

Georgetown University & Sandia National Laboratories

Strategic Force Analysis Boot Camp

August 6-9, 2019

Albuquerque, New Mexico

- Learn the methods of nuclear force analysis
- Acquire technical tools to assess force structure, arms control, and modernization proposals
- Explore the implications of changing technology on strategic stability and deterrence
- Develop networks with other researchers working on nuclear-related questions
- Free for participants

Georgetown University is pleased to announce a call for proposals for participation in the 2nd annual Strategic Force Analysis Boot Camp, which will be hosted at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from August 6-9, 2019.

The purpose of the Boot Camp is to teach participants some of the tools of nuclear force analysis so that they can better understand and participate in debates about strategic deterrence and stability. Participants will be exposed to traditional and new techniques for assessing the nuclear balance, understanding the impact of emerging technologies, and evaluating arms control proposals. The Boot Camp will also help promote professional networks among the participants and faculty. The Boot Camp is not intended to promote specific answers to nuclear policy questions; rather, the goal is to train the next generation of analysts to prepare them for critical academic and policy debates.

The Boot Camp is open to scholars and analysts of all ages, though preference will be given to those in the early stages of their careers. The Boot Camp is made possible (subject to final funding approval) by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. All participant travel, meal, and conference fees will be covered.

Boot Camp sessions – which will be organized and taught by analysts from Georgetown (Keir Lieber), Dartmouth College (Daryl Press), Sandia (Sheryl Hingorani, Jason Reinhardt, Ben Bonin), and elsewhere – will cover topics such as:

- Nuclear forces, effects, and targeting
- Missile defense, satellite/anti-satellite operations
- Intelligence and nuclear operations
- Command and control/cyber operations
- Project on Nuclear Gaming (PoNG), SIGNAL Gameplay (optional for participants on August 5th)

The Boot Camp will also include a multi-day scenario aimed at applying key concepts; it will address the implications of a new strategic capability for deterrence stability and treaty negotiation.

How to Apply:

Submit a current resume and a brief cover letter describing your interest in the Boot Camp to Carnegi.lorx5dyosp22v36h@u.box.com. (Please submit both files as attachments, and use your last name as the beginning of each file name.) We will consider applications until all participant slots in the Boot Camp are filled, but to receive full consideration applications should be received by June 11, 2019.