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Given her expertise in economics, Laura's research centered on the intersection of economics and national security. She conducted analyses of supply chains as tools of strategic competition; military logistics and acquisition challenges of future operating environments; cost recovery via the Transportation Working Capital Fund; and life-cycle costs of weapon systems.

She helped evaluate the option of using commercial sources of refueling within the continental United States as part of an analysis of alternatives for the recapitalization of the KC-135 aerial refueling tanker. Laura also co-founded the Defense Economics track at the annual Western Economic Association International meetings.

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