Expert on the History of Terrorism Joins the American Security Project

ASP welcomes Birmingham-Southern College professor, Dr. Randall Law, to its list of esteemed fellows

WASHINGTON, D.C., 29 October 2010 – The American Security Project (ASP) today announced the addition of Dr. Randall Law as a new Adjunct Fellow.

Dr. Jim Ludes, Executive Director of ASP, said: *"I've known Dr. Law for nearly 20 years. His scholarship and ability to explain current challenges in historical context make him a great addition to ASP."*

Dr. Ludes went on to say: *"ASP continues to focus on the challenge terrorism poses to our security and to our rights as citizens. As our research shows, the threat is ever-evolving and so our responses must evolve, too. Bringing a historian to the conversation—someone who has looked not just at the rise of terrorism, but also how terror movements are defeated and end—will make our analyses more complete. We're delighted to have Randy on board."*

Dr. Randall Law said: *"I'm delighted to join the American Security Project as an author, professor and expert on the history of terrorism. ASP's past work has shown considerable depth and exploration on the subjects of domestic radicalization, Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and the U.S. counter-terrorism strategy Afghanistan."*

Dr. Law continued: *"The threat of terrorism today is very real; however, historically, the threat is not new. The mechanisms by which terrorism operates are complex and must be continually dissected if we are to really fight the war we waging against it. If America looks at terrorism within a historical framework, we can begin to fix our past transgressions and make policy decisions that truly make our country safer."*

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Dr. Randall Law is an Associate Professor of History at Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, Alabama, and the author of *Terrorism: A History*, a survey of the field that was hailed in The Naval War College Review as "the quintessential work on the subject." Along with courses on the history of terrorism, Law teaches classes on modern Russia, Europe, and the Cold War. Law frequently speaks on the history of terrorism to academic audiences and civic organizations. Law earned his B.A. in Russian from Amherst College; an M.A. in Russian and East European Studies from Yale University; and a Ph.D. in Russian and European history from Georgetown University. He is currently conducting research on terrorism and political violence in the city of Odessa in the Russian empire early in the twentieth century; in 2009 he spent four months working in Odessa as a Fulbright Research Scholar.

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