

# Army Fellows, CSL staff challenge Tufts U students

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## **SIMULEX 2009 CSL team challenges students of Tufts Univ. Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy**

*In a desperate act for international attention, a Middle East country conducts a nuclear test with its last remaining nuclear warhead. Meanwhile, another Middle East country negotiates successfully for the return of a key piece of territory long occupied by another power, in exchange for restricting the actions of a rogue terrorist organization.*

So ended SIMULEX 2009, the annual crisis and consequence management exercise of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. A control team from the Army War College's Center for Strategic Leadership supported the exercise that revealed the rapidly changing international security environment.

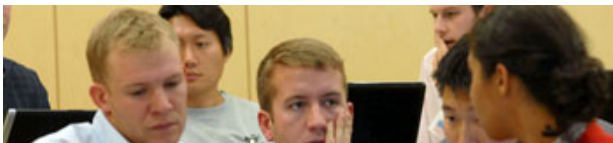
"The students are given the opportunity to develop their country's strategic objectives and then attempt to pursue achieving them over the course of a three-move, two-day scenario," said CSL Director Douglas Campbell, senior controller, about the graduate students of Fletcher's International Security Studies program.

Army Senior Service Fellows participated as controllers/mentors. The Fellows are in residence at Tufts University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University while assigned to the Army War College.

The Army Fellows and CSL controllers engage in order to contribute realistic experiential learning in national security issues conducted at the strategic level of leadership.

This year's SIMULEX combined the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, the threat of electromagnetic pulse weapons, state and non-state actors, differing uses and capabilities of military forces, information technology, the limits of geography in time and space, and cultural implications, thereby creating a realistic crisis management scenario for the

graduate students.



The scenario, developed by Robert Pfaltzgraff, Ph.D., the





Fletcher School's Shelby Cullom Davis Professor of International Security Studies, simulated an escalating Middle East crisis. Roles included national and non-state actors including the United States, Iran, Israel, EU/NATO, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Hamas, Hezbollah, and Al Qaeda.

*Graduate students of the Fletcher School collaborate in thinking through crisis of the SIMULEX scenario.*

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