

GERALD EPSTEIN JOINS CSIS

Former White House Science And Technology Security Aide Named Homeland Senior Fellow

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4, 2004 — **Gerald L. Epstein**, a former national security aide in the White House office of Science and Technology Policy, has been named Senior Fellow for Science and Security in the CSIS Homeland Security Program.

Epstein will focus on biological weapons threats, national preparedness for biological attacks, and relations between the scientific and security communities.

Most recently, Epstein worked at the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) on assignment to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's Advanced Systems and Concepts Office. Prior to IDA, he served in the White House science and technology office as assistant director for national security with a joint appointment as senior director for science and technology on the National Security Council staff.

From 1983 to 1989 and again from 1991 until it was closed in 1995, Epstein worked at the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, where he specialized in international security. From 1989 to 1991, he directed a project at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government on the relationship between civil and military technologies. He also has served as visiting lecturer at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

“The landmark studies on proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that Jerry directed a decade ago for the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment remain the ‘must-have’ references for scholars, journalists, and policymakers alike,” said CSIS President and CEO **John Hamre**. “Having worked in the homeland security arena long before it acquired that name, Jerry's technical background and policy experience will help CSIS be an intellectual leader in the field.”

Epstein received his S.B. degrees in physics and electrical engineering from MIT and a Ph.D. in physics from the University of California at Berkeley.

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