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# **DACOWITS RFI # 3**

## **Department of Navy**

### **December 2023**



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The Naval War College has been leading the effort for senior leader training, PME, and training curriculum.

The Department of the Navy has also conducted an Operationalizing WPS 100 Gender Focal Point course in partnership with Joint Staff Gender Advisors. Both enlisted and officers from the Navy attended that course and are now certified Gender Focal Points.



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**WPS topics** have been introduced in curricula across all programs including in the Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies and Flag and Intermediate Level Certificate Courses for U.S. and international students. This effort involves WPS-themed lectures and lesson plans or as a theme cutting across other topics. Departments rely on in-house faculty and guest speakers and engage students through case studies, seminar discussions, exam questions, and capstone activities. Each of the programs identified below offer WPS focused plenary lectures and/or WPS is integrated into their subject matter in various courses. Detailed information is available upon request.

- National Security Affairs
- Strategy and Policy Department
- International Programs
- College of Distance Education: Joint Military Operations program
- Center for Maritime Operations and Warfare
- College of Leadership and Ethics



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**WPS Symposium:** The event is held annually. In 2023, NWC's 9th Symposium was integrated into core curriculum and required student and faculty participation. While student participation was required in the morning sessions on both days, in keeping with the principles of andragogy they were given the opportunity to attend elective panels of choice. Eleven panel offerings led by over fifty speakers examined a broad range of topics including perspectives on women's meaningful participation in security sector institutions, sexual assault and harassment, women in combat roles, the gender perspective in strategic plans and operations, decision-making, leadership, inclusive leadership and operationalizing WPS in post-conflict contexts. The agenda brought Congressional and DoD priorities into sharp focus. To create increased awareness about the relevance of WPS to the international environment several case studies examined women's roles as insurgents, terrorists, revolutionaries, and agents of change in the Asia-Pacific, Russia and the neighborhood, feminist foreign policies in Latin America, and the UN's push for women's increased participation.

The event featured an afternoon dedicated to faculty professional development.



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## **Elective Program:**

- (i) Women, Peace, and Security, Professor Jane Stokes, Winter 2023)
- (ii) The History of Women in War and Combat: The Distinguished Outsiders (Dr. Mary Raum, Spring 2024)
- (iii) WPS Individual Directed Research Elective (throughout the academic year, Dr. Saira Yamin)

**WPS Special Lectures:** Lectures are an important educational tool, complementing NWC's curricula and providing participants an opportunity to learn about various topics and discuss assorted viewpoints. In addition to NWC Lectures of Opportunity (LOOs) that are open to all faculty, students, and staff and that shed light on important national and international topics, professors invite guest speakers to lecture to individual classes.

- i) "Reflections on Women in Future Warfare, "National Security Lecture Series,
- ii) "Women on the Frontlines of Democracy in Myanmar".
- iii) "What is Women, Peace, and Security and Why it Matters



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## **WPS Student Addresses:**

While LOOs are optional, all NWC students are required to attend Student Addresses.

(i) Representative Michael Waltz (R-FL), the first Green Beret to serve in Congress, is a combat-decorated veteran and co-founder of the bi-partisan Women, Peace, and Security Caucus on the premise that where women thrive around the world, extremism fails. March 7, 2022.

(ii) Fireside Chat on Women, Peace, and Security. Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury "Father of UNSCR 1325" and Ambassador Swanee Hunt

WPS briefings and activities are incorporated in all: (i) New Student Orientations offered each term, and (ii) Regional alumni symposia organized by International Programs at the Naval War College campus and overseas e.g. in Goa, India

Annual WPS Writing Award: Established several years ago The Honorable Juliette C. McLennan Essay Prize for Women, Peace, and Security encourages original graduate-level publishable research.