

Our events and original research this year mapped growing faultlines across national security law and policy. We took up the legality of domestic military deployments, Justice Department independence, and the tipping balance of the constitutional separation of powers. We examined the drawdown of foreign assistance and the state of the transatlantic alliance. And we featured leading thinkers on integrating AI and the latest technologies into national security.



Reiss Center on Law and Security JUST SECURITY Virtual Panel Discussion NYU LAW

What's Next for U.S. Diplomacy & Foreign Assistance?

Assessing the proposed reorganization of the State Department and USAID

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
Virtual Event

Amb. Daniel Fried
Weiss Family Distinguished Fellow and Former Assistant Secretary of State for Europe, Former State Dept. Coordinator for Sanctions Policy

Hon. Dafna H. Rand
Former Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; Former Director, State Dept. Office of Foreign Assistance

Michael Schiffer
Former Assistant Administrator, USAID Bureau for Asia; Former Senior Advisor and Counselor, Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Michael Wahid Hanna
(Moderator)
U.S. Program Director, International Crisis Group; Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Reiss Center on Law and Security



Reiss Center on Law and Security NYU School of Law Book Talk

The Double Black Box

National Security, Artificial Intelligence, and the Struggle for Democratic Accountability

Ashley Deeks in conversation with Beth George

Monday, October 20, 3:00-4:00 p.m. EST
Virtual Event

Ashley Deeks, Vice Dean and Class of 1948 Scholarly Research Professor, University of Virginia Law School; Senior Fellow, Miller Center, UVA

Beth George, Partner, Co-Head of Strategic Risk Management Practice, Freshfields; Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Reiss Center on Law and Security

ASHLEY S. DEEKS

This event has been approved to offer one New York State CLE credit in the category of Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Data Protection - General.



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09/04/2025 Trump Caribbean Sea Respond to threat Constitution (Art. II) Hostilities or imminent

06/03/2025 Biden Iraq Respond to threat Constitution (Art. II) Statute Hostilities or imminent

03/10/2025 Biden Iraq Respond to threat Constitution (Art. II) Statute Hostilities or imminent

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War Powers Expertise in a Critical Time

Amidst growing scrutiny of U.S. use of force from the Caribbean Sea to Iran, the Reiss Center has been a hub for objective information and unparalleled analysis. Among our contributions in 2025:

The War Powers Resolution Reporting Project, an increasingly essential resource on presidential use of force—now with 125+ 48-hour reports and a new trove of 80+ periodic reports. It's been relied on by policymakers and cited by legal scholars and major media outlets such as Bloomberg and CNN Politics throughout the year.

A regular podcast feature launched with Just Security, "Murder on the High Seas." Reiss Center senior fellows unpack the latest developments and explain the law in the U.S. campaign of lethal strikes against alleged drug traffickers.

Sought-after analysis. Drawing on their breadth of scholarship and senior-level experience across the U.S. government, Reiss Center experts are a go-to source on the use of force and war powers. They've been interviewed 100+ times this year, from The New York Times and The Washington Post to Fox News, NPR, the BBC, and TIME.

Real-time facts distilled. As cited in DefenseOne and elsewhere, Reiss Center Student Scholars have compiled and keep current a timeline of key information about the boat strikes, including legally pertinent Congressional action and international responses.

Our Network of Experts

Reiss Center fellows provide rich national security experience and thought leadership. In 2025 they were instrumental in shaping the public discourse—authoring influential scholarship and providing incisive analysis across print, television, podcasts, and events around the globe.

Our directors and fellows were awarded a range of prestigious distinctions, including the Berlin Prize (Stephen Holmes); appointment as Sidney Distinguished Visitor at UCL Faculty of Laws' Global Centre for Democratic Constitutionalism (Andrew Weissmann); the Raphael Lemkin Rule of Law Guardian Medal (Bob Bauer); *The Recorder's* 2025 Women Leaders in Tech Law, Regulatory Award (Beth George); and appointment to the New Jersey Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct (Judith Germano).

We were pleased to welcome a number of distinguished experts to our cohort this year: Lisa Monaco, former Deputy Attorney General of the United States; Chris Fonzone, former Assistant Attorney General for DOJ's Office of Legal Counsel; Karen Greenberg, national security scholar and author; Nicholas Rasmussen, former Director of the National Counterterrorism Center; and Chris Rogers, former Branch Chief at DOD's Civilian Protection Center of Excellence.



Our Next-Generation Leaders



2025 was an especially fruitful year for our national security training and leadership development, through the flagship [Reiss Center Student Scholars Program](#) as well as [career-building resources](#) for the entire law school community.

Our Student Scholars traveled to Washington, DC to meet with senior officials at the Justice Department, State Department, and National Security Council, and for a preeminent gathering at the ABA Annual Review of National Security Law Conference. Our alumni continue to flourish in clerkships, honors programs, and other prestigious placements. They forged connections with current scholars in substantive meetings and informal events throughout the year.

In addition to singular research and mentorship opportunities with our fellows, Student Scholars produced extensive research for original Reiss Center programs and publications. Their significant contributions as Student Staff Editors at *Just Security* included research and bylines for the site's litigation tracker, presumption of regularity study, and boat strikes timeline.

