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Philip J. "P.J." Crowley, former United States Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, has been named as the 2011-2012 recipient of the General of the Army Omar N. Bradley Chair in Strategic Leadership. While in residence at Carlisle, Crowley will conduct classes at the U.S. Army War College, Dickinson College and Penn State Dickinson School of Law.

Crowley served as Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs in the U.S. Department of State from May 2009 to March of this year.

Prior to joining the Department of State, Crowley was a senior fellow with the Center for American Progress, with a particular policy focus on homeland security and combating terrorism in ways that are consistent with the rule of law, and can sustain long-term public support.

Crowley completed a 26-year US Air Force career as a colonel, having served in the Gulf War; as Special Assistant to the President for national security affairs; and as Senior Director of Public Affairs for the National Security Council during the Clinton Administration. During the Kosovo conflict, he worked under Javier Solana, Secretary General of NATO, helping to develop a strategic communication capability to keep American and European publics informed about military operations, and to counteract Serbian government -controlled media coverage against the NATO campaign.

As the General Omar N. Bradley chair, his research and teaching interests will focus on national security policy, public diplomacy, and the impact of the global media environment on conflict, policy and politics.

"I will use current developments such as Guantanamo, WikiLeaks and the unfolding Middle East transformation to discuss how the U.S. deploys military, civilian and economic power in a manner consistent with its values and interests," Crowley said.

Crowley recently made headlines for comments on the treatment of Pvt. Bradley Manning, who was in

pre-trial detention at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., for allegedly providing classified documents to WikiLeaks. Speaking to an MIT seminar class in March, Crowley referred to conditions as “ridiculous, counterproductive and stupid.”

In public comments following his resignation, Crowley called the disclosure of classified information “a serious crime under U.S. law,” but took full responsibility for his remarks and submitted his resignation from the State Dept. Crowley noted that his comments “were intended to highlight the broader, even strategic impact of discrete actions undertaken by national security agencies every day and their impact on our global standing and leadership. The exercise of power in today's challenging times and relentless media environment must be prudent and consistent with our laws and values.”

The Omar Bradley Chair is a joint initiative among the U.S. Army War College, Dickinson College and Penn State University Dickinson School of Law and School of International Affairs. Its objective is to advance the study of strategic leadership and enhance civilian-military dialogue by offering distinguished individuals the opportunity to contribute to the educational and research activities of the partner institutions. Previous chair-holders include former director of national intelligence and retired United States Navy four-star Admiral Dennis Blair and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and journalist Rick Atkinson.

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