



Our work in 2021 was shaped by significant world events: The ongoing effects of a historic global pandemic. A new president inaugurated weeks after violent attacks on the U.S. Capitol. The twentieth anniversary of September 11th. Persistent challenges posed by emerging technologies. In addressing these trends, we leveraged the reach of virtual programming for our broader community, even as we provided in-person resources for returning students.

Original Research and Public Conversation

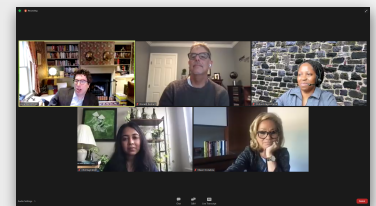
In our online symposium “[How Perpetual War Has Changed Us: Reflections on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11](#),” the Reiss Center and *Just Security* published 13 essays by leading experts exploring how the post-9/11 “new normal” has shaped contemporary national security and civil liberties, and what might be left in the wake of the forever war.



Our [War Powers Resolution Reporting Project](#) is an open-source, living resource on use of force and inter-branch relations. This year we incorporated and analyzed complete war powers data from the Trump Administration through the first part of the Biden Administration.

Event Highlights

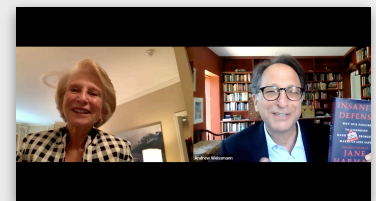
Legal scholars and regional experts [assessed](#) the legal, policy, and strategic impact of China’s incursions into Taiwan’s air defense identification zone.



In a [3-part symposium](#) on artificial intelligence, leading scholars and practitioners debated emerging legal issues around surveillance, civil liberties protections, patent reform, and national security. Convened with the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence and others.



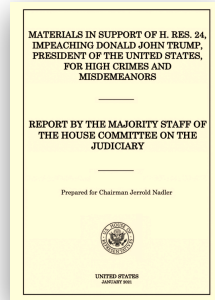
Former Congresswoman Jane Harman joined Andrew Weissmann, RCLS Distinguished Senior Fellow, to discuss her national security memoir, [Insanity Defense](#).



Two rapid-response discussions with RCLS experts in early 2021 addressed legal questions surrounding the [second impeachment trial](#) and the [implications](#) of the January 6th violence at the Capitol.

Student Opportunities

Each year, **Reiss Center Student Scholars** produce a wide range of research products while working closely with our experienced affiliates. In 2021, Scholars Mari Dugas and Nicholas Tonckens demonstrated the real-world impact of this work, publishing with Prof. Ryan Goodman a [resource](#) in *Just Security* that was cited in the 2021 House impeachment report.



In our [A Road Less Traveled](#) speaker series, national security practitioners engage with students in candid conversations about their career path and the substance of their work. In Spring 2021, we welcomed [Ronald Newman](#) (ACLU), [Alissa Starzak](#) (Cloudflare) and [Maher Bitar](#) (National Security Council). Our Fall 2021 series featured [Alex Abdo](#) (Knight First Amendment Institute) and [Akunna Cook](#) (Department of State).

Fellow Highlights

RCLS fellows Tess Bridgeman, Rebecca Ingber, and Bob Bauer (at right, from top) were invited to testify at two separate **Congressional hearings on war powers reform** in spring 2021, drawing from their writings on use of force and extensive senior government lawyering experience.

Bob Bauer and Reiss Center Faculty Co-Director Dean Trevor Morrison served on the **Presidential Commission of the Supreme Court of the United States**, with Bauer as co-chair.

RCLS Faculty Co-Director Ryan Goodman published [the January 6 Clearinghouse](#) at *Just Security*, a **repository of documents and research related to the attack** that was selected by the Library of Congress for inclusion in its historical collection of online resources related to the assault.

A number of RCLS fellows returned to public service with key roles in the current administration. They include Lisa Monaco (Deputy Attorney General), Wally Adeyemo

(Deputy Treasury Secretary), Jon Finan (Deputy National Security Advisor), Beth George (former Acting General Counsel, Dept. of Defense), Chris Fonzzone (General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence), and Rebecca Ingber (Counselor on International Law, State Dept. Office of the Legal Adviser).

