

# Army War College's PKSOI 2013 interns excel

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*Peacekeeping & Stability Operations Institute 2013 Spring Interns, from left to right: Jake Agliata (Dickinson College), Jacob Pester (PSU), Christopher Wysocki (PSU), Nora Snee (Dickinson College), Scott Cowman (Dickinson College), Anna Leistikow (Dickinson College), and Ross Clark (PSU).*

On April 26 seven Peacekeeping & Stability Operations Institute Interns received PKSOI coins and certificates of achievement for their outstanding service assigned as interns for the 2013 winter/spring semester. Each intern had specific projects they were assigned by PKSOI subject matter experts. Their accomplishments are listed below.

**Jake Agliata** provided research for Prof. Jennifer Bryson for a lecture on the Arab Spring and a book chapter on Peace Tendencies in Islamic Theologies. He assisted with course preparations for electives on Religion and Violence, Introduction to Islam, and Islam and Modernity. Jake contributed to PKSOI's Holocaust Remembrance Month efforts by conducting a half-hour radio interview with an expert on mass atrocity prevention. Jake's radio interview was broadcast on the Dickinson, and was assigned as required listening to Army War College students in the Religion and Violence elective.

**Scott Cowman (Dickinson College)** made significant contributions to the US Army War College and PKSOI Holocaust Remembrance Month activities. He conceived, planned, coordinated, and supervised execution of this month's multiple educational events in outstanding fashion. Scott devised an advertisement and publicity plan that was lauded by our Public Affairs Officer as 'best seen to date'. He also arranged DOS, DOD, and academic speakers' presentations; scripted weekly historical factoids and linked them to current US policy; and advanced senior leader education on mass atrocity prevention challenges.

**Ross W. Clark (PSU)** made significant contributions to the U.S. Position Paper on United Nations Command and Control. Ross also worked on the Challenges Forum with his primary focus on the Challenges database. He researched the country of Jordan's engagement in UN missions with Police Units and reviewed UN policy development about UN policing missions.

**Anna Leistikow (Dickinson College)** was instrumental in her research and support efforts towards course development for conflict prevention. She created support materials for elective courses PS2219 (Peace and Stability Operations) and PS2210 (Conflict Analysis, Assessment, and Prevention) such as references, case studies and an annotated bibliography. She was organized, dependable, thoughtful and meticulous and displayed an exceptional grasp of conflict prevention.

**Jacob Pester (PSU)** contributed to the U.S. Position Paper on UN Command and Control. He worked on the Challenges Forum project his primary focus was on the Challenges database. Jacob also researched the Regionally Aligned Forces (RAF) training modules for AFRICOM and provided expertise and collaboration with Nigeria, which was very supportive of PKSOI's task to support training The Army's Regionally Aligned Forces (RAF) concept.

**Nora Snee (Dickinson College)** developed for the Combined Arms Training Strategy (CATS) the task "Support Elections" which defines the training and preparation of U.S. Army units, to conduct stability tasks. The result was an impressive task description, which is now waiting for approval to be published for all U.S. Army units. Nora also requested and assigned a second task to develop an entire section on peace operations. She conducted detailed research and developed a new approach to make it easier to finish such tasks.

**Christopher Wysocki (PSU)** worked for PKSOI's Doctrine, Concepts, Education and Training division (DCET) where he contributed to the U.S. Position Paper on UN Command & Control. He also worked on the Challenges Forum project with his primary focus on the Challenges database. During this time he worked with the Challenges Database in the areas of Protection of Civilians and Gender Based Violence. He researched both of these areas and developed a discussion forum based on extracts from his research.