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CSBA Welcomes Travis Sharp as Head of Defense Budget Studies

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Washington, March 9, 2021 – The Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA) today announced the reappointment of Dr. Travis Sharp to its senior professional staff, following the completion of his mobilization to active duty as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Dr. Sharp, who first joined CSBA in 2018, returns to direct the Center’s defense budget studies program and lead CSBA’s efforts to inform policymakers, journalists, and the public about national security resources and investment priorities.

“All of us at CSBA are grateful to Travis for his service to our nation,” said Dr. Thomas G. Mahnken, President and CEO of CSBA. “We are thrilled that, in addition to successfully concluding his doctoral studies, he will play a major role in reinforcing CSBA’s position as an independent voice on defense budgetary debates.”

Dr. Sharp has held positions with numerous academic and policy organizations, including George Washington University's Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, West Point's Modern War Institute, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Center for a New American Security, and the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation. He has published monographs, journal articles, and commentaries on defense spending and strategy, cybersecurity, and military-to-military contacts between great power rivals, the topic of his dissertation. His Google Scholar Profile (<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Ye9OUssAAAAJ>) (<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Ye9OUssAAAAJ>) features his research, which has appeared in *The Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Policy Sciences*, *Survival*, and *International Affairs*, among other outlets.

Dr. Sharp earned a B.A. at the University of San Francisco, and received his M.P.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from Princeton University. He is a past recipient of the Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship, the A.B. Krongard and John Parker Compton Fellowships at Princeton, the 1LT Bacevich Fellowship at the Center for a New American Security, the Harold Rosenthal Fellowship in International Relations, and the Herbert Scoville Peace Fellowship.

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