

**Diana I. Bolsinger**  
Curriculum vitae

Department of Criminal Justice and Security Studies  
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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D.,           Public Policy, University of Texas at Austin, May 2022  
Dissertation: “Dependence and Defiance: How U.S.-Pakistani Clandestine Ties Shape the Bilateral Relationship.”
- M.A.,           Government, New Mexico State University, 2016  
Thesis: “Chasing Utopia: How the Arab Spring Gave Us Today's Islamic State”
- M.Ed.,           Education, Marymount University, 2002
- M.A.,           International Relations, George Washington University, 1990
- B.A.,           International Studies, Reed College, 1985

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- 2023 -           Assistant Professor, Intelligence and National Security Studies program,  
Department of Criminal Justice. The University of Texas at El Paso.
- 2020 – 2023   Graduate Director and Lecturer, Intelligence and National Security Studies  
program, Department of Criminal Justice. The University of Texas at El Paso.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Refereed Journal Articles**

- Bolsinger, D. I. and Hernandez, A. R. “Patterns of Influence: Intelligence Liaison and Authoritarian Rule.” R&R, *Intelligence and National Security*.
- Duke, M., **Bolsinger, D. I.**, Landon-Murray, M. (2025). “Statistical Literacy Education for Tomorrow’s Intelligence Analysis Workforce.” *Intelligence and National Security*. 40(2), 354–374.
- Bolsinger, D.I. (2024). “Overt Action: Congressional Oversight, Private Activism and Afghan Covert Action Policy in the Reagan Administration,” *Intelligence and National Security* 39(5), 824-840.

Bolsinger, D.I. (2024). "Deception and Manipulation in an Intelligence Liaison Relationship: U.S.-Pakistani Negotiations and the 1980s Afghan Program," *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence* 37(1), 49-70.

Bolsinger, D.I. (2021/2022). "'Not At Any Price': LBJ, Pakistan, and Bargaining in an Asymmetric Intelligence Liaison Relationship," *Texas National Security Review* 5(1), 55-80.

### **Manuscripts In Progress**

Bolsinger, D.I. Book manuscript, *No Permanent Friends: How Secret Intelligence Ties Broke the US-Pakistan Relationship*. Under contract with Georgetown University Press for delivery in December 2025.

### **Book Reviews**

Bolsinger, D.I. (2023). Review Essay of Jessica E. Sims, *Decision Advantage: Intelligence in International Politics from the Spanish Armada to Cyberwar*. H-Diplo|Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum. June 16, 2023.

Bolsinger, D.I. (2022). "Intelligence Studies: Problem or the Solution?" Review of Hager Ben Jaffel and Sebastian Larsson, eds., *Problematizing Intelligence Studies: Towards a New Research Agenda*. *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence*. First View publication, October 4, 2022.

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

#### **Academic and Teaching**

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| 2025        | Selected by University of Texas (UT) Chancellor James Milliken to represent the UT System at the 2025 Council for Foreign Relations annual College and University Educator's Workshop in New York City. |
| 2024        | LBJ Foundation's Moody Research Grant.  |
| 2024        | Gerald R. Ford Foundation Research Grant.   |
| 2016 – 2022 | Graduate Fellow, Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin.  |
| 2020        | Bobby Ray Inman Award for outstanding research and writing by a student on intelligence and national security.  |
| 2020        | Fellow, Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research, Wilson Center and Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).  |

2018 - 2020    Brumley Next Generation Fellow, Robert Strauss Center for International Security and Law, Intelligence Studies Program, University of Texas at Austin.

## **Federal Government**

1985 – 2014    Awards for leadership and analytic excellence include recognition for roles in Boston Marathon bombing investigation; hunt for Osama bin Laden; response to 1998 attacks on U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar-es-Salaam, support to Afghan resistance; and more.

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

### **Workshops and Round Tables**

**Bolsinger, D. I.**, Ohlke, A. A., Sellers, S., Storer, C. (February 2024). "Spies, Crises, and Culture: Navigating the Evolving Landscape of Intelligence." Invited panel discussion presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Intelligence History at the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.

Arcos, R., Barron, F., Marrin, S., **Bolsinger, D.**, Cox, J., Diderichsen, A., Macpherson, A., Sims, J., Warner, M. (April 2024). "Theories of National Security Intelligence for the Future Intelligence Enterprise." Panel discussion presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in San Francisco, CA.

Sottlemayre, S., Stout, M., **Bolsinger, D.I.**, Grace, P., Marrin, S. (March 2023). "Defining Intelligence and Its Place in the International Relations Literature." Workshop and round table presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Montreal, Canada.

### **Conference Papers**

Bolsinger, D. I. (March 2025). "Foreign Policy by Other Means: Building a Theory of International Intelligence Liaison." Paper presented to the annual meeting of the International Studies Association annual conference in Chicago, IL.

Bolsinger, D. I. (February 2025). "Is Nothing Ever Settled? Emperor Haile Selassie and U.S. Intelligence Operations at Kagneu." Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Society for Intelligence History at the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC.

Bolsinger, D. I., and Hernandez, A. R. (April 2024), "The Hidden Element: How Intelligence Equities Shaped U.S. Cold War Relations with Pakistan, Iran, and Ethiopia." Paper presented to the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in San Francisco, CA.

Bolsinger, D. I. (July 2023). “‘Vital and Irreplaceable Facilities’: U.S. Intelligence Collection Against the USSR and the Shah of Iran.” Paper presented to the North American Society for Intelligence History Annual Conference, July 21, 2023, in Calgary, Canada.

Bolsinger, D. I. (November 2022). “Overt Action: Private Activism and Afghan Covert Action Policy in the Reagan Administration.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Midwest Annual Conference, November 18 – 20, 2022, in St. Louis, MO.

Bolsinger, D.I. (July 2022). “Deception and Manipulation in an Intelligence Liaison Relationship: U.S.-Pakistani Negotiations and the 1980s Afghan Program.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the North American Society for Intelligence History. Conference was moved online due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Bolsinger, D.I. (February 2020). “LBJ and Restraint.” Paper presented to the Clements Center for National Security’s National Security and Restraint conference in Austin, Texas.

Bolsinger, D.I. (January 2020). “‘Not At Any Price:’ LBJ, Pakistan, and Bargaining in an Asymmetric Intelligence Liaison Relationship.” Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Bolsinger, D.I. (April 2019). “Chasing Utopia: How the Arab Spring Gave Us the Islamic State.” Paper presented to the Resistance in Retrospect Conference, Texas A & M University.

Bolsinger, D.I. (April 2016). “Revolution Postponed? Methodological Diversity in the American Political Science Review After Perestroika.” Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Mid-West Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois.

### **Discussant**

Bolsinger, D. I. (April 2025). Panel chair. “Borderlands in Transition - U.S.-Mexico Relations.” Remarks presented at the 2025 Borderland Security Conference, hosted by The University of Texas at El Paso and Florida International University.

Bolsinger, D. I. (July 2023). Panel chair and discussant. “Issues in Cold War Intelligence.” Remarks presented at the annual meeting of the North American Society for Intelligence History, Calgary, Canada.

Bolsinger, D. I. (July 2022). Panel chair and discussant. “The CIA at 75.” Remarks presented at the annual meeting of the North American Society for Intelligence History. Conference was moved online due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS (Partial)**

Bolsinger, D.I. (April 2024). “Intelligence Surprise and failure.” Invited presentation to Ontago University Graduate School, New Zealand, Department of Political Science.

Bolsinger, D.I. (March 2024). “Surprises in Intelligence.” Invited presentation to Central Florida University Colloquium on Intelligence Failure.

Bennet, G., **Bolsinger, D. I.**, Storer, C. (March 2025). “Succeeding in the CIA Workforce.” Invited panel discussion to Johns Hopkins University Advanced Academic Programs.

Bolsinger, D.I. (February 2024). “Preparing for a Career in the U.S. Intelligence Community.” Invited presentation to the George Washington University ETA Society for Global Affairs.

Bolsinger, D.I. (February 2024). “Building a Career in Academia.” Invited presentation to Clements Center for National Security Graduate Fellows.

Bolsinger, D.I. (November 2023). “Counterterrorism in a Changing World.” Invited presentation to Department of History, Mississippi State University.

Bolsinger, D.I. (November 2023). “The Evolution of the Islamic Terrorist Threat, 1985-2023.” Invited presentation to United States Air Force Academy course on unconventional warfare.

Bolsinger, D.I., (November 2020). “Building a Career in the Intelligence Community,” UTEP Students in Intelligence and National Security Studies.

Bolsinger, D.I., (April 2019). “A Cold War in the Middle East: Iran vs. Saudi Arabia,” International Affairs Society of the University of Texas at Austin.

## **PODCASTS AND WEBINARS**

Bolsinger, D. I. (August 2025). “Intelligence Liaison and Foreign Policy: The Hidden Link.” Guest presentation and discussion on the Johns Hopkins University’s Advanced Academic Program’s webinar, *Inside Intelligence*.

Vogel, R., **Bolsinger, D.I.** (October 2024). In the Interest of National Security podcast: “International Intelligence Relations with Dr. Diana Bolsinger.”

Hammond, A., **Bolsinger, D.I.** (September 2021). International Spy Museum podcast: “Afghanistan, The Mujahedeen, al Qaeda – My Time at CIA & State with Diana Bolsinger.”

De Sola, D., **Bolsinger, D.I.**, et. al., (July – November 2021). “Zero Hour: A History of 9/11.”

Hammond, A., **Bolsinger, D.I.**, & Stout, M. (January 2021). International Spy Museum podcast: “‘Insurrection’ – The Intelligence Implications: A Spycast Special,” January 7, 2021.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020 - Intelligence and National Security Studies. Department of Criminal Justice. The University of Texas at El Paso.

Courses taught include:

INSS 3302: Seminar in Intelligence and National Security,  
INSS 4301: Intelligence Collection and Analysis;  
INSS 3301/5301: Historical Development of the Intelligence Community;  
INSS 5305: Introduction to Intelligence Analysis;  
INSS 3310/5310: Intelligence and Counterterrorism  
INSS 5311: Information and Intelligence;  
INSS 5325: Political Economy of Terrorism; and  
INSS 4351/5351: Professional Practices/Professional Skills  
INSS 5390: Capstone  
INSS 5398/5399: Thesis I and II.

2015 Instructor of Record. GOVT 367: Terrorism. Department of Government. New Mexico State University.

2003 – 2005 English Learner (EL) Authorization and Crosscultural, Language, and Academic Development (CLAD). Certificated instructor, California Migrant Education Program.

## ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2017 – 2019 Research Assistant to Ambassador Robert L. Hutchings for *Modern Diplomacy in Practice* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2019), *Truth to Power: A History of the National Intelligence Council* (Oxford University Press, 2019), and “Rebuilding Strategic Thinking” (CSIS, 2018).

2015 – 2016 Research Assistant to Jiaqi Liang, Ph.D., Department of Government, New Mexico State University.

## SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2023 - Board of Directors and Director of Communications. North American Society for Intelligence History (NASIH).

2024 - As a member of credentialing panels for the International Association of Intelligence Educators (IAFIE), provided feedback on syllabi and other program materials to university intelligence studies program seeking IAFIE certification.

2022 - 2024 Co-Director and Instructor. Texas Intelligence Academy (in Washington, D.C.). Intelligence Studies Program, The University of Texas at Austin.

- 2023 - Joint Special Operations University Press Editorial Board.
- 2022 - Book and journal reviewer. SAGE Publishing, Taylor & Francis, Springer, and Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2020 - 2023 Mentor. GirlSecurity.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- 2024- Member of the UTEP Fulbright U.S. Student Program campus selection committee.
- 2024- Member of the Intelligence and National Security Studies graduate program admissions committee.
- 2020 - 2023 Chair, Intelligence and National Security Studies graduate program admissions committee.

#### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE**

- 2011 – 2013 Analytic Group Chief and Branch Chief. National Counterterrorism Center. Office of the Director of National Intelligence.
- 2009 – 2010 Consular Associate. American Citizen Services. U.S. Embassy, Seoul, Korea.
- 1992 – 2001 Deputy Group Chief, Branch Chief, Desk Officer, Intelligence Analyst. Counterterrorism Center, Central Intelligence Agency.
- 1996 Counterterrorism Analyst. Balkans region.
- 1990 – 1992 Political Officer. U.S. Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- 1991 Acting Deputy to Ambassador Peter Tomson, Presidential Envoy to the Afghan Resistance. (January – May.)
- 1985 – 1990 Political Analyst. Afghan Task Force. Central Intelligence Agency.

#### **LANGUAGES**

- Spanish High competent in reading/basic in speaking and writing.
- French Competent in reading/basic in speaking and writing
- Urdu Basic in speaking/elementary in reading, writing.
- Korean Elementary in reading, speaking, writing.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

International Association for Intelligence Education (IAFIE)

International Studies Association (ISA)

North American Society for Intelligence History (NASIH)

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

CIA Retirees Association (CIRA)