



The Passport

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Crowded Orbits: International Challenges in Space

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11:30 am: Registration 12:00 pm: Luncheon 12:45 pm: Program

**** Hilton Garden Inn, Aguajito Road, Monterey ****

Space has remained peaceful since 1957, but safety in orbit will face new challenges. First, there is renewed great power competition among China, Russia, and the United States. Second, commercial actors like SpaceX are launching huge mega-constellations with thousands of satellites, making space traffic management much more difficult. Third, the volume of dangerous orbital space debris is growing and may become more uncontrollable. How will the international community manage these threats, and what is the possible role of the United States? Professor Clay Moltz will review these issues and consider possible solutions.



joint appointment in the Space Systems Academic Group. From September 2020 to March 2022, he served as Dean of the Graduate School of International and Defense Studies at NPS. His books include *The Politics of Space Security: Strategic Restraint and the Pursuit of National Interests* (Stanford University Press, 2008, 2011, and 2019 editions) and *Crowded Orbits: Conflict and Cooperation in Space* (Columbia University Press, 2014). A prolific writer, Dr. Moltz has published op-eds in the *Boston Globe*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *New York Times*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Clay Moltz is a professor in the Department of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), where he also holds a

Professor Moltz holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, and an MA and BA (with Distinction) from Stanford University.

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Liaison Report: California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB)

Andrew Drummond, CSUMB's Associate Vice President for Student Success, Dean of University College, and WACMB liaison, provided the following report of items of interest at his campus.

- CSUMB President Eduardo Ochoa has announced that he will retire from his position on June 30, exactly ten years after he began. Under his stewardship, CSUMB has grown in terms of enrollment, graduation rate, programs offered, and the size of the physical plant. Dr. Ochoa and his wife, Holly Byers Ochoa, have endowed a program supporting study abroad by CSUMB students.

- CSUMB will participate in the Californians for All College Corps. College Corps Fellows can receive \$10,000 scholarships in exchange for doing community service projects in K-12 education, food insecurity, and climate change. CSUMB's Service Learning Institute and Career Center will be selecting 70 College Corps Fellows, who will begin their work in the community this fall.

- CSUMB was the site of more commencement joy than usual this May. The Class of 2022 graduated as expected, with three in-person ceremonies for the different schools within the university. Adding to the festivities this year were a series of catch-up commencement ceremonies for the Classes of 2020 and 2021, keeping a promise the campus made to those graduates whose ceremonies were postponed due to Covid. In an ironic twist, President Ochoa was only able to address some of the graduates, because sometime between the ceremonies on Friday and Saturday, he tested positive for Covid. Fortunately, other CSUMB administrators were able to step up in his place, and the ceremonies proceeded as scheduled.

Changes on the WACMB Board

Every year in April, the WACMB Nominating Committee proposes a slate of new and returning Board members. The current Board votes on that slate in May, and newly elected Board members take their seats in June.

WACMB is delighted to welcome Judy Sloan back to the Board. Judy stepped down last year after six years on the Board (as required by the bylaws). During her hiatus, she continued to serve as the Chair of the Program Committee, for which we are all grateful!

Joining the Board is Suzanne Safar, a mathematician, statistician, and educator. Born in Tehran, Iran, Suzanne studied at Washington State University, UC Berkeley, Pepperdine University, and CSU Northridge. She holds three master's degrees and multiple credentials, and taught at CSU Hayward (now CSU East Bay), Tehran Polytechnic University, Moorpark College, and the Oxnard High School District. Since retiring, Suzanne has been an active community volunteer.

Lori Sanders is also joining the Board. A resident of the Monterey Bay Area since she matriculated at UC Santa Cruz, Lori had a 34-year career as an educator in Salinas. She began as a classroom teacher, then worked in English Language Development before moving into administration, first as a principal and then as an assistant superintendent. Lori focused on student success and support by developing partnerships and creating cultures of collaboration.

Glenn Robinson, WACMB President for the past two years, is stepping down from the Board. He will be replaced as president by Judith Glickman, who has served WACMB as a Board member, Discussion Group moderator, and chair of the Nominating Committee. Also leaving the Board are Gary Ohls, Douglas Porch, Elizabeth Robinson, and Doug Wilhelm. Many thanks to all for your service to our organization!

RESERVATION FORM

Reservations due June 19. Luncheon is at the Hilton Garden Inn, Monterey.

Registration: 11:30 am

Luncheon: 12:00 pm

Program: 12:45 pm

Mail form and check or credit information to:

WACMB, PO Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942

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Members @ \$36 _____

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Note: No refunds or credit will be given for cancellations received after the due date

Discussion Groups

The WACMB monthly Discussion Group will meet on Monday, June 6, at 5:00 pm. This month's topic will be "The Changing World of German Politics." The meeting will be held on Zoom, and all WACMB members are invited to participate. If you are interested and have never attended this Discussion Group, just send a request to info@wacmb.org to receive log-in information and related background materials.

(Note: this Discussion Group has been having occasional in-person socials, where members have been able to interact in real life instead of only via screens. Doesn't that sound appealing? Sign up now to learn whether plans are afoot for future gatherings!)

The WACMB/OLLI Discussion Group is currently on hiatus, but will begin again this fall. Watch this space for further information.

Come join the conversation!

LUNCHEON MENU

- Caesar Salad
- Grilled Chicken Caponata
Topped with Roasted Vegetables
and Served on Creamy Polenta
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Fresh Bread and Butter
- Carrot Cake
- Coffee

VEGETARIAN OPTION

Grilled Portobello Mushrooms
Served on Creamy Polenta and
Topped with Roasted Vegetables

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Vaccination Requirements

- All those attending luncheons (or any other WACMB in-person events) must show proof of full Covid-19 vaccination, including a booster.

- To prove your vaccination status, you can present either your vaccination card or your State of California QR code.

- You only need to present such proof once. Your documentation will be noted, and that box will be automatically checked for future meetings.

- For the time being, no auditors will be permitted to attend any WACMB in-person meetings. This is to ensure that every person in the room has been vaccinated and boosted.

- Thank you for your cooperation with our efforts to keep our members healthy!

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