

Faculty Spotlight, Dr. David Gray

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A brand new face has graced the presence of faculty and students, with an entirely new perspective and dedication to students. In an exclusive interview with this outstanding professor, *The Voice* was able to explore the foundations of what encouraged Dr. Gray to be the incredible mentor and educator he is today.

During the interview, David Gray commented on travel experiences as well as hobbies he enjoys outside of his teaching profession. With his most recent trip to Israel in 2006, Dr. Gray has also enjoyed the sights of Asia, Europe, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and many parts of North America. In addition to the travel expeditions and family life, Dr. Gray enjoys boating with his sail and ski boats, perfecting his golf techniques, improving his tennis swing and most outdoor activities.

Dr. Gray attempts to involve his lengthy educational background and career experiences as a basis for raising expectations from his students. After receiving his diploma from a high school in Los Angeles, CA, David Gray pursued his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Next, he obtained his Master's degree from Golden Gate University in San Francisco, CA followed by completing his Doctoral degree from the University of Southern California. He also completed post-doctorial coursework at Columbia University.

More impressively than his educational record, Dr. Gray has been acknowledged for his outstanding career decisions and progress. A retired, senior U.S. Air Force Officer, Dr. Gray is also a former, senior foreign service/Central Intelligence Agency officer and program director. He has extensive experience in the national security



The Voice would like to apologize to Dr. Gray for pulling his photo from the University of Denver website. We vow to have a larger, and better quality photo in the next issue.

and intelligence communities. He has completed assignments for the United States Departments of Defense, State, Justice and Energy, as well as, the United Nations, the Congress and the National Intelligence Council.

Professor Gray has taught graduate and undergraduate courses for over ten universities. He comes to Fayetteville State University after teaching graduate international security courses at the University of Denver Graduate School of International Studies and the University of Colorado. In Colorado, he taught courses in Intelligence, National and International Security and other topics related to weapons of mass destruction to graduate students. Furthermore, David Gray was featured on a national broadcast by Fox News for his contributions to GSIS and encouragement to the interests of Intelligence and Security Studies.

Following his stay at GSIS, Dr. Gray stated his reasoning for making the move the Fayetteville, NC as "an opportunity to stand-up a new program in intelligence studies and security studies." He further commented, "I like the idea that Fort Bragg is right here. I talked to someone just this week that said he was envious that we were here,

it's a great location! In my opinion, FSU is positioned very well to collaborate with Fort Bragg to encourage these intelligence studies and security studies programs."

Currently at FSU, Dr. David Gray teaches courses in International Terrorism, Intelligence and National Security and U.S. Foreign Policy. He hopes to "build a program that will serve students, meaning that it will provide an opportunity for students to get great jobs in the field of national and international security." In addition to teaching courses, Dr. Gray is the founding sponsor of the Organization of Security Students at FSU, a faculty advisor for the Model UN club on campus and he presents faculty development seminars regularly. He hopes to encourage students to participate in competitive internships and scholarship programs that will secure their future in the career field.

For over twenty-five years, Professor Gray has taught graduate and undergraduate courses in international security studies in academe and government. He has taught national and international security and strategic studies courses at the National Defense University, Air University, Joint Forces Staff College, Marine Corps University, Naval Postgraduate School, and Joint Special Operations University. He has taught national and international security courses at the National Security Agency National Cryptological School, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency National Imagery School, Defense Intelligence Agency National Defense Intelligence College, Department of Defense Intelligence Technical Training Center, C.I.A. Kent School for Intelligence Analysis and several other Central Intelligence Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation operational education and training centers.

Dr. Gray specializes in international security affairs, particularly

international terrorism and strategic intelligence. His specialization includes U.S. and international security and strategic studies; current global security issues; U.S. national security policy formulation and strategy; globalization and international security; international weapons proliferation and weapons of mass destruction; and homeland defense and homeland security.

His research focuses on two major topics: (1) International Terrorism, including Political Violence and Insurgency; Fundamentals of International Terrorism; Operational Aspects of International Terrorism; Transnational Militant-Extremism: Regional Issues; Dynamics of Global Terrorism: Al Qaeda; Terrorist Organizations and Ideologies; and Counterterrorism: Policies, Procedures, and Perspectives, and (2) Strategic Intelligence, including National and International Intelligence; Intelligence Policy, Oversight and Requirements; Intelligence and National and International Security; Strategic Intelligence Problems, Challenges and Issues; Intelligence Collection, Analysis and Production; Operational Intelligence (including Human, Signals and Geospatial / Imagery Intelligence); History of Intelligence; Profession of Intelligence; Ethics and Intelligence; and Communications for Intelligence.

Dr. Gray is very happily married. He and Karen, his wife, have six children and three grandchildren.

He identifies his most rewarding experiences as "seeing students succeed in landing serious jobs, significant jobs at the national level." The future for Dr. Gray is undecided, although he intends to continue his contributions to students wherever that may be. "I have always known I wanted to be a teacher" Dr. Gray commented, "and I see myself in the field for quite some time."



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