USAWC New Faculty Introductions: Professor Christine Cook

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Professor Christine Cook joined the USAWC faculty and will teach Strategic Leadership to first year Distance Education students.

Meet Professor Christine Cook. She has worked in the USAWC's Department of Distance Education for eight years as a Drilling Individual Mobilization Augmentee. This year, she joined the department faculty.

Cook will teach the Strategic Leadership Course to first year Distance Education students. Strategic Leadership is the foundational course of the Distance Education Program.

"I am looking forward to being a course author, really being able to spend my time specifically involved in the material I will be teaching," Cook said.

"I want my students to walk away with the ability to apply critical thinking to their military studies, military careers, and personal lives," she added.

Cook holds a Ph.D. in History from Wayne State University, MA in Women and Gender Studies from Eastern Michigan University, and BA in English Literature from Princeton University. Her research and

scholarship works to fill the gap in historical knowledge of women in the military.

Each year new experienced, and accomplished faculty experts join the Army War College faculty.

Meet Dr. Ian Isherwood. He is a visiting professor from Gettysburg College where he teaches classes on war history and war literature. While at USAWC, he will teach Theory of War & Strategy and an elective course.

"I am looking forward to learning as much from my students as they will learn from me. I am a civilian, and I come from a civilian institution where I teach on the subject of war, but I don't teach that many people who have experience in the armed forces or have been practitioners. I am very excited to learn from their perspectives."

"Looking at [the USAWC] curriculum, I have already thought of ways I can improve my War Studies class and the way I teach military history. Seeing the seminar format will also help me to reframe my courses."

He earned his Ph.D. from the Scottish Center for Wars Studies at the University of Glasgow, his MA from Dartmouth College, and his BA from Gettysburg College. His current research is a historical analysis of a British battalion in WWI. His next project will focus on American war memory from Civil War through the War on Terror.

