

DR. DAFNA H. RAND

PROFESSIONAL ROLES

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY September 2023-Present
Lecturer, School of Policy and International Affairs (SPIA)
Teaching Policy Workshop to MA level students.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY August 2023-Present
Distinguished Resident Fellow in Strategic Affairs, Institute for the Study of Diplomacy
Senior fellow, working with students and faculty to develop curriculum on the Russia-Ukraine crisis.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE 2021-May 2023
Director, Office of Foreign Assistance
Led the strategic allocation of \$78 billion in annual U.S. foreign assistance on behalf of the Secretary of State. Led a team of 165 State and USAID employees. Represented the U.S. government in international diplomatic engagements and regularly briefed Congress on the Biden administration's foreign policy budget.

MERCY CORPS 2017- 2021
Vice President for Policy and Research
Senior Executive of a 5,500-person international NGO, responsible for all global policy, advocacy, and research. Elevated and grew Mercy Corp's renown research approach, recruiting and overseeing a team of 10 academics and researchers. Represented Mercy Corps at the United Nations, World Bank and with other international officials.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE 2015 – 2017
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL)
Led DRL's Middle East and security teams, managing 45 foreign and civil service officers. Designed and implemented new policies to protect civilians and to inform security assistance and training programs. Represented the State Department through public speeches, with the press, and by participating in diplomatic missions. Led the State Department's implementation of key legislative provisions, including the Leahy Law and the Child Soldiers Protection Act.

CENTER FOR A NEW AMERICAN SECURITY 2014-2015
Deputy Director of Studies and Leon E. Panetta Fellow
Managed a 20-person research team, consisting of senior fellows and junior researchers. Oversaw quality control for CNAS publications. Published major reports on Syria, foreign fighters and U.S. counterterrorism policy, and U.S. security assistance and cooperation programs.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL 2012-2013
Director for Development and Democracy, International Economics Directorate
Led NSC policy focusing on U.S. assistance to the transitioning states in the Middle East and North Africa, Africa, and Burma. Convened interagency meetings; briefed senior officials; coordinated policy decisions; engaged with domestic interest groups and contributed to White House public statements.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF POLICY PLANNING 2010-2012
Policy Planning Staff
Led policy planning work for North Africa, the Levant, and several Gulf states. Contributed to the State Department's strategic response to the Arab Spring. Authored two dozen strategy memos for the Secretary and President.

U.S. SENATE, SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE 2009-2010
Professional Staff Member
Led Senate oversight of the Intelligence Community's analytic functions. Contributed to the Intelligence Authorization Act and Committee reports. Contributed to the National Intelligence budget. Prepared Senators for key hearings.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (SIPA) 2005-2008
Instructor; Teaching Assistant
Instructor for "Conceptual Foundations," a survey course in international relations and political economy, to master's degree candidates. Served as a Teaching Assistant for a number of undergraduate and graduate international relations courses.

U.S. SENATE, OFFICE OF SENATOR FRANK R. LAUTENBERG (D-NJ) 2003-2004
Foreign Affairs and Defense Legislative Assistant
Senior legislative staffer responsible for all foreign affairs, defense, and trade issues. Worked on post-9/11 counterterrorism legislation as well as provisions to the annual National Defense Authorization Act. Prepared the Senator for all hearings related to foreign affairs.

COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS 2001-2002
Deputy Director, Terrorism Tracking Project; Research Associate
Authored weekly analyses of post-9/11 counter-terrorism issues for publication on the Council's web site.

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE MA, 2005; M.Phil. 2007; Ph.D. 2009

HARVARD UNIVERSITY A.B., magna cum laude, 2000

PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS, HONORS, AND SERVICE

- Superior Honor Award, U.S. State Department, 2023.
- Life Member, Council on Foreign Relations.
- Appointed by the Secretary of Defense to serve as the Vice Chair and then Acting Chair of the Board of Visitors, Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, U.S. Army, Ft. Benning 2017-2021.
- Appointed by the Senate Ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to serve on the Congressionally established Syria Study Group, 2019.
- Chosen by the U.S. Institute of Peace to serve on the Congressionally mandated Afghan Study Group, 2020-2021.
- Recipient of Columbia University's Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2006

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Books

Re-Engaging the Middle East: A New Vision for U.S. Policy (Editor, with Andrew Miller), Brookings Institution Press (now Rowman & Littlefield) 2020.

Roots of the Arab Spring: Contested Authority and Political Change in the Middle East, University of Pennsylvania Press, May 2013.

Congressional Testimonies

“The Crisis in Yemen: Addressing Current Humanitarian and Political Challenges,” Testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East, March 6, 2019.

“Syria After the Missile Strikes: Policy Options,” Testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, April 27, 2017.

“Resolving the Conflict in Yemen: U.S. Interests, Risks, and Policy,” Senate Foreign Relations Committee Hearing, March 9, 2017.

“Hearing on U.S. Middle East Policy,” Senate Armed Services Committee, March 24, 2015.

“Testimony on the Threat from ISIS,” House Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing, February 12, 2015.

“Testimony on Iraq and Syria,” House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Hearing on Iraq and Syria, September 18, 2014.

Select Articles

“Start Small to Stop the Next ISIS,” *Foreign Policy*, Argument, (with Rebecca Wolfe), December 11, 2018.

“Extricating the United States from Yemen: Lessons on the Strategic Perils of Partnered Operations,” *Lawfare Blog*, Foreign Policy Essay, November 25, 2018.

“Security Cooperation and Assistance: Rethinking the Return on Investment,” Report (with Dr. Stephen Tankel), Center for a New American Security, August 2015.

“The Right Way to Fight ISIS,” *Foreign Affairs*, June 1, 2015.

“Iraq’s Sunni Reawakening: How to defeat ISIS and Save the Country,” (with Nicholas Heras), *Foreign Affairs*, March 16, 2015.

“The Postmodern Autocrat’s Handbook,” Dafna H. Rand (with Robert D. Kaplan), *Bloomberg Views*, February 1, 2015.

“The South Will Rise Again,” *ForeignPolicy.com*, December 29, 2014.

“A Big Step Forward: Tunisia’s Fragile Democratic Consolidation,” *The National Interest*, November 13, 2014.

“How this Ends: A Blueprint for De-Escalation in Syria,” Policy Brief, Center for a New American Security, November 2014.

“Bringing the Fight Back Home: Western Foreign Fighters in Iraq and Syria,” Policy Brief, Center for a New American Security, August 2014.

“The Crisis Prevention Directorate,” *The National Interest*, May 21, 2014.

“Opportunities for American Influence in a Changing Middle East,” Policy Brief, Center for a New American Security, April 2014.

- “Drivers of Political Change in the Middle East and North Africa,” in *Interpreting the Middle East*, ed. David S. Sorenson (Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 2010).
- “Going Legit: Qaddafi’s Neo-Institutionalism,” *Yale Journal of International Affairs*, Vol. 4, Issue 2 (Spring and Summer 2009), pp. 27-39.
- “Civil-Military Power Struggles: The Case of Mauritania,” *Current History*, Vol. 108, Issue 718 (May 2009), pp. 221-227.
- “Countering Terrorism in an Unstable Democracy: Mauritania’s Political Crisis,” *CTC Sentinel*, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, Vol. 1, Issue 9 (August 2008), pp. 17-19.
- “Divergent Democratization: The Paths of Tunisia, Morocco, and Mauritania,” *Middle East Policy*, Vol. 14, Issue 4 (Winter 2007), pp. 67-83.
- “Rehabilitating a Rogue: Libya’s WMD Reversal and Lessons for U.S. Policy,” *Parameters*, Vol. 36, No. 1 (Spring 2006), pp. 63-78.