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Education

- B.A. University of Arizona
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Research Interests

- Civil-Military Relations
- Media
- Foreign Policy Decision-Making
- Security Studies and Strategy Education
- East Asia

DR. JAY M. PARKER is Distinguished Professor and Major General Fox Conner Chair of International Security Studies in the College of International Security Affairs. From 2011 to 2016, he served as CISA's Department Head for International Security Studies. Prior to joining the CISA, Dr. Parker was a Visiting Associate Professor at Georgetown University. Following undergraduate studies, Dr. Parker served on the staff of Congressman Morris K. Udall (D-AZ). He returned to Arizona to work as a political media consultant and attend graduate school. Commissioned in the U.S. Army through Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), he served as an infantry officer in Wiesbaden, Germany. He then served in the Department of Social Sciences of the US Military Academy, and as a Psychological Operations (Psyop) officer at Fort Bragg, NC. After graduation from the US Naval War College, Dr. Parker returned to West Point as Director of International Relations and National Security Studies and Professor of Public and International Affairs.

After retiring from active duty in 2005 in the rank of Colonel, he served as Executive Vice President of the Center for the Study of the Presidency, and Advisor and Center Liaison to the Iraq Study Group (the Baker-Hamilton Commission) before joining the Georgetown faculty. He also taught at both Columbia and George Washington Universities, and he is a former Visiting Fellow at Princeton University. A former member of advisory committees for the Museum of Television and Radio, Dr. Parker is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and former chair of the International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association (ISA). He was a member of the Defense Policy Team and the Veterans advisory group for the Obama Presidential Campaign, and served on the Presidential Transition. Dr. Parker currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the Center for Civilians in Conflict, and as a Truman National Security Project Fellow.