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**Dr. David A. Cooper** joined the faculty of the U.S. Naval War College in July 2010 as Chair of the Department of National Security Affairs and holds a faculty appointment as The James V. Forrestal Professor of National Security Affairs. He teaches in both the college's core and elective programs. His areas of scholarly and professional expertise include nonproliferation, arms control and disarmament, weapons of mass destruction, and multilateral negotiations and organizations.

He is a scholar-practitioner who served for almost two decades on the professional staff of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), where he was a career member of the Senior Executive Service (SES). His last SES assignment was with the then fledgling U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), where he served from 2007 to 2009 as the inaugural Interim Director and then Deputy Director of Outreach (J-9) and as the Director of Strategic Communication. Before that he served briefly in 2007 as the Pentagon's Principal Director for Homeland Security Integration. From 2003 to 2007 he served as the Director of Nonproliferation Policy, overseeing efforts to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction and associated missile systems. In this capacity he also led the U.S. Delegation to the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) Operational Experts Group and served as the U.S. Representative to the 2<sup>nd</sup> United Nations Panel of Governmental Experts on Missiles. Prior to that from 2000 to 2003 he was the Deputy Director and then Director of Strategic Arms Control Policy, overseeing negotiation and implementation of various bilateral and multilateral nuclear treaties and agreements such as the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, Strategic Arms Reductions Treaty (START), Moscow Treaty, Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), and the Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty (FMCT) negotiations. In the 1990s served in a series of assignments at increasingly senior levels focusing on arms control, nonproliferation, and regional security. He first came to the Pentagon in 1990 as a Presidential Management Intern.

He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations from The Australian National University (2000), a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University (1990), and is a graduate of Oberlin College (1987). He is the author of the book *Competing Western Strategies Against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction* and various chapters and articles including recently in the journals *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *The Nonproliferation Review*, and *The Journal of Diplomacy and International Affairs*. He is an active member of the International Institute of Strategic Studies and a number of other scholarly and professional organizations. He has held previous academic appointments as a resident Senior Research Fellow at the National Defense University's Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Adjunct Professor of U.S. Foreign Policy at American University's School of International Service, and Adjunct Associate Professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service.