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Homeland Security Policy Institute welcomes seven homeland security leaders to its Senior Fellow cadre

WASHINGTON—Today, The George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute (HSPI) announced the appointment of seven homeland security leaders to its Senior Fellow class of 2011.

“This group brings a wealth of experience and expertise to HSPI. Their insights and diverse skill-sets will be instrumental in further shaping HSPI’s counterterrorism and homeland security policy and research agenda,” said Frank Cilluffo, director of HSPI.

Recent appointments to HSPI’s 2011 class of senior fellows include:

Chris Battle—Partner at Adfero Group, and Former Chief of Staff for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Chris also serves as editor of the Security Debrief blog, a joint venture with HSPI. Prior to his work at ICE/DHS, he was Director of Congressional and Public Affairs for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Rich Cooper—Vice President of Research & Emerging Issues for the National Chamber Foundation of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and a Principal with Catalyst Partners, LLC. Rich is Former Business Liaison Director for the Department of Homeland Security’s Private Sector Office. He is also Chairman of the Homeland Security Division of the National Defense Industrial Association, and a contributor to the Security Debrief blog where he comments regularly on a range of issues including emergency preparedness and response.

Seamus Hughes—Senior Counterterrorism Advisor to the Chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. Seamus serves as lead advisor on international and domestic terrorism issues with a focus on the use of the internet for radicalization and recruitment of terrorists.

William McCants—Founder of *Jihadica*, a research analyst at CNA’s Center for Strategic Studies, and an adjunct faculty member at Johns Hopkins University. Will has served as senior advisor on countering violent extremism in the State Department’s Office of the Coordinator for

Counterterrorism, and fellow at West Point's Combating Terrorism Center. He holds a Ph.D. from Princeton University and is the editor of the *Militant Ideology Atlas*.

Jeanne Meserve—Former CNN Homeland Security Correspondent. Since the terror attacks of September 11th, Jeanne has covered a broad array of terrorism, law enforcement, security, and preparedness stories. She was at the forefront of CNN's coverage of the cargo plane toner cartridge plot, the attempted Times Square bombing, and was among those nominated for an Emmy for CNN's coverage of the 2009 attempt to bring down an airliner on Christmas Day. On the ground in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina, Jeanne was the first to provide reports on the devastating flooding. CNN's coverage of the storm and its aftermath won a Peabody Award.

John Paczkowski—Vice President for Homeland Security and National Resilience at ICF International. As the Former Director of Emergency Management and Security at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, he coordinated agency response operations following the 9/11 attacks on its World Trade Center complex, and was the chief architect of its \$1 Billion security capital investment program. John also serves as Executive Vice President of the Security Analysis and Risk Management Association which represents public and private sector security and defense risk analysts across the country.

Clinton Watts—Principal Consultant at PA Consulting Group. Clint is a former US Army Infantry Officer, former FBI Special Agent, and former Executive Officer at West Point's Combating Terrorism Center. Clint conducts research, analysis and training in counterterrorism and homeland security for the Department of Defense and federal, state and local law enforcement organizations.

HSPI Senior Fellows participate in roundtable sessions with senior government officials, and collaborate to publish policy papers, including Issue Briefs that speak to the day's most pressing homeland security challenges. Members of the 2011 class are drawn from government, academia, the non-profit and private sectors, with expertise in areas including counterterrorism, radicalization, intelligence and counter-intelligence, crisis communications, the behavioral sciences, interagency policy development and coordination, critical infrastructure protection, public health, community preparedness and resilience, cybersecurity, defense, science and technology policy, and public/private partnerships.

To see a list of all the HSPI Senior Fellows, click [here](#).

Founded in 2003, **The George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute (HSPI)** is a nonpartisan "think and do" tank whose mission is to build bridges between theory and practice to advance homeland security through an interdisciplinary approach. By convening domestic and international policymakers and practitioners at all levels of government, the private and non-profit sectors, and academia, HSPI creates innovative strategies and solutions to current and future threats to the nation. For additional information about HSPI, please visit <http://homelandsecurity.gwu.edu>.

Note: Senior fellows are selected based upon individual expertise, not their professional affiliation. They are not HSPI employees