

Comments Summaries

Chris Inglis

Delivering on the Constitution's Aspirations-Aligning Security and Privacy Venice - 1/9/18

79 evaluations received

21 included comments

Comments:

- excellent-knowledge on subject"
- excellent presentation-a great advocate for NSA (and for gov't employees-general)"
- excellent! a lot of info
- excellent speaker
- rarely do I give a 5, this presenter is worth the 5's
- one of the best we have heard in 3 years
- so informative and his humor made the subject extremely interesting
- material was excellent as was the speaker's knowledge
- Excellent speaker-should give more time

Comments about Q & A Period

5 people commented on the lack of control during the Q & A period of the lecture. Two suggestions were given

1. The number of questions per person should be stated so everyone with questions get a chance.
2. A person who is willing and able should be appointed as a moderator to control questions.

Comments about Flow of Presentation

6 comments stated that Mr. Inglis spoke too fast which interfered with the understanding of the concepts presented.

General Comments about Content

- did not address how they protect privacy
- did not address the topic Security vs Privacy Today
- would have liked more discussion on Privacy

Dr. Robert Gallucci
Providing for National Security in the Second Nuclear Age
Sarasota - 1/11/18

122 evaluations received
17 included comments

Comments:

- he needs to talk more about now versus history and context only
- outstanding speaker
- answered questions very well
- too theoretical, mumbles
- invite speaker to return; depends upon world events
- the speaker did not enunciate well! was hard to understand, he mumbled
- too analytical for general public.
- needed to get to today faster; too much history
- at several points I could not make out the words he was saying.
- difficult for me to understand at times.
- so knowledgeable but enunciation challenged, lost some critical words
- great topic treated very well. I would love to hear Dr. Gallucci speak again either on this topic or continue or corollary to this topic, i.e., nukes between Pakistan and India, then what?
- excellent speaker

SILL

- microphone back feed problems. Consider eliminating head mic and speaking directly into podium mic. When announcer uses podium mic – sound does not become muffled. Please try it!
- he was cut off far too early. I'd much rather cut down on Q & A than stop an exhilarating presentation
- there are many great topics out there that, if presented by an equally dynamic speaker, could expand our imagination and knowledge.
- consider extending lecture times to 90 minutes. All three lectures I've attended (so far) would have benefited from more time!

Linda Thomas Greenfield

**Africa's Challenges and Opportunities - Why Should the United States Care?
Lakewood Ranch - 1/18/18**

74 evaluations received

7 included comments

Comments:

- the talk lacked focus and purpose, but the speaker is knowledgeable and articulate
- sugar-coated, too general
- she needs a pointer
- prepared comments lacked specifics
- responses to questions very good
- her passion came across more in her prepared remarks
- too political
- Q&A was most thought provoking part
- Subject doesn't merit repeat every two years

Sasha Hoffman

Robot Nation: Synergy between Man and Machine

Sarasota - 1/24/18

141 evaluations received

20 included comments

Non-substantive Comments:

- wants more speakers on healthcare technology
- good speaker but will not change much
- would like video copy of speech available, not just audio
- nice hearing from a smart young woman
- way, way too much data
- last syllable dropped by speaker system
- dropped voice at end of sentences
- slides not good in such large auditorium

Substantive Comments:

- slides/graphics too small/unreadable (10)
- spoke too rapidly/could not understand speaker (9)

Peter Bensinger

The Heroin/Opioid Epidemic and Prescription Drug Abuse

Venice 3/2/18

76 evaluations received

19 included comments

Comments about Speaker:

- very informative
- have him back next year for an update (2)
- excellent history
- great speaker

Audiovisual Issues:

It is interesting to note that comments made on the 19 forms 13 (68%) referred to Audiovisual issues. A sample of these comments are below:

- the inability to show the slides impacted negatively on the presentation
- disappointing that the sound system and slide show as not working
- acoustics
- please check out the slides presentation ahead of time
- this seems to be a recurring problem
- test the AV well before the lecture so a spare can be used
- SILL needs improvement on audio equipment
- sometimes the sound system was not clear
- could not always understand the speaker
- please fix the visual aids situation.
- get the tech here earlier or do whatever it takes
- fix the video-it is embarrassing
- sound system sucks

Miscellaneous Comments:

- Add lecture on South/Latin America

Stephen Yale-Loehr
Green Card Stories
Sarasota 3/6/18

175 evaluations received
19 included comments

Comments were overwhelmingly positive; over 175 responses with only 12 negative ratings or comments.

Typical positive comments:

- great visuals; very well organized
- a significant moral/political issue
- presentation very eloquent, logically delivered, and timely
- he was outstanding!
- superb lecturer and excellent response to questions
- he carefully avoided controversy, e.g. sanctuary cities
- could have covered controversies better...
- he was outstanding.....
- although interesting, it was the most depressing information I've heard in a long time
- very much appreciate speaker who uses slides....many of us are VISUAL learners
- he was succinct, organized, and knowledgeable
- excellent speaker, but talk was very descriptive rather than analytical;
- very informative; shined a strong light on the topic
- a very clear organized speaker...speakers who actually teach are exceptional
- current and relevant info; too many other speakers are NOT current...
- definitely bring this guy back
- best speaker so far this year...
- very good speaker, and current, too...
- a terrific speaker, and knows his subject, too...

Negative Comments:

- two sides to a story, the other side?
- biased, very negative
- sorry to find SILL's leftward tilt has morphed into a rush to the liberal left...
- very interesting and uplifting but avoided discussion of criminals who have come to U.S.
- very biased
- we did not hear about the illegal criminals. SILL speakers too far left

Farah Pandith
How We Win
Venice 3/13/18

69 evaluations received
9 included comments

Comments:

- one of the best speakers, well versed, her remarks, super
- outstanding
- reiterate the audience questions
- I thought the speaker was too repetitive about the nature and cause of the problem, and spent too little time on the steps individuals/communities could take
- 3 stated the speaker was excellent
- 3 comments stated the speaker should have spoken a little slower

Dennis Ross
Challenges for U.S. Middle East Policy
Sarasota 3/15/18

Total evaluations received: ?
Evaluations with comments: ?

Ambassador Ross drew very few written comments, apparently because of the long Q&A period, which really ran overtime.

Comments:

- best speaker so far this year
- ambassador spoke well, addressed issues well, but his pro-israeli views came through
- answers to questions too long; could have handled more questions with shorter answers (two respondents)
- speaker could be clearer in his articulation, particularly at the end of sentences
- great! one of the most informative/qualified speakers ever
- visual aids/map would have enhanced his talk, clearly knowledgeable but needs tips on effective presentation

Susan Spaulding
Cybersecurity
Sarasota 3/20/18

Total evaluations received: ?

Evaluations with comments: 2

Comments:

-excellent(2)

Michael Yarymovych
Destination Mars
Sarasota 3/21/18

Total evaluations received: 65

Evaluations with comments: 11

Comments:

-fascinating --more please

-return

-difficult to understand him: 6 comments

-great visuals

-overall a highly interesting talk

-Q&A microphone may need replacement

-slides were not easily understood

-very interesting to me...but perhaps not to others or to SILL theme

-suggestion: print actual dates on program sheet

Daniel Benjamin
American Strategy in a Time of Terrorism
Lakewood Ranch 3/22/18

Total evaluations received: 52

Evaluations with comments: 5

Comments:

- outstanding speaker
- get some conservative speakers and stop bashing POTUS
- he made a point of talking about many things he didn't like--missteps--in past administrations, but offered no alternatives

- excellent (SILL) program and speakers
- lucky to have SILL at LWR

Richard Wainio

Global Trade, Containerization and the Panama Canal

Sarasota 3/27/18

Total evaluations received: 99

Evaluations with comments: ?

Comments:

- more interesting than I expected
- SILL should not be a forum for one sided anti-government issues
- considering not subscribing next year
- excellent: organized relevant factual
- great slides
- well done! bring him back
- very good!
- excellent speaker for a replacement
- knowledgeable on a critical subject
- one of the best!
- great speaker, interesting topic
- invite him back...