

9/11 Ten Years After: Evolving Threats and US Responses

Speakers' Biographies

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Introduction and Welcoming comments

9:45 a.m.

Chaouki T. Abdallah is the Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at UNM. He joined the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at UNM in 1988 where he is currently a professor, and was formerly department chair. He is the recipient of ECE's Lawton Ellis Award, UNM School of Engineering Senior Research Excellence Award, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Millennium medal. His research has been funded by NSF, AFOSR, NRL, and national laboratories among many others.

Frank Gilfeather is the director of the National Security Studies Program at the University of New Mexico (UNM). He has served in various administrative positions at UNM and is currently the director of the Office of Strategic Initiatives in the Office of Student Affairs. A Professor Emeritus in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at UNM, he has over 40 years of experience in teaching and research and 25 years experience in program direction and management in government and universities.

Plenary: Why the 9/11 threat to the US?

10:00 a.m.

Emile Nakhleh served 15 years with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) before retiring in 2006. He founded the Agency's Political Islam Strategic Analysis Program, Regional Analysis Unit in the Office of Near Eastern and South Asian Analysis, and Senior Analytic Service. Prior to his government service, he was a college professor for 26 years. During his tenure at the CIA, he was recognized with several senior intelligence commendation medals, including the Distinguished Career Intelligence Commendation Medal (2006), the Director's Medal (2004), the William Langer Award (2004), and the Intelligence Commendation Medal (1997).

Session I: What happened to the threat and is it past?

11:00 a.m.

National Security Community response to 9-11 - the way ahead?

Alexander S. Cochran, received his BA in history from Yale University and his MA and PhD in US diplomatic history from the University of Kansas. He currently serves as Historical Advisor to the Army Chief of Staff. As a military historian, his areas of expertise include policy and strategy of World War II, Vietnam, the first Gulf War, and the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. He has taught at numerous military colleges and civilian universities.

Al-Qai'ida, The Muslim Brotherhood and Franchise Terror Groups

Emile Nakhleh

Session II: What is the changing nature of threats?

1:15 p.m.

The terrorist choices: nuclear, bio or cyber?

William G. Rhodes III is the Senior Manager of the International Security Systems Group at Sandia National Laboratories located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He has over 30 years of experience in the fields of radiation protection, emergency response, and physical security and their application to national security challenges. He has authored or co-authored over 60 technical papers, book chapters, and presentations, and has given numerous technical briefings to Federal, State and other decision-makers and lawmakers.

Are new and potential nuclear states now the major threat?

James A. Tegnelia served as the Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), Fort Belvoir, VA from 2005 to 2009. He has also served as the Vice President of Department of Defense Programs at Sandia National Laboratories; and as the Assistant Undersecretary of Defense and acting Deputy Undersecretary of Defense in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. He currently serves as a member of the Defense Science Board at the United States Department of Defense and lectures at the University of New Mexico and Georgetown University. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Civilian Meritorious Service Medal, and the Senior Executive Service Meritorious Service Award.

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Plenary: US Intelligence and Espionage in New Mexico

10:00 a.m.

Edward Bruce Held is the Director of the Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence at the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. Prior to his selection as Director, he was Chief of Counterintelligence at Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM. He has also served as a Clandestine Operations Officer in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) where he received the Intelligence Commendation Medal for "tenacity and extraordinary accomplishments during a period of hostilities." During his career with the CIA, he served as Chief of Station in Asia, Latin America, and Africa. He also served as Special Assistant to the National Security Adviser to President Clinton, and as Special Assistant to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Session III: What was the response in the US and the world to 9/11?

11:00 a.m.

What are we doing in the US to prepare against terrorist threats?

Michael S. Duvall is the Cabinet Secretary for New Mexico's Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. In 2010, Secretary Duvall retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Colonel after 26 years of military service. Prior to his nomination by Governor Susana Martinez, he was Commander of the 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. He has also served as the U.S. Pacific Command Director for Exercises and Training and as an Air Operations Planner and Analyst at the Pentagon. He was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for flying operations in Desert Storm and a Bronze Star for his role as a vice wing commander in Afghanistan.

Why No Repeat - luck or better monitoring?

Edward MacKerrow is the Director of the Center for the Scientific Analysis of Emerging Threats at Los Alamos National Laboratory that serves the intelligence community in pulling together cross-disciplinary teams on social-cultural analyses. He also leads the Socio-Political Dynamics Team at Los Alamos National Laboratory, composed of multi-disciplinary social and computational scientists focusing on methods of complex adaptive systems applied to intelligence analysis. He is a member of the supply-chain analysis group at the Santa Fe Institute, a scientific advisor for social modeling for the United States Govt. /Intelligence Community, DoD, and NSF, a member of the UC Berkeley Living with Risk Research Group, and part-time faculty for the University of New Mexico.

Is a response still needed - how does the US counter world terrorist threats today?

Retired Lieutenant General *Bradley C. Hosmer* (USAF) chairs the Board of Directors of the Armed Forces Services Corporation (AFSC). After commanding combat fighter units, he served as Inspector General of the Army Air Force Mutual Aid Association (AAFMAA). He served as Inspector General of the Air Force, the President of the National Defense University, and the Vice Director of the Joint Staff where he was fully engaged in all security and policy matters involving the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Chairman, JCS. He retired in 1994 as the Superintendent of the US Air Force Academy but retains a strong interest in the evolving issues of national security. He is currently a Regent of the University of New Mexico.

Session IV: What has been the impact on individuals of 9/11?

1:45 p.m.

Individual Rights: How has 9/11 affected each of us?

Dawinder Sidhu joined the faculty of the UNM School of Law in 2011. His teaching and research focus on constitutional law, national security, civil rights, employment discrimination, and education law. A prolific scholar, Sidhu has published numerous law review articles in these areas and also co-authored a book, *Civil Rights in Wartime: The Post-9/11 Sikh Experience* (Ashgate 2009), which explores the rights and experiences of Sikhs in the post-9/11 context. Before joining UNM, he taught at the University of Baltimore School of Law and held research/fellowship posts at Harvard, Georgetown, and Stanford Universities.

Terrorists in the judicial system: Is the system working?

Nancy Hollander has been a member of the New Mexico firm of Freedman Boyd Hollander Goldberg Ives & Duncan P.A. since 1980 and a partner since 1983. Her practice is largely devoted to criminal cases, including those involving national security issues. She has won a case in the U.S. Supreme Court involving religious freedom. She has served as the President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and has taught training courses in The Hague. She was the coordinator of a jury trial training project in Russia, has served as a consultant to the United Nations in Vietnam and was a founding member of the International Criminal Bar. In 2001, she was named one of America's top fifty women litigators by the National Law Journal and is listed in the International Who's Who of Business Crime Lawyers.