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Our mission is to increase the DHS/USCG effectiveness of governance and security in the Arctic by promoting research and academic thought, broadening collaborative partnerships, and educating future Coast Guard leaders about the complexities of this unique region.

## Captain's Log

*A Message from CAPT Brigid Pavilonis, Ph.D., USCGA Humanities Department Chair.*

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the “Center for Arctic Study and Policy (CASP) Update.” As Humanities Department Head, I have the great fortune of including CASP staff and faculty as part of our team—and the pleasure of reporting on their good work. Since CASP was formally created in the fall of 2014, our main focus has been to develop a robust scholarly agenda and solidify our staffing. Before you read further to learn of our accomplishments, I would like to introduce two new additions to our team.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Rachel Perron, who assumed the duties of Center Director last October. Ms. Perron comes to us from the Office of Naval Intelligence, where as an analyst she specialized in Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) and Intelligence Policy. Ms. Perron has also worked for private industry as a Maritime Policy analyst and MDA consultant. Ms. Perron, a graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, is a licensed merchant mariner and Naval Reserve Officer. She holds a Masters in National Strategy and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

We are also especially pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Rebecca Pincus as the first Class of '65 Chair of Arctic Studies at USCGA. Dr. Pincus reported in just last month after having returned from a Fulbright Scholarship in Reykjavik, Iceland. Dr. Pincus, a rising star in the growing community of Arctic scholars, recently published *Diplomacy on Ice: Energy and the Environment in the Arctic and Antarctic* with Yale University Press.

Dr. Pincus has an ambitious research agenda which attentively integrates cadet involvement and brings her experience and networks into the Academy's classrooms. We are particularly grateful to the Class of 1965 for making this appointment possible.

Finally, please join me in wishing fair winds and following seas to LCDR Chad Meckley. He, while on loan to CASP from NOAA, played an integral role in establishing the Center's identity within the U.S. interagency and international communities during its first year. LCDR Meckley was also absolutely indispensable in preparing for the first-ever Arctic Coast Guard Forum Summit, held here in New London last fall.



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# CASP Accomplishments

**Arctic Coast Guard Forum:** In October 2015, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the Coast Guard Headquarters' Marine Transportation Systems Directorate (CG-5PW) jointly hosted the inaugural Arctic Coast Guard Forum summit. The forum intends to bring together the eight Arctic states of Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and the United States, to provide a platform for information sharing, coordination, and practical exercises.



Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Paul Zukunft joins leaders representing all eight coast guard agencies of the Arctic nations to sign a Joint Statement officially establishing the Arctic Coast Guard Forum at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, October 30, 2015. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Patrick Kelley.

This inaugural Arctic Coast Guard Forum summit demonstrated a clear commitment to cooperation, led to the signing of the Joint Statement, and focused on operational common ground. One of the Forum's shining moments was the international delegation's review of the Corps of Cadets as a closing event.



The international delegation's review of the Corps of Cadets during the Arctic Coast Guard Forum at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, October 30, 2015.

**U.S.-Canada Shared Interests and Opportunities Workshop December 14 & 15, 2015:** CASP and The Arctic Domain Awareness Center (ADAC), at the University of Alaska Anchorage, held a focused workshop on U.S.-Canadian shared interests in the North American Arctic. This workshop brought together scholars, practitioners, and stakeholders from the CANUS Arctic community of experts to identify areas in which a joint governance approach to Arctic objectives might result in more efficient policy outcomes. Ms. Perron and Dr. Pincus facilitated the experts panel, the roundtable discussions, and published the workshop report which is available on the CASP website at <http://uscga.edu/CASP/>.

**Class of '65 Chair of Arctic Studies:** Dr. Pincus the Class of '65 Chair of Arctic Studies has actively engaged the broader Arctic community on behalf of CASP, USCGA, and the greater Coast Guard.

In January, Dr. Pincus published an op-ed in Arctic Deeply entitled "[No One Wants a New Cold War In the Arctic](#)" and chaired a panel at the "Understanding Arctic Sovereignty and Security" workshop at the University of Toronto. The workshop brought together more than 40 researchers and analysts from Canada, the US, and Europe which provided policy insights into sovereignty and security in the Arctic.

Dr. Pincus authored the article "[New Arctic Center's Impacts Felt Round the World](#)" for publication in the USCGA Alumni Association's magazine, *The Bulletin*. The article discussed Dr. Pincus's appointment as the Class of '65 Chair of Arctic Studies, and major CASP accomplishments in 2015.

Dr. Pincus spoke at the "US-Russia Relations in the Arctic" conference hosted by Columbia University's Harriman Institute in early February 2016. The conference brought together Russian and western scholars and policy experts to discuss the current state of US-Russian relations in the Arctic.

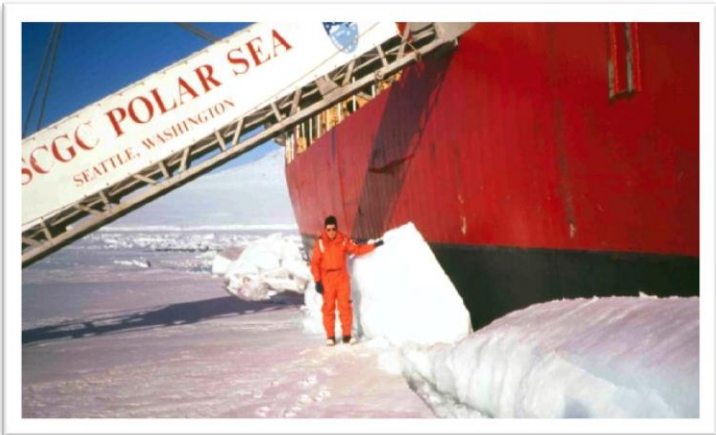
Also in February, Dr. Pincus traveled to Ottawa to participate in the Arctic Executive Steering Committee quarterly meeting, meet with the Canadian Coast Guard and Transport Canada, and discuss Crystal Cruises' proposed Arctic transit.

# Focus on the Fellows

**CASP Fellow Professor Craig Allen** and University of Washington Arctic Law and Policy Institute drafted a categorized review of major Arctic Law and Policy developments. For details see [Arctic Law and Policy Year-in-Review for 2014](#). © University of Washington 2015.

**CASP Fellow Mr. Jim Ellis II**, Partner in the law firm of Blank Rome LLP, provided CASP with valuable context for the proposed Coast Guard funding in the omnibus budget bill, the Coast Guard Authorization Bill, the Coast Guard's icebreaker program, and other Congressional actions.

[CASP Fellow receives Polar Medal of the American Polar Society](#). The American Polar Society has awarded University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Professor and **CASP Fellow Professor Lawson Brigham** its Honorary Member Polar Medal.



Professor Brigham standing with the icebreaker USCGC *Polar Sea* in the Ross Sea near Antarctica.

**CASP Fellow Professor Lawson Brigham** recently published "[More Assets for the Arctic](#)" article in the [Naval Institute Proceedings](#), focused on the challenges presented by the nation's limited icebreaking capacity.

**CASP Fellow Professor Lawson Brigham** served on two panels at the [Center for Strategic & International Studies \(CSIS\) Washington, D.C.](#), in January 2016. Brigham represented the UAF and CASP on the panels "U.S. Polar Icebreakers & Arctic Security Issues" and "The Future of Arctic Shipping."

**CASP Fellow Professor Craig Allen** served as panel moderator at the [3rd Annual Arctic Encounter Symposium in Seattle](#), in January 2016. Allen's panel, co-sponsored by CASP and the Arctic Law and Policy Institute at the University of Washington, was entitled "The Polar Code: From the 2009 Voluntary Guidelines to a Mandatory Code in 2017."

**CASP Fellow Professor Craig Allen** recently published "[The Coast Guard Advances its Arctic Readiness in 2015, but Challenges Remain](#)." This article addressed U.S. initiatives to advance maritime safety, security, and stewardship mission readiness in the Arctic.

**CASP Fellow Professor Lawson Brigham** participated in the Northern Sea Route seminar held by Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, in Tokyo, February 2016.

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