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Dr. Cynthia A. Watson, Dean of Faculty & Academic Programs at the National War College as of March 2018, joined the Faculty in August 1992. Dr. Watson earned a MA from the London School of Economics, and a doctorate from the University of Notre Dame. Her undergraduate alma mater, University of Missouri-Kansas City, honored her as Alumna of the Year in 2011. Dr. Watson has served on the Governing Boards of a number of professional organizations and the Editorial Board of *Third World Quarterly*. She is a Member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, and the Society for Military History. Her first edition (2002) of *U.S. National Security* received CHOICE's designation as a Book of the Year. Other publications include *U.S. Military Service, Military Education, U.S. National Security* (2nd edition), *Political Role of the Military* (co-edited with Constantine Danopoulos), *Interest Groups in National Security*, and *Geographic Combatant Commands*. She has been studying China in Latin America for almost two decades.

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