

Dr. Williamson Murray

Professor Williamson Murray at present serves as a Minerva Fellow at the Naval War College. He graduated from Yale University in 1963 with honors in history. He then served five years as an officer in the United States Air Force, including a tour in Southeast Asia with the 314th Tactical Airlift Wing (C-130s). He returned to Yale University where he received his Ph.D. in military-diplomatic history, working under Hans Gatzke and Donald Kagan. He taught two years in the Yale history department before moving on to Ohio State University in fall 1977 as a military and diplomatic historian. He received the Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award in 1987. He took early retirement from Ohio State in 1995 as Professor Emeritus of History.

Professor Murray has taught at a number of academic and military institutions, including the Air War College, the United States Military Academy, and the Naval War College. He has also served as a Secretary of the Navy Fellow at the Navy War College, the Centennial Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics, the Matthew C. Horner Professor of Military Theory at the Marine Corps University, the Charles Lindbergh Chair at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum, and the Harold K. Johnson Professor of Military History at the Army War College. He has served as a consultant at the Institute of Defense Analyses, where he worked on the Iraqi Perspectives Project. He completed two years as the 1957 Distinguished Chair of naval heritage and history at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis in 2008.

He has written a wide selection of articles and books. He is the author of *The Change in the European Balance of Power, 1938-1939*, *The Path to Ruin* (Princeton University Press, 1984); *Luftwaffe* (Nautical and Aviation Press, 1985); *German Military Effectiveness* (Nautical and Aviation Press, 1992); *The Air War in the Persian Gulf* (Nautical and Aviation Press, 1995); and *Air War, 1914-1945* (Weidenfeld and Nicholson, 1999). Professors Murray and Allan Millett have published an operational history of World War II, *A War To Be Won: Fighting the Second World War* (Harvard University Press, 2000) which received favorable reviews from a number of newspapers and journals, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, *The Naval War College Review*, *The Journal of Military History*, and *Strategic Review*. Professor Murray was also a major contributor to *The Cambridge History of War*, ed. by Geoffrey Parker (Cambridge University Press) and also authored with Major General Robert Scales, Jr. *The Iraq War: A Military History* (Harvard University Press, 2003).

Professor Murray has also edited with Allan Millett a number of books on the implications of the past for current military thinking: *Military Effectiveness*, three volumes (Allen and Unwin, 1988; reissued by Cambridge University Press, fall 2010); *Calculations, Net Assessment and the Coming of World War II* (Free Press, 1992); and *Military Innovations in the Interwar Period* (Cambridge, 1996). Professor Murray has also edited with MacGregor Knox, *The Making of Strategy: Rulers, States, and War* (Cambridge University Press, 1994) and *The Dynamics of Military Revolution, 1300-2050* (Cambridge, University Press, 2001). He also edited with Richard Sinnreich *The Past as Prologue, The Importance of History to the Military Profession* (Cambridge University Press, 2006). In 2009 with James Lacey as co-editor, he published *The Making of Peace: Rulers, States, and the Aftermath of War*; and with Richard Sinnreich as co-editor, *Conflicting Currents: Japan and the United States* (Praeger, 2009). This past year (2011) he published three books, all with Cambridge: the first, along with Richard Hart Sinnreich and

James Lacey, he was the chief editor of *The Shaping of Strategy: Policy, Diplomacy, and War*; the second, *War, Strategy, and Military Effectiveness* (a collection of his articles; and the third *Military Adaptation in War, For Fear of Change*, a major study on military adaptation to complement the edited volume on innovation during the interwar period, he produced with Allan Millett.

At present Professor Murray has two major manuscripts near completion: the first is an operational history of the Civil War with the provisional title of "A Savage War, Northern Military Operations in the Civil War." Harvard University Press is considering the manuscript at present for publication in 2013. The second, written with Kevin Woods, is a study of the Iran-Iraq War, 1980-1988, based on the Saddam Hussein tapes. Finally, he and Jim Lacey are in the final stages of editing their manuscript on "Twenty Decisive Battles in History," scheduled for publication in 2013, while Professor Murray and Peter Mansoor have an edited volume on hybrid warfare in the final stages of production with Cambridge with publication scheduled for the end of the year.