

What's New w/ Dr. Sheehan?

- **Dr. Sheehan** completed recently a chapter for a book titled Evidence-Based Counterterrorism Policy released by Springer in fall 2011. The chapter involves a comparative analysis of existing terrorism databases and is part of a larger series designed to promote work on evidence-based crime policy. Sheehan's chapter develops a set of criteria to evaluate terrorism data and uses these criteria to evaluate and compare a series of large-n quantitative terrorism events databases. The edited volume is the culmination of four years of work that began with a Congressional Briefing on counterterrorism policy in 2007.
- In Summer 2011, **Sheehan** was invited to present a paper titled "Assessing and Comparing Terrorism Databases" at the American Association of Criminology in Washington, D.C. in November 2011. The paper is part of a panel on *Evidence-Based Counterterrorism: Data and Methods for Evaluation* and includes researchers from around the country.
- On October 4 2011, **Sheehan** published an editorial titled "Is the Targeted Killing of Americans Legal?" with United Press International at UPI.com. The editorial assessed the wisdom of the CIA led drone attack on the fiery American cleric, Anwar al-Awlaki, in Yemen.
- In July 2011, **Sheehan** participated in an American Association of Universities and Colleges (AAC&U) Summer Institute with the goal of improving the delivery of learning communities at the University of Baltimore.
- In August 2011, **Sheehan** submitted a paper titled "Mapping Contemporary Terrorism Courses at America's Best Colleges and Universities" to the journal *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* edited by Georgetown Professor Bruce Hoffman. The paper, supported by a summer grant from the Office of Dean, addresses the gap in the literature on terrorism teaching (as opposed to research) through a systematic analysis of contemporary terrorism courses at 106 top universities and colleges in the U.S.
- During summer 2011, **Sheehan**, in collaboration with Professor Don Haynes, completed a proposal to develop a new master's degree in *Global Governance and Human Security*. The work is the product of more than a year's worth of research and discussions on the topic. A proposal for the new degree was presented to the College of Public Affairs in September 2011.
- On August 25, 2011, **Sheehan** published an editorial titled "Time to Stop Coddling Iran" in *The Jerusalem Post Magazine*. The editorial called for the delisting of MEK, an Iranian dissident organization in exile, from the Department of State's Foreign Terrorist Organization list.
- In Summer 2011, **Sheehan** was asked to serve as a reviewer for the journal *Negotiation and Conflict Management Research*, a journal published on behalf of the International Association of Conflict Management.
- In Summer 2011, **Sheehan** taught a graduate level international terrorism and counterterrorism seminar at George Mason University. During AY 11-12, Dr. Sheehan will be back at the University of Baltimore.