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Mr. Oweiss joined the Defense Security Cooperation University (DSCU) in July, 2021, and serves as the Director of the Research, Analysis, and Lessons Learned Institute (RALLI) since June, 2023. RALLI fosters analysis, research, scholarship, and critical inquiry that advances the field of security cooperation, enables application of lessons learned, and promotes evidence-based decision-making.

Mr. Oweiss championed Security Cooperation reform efforts mandated by Congress on institutional capacity building (ICB) between 2016 and 2021. He served as a senior advisor and program manager at the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) in support of policy formulation, strategic reform initiatives, resource planning, and congressional engagement on building partner capacity. In this capacity, he championed the development and execution of a vision for planning, prioritizing, and aligning global ICB activities, and reshaping how the Department justifies ICB budget to Congress. Additionally, Mr. Oweiss helped conceptualize and launch the Department's first-ever Security Cooperation learning agenda while at DSCU. Mr. Oweiss' international relations career since 2000 spans across security and development in various roles, primarily with the World Bank, the United Nations, the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, and with DSCA. His international assignments included serving as an embedded advisor to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning in Rwanda (2004-2006), and as a regional program manager within the U.S. Embassy country team in Senegal (2009-2012).

Mr. Oweiss received a Master of Science in Poverty Reduction and Development Management from the University of Birmingham (UK), and a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University with a Certificate in African Studies. He is fluent in French, married to an international public health professional, and a proud parent of two children.