Presenter Bios

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Director of the Graduate Writing Center and Thesis Processing Office, Sandi joined the NPS faculty in 2009 as a research assistant professor and executive director of the research-oriented Center on Contemporary Conflict in the Department of National Security Affairs. She previously taught at the University of California at Santa Cruz, Catholic University of America, Georgetown University, and the U.S. Department of State's Foreign Service Institute. She has nearly thirty years of experience in research grant writing, project and program management, and academic publishing. She received her master's from the Johns Hopkins University and PhD from Georgetown.

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Currently deputy director of the Graduate Writing Center, Aileen has been a writing coach, thesis processor, and attribution lead at NPS, and has twenty years’ experience in periodical and academic publishing, including copyediting for the Modern Language Association (MLA). She holds a BA in theatre and creative writing from Washington College and an MA in rhetoric, writing, and digital media studies from Northern Arizona University, where her research focused on plagiarism prevention. As a military spouse, Aileen appreciates the unique demands placed on students at NPS.

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