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## COVID-19 IMPACTS

**PLEASE WATCH FOR INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING UPCOMING CLASSROOM-BASED COURSES.** USSOCOM and JSOU will disseminate timely and accurate information as it becomes available. In the interim, Distance Learning remains open and available, as well as the online resources of the Research Library. Please direct questions concerning courses to [jsouadmissions@socom.mil](mailto:jsouadmissions@socom.mil).

## JSOU UPCOMING COURSES\*

COURSES STARTING IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS

- Joint Fundamentals Course (CEP-1, Nominative, Online)
- Enterprise Management Course (CEP-2, Nominative, Online)
- Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy Class 38 (CEP-3, Nominative, Online)
- Introduction to Special Operations Forces—DISTANCE LEARNING
- Introduction to Irregular Warfare—DISTANCE LEARNING
- Joint Special Operations Task Force—DISTANCE LEARNING

**CLICK HERE FOR COMPLETE COURSE LIST & TO REGISTER**

\*THIS IS A PARTIAL LIST OF COURSES.

**Tools and Tips** JSOU is accommodating delivery methods and channels to address COVID limitations and keep students engaged. Access and content are just a click away on the eCampus (Blackboard), MS Teams, O365 commercial, WICKR, APAN, WEBEX, or Zoomgov. Some courses are adjusting schedules to accommodate fewer screen hours, spread across the calendar, and others are adjusting to time zone where practical. In some cases, distributed classrooms at secure sites can accommodate secure delivery and remainder of content on unclassified or commercial systems. Examine the catalog and contact the course POC or [jsouadmissions@socom.mil](mailto:jsouadmissions@socom.mil) to determine if there is a suitable solution for the course of your choice.

## This month at JSOU ...



Teammates, this month's newsletter highlights TSOC education, and as such, I could not think of a more appropriate theme for my second of many forthcoming President's Letters

preambling our monthly JSOUnow. The whole point and purpose of SOF's University is to provide the SOF leader-operator with the intellectual overmatch that has always proven SOF to be our nation's "first three feet." (and often times, the "last three feet" as well!) Getting education right at TSOC level is essential.

The compound security character of today's and tomorrow's global security environment is such that it demands a utility of SOF that is equally compound; that is, a comprehensive combination of all the skills, techniques/technologies, and operational methods of all three preceding "Ages," amplified by 21st century technological advancements. Nothing less than this comprehensive joint-combined utility of SOF philosophy, culture, and approach is required for overmatching power in and

under JSOU-NEXT, 4th Age conditions; a "trans-Everything" view of, and approach to SOF. While we move towards achieving that 'Hyper-Enabled SOF Operator' through tech enhancements, what will undoubtedly prove to make these adaptive leader-operators max-effective will be how well we can also ensure they are "Highly-Educated" SOF Operators, and Enablers.

Therefore, while continuing to remain true to our traditional emphasis on delivering discretionary education, JSOU NEXT will find JSOU moving equally more into anticipating future prospective needs for determining education, training, and leader development needs for producing, fostering, and promoting the Fourth Age Adaptive SOF Leader-Operator. Our JSOU-NEXT 'Way' Forward, therefore will be all about determining SOF needs by way of a right-mix of meeting demand signals directly from the fielded forces and by way of JSOU-led research-informed, fields of practice-focused, integrative process for determining all things CJSOE education requirements.

Isaiah ("Ike") Wilson III, PhD  
President



The Department of Strategic Studies is seeking military, civilian, or international partners to conduct original, peer-reviewed, special operations-related research that contributes to a better understanding of the operational, strategic, policy, and conceptual challenges facing SOF. This academic year's focus is on SOF's "Fourth Age"—comprehensive joint-combined ready SOF for a compound security dilemma world. **See the Topics List for ideas.** The suspense for proposal submissions is COB Monday, 31 August 2020. Email questions to [jsou\\_research@socom.mil](mailto:jsou_research@socom.mil) or call 813-826-3666.



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## CLASS OF 2020 DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS

Each year, the JSOU President considers candidates for designation as Distinguished Fellows. This hall of fame-like selection recognizes lifelong contributions to the SOF mission as well as unique contributions to JSOU. In July, Dr. Ike Wilson presided over an induction ceremony honoring BG Russell Howard (USA retired) and Mr. George 'Hal' McNair. They join the 18 other Distinguished Fellows, all advocates for SOF and possessing expertise that is honored and valued by faculty and students.



**BG Russell Howard**  
USA, Retired



**George "Hal" McNair**  
DAFC, Retired

**Chuck Cunningham**  
Lieutenant General, U.S. Air Force, Retired

**Dell L. Dailey**  
Ambassador at Large, U.S. Department of State, Retired Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Retired

**Anthony Holloway**  
Chief of Police, Saint Petersburg, FL

**David Hopley**  
UK Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Colonel, Royal Marines, (Ret)

**Wade Ishimoto**  
Highly Qualified Expert, Retired, former Special Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy

**Frank Kearney**  
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Retired

**Phil Kensinger**  
Major General, U.S. Army, Retired

**Paul E. Lefebvre**  
Major General, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired

**James R. Locher III**  
Former Assistant Secretary of

Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict

**Tom Matthews**  
Major General, U.S. Army, Retired

**Hector Pagan**  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Retired

**David Passage**  
U.S. Ambassador, Retired

**James Q. Roberts**  
Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired Senior Executive Service, Retired

**Pete Schoomaker**  
General, U.S. Army, Retired

**Thomas Smith**  
Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army, Retired

**Michael Spigelmire**  
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Retired

**Konrad Trautman**  
Colonel, U.S. Army Retired; Defense Intelligence Senior Leader

**Donny Wurster**  
Lieutenant General, U.S. Air Force, Retired

## ACADEMIC & RESEARCH OUTREACH

### ACADEMIC CHAIRS/LIAISONS

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## Map your Requirements for Professional Development

To advance the development of TSOC professionals, JSOU developed a “TSOC Education Roadmap” with specific recommendations for more than 40 discrete TSOC staff responsibilities. The Roadmap is [available here](#), and addresses TSOC planning, funding authorities, and employment of special operations capabilities for a variety of skill levels. Offerings include:

- on-line courses available 24/7 (Introduction to Special Operations Forces, Introduction to Irregular Warfare)
- operationally-focused courses (Special Operations Planning Course, TSOC Cyber Planner's Course)
- courses designed for niche knowledge specialties (Joint SOF Logistics Course, Special Operations Forces-Security Cooperation Course, SOF Chaplaincy Ethical Leadership Advisement Course)

## JSOU PRESS Highlight

Dr. Kevin Fridy and Dr. Molly Ariotti assert that a counter terrorism effect in Burkina Faso can be more fruitfully generated by incorporating the range of Burkinabè informal governance providers into joint, interagency, and partner operational concepts.

### COMING SOON

Special Operations Forces Civil Affairs in Great Power Competition. This monograph explores one key element of the ability of SOF to compete below the level of armed conflict—civil affairs.



## TSOC EDUCATION

Since its inception, JSOU considered the Theater Special Operations Commands (TSOCs) among its most important audiences because these joint SOF operational headquarters do not have organic, dedicated educational support. Moreover, for many new TSOC personnel, the duty may be their first SOF assignment, first joint assignment, and first assignment at the operational level of planning. To address that need, JSOU designed two courses to accelerate “on-boarding” at a TSOC. The TSOC Staff Preparation Course (TSPC) is conducted at MacDill AFB; and the TSPC-Mobile is conducted at TSOC HQ locations. Feedback from graduates of both courses confirm that they adapted and contributed to their TSOC’s requirements quickly due to the education.

**Education to Suit TSOC Needs** To service U.S.-focused operational objectives, JSOU offers a National Resistance Course, the Logistical Support to Sensitive Activities Course, and a SOF Sensitive Activities Foundations Course that have direct applicability to on-going operations. [Click HERE to view the JSOU Catalog.](#) [Click HERE to enroll.](#)

For larger and combined audiences, JSOU hosted and partnered seminars can deliver just-in-time knowledge to jump start or reinvigorate critical thinking about operational level topics. Examples of recent engagements like Operationalizing Artificial Intelligence and Great Power Competition inform, educate, and inspire future operations, opportunities, and engagements.

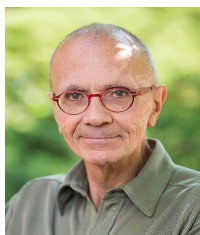
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## GUEST SPEAKER FORECAST



**Dr. Richard Shultz**

- 29 Jul 20 - Dr. Sean McFate, The New Rules of War
- 6 Aug 20 - Dr. Daniel Kimmage, Global Engagement Center
- 19 Aug 20, 1100 - Dr. Daniel Wagner, The America-China Divide
- 26 Aug - Dr. Margaret Ariotti and Dr. Kevin Fridy, Informal Governance as a Force Multiplier in Burkina Faso
- 2 Sep 20, 1100 - Dr. Eliot Cohen, The Big Stick: Limits of Soft Power
- 9 Sep 20, 1100 - Dr. Oscar Jonsson, The Russian Understanding of War
- 23 Sep 20 - Dr. Richard Shultz, Transforming U.S. Intelligence for Irregular War



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