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EDUCATION

B.S., Economics, with honors (1973), California Institute of Technology
Ph.D., Policy Analysis (1979), RAND Graduate Institute for Public Policy
Analysis. Thesis: “Uncertainty in ICBM Survivability”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020-Present—Adjunct International/Defense Researcher, The RAND Corporation,
1992-2020—Senior Defense Analyst, The RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California
1999-Present—Professor of Policy Analysis, Pardee RAND Graduate School
1993-1998—Adjunct Professor, Department of Health Services, School of Public Health, University
of California at Los Angeles
1985-1992—Adjunct Professor, The National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
1982-1992—Senior Analyst, RAND, Washington, D.C.
1980-1982—Senior Analyst, The Planning Group, Science Applications, Inc., McLean, Virginia
1975-1980—Staff Member, RAND, Santa Monica, California



RESEARCH AREAS

Dr. Bennett is an Adjunct International/Defense Researcher who is an expert in Northeast Asian military issues, having visited the region over 120 times and written much about Korean security issues (see his webpage cited above). His research addresses the North Korean military threats, understanding and shaping the ongoing Korean crises, North Korean denuclearization (especially if negotiation fails), future US and ROK military force operations and requirements, preparing for and dealing with a North Korean collapse and/or Korean unification, the Korean military balance, and managing third party intervention in Korea. He has also worked on the Persian/Arab Gulf region.

Dr. Bennett specializes in “asymmetric threats” such as weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and how to counter those threats with new strategies, operational concepts, and technologies. He has examined the operational/strategic implications of possible chemical, biological, and nuclear threats, including nontraditional agents, posed against the United States, Northeast Asia, and the Persian Gulf. His projects have involved working with the operational commanders to examine force requirements for WMD elimination, counters to North Korean chemical and biological weapon threats in Korea and Japan, and deterrence of nuclear threats (including strengthening the US nuclear umbrella) and provocations. He has also examined the implications of North Korean nuclear weapons and how to deter their use and testing.

He has researched broader defense strategies and procedures for future force planning, developing a Defense Planning Scenario and supporting the Quadrennial Defense Review. He led development of the Joint Integrated Contingency Model (JICM), a global theater analysis model. He directed a project that evaluated potential alternatives for theater air and missile defense, and a project to develop new concepts for verification and validation of military operations models.

Dr. Bennett’s work applies war gaming, risk management, deterrence-based strategy, military simulation and analysis, and competitive strategies. He has worked for the U.S., ROK, and Japanese national security communities.

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- Bruce W. Bennett, “Weapons of Mass Destruction: The North Korean Threat,” *The Korean Journal of Defense Analysis*, Korea Institute of Defense Analyses, Fall 2004.
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