General of the Army Omar N. Bradley Chair of Strategic Leadership

Named for World War II hero and 1934 graduate of the U.S. Army War College, the Omar N. Bradley Chair offers a visiting scholar the opportunity to explore with students and faculty the nature of leadership and how it can best and most ethically be exercised in a world transformed by globalization, technology and cultural change. The chair also strives to enhance the study of leadership and to enhance civilian-military dialogue.

Originally established in 2001 by agreement between the U.S. Army War College and Dickinson College, the chair is now sponsored by a third partner as well, the Pennsylvania State University-Dickinson School of Law, beginning in Academic Year 2011. From the Chair’s inception, the Colleges have sought to attract chair holders from a wide range of communities including business, military, politics, and academia. The chair adds an invaluable dimension to all three institutions’ cross-disciplinary approaches to the study of contemporary issues, with emphasis on leadership. This unique joint initiative between the Army War College and two civilian colleges has truly been a remarkable success. The chair has been held by the following individuals:

AY 2003 – Lieutenant General Walter F. Ulmer, U.S. Army, Retired
AY 2004 – The Honorable Kurt L. Schmoke, former Mayor of Baltimore and Dean of the Howard University School of Law
AY 2005 – Mr. Rick Atkinson, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, author, and historian
AY 2007 – Dr. Richard H. Kohn, Professor of History, University of North Carolina
AY 2008 – Admiral Dennis C. Blair, U.S. Navy, Retired (former DNI)
AY 2009 – Dr. Jonathan J. Shay, Clinical Psychiatrist specializing in combat trauma
AY 2010 – Dr. Bruce I. Gudmundsson, author and military historian
AY 2011 – Major General John D. Altenburg, Jr., U.S. Army, Retired, Former Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Army
AY 2012 – Col (Ret) P. J. Crowley, USAF, former Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs
AY2013 – Lieutenant General James M. Dubik, U.S. Army, Retired
AY2014 – Vice Admiral Joseph A. Sestak, U.S. Navy, Retired
AY2015 – Ms. Kimberly Dozier, bestselling author and journalist

The General Omar N. Bradley Chair of Strategic Leadership has formalized the three schools’ cooperative relationship, deepened their curricula, enhanced the capabilities of faculty, and enriched student experiences at each institution. It has stimulated rich thinking and exchange that will contribute in powerful ways to the examination of leadership across the nation and around the globe.