, we launched with *Just Security* a new series – [A Living Document](#) – which examines ways to update and strengthen the Department of Defense's interpretation of the international law of armed conflict in its Law of War Manual.



### A Living Document: Strengthening the DoD Law of War Manual



**Assessing the DoD Law of War Manual's Approach to Treaties and Customary International Law**  
Sean Murphy



**The Principle of Proportionality in the DoD Law of War Manual**  
Michael W. Meier



**Protected Persons and the 'Geographic Nexus' Requirement in the DoD Law of War Manual**  
Eliav Lieblisch



**Membership in a Non-State Armed Group in the DoD Law of War Manual**  
Jenny Maddocks



# INVESTING IN FUTURE LEADERS



A ROAD LESS TRAVELED 2024-25

## National Security Careers After Law School

Co-hosted with the  
National Security Law Society

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Across the law school, we strive to foster student community and leadership in national security. Over the past year, we brought prominent practitioners from a wide range of national security careers – the White House and State Department, advocacy organizations, and the private sector – as part of our [A Road Less Traveled](#) career series convened exclusively for law students.

Through our [Reiss Center Student Scholars](#) program, we provide vital opportunities and mentorship for outstanding NYU Law students. Our newest cohort of students are conducting original research for renowned scholars, working with *Just Security*, and meeting with leading experts and officials. Our program alumni count notable publications, clerkships, and government honors programs among their post-RCLS achievements.



Welcoming the 2024-25 RCLS Student Scholars, with Reiss Center leadership and fellows



NCTC Acting Director Brett Holmgren meets with students in a lunchtime discussion



DNI Avril Haines speaks with students following her keynote address and fireside chat

## CULTIVATING A COMMUNITY OF EXPERTS



This year we built out the breadth of expertise across our community, while our directors and fellows continued to shape the public conversation. National security journalist [Kate Brannen](#) and former White House cybersecurity official [Camille Stewart Gloster](#) joined us as non-resident fellows. [Catherine Powell](#) returned following her tenure at the White House Gender Policy Council. [Andrew Weissmann](#) became our newest Faculty Co-Director.

Our directors and fellows were recognized with a number of prestigious distinctions, including the ABA Unsung Heroes of Democracy Award ([Bob Bauer](#)); appointment to the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe ([Rebecca Ingber](#)); and a #1 spot on the NYT Best Sellers List ([Andrew Weissmann](#), with co-author Melissa Murray, for *The Trump Indictments*).

With devastating conflicts in different corners of the globe and national security law and policy debates unfolding at home, our experts contributed their scholarship and insights across leading platforms and media outlets. They also participated in lectures and expert panels around the world, and authored books, chapters, and journal articles on urgent challenges for our democracy and national security.



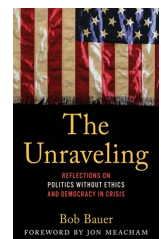
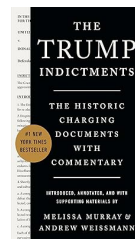
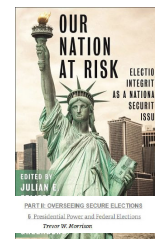
Ryan Goodman speaks about the future of human rights at Harvard Law



Rebecca Ingber speaks on internal executive branch resistance at Stanford Law



Tess Bridgeman discusses AI in the military domain at the REALM Summit in South Korea



Books and chapters by Trevor Morrison, Andrew Weissmann, and Bob Bauer