

Perspectives of USAWC Faculty - Prof. Evan Ellis

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Dr. Evan Ellis, Strategic Studies Institute

Dr. Evan Ellis is a research professor of Latin American Studies at the U.S. Army War College's Strategic Studies Institute, with a focus on the region's relationships with China and other non-Western Hemisphere actors, as

well as transnational organized crime and populism in the region.

Recently Ellis sat down to discuss his expertise and interest in Latin America and comparative politics. He touches on the important issues in Latin America, the China-Latin American relationship, Covid19 effect on Organized crime and Strategic health vulnerabilities in the region.

The interview can be found [HERE](#)

Ellis previously served as on the secretary of state's Policy Planning Staff with responsibility for Latin America and the Caribbean as well as International Narcotics and Law Enforcement issues.

He has given testimony on Latin American security issues to the U.S. Congress on various occasions and is cited regularly in the print media in both the United States and Latin America for his work in this area.

Ellis has published more than 170 works, including: [China in Latin America: The What and Wherefores](#) (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2009); [The Strategic Dimension of Chinese Engagement with Latin America](#) (William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, 2013); and, [China on the Ground in Latin America](#) (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2014).

He holds a Ph.D. in political science with a specialization in comparative politics. Dr. Ellis has also been awarded the Order of Military Merit José María Córdova by the Colombian government for his scholarship on security issues in the region.

The USAWC Faculty Insights video series continues with Prof. Louis Yuengert, Professor, Defense Leadership and Enterprise Management in the Department of Command, Leadership, and Management.

Yuengert talks about interaction between the DoD, the SECDEF, Congress and the President in the budget process. Moving from operational level to the strategic level and touches on talent management.

His areas of expertise include Department of Defense and Department of the Army processes and organization, the Planning Programming and Budgeting system for DoD, defense acquisition processes and issues, DoD and Army Requirements Development system, DoD and Army Test and Evaluation, Army Experimentation program, and Operations Research/Systems Analysis.

Additionally, he has worked in programming and forecasting to support the Army personnel budget in the 1990s. He is a former course director for the

Defense Management core course and he teaches with the Carlisle Scholars Program.

As a retired Army Col. with 30 years' of service, he is also well versed in the leader development field.

The USAWC Faculty Insights video series continues with Marine Col. Keith Burkepile as he talks about Military Strategy and Campaigning. Burkepile touches expeditionary capabilities, conflict continuum and war gaming.

Burkepile also facilitates the strategic planning course, cover strategic planning, applied military power, unified action, campaign analysis and ending in an operational design exercise.

Burkepile enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1985 and attained the rank of Sergeant in the Marine Corp Reserve prior to attending Officer Candidates Course in January of 1994 he was enrolled at West Virginia University where he earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He attended The Basic School and Officer Basic Course at Ft Sill which upon graduating he was given the designation of field artillery officer.

His initial assignment was to Battery "I", Third Battalion, Eleventh Marine Regiment where he served as a Forward Observer, Fire Direction Officer, and Executive Officer

In the first of the ay2021 Faculty Insights video series, Dr. Allison Abbe talks about organizational management disciplines, sharing insights of value for Army War College students preparing for future assignments in large, complex organizations.

The USAWC Professor of Organizational Studies, Abbe received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Riverside in Social/Personality psychology. Prior to coming to the war college, she was a research staff member at the Institute for Defense Analysis. Her articles have been published in the Journal of Culture, Language, and International Security and the Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling.

Allison has 13 research works and 202 citations, to the right of this article are links leading you to some of her work.

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