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N E W S R E L E A S E

Shane Harris

@War: The Rise of the Military-Internet Complex

Wednesday, March 11 / 8:00 p.m. / Free
New Vic Theater
33 West Victoria Street, Santa Barbara

S U M M A R Y F A C T S

- Shane Harris, senior correspondent at *The Daily Beast* and author of *@War: The Rise of the Military-Internet Complex* and *The Watchers: The Rise of America's Surveillance State*
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- New Vic Theater, 33 West Victoria Street, Santa Barbara
- Courtesy of The Book Den, copies of *@War* will be available for purchase and signing at this event
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Event Description:

The United States military currently views cyberspace as the “fifth domain” of warfare (alongside land, air, sea, and space), and the Department of Defense, the National Security Agency, and the CIA all field teams of hackers who can, and do, launch computer virus strikes against enemy targets. Shane Harris delves into the frontlines of America’s new cyber war, investigating the recent revelations that have shown how government agencies are joining with tech giants like Google and Facebook to collect vast amounts of information. The military has also formed a new alliance with tech and finance companies to patrol cyberspace, and Harris offers a deeper glimpse into this partnership than we have ever seen before. Finally, Harris explains what the new cybersecurity regime means for all of us, who spend our daily lives bound to the Internet — and are vulnerable to its dangers.

Speaker Profile:

Shane Harris is an award-winning author and magazine journalist. He is currently a Senior Correspondent at The Daily Beast, where he covers national security, intelligence and cyber security. He is also an ASU fellow at New America, where he researches the future of war. His work has appeared in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Slate, Foreign Policy, the Atlantic, National Journal, the Washington Post, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, and the U.S. Naval Institute’s Proceedings. He has provided analysis and commentary for CNN, NPR, the BBC, the History Channel, National Geographic, several foreign media organizations and many local public radio stations.

@War Book Reviews:

“A great overview of our new cyberfronts. Unlike most books about cyberwar, this one is enjoyably readable. At times it feels like a modern spy novel, but it is a guide to tomorrow’s headlines.”

—Thomas E. Ricks, author of *Fiasco and The Generals*

"Sprawling account of how the U.S. military joined forces with the National Security Agency to develop 'cyber warfare' capabilities, monitoring America's enemies and its citizens alike. Harris adeptly documents the online threats directed at American society, ranging from the Chinese military's well-funded hacking cells to large-scale information thefts committed by international crime syndicates, but he also demonstrates the NSA's insatiable collection of metadata and preparation of "backdoor" cyberweapons for future use, concluding that "[a]nonymity and collective security may be incompatible in cyberspace."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

“@War is a tour de force of reporting on the past, present, and future of cyber-conflict. It will be required reading both in the Pentagon and among the army of Chinese cyber spies now assaulting American businesses. Hackers, policy makers, and others will find this book both intriguing and alarming; not to mention very well written.”

—Peter Bergen, author of *Manhunt: The Ten-Year Search for Bin Laden from 9/11 to Abbottabad*

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