

Dr. Allan R. Millett

Originally founded by Dr. Stephen Ambrose, Dr. Allan R. Millett assumed the leadership of The Eisenhower Center in March 2006.

Under Dr. Millett's direction, the Center will advance Ambrose's original vision: the study of the interaction between the political culture of the United States in the 20th Century and the causes, conduct and consequences of U.S. defense policy and the use of force as an instrument of policy. This period coincides with the life and public career of General/President Dwight D. Eisenhower and includes three major historical epochs: the extension of U.S. power beyond North America (1898-1916), the collapse of European domination and the two world wars (1914-1945), and the U.S.-U.S.S.R. rivalry of the Cold War and the process of global decolonization. The work of the Center also will reflect the Eisenhower legacy of public service, civic leadership and public education.

Dr. Millett was previously the Major General Raymond E. Mason, Jr. Professor of Military History at The Ohio State University where he was a veteran of thirty-seven years as a faculty member and Mershon Center associate. In 2005, he became a professor emeritus at Ohio State, where he directed sixty-two doctoral dissertations to completion, a national record in his specialty.

Dr. Millett is a widely recognized authority on the history of American military policy and twentieth century wars and military institutions. He is author of many books including Semper Fidelis: The History of the United States Marine Corps; The Politics of Intervention: The Military Occupation of Cuba, 1906-1909; The General: Robert L. Bullard and Officership in the United States Army; and In Many a Strife: General Gerald C. Thomas and the U.S. Marine Corps. He is the co-author of For the Common Defense and A War to Be Won: Fighting the Second World War.

In the past decade, Millett also has become a specialist of international stature on the history of the Korean War. He began his work on the war as a Fulbright Distinguished Professor, Korean National Defense University, in 1991, and a Fellow of the Korea Foundation, 1996. In this area of scholarship, Millett has written Their War for Korea (2000) and A House Burning: The War for Korea (2005). Four of his books are on the required reading list for officers of the U.S. Armed Services and he has contributed original essays to fifteen books on the Korean War, World War II, American historiography, foreign and defense policy and military history. Dr. Millett also has written more than thirty articles for such publications as International Security, The Americas, Armed Forces and Society, Strategic Review, Journal of Strategic Studies, and Military History Quarterly.

He has lectured at the academies and war colleges of all the U.S. armed forces, as well as the Japanese National Institute of Defense Studies, the German

Military History Institute, the Korean Military Academy, the National War College and the Imperial College of Defense Studies (U.K.) . Dr. Millett is a colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. His military experience included twelve years of reserve service in infantry units, including command of an infantry battalion, for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit in 1989.