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Professor Clay Moltz holds a collection of his latest works covering international space security and policy in his Glasgow Hall office, Jan. 11. Moltz, who holds a dual appointment to NPS' Department of National Security Affairs and the Space Systems Academic Group, has been named the 2015 recipient of the Menneken Faculty Research Award for Significant and Sustained Contributions.

"This award is truly a highlight of my career," noted Moltz. "I am very thankful to have two such supportive department chairs in Mohammed Hafez and Rudy Panholzer."

Moltz is considered a leading national and international expert in the fields of space and nuclear policy, authoring eight books and more than 50 articles and book chapters during his prolific career. His most recent book, "Crowded Orbits: Conflict and Cooperation in Space," highlights the difficulties of operations in space given the active space programs of so many nations around the world.

"I am grateful to the NPS Foundation for creating this new, senior faculty award and recognizing the importance of research accomplishments," Moltz said. "I've benefited immensely from cooperative opportunities opened up by my SSAG and NSA colleagues."

In addition to his lasting contributions to the university's SSAG and NSA departments, Moltz has been an active contributor to the Program on Advanced Systems and Concepts for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction. He has also lent his expertise as an adviser to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, State Department, the NASA Ames Research Center, and the Department of Energy. Check out tomorrow's Photo News post for a report on the winners of the other Menneken Faculty Award, honoring Highly Meritorious Research.

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