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Rebecca Glazier completed her Ph.D. in political science at UC Santa Barbara in 2009 and recently joined the faculty of the University of Arkansas Little Rock. Her research examines how religion can motivate political action, and introduces the concept of providential beliefs as an explanatory tool. Glazier is interested in the relationship between religion and nuclear weapons—how religion might be used either to encourage the acquisition and use of nuclear weapons or to prevent it. She has published work on political Islam, Just War Theory, international conflict and genocide, and most recently on religiously-motivated violence in Iraq.

Nathan Gonzalez is a Fellow with the Truman National Security Project and a Ph.D. student in political science at UCLA. He is author of two books: *Engaging Iran: The Rise of a Middle East Powerhouse and America’s Strategic Choice* (Praeger, 2007) and the upcoming *The Sunni-Shia Conflict and the Iraq War: Understanding Sectarian Violence in the Middle East* (Nortia Press, 2010). His research interests include Middle Eastern regional security and the behavior of non-state actors. He received a master of international affairs from Columbia University in 2007, and a B.A. in political science from UCLA in 2004.

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ENS Christina Moore-Gotcher recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy, majoring in systems engineering and mechanical engineering. During the course of her senior year she completed a research project on nuclear detection. She is now at UC Berkeley working towards a masters in nuclear engineering, after which she will join her ship and begin a career as a nuclear surface warfare officer, eventually running the nuclear reactors on aircraft carriers. When you talk to her you will notice an accent, which is due to living for 18 years in London with American parents.

LT Jeff Morrison originates from Huntington Beach, California. He is an active duty Navy nuclear-trained submarine officer, having served aboard USS HELENA (SSN-725). Currently working for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) at Fort Belvoir, VA, his responsibilities include training and evaluation of nuclear security policy and procedures. LT Morrison is a 2004 graduate of the United States Naval Academy where he received his B.S. in systems engineering. LT Morrison is currently enrolled in the M.S.E. program at Catholic University studying engineering management.

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