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Education

- Ph.D. Government and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia
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Research Interests

- Conflict Resolution and Democratization
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Spencer B. Meredith III earned his Ph.D. in Government and Foreign Affairs in 2003 from the University of Virginia. His dissertation, entitled “Delaying Disaster: The Problem of Nuclear Safety in Eastern Europe,” developed out of work for the US State Department’s Office of the Senior Coordinator for Nuclear Safety. Dr. Meredith has also served as a Department of State Guest Lecturer in Public Diplomacy in South and East Asia, focusing on the role of religion and the promotion of democracy in US foreign policy. He received a Fulbright Scholarship in 2007 to the Republic of Georgia, where he worked with Internally Displaced Persons, religious and social groups, and intergovernmental conflict resolution agencies. His publications are in the areas of Russian and European politics, Middle Eastern democratization, and peacemaking. The most recent, *Nuclear Energy Safety and International Cooperation: Closing the World’s Most Dangerous Reactors* (Routledge, 2014), deals with international compliance and energy issues in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Dr. Meredith comes to NDU with over a decade of distinguished teaching experience at the collegiate and graduate levels in the US and internationally. He has received multiple fellowships and awards, to include the Institute for the Study of World Politics Minority Fellowship, several Foreign Language and Area Studies Grants, and most recently the APSA Outstanding Teaching Award.