

## MICHAEL S. SMITH II

*Curriculum Vitae*

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Michael S. Smith II is a terrorism analyst, open source intelligence (OSINT) specialist, and an internationally recognized expert on the global influence operations of Salafi-Jihadist groups like ISIS. From 2019-2021, he served as an adjunct member of the faculties of Johns Hopkins University's MA in Global Security Studies and MS in Intelligence Analysis programs, for which he developed and taught a course focused on the OSINT discipline and its utilities for such actors as governments and terrorist groups like ISIS. In 2021, he accepted an unconditional offer to pursue the degree of PhD in War Studies at King's College London, where his research will examine how governments of the United States and several close allies apply certain intelligence resource in preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE) initiatives. As an international P/CVE consultant, his recent work includes providing assistive guidance to the Ministry of Security in Bosnia and Herzegovina under the auspices of a USAID Office of Transition Initiatives-funded program. Since 2009, his work with prominent think tanks and as Principal and COO of Kronos Advisory, a private national security consultancy he co-founded with Medal of Honor recipient Major General James E. Livingston, USMC (Ret), has been at the nexus of strategic and tactical threat analysis, technical mitigation support, and the formulation of United States national security policy. During this time, his insights on al-Qa'ida's and Islamic State's activities, along with opportunities to more effectively manage threats posed by them have been regularly sought by members of the United States Congress, officials with the Executive Office of the President of the United States, and governments comprising the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, for which he served as the keynote speaker for a counterterrorism practitioners conference hosted at the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office headquarters in March 2017. Mr. Smith's work for members of Congress has been entered into the *Congressional Record* and used as a source document for national security legislation signed by President Barack Obama, titled The Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act of 2012. In October 2017, he provided expert testimony during the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism's high-profile hearing focused on terrorists' and Russia's online influence operations. In December 2019, he presented his analysis of how conflict in Syria has impacted trends in international terrorism during the NATO Parliamentary Assembly's 19th Annual Parliamentary Transatlantic Forum. During the past decade, his work assisting policymakers and national security managers, as well as his perspectives on international security issues have been covered extensively by major media in the United States, Europe, Canada and Australia, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, NBC, CBS, PBS, CNN, Fox News Channel, BBC, NPR, The Associated Press, Reuters, Voice of America, *Newsweek*, *Foreign Policy*, *Time*, Channel 4, CBC (Canada), France 24, Agence France-Presse, *The Times of London/Sunday Times*, *The Guardian*, Bloomberg, CTV News (Canada), 9 News Australia, ABC (Australia), *El Mundo* (Spain), and *Corriere della Sera* (Italy). In 2016, for his collaboration with hactivists who infiltrated Islamic State social media networks to gather information about attack plots and recruitment activities, *Foreign Policy* listed him among the "Moguls" in its annual list of the "100 Leading Global Thinkers," and *Fast Company* magazine ranked him 14 on its annual list of the "100 Most Creative People in Business." In addition to serving as a speaker during academic and government conferences hosted in the United States, Europe, and Africa, he has published with a diverse mix of high-impact factor academic and influential policy and news publications, including *Foreign Affairs*, *Lawfare*, *World Politics Review*, *The Times of London/Sunday Times*, CNN.com, FoxNews.com, *The Washington Times*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*, and his scholarly work includes a chapter on Islamic State in the first edition of the *Routledge Handbook of International Relations in the Middle East* (2019). Contents of both his research archives and his Twitter feed have also been featured in reporting by major media, including, among others, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, CNN, Fox News, BBC, *Foreign Policy*, and *Newsweek*, as well as in such authoritative academic works as Thomas Hegghammer's book *The Caravan: Abdallah Azzam and the Rise of Global Jihad*. Mr. Smith was awarded his MA in Intelligence and Security Studies and Graduate Certificate in Intelligence Analysis by The Citadel. In recognition of his academic accomplishments as a graduate student, he was inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the United States' oldest multidisciplinary national collegiate honor society.

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## EDUCATION

Forthcoming: PhD Student, War Studies, King's College London (Enrollment scheduled for October 2021)

PhD Student, Communication, Georgia State University (withdrew to pursue different PhD track)

*4.0 GPA, Satisfactory completion of Research Assistantship work*

*Received full tuition waiver and stipend to support a Department of Defense-funded research program*

*Research foci: Persuasion and Salafi-Jihadist elements' incitement-focused propaganda programs*

*Taught large (120 undergraduate students) 3-credit lecture course on media literacy, titled Media, Culture and Society*

MA, Intelligence and Security Studies, The Citadel Graduate College

*4.0 GPA, with honors (inducted into the national honor society Phi Kappa Phi)*

Graduate Certificate, Intelligence Analysis, The Citadel Graduate College

BA, Arts Management, College of Charleston

## HONORS

Member, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Listed among the "Moguls" in *Foreign Policy* magazine's "100 Leading Global Thinkers 2016"

<https://gt.foreignpolicy.com/2016/profile/michael-s-smith-ii>

Ranked 14 in *Fast Company* magazine's "100 Most Creative People in Business 2016"

<https://www.fastcompany.com/person/michael-s-smith-ii>

Fellowship (nonresident): International Security Program Fellow, New America (2017-2018)

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Lecturer, Adjunct Faculty, Johns Hopkins University, Advanced Academic Programs (2019-2021)

*Course developer and teacher for a graduate studies course for the MA in Global Security Studies and MS in Intelligence*

*Analysis programs, titled Open Source Research in Conflict, Politics and Scholarship*

*Additional responsibilities included serving as a reviewer for graduate theses*

International Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Consultant (2017-present)

*Projects have included providing assistive guidance to Bosnia and Herzegovina's Ministry of Security during 2019 under the auspices of a USAID Office of Transition Initiatives-funded program*

Independent Terrorism Analyst (2017-present)

*Conducting research focused on Islamic State's and other Salafi-Jihadist groups' recruitment and incitement programs while examining their exploitations of such popular encrypted chat apps, social media, and file-sharing platforms as Telegram Messenger, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Google Drive to recruit and incite violence in the West*

Consultant, International Spy Museum (2018-2019)

*Assisted the museum's education staff with the development of an open source intelligence practitioner simulation exhibit that was launched following the museum's reopening at its new facility in 2019*

Guest Lecturer, Proseminar Instructor, Johns Hopkins University, Advanced Academic Programs (2016-2018)

*Frequent guest lecturer for graduate courses on intelligence and counterterrorism taught by former CIA senior counterterrorism analyst Cynthia Storer, and proseminar instructor for seminar covering open source intelligence collection and exploitation focused on Islamic State's online recruitment and incitement program*

Co-founder, Principal & COO, Kronos Advisory (2011-2016)

*Kronos Advisory was a consultancy established in 2011 by Smith and Major General James E. Livingston, USMC (Ret) to assist policymakers and US national security managers with irregular warfare-related issues, with particular focus on counterterrorism. A member of a team of companies that was awarded an IDIQ by SPAWAR Atlantic (US Navy) in 2013, the firm was described by Foreign Policy magazine as a "leading open source intelligence consultancy."*

Research Fellow and Government Relations Officer, The NEFA Foundation (2009-2011)

*NEFA was a nonprofit research institute engaged in independent investigations of groups and individuals who planned, funded and executed terrorist attacks targeting Americans and their allies, with primary focus on Salafi-Jihadist groups and their supporters. In addition to his work conducting research and participating in briefings provided to members of the United States Congress, Smith secured a \$500,000 gift from a private donor to fund the foundation's research. Titled Bin Laden's Bookshelf, a collection of materials published by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (US) highlights al-Qa'ida's senior leaders were particularly interested in NEFA's reporting on al-Qa'ida and affiliated elements.*

ADDITIONAL PAST EXPERIENCE

Peer Reviewer, Perspectives on Terrorism

*Peer-reviewed online journal of the Terrorism Research Initiative (TRI)*

Participant, Council on Foreign Relations' Working Group on Disinformation and Democracy

Editor and main contributor, Downrange

[www.insidethejihad.com](http://www.insidethejihad.com)

Expert, Congressional Taskforce on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare

*Reported and briefed on terrorist elements active in the Syrian Jihad, the Iranian regime's sponsorship of terrorist groups, Iran's nuclear program, Russia's support of Iran's nuclear program and Russian influence operations in the Middle East. Assisted chairman's office with its development of a terrorism preparedness manual for his civilian constituents.*

Expert, Congressional Anti-Terrorism Caucus

*The ATC consisted of approximately 100 members of the House and Senate, and functioned as Congress' semi-official think tank on terrorism. Produced reports and provided briefings on al-Qa'ida's activities. Notable reports and briefings focused on a plot targeting the 2010 World Cup (identified by NEFA Foundation investigators before an al-Qa'ida member captured in Iraq shared details about the plot), and relations between IRGC-Qods Force officials and senior al-Qa'ida figures.*

Senior Analyst (Terrorism, Middle East, Iran), Wikistrat

*Wikistrat is a geostrategic analysis firm that purveys analytic services to government and private sector clients.*

Smith has also worked as a copy editor and features writer for a newspaper part of the Evening Post

Publishing Company's product mix. EPPC is the parent company of South Carolina's largest daily newspaper, *The Post and Courier*, in which Smith has published book reviews and opeds.

## EXPERT TESTIMONY

Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism (2017, October 31)  
Hearing titled "Extremist Content and Russian Disinformation Online: Working with Tech to Find Solutions."  
Hearing details: <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/meetings/extremist-content-and-russian-disinformation-online-working-with-tech-to-find-solutions>

Written testimony: "Undeterred: Islamic State's Global Recruitment and Incitement Campaign,"

<https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/10-31-17%20Smith%20Testimony.pdf>

Answers to questions for the record from Senators Dianne Feinstein, Amy Klobuchar, and Chris Coons,

<https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Smith%20Responses%20to%20QFRs.pdf>

## SAMPLE REFEREED AND PUBLICATIONS IN HIGH IMPACT FACTOR-RANKED PUBLICATIONS

Michael S. Smith II, chapter titled "Islamic State: Aberration, or accelerant of system-wide changes to come?"  
In Shahram Akbarzadeh (Ed), *The Routledge Handbook of International Relations in the Middle East*.  
Routledge/Taylor & Francis (2019)

Michael S. Smith II (2017, May 27). "Was ISIS Responsible for the Las Vegas Attack? Why a False Claim Seems at Odds With the Group's Strategy." *Foreign Affairs*

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/united-states/2017-10-09/was-isis-responsible-las-vegas-attack>

Michael S. Smith II (2017, May 27). "Containing ISIS' Online Campaigns After Manchester: The Simple Tools We Can Use But Choose Not To." *Foreign Affairs*

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2017-05-27/containing-isis-online-campaigns-after-manchester>

## CONFERENCE AND PANEL EVENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Speaker and Panelist, NATO Parliamentary Assembly's 19th Annual Parliamentary Transatlantic Forum, National Defense University, Washington, DC (2019, December 9-11)

Session 9: The Current Crisis in Syria and in the Broader Middle East (December 11, 2019)

Topic: The Situation in Syria and its Implications for the Terrorist Threat

Prepared remarks accessible via <https://www.terrorismanalyst.com/files>

Selected Paper Presenter and Panelist,\* Society for Terrorism Research's 13th Annual Conference: The Data Revolution in Terrorism Research: Implications for Theory and Practice, Oslo, Norway (2019, June 20-21)

Panel: "Documenting the Islamic State"

Paper (forthcoming): "Intelligence Failure: How Islamic State Propaganda Could Have Been Used to Anticipate the Surge of Terrorist Attacks in Europe"

Paper abstract available at <https://www.sv.uio.no/c-rex/english/news-and-events/events/2019/STR2019/panels/documenting-the-islamic-state.html>

\*Participation canceled due to professional schedule conflict

Speaker, counterterrorism conference hosted by the National Counter Terrorism Centre of the Government of Kenya, Nanyuki, Kenya (2018, October 14-17)

Panelist, Senate briefing on terrorists' exploitations of social media, Washington, DC (2017, September 13)  
*Closed briefing organized by Senator Lindsey Graham's office, attended by Senator Graham, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Senator Dianne Feinstein and Senate Judiciary Committee staff*

Speaker, New America/Arizona State Univ Future of War Conference, Washington, DC (2017, March 21)

Footage: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNg6mLkXcYM>

Keynote Speaker; Global Coalition to Counter Daesh counterterrorism practitioners conference, United Kingdom Foreign & Commonwealth Office headquarters, London (2017, March 1)

Panelist, Foreign Policy magazine special report launch event, "Foreign Policy in the Trump Administration," Washington, DC (2017, February 2)

Featured presenter, New America, "Social Media Jihad 2.0: Inside ISIS' Global Recruitment and Incitement Campaign," Washington, DC (2017, January 18)

Footage: <https://www.newamerica.org/international-security/events/social-media-jihad-20/>

Presenter, Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA.org) conference, North Charleston, SC (2016, November 3)

Panelist, Shurat Hadin Israel Law Center event, "Hashtag Terrorism: The Role of Social Media in Terrorist Incitement," Harvard Law School (2016, September 21)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIVOrjWsDIE>

Panelist and Panel Moderator, Shurat Hadin Israel Law Center "Eyes Only" conference, Yale Club, New York (2016, September 18-19)

<http://www.eyesonlynyc.com/speakers>

Panelist, "Social Media in the Hands of Terror" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFJWLJKV9Wg>

Moderator, "What is ISIS and How Can it be Defeated?" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Th3eB\\_-348](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Th3eB_-348)

Featured Presenter, National Sheriffs' Association (US) NC-SC Counterterrorism Conference, North Charleston, SC (2016, February 15-17)

Slides: <http://kronosadvisory.com/NC.SC.CT.Conf.SocialMediaJihadPresentationRemarks.pdf>

## NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS SAMPLE (2011-PRESENT)

Michael S. Smith II (2019, March 24). "Fitna, a Failed Coup and a Squandered Opportunity to Undermine the Islamic State's 'Intangible Power.'" *Lawfare* (Brookings)

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/fitna-failed-coup-and-squandered-opportunity-undermine-islamic-states-intangible-power>

Michael S. Smith II (2018, July 22). "Nikki Haley should speak up about sexual exploitation of Syrian refugees." *The Post and Courier*

[https://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/commentary/nikki-haley-should-speak-up-about-sexual-exploitation-of-syrian/article\\_bb29cba6-8b6a-11e8-9bcd-0f539ac7de65.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/commentary/nikki-haley-should-speak-up-about-sexual-exploitation-of-syrian/article_bb29cba6-8b6a-11e8-9bcd-0f539ac7de65.html)

Michael S. Smith II (2018, May 16; Published 2018, June 6). "ISIS in 2018: A View to the Enduring Threat." Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, International Panel on Exiting Violence

Michael S. Smith II (2018, March). Publication of Smith's testimony during the October 2017 Senate hearing titled "Extremist Content and Russian Disinformation Online," In "Social Media and National Security: Abuse of Digital Platforms by Foreign Agents." *Congressional Digest*

<http://congressionaldigest.com/issue/social-media-and-national-security/terrorism-and-social-media/#gsc.tab=0>

Michael S. Smith II (2018, February 4). "Is President Trump Enabling the Islamic State's Power of Persuasion?" *Lawfare* (Brookings)

<https://lawfareblog.com/president-trump-enabling-islamic-states-power-persuasion>

Michael S. Smith II (2017, September 20). "Britain must lean on Trump to police terrorist websites" *The Times of London, Sunday Times*  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/comment/britain-must-lean-on-trump-to-police-terrorist-websites-jkzlskxjj>

Michael S. Smith II (2017, September 13). "Undeterred: A View to Islamic State's Global Recruitment and Incitement Campaign"  
*Report prepared for attendees of a closed briefing organized by Senator Lindsey Graham's office, attended by Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Senator Dianne Feinstein and Senate Judiciary Committee staff*

Michael S. Smith II (2017, February 9). "How Trump Admin Policies are Really Used as Recruitment Tools By Islamic State." Downrange  
<https://insidethejihad.com/2017/02/how-trump-admin-policies-are-really-used-as-recruitment-tools-by-islamic-state/>

Michael S. Smith II (2016, December 7). Defeating Islamic State Requires a Global Campaign — Not Just a Coalition: Five Focus Areas for the First 100 Days, A Counterterrorism Agenda Primer  
<https://insidethejihad.com/2017/03/five-focus-areas-for-the-first-100-days/>

Michael S. Smith II (2016, November 28). "An Analyst's View to the OSU Attack." Downrange  
<https://insidethejihad.com/2016/11/an-analysts-view-to-the-osu-attack/>

Michael S. Smith II (2016, November). Degrading Terrorists' Influence Online Begins in America (Draft Policy Primer). Kronos Advisory  
[http://www.kronosadvisory.com/DRAFT\\_PolicyPrimer.SocialMedia.MichaelSSmithII.Nov16.pdf](http://www.kronosadvisory.com/DRAFT_PolicyPrimer.SocialMedia.MichaelSSmithII.Nov16.pdf)

Michael S. Smith II (2016, August 17). "CVE?" Downrange  
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Michael S. Smith II (2015, December 11). The Imminent Front: An Estimate. Kronos Advisory  
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Michael S. Smith II, D/DIA (Ret) LtGen Michael T. Flynn & MajGen James E. Livingston, USMC (Ret) (2015, May 11). "Be Afraid of ISIS." CNN.com  
<http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/26/opinions/flynn-livingston-smith-isis-threat/>

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Michael S. Smith II (2014, September 1). "When terrorists compete, Americans lose." *The Washington Times*  
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/sep/1/when-terrorists-compete-americans-lose/>

Michael S. Smith II (2014, May 16). "A more realistic vision for combating Islamic terror." *The Washington Times*  
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/may/16/livingston-smith-a-more-realistic-vision-for-comba/>

Michael S. Smith II & MajGen James E. Livingston, USMC (Ret) (2013, September 18). "The high cost of 'leading from behind.'" *The Washington Times*  
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/sep/18/livingston-the-high-cost-of-leading-from-behind/>

Michael S. Smith II & Ronald Sandee (2013, March). Iran and the Global Jihad: Exploring how the “impossible” became inevitable. Kronos  
[http://www.kronosadvisory.com/Kronos\\_IRAN.AND.THE.GLOBAL.JIHAD.pdf](http://www.kronosadvisory.com/Kronos_IRAN.AND.THE.GLOBAL.JIHAD.pdf)

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[http://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/why-obama-prematurely-proclaimed-victory-over-al-qaida/article\\_132b9374-7144-59fa-a0d4-8d5e26b147ed.html](http://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/why-obama-prematurely-proclaimed-victory-over-al-qaida/article_132b9374-7144-59fa-a0d4-8d5e26b147ed.html)

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<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2012/10/25/iran-al-qaeda-and-obamas-farcical-blood-on-his-hands-defense-policy.html>

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<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2012/09/21/has-obama-helped-egypt-open-new-headquarters-for-global-jihad.html>

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<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2012/09/10/september-11-and-americas-unfinished-business-with-iran.html>

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Michael S. Smith II & Thomas P.M. Barnett (2011, August 11). “Might al-Zawahiri’s al-Qa’ida come to view future nuclear power Iran as THE perfect sanctuary?” *Time* magazine’s Battleland Blog

<http://nation.time.com/2011/08/01/might-al-zawahiris-al-qaida-come-to-view-future-nuclear-power-iran-as-the-perfect-sanctuary/>

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<http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/9287/the-new-rules-making-syrias-assad-next-domino-to-fall>

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## SAMPLE BOOK REVIEWS

*Note: The Post and Courier is the largest daily newspaper published in South Carolina (US)*

Michel S. Smith II (2010, February 7). "Is Peace 'Beyond America's Grasp?'" Review of *Beyond America's Grasp: A Century of Failed Diplomacy in the Middle East* by Stephen P. Cohen. *The Post and Courier*

Michael S. Smith II (2010, January 10). "'Keynes' profile accessible even for casual reader." Review of *Keynes: The Rise, Fall, and Return of the 20th Century's Most Influential Economist* by Peter Clarke. *The Post and Courier*

Michael S. Smith II (2009, November 29). "Palin Likely to Keep Fans Happy" Review of *Going Rogue: An American Life* by Sarah Palin. *The Post and Courier*

Michael S. Smith II (2009, November 22). "Death a Snide Attack." Review of *The Death of Conservatism* by Sam Tanenhaus. *The Post and Courier*

Michael S. Smith II (2009, November 1). "Shedding Light on 40th President." Review of *The Age of Reagan: The Conservative Counter-revolution, 1980-1989* by Steven F. Haward. *The Post and Courier*

Michael S. Smith II (2009, September 6). "Author Targets Myths About Nuclear Power." Review of *Atomic Awakening: A New Look at the History and Future of Nuclear Power* by James Mahaffey. *The Post and Courier*

Michael S. Smith II (2009, August 9). "S.C. Senator Warns Against Socialist Policies." Review of *Saving Freedom: We Can Stop America's Slide Into Socialism* by Senator Jim DeMint. *The Post and Courier*

Michael S. Smith II (2009, June 28). "'Memoir' Examines Wars With Iraq." Review of *War of Necessity, War of Choice: A Memoir of Two Iraq Wars* by Richard N. Haass. *The Post and Courier*

Michael S. Smith II (2009, March 8). "'Powers' offers global insights." Review of *Great Powers: America and the World After Bush* by Thomas P.M. Barnett. *The Post and Courier*

Michael S. Smith II (2009, February 22). "Story of editor's fight enthralling." Review of *Dirty Secrets, Dirty War (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1976-1983): The Exile of Editor Robert J. Cox* by David Cox. *The Post and Courier*

Michael S. Smith (2009, February 8). "U.S. interrogator recalls hunt for al-Zarqawi." Review of *How to Break a Terrorist: The U.S. Interrogators Who Used Brains, Not Brutality, to Take Down the Deadliest Man in Iraq* by Matthew Alexander. *The Post and Courier*

Michael S. Smith II (2009, January 25). "Book thorough but contemptuous." Review of *The Man Who Owns the News: Inside the Secret World of Rupert Murdoch* by Michael Wolff. *The Post and Courier*

Michael S. Smith II (2008, December 21). "'Crash Course' Revealing." Review of *Backstabbing for Beginners: My Crash Course in International Diplomacy* by Michael Soussan. *The Post and Courier*

Michael S. Smith II (2008, November 16). "Book warns of Iran's imperial aims." Review of *The Devil We Know:*



*Dealing with the New Iranian Superpower* by Robert Baer. *The Post and Courier*

Michael S. Smith II (2008, October 12). "World' anti-Bush, intriguing." Review of *The Way of the World: A Story of Truth and Hope in an Age of Extremism* by Ron Suskind. *The Post and Courier*

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