

Ways of War, Ways of Peace: American and British Leadership Since 1812

The University of Alabama
October 22 – 24, 2023
Preliminary Schedule

All events will be at the [Hotel Capstone Ballroom](#) unless otherwise indicated.

Monday, October 23

08:30 AM – 09:15 AM **Registration Opens**

09:15 AM – 09:30 AM **Introduction to the Day**

Dr. Lesley J. Gordon, The University of Alabama & Dr. Lloyd Clark, Centre for Army Leadership, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

09:30 AM – 11:00 AM **PANEL 1: QUESTIONS OF LEADERSHIP & COMMAND, 1812 – 1900**

Chair:

Dr. Lesley J. Gordon, The University of Alabama

Presenters:

Dr. Ethan Rafuse, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, “The American Army’s Ways of Leadership, 1812-1900.”

Dr. Kevin McCrainie, U.S. Naval War College, “Centralizing Command Structures in a Decentralized Environment: Naval Leadership in the War of 1812.”

Dr. Rob Havers, America’s Civil War Museum, “Parallel Lives? Winston S. Churchill and George C. Marshall.”

Moderators for Q & A:

Dr. John Beeler, The University of Alabama

Dr. Susannah Ural, Mississippi State University

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM **Coffee Break**

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM **PANEL 2: QUESTIONS OF LEADERSHIP & COMMAND, WWI TO AFGHANISTAN**

Chair:

Dr. Steve Trout, The University of Alabama

Presenters:

Dr. Angela M. Riotto, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, “Individual Leadership and Lessons for the American Way of War.”

Dr. Andrew Wiest, University of Southern Mississippi, “Into the Frying Pan: Leadership in the Mississippi National Guard during the Iraqi Insurgency, 2005.”

Dr. Dan Marston, Johns Hopkins University, “Coalition Leadership in Action: OP DIADEM May 1944.”

Moderators for Q & A:

Mr. Scott Sherriff, Centre for Army Leadership, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

Ms. Julia Wall, The University of Alabama

12:30 PM – 02:00 PM

Lunch

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02:00 PM – 03:00 PM

KEYNOTE 1

Major General Zac Stenning, OBE, Director of British Army Leadership and Commandant of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, “British Army Leadership Today and Tomorrow.”

04:00 PM – 05:30 PM

Reception for all attendees ([Gorgas House](#))

Sponsored by [The Society for Military History](#)

Tuesday, October 23

08:00 AM – 08:30 AM

Registration Opens

08:30 AM – 10:30 AM

PANEL 3: WHAT ENDURES AND WHAT STAYS THE SAME?

Chair:

Dr. Harold Selesky, The University of Alabama

Presenters:

Dr. Brooks Simpson, Arizona State University, “A Sense of Where You Are: Character, Temperament, and Adaptability.”

Dr. Wayne Lee, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, “Navigating Distance and Intimacy: George Washington and the ‘Officer – Soldier Balance’.”

Dr. Dennis Vincent, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, “General Sir Alan Cunningham and the Enduring Requirement for Self Confidence in Leadership.”

Dr. Melissa Wolfe, Center for Army Leadership, “From Blitzkrieg to Cyberwar: Transforming U.S. Army Leadership Across the Decades.”

Moderators for Q & A:

Dr. Jennie Kiesling, United States Military Academy

Dr. Barry Stentiford, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Coffee Break

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

KEYNOTE 2

Dr. Beth Bailey, Foundation Distinguished Professor & Director of the Center for Military, War and Society Studies, University of Kansas,

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Conclusion:

Dr. Lesley J. Gordon, The University of Alabama & Dr. Lloyd Clark, Centre for Army Leadership, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst