

“Are We on the Threshold of the North American Decade?”

NOT IF WE HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT.

The U.S. “war colleges”

Some former high-level national-security officials find corporate positions; others ingratiate themselves into academia. In September 2011, former CIA director and onetime secretary of defense Robert Gates became the chancellor of the College of William and Mary. Last year Janet Napolitano, former director of the Department of Homeland Security, assumed the office of president of the University of California system,¹ home to torture advocate John Yoo. And Condi Rice is Denning Professor in Global Business and the Economy at the Graduate School of Business and a fellow at Hoover Institute.

What has Petraeus been teaching from a secluded floor in a fortified Midtown office building² anyway – seminars on “enhanced interrogation,” drone strikes and massacre by helicopter gunships?

Iraq war commander: General David Petraeus was directly involved in a systematic campaign of torture and atrocity carried out by paramilitary units connected to the Iraqi Ministry of the Interior.³ As architect of “The Surge” of 2007 he has been credited with revolutionizing the way the U.S. fights its wars.⁴

Petraeus continues to assault the U.S. public with the myth that “we won Iraq and we’re on the verge of a great victory in Afghanistan.”

Commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan in 2010-11: Petraeus was in charge of numerous bombings in which hundreds of Afghan civilians – including whole families attending weddings – were slain.⁵

CIA chief: While head of the CIA, Petraeus was responsible for Obama’s program of “targeted killings”



by drones, which in Pakistan alone has killed more than 200 children.⁶

KKR’s ambassador: Petraeus’ *The Coming North American Decades* course promises “recommendations for America’s leadership role in the emerging global economy.” It fails to mention his connections to Kohlberg Kravis & Roberts (KKR), a private-equity firm invested in, among other exploitive industries, fracking. What kind of university promotes war on our planet? We join with students across the country to demand accountability for these crimes.

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