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July
2020 - Present

US NAVAL WAR COLLEGE, NEWPORT, RI

Military Professor, Joint Military Operations department.

ACADEMIC CAREER

August
2017 - 2020

**NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE UNIVERSITY, DEFENSE
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY BETHESDA, MD**

Instructor for Joint Professional Military Education; U.S. Navy Senior Service Advisor (2017 – 2020) Instructs and mentors mid-level officers, NCO's, and civilians from across the seventeen Intelligence Community member organizations who are graduate students at the National Intelligence University (NIU). Plans and conducts graduate-level courses with an emphasis on national strategy, the impacts of globalization on foreign and domestic strategic interests, analysis of social conflict, and regional studies. Supervises and mentors the research, organization, and writing of theses for the Masters of Science of Strategic Intelligence degree. Represents NIU at academic and intelligence-related outreach events. Researches in fields related to Operational Intelligence and maintains a high level of currency and proficiency concerning developments in the craft of intelligence analysis.

June 2014 –
June 2015

**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY STRATEGY, PLANNING, AND
OPERATIONS, U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE, CARLISLE, PA**

Instructor for Theater Strategy and Campaigning and Joint Warfighting Advance Studies Program. Instructed and developed graduate course materials for the education of selected military, civilian, and international leaders on the successful implementation of national military strategy in a joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational environment. Focusing on the Unified Command Plan, theater strategic planning, campaign planning through the range of military operations, joint, multinational and interagency plans and operations, joint service support to unified commanders in war and military operations other than war, organizing, training, and sustaining joint task forces, and joint and service-unique doctrine. Operational Design methodology and the Joint Operational Planning Process were stressed as a cognitive commander-center process that seeks to develop an understanding of the strategic (national and/or multinational) guidance and objectives combined with a thorough understanding of the operational environment prior to and during

campaign planning. Additionally, the Joint Warfighting Advanced Studies Program (JWASP) is expressly designed to prepare those students going to key positions on the Joint Staff, Combatant Commands, functional and service component commands, Service staffs and equivalent international offices. The elective will focus on mission command, JTF plan design, development, and synchronization across complex environments.

September 2005
- June 2008

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS INTELLIGENCE TRAINING CENTER, DAM NECK, VA.

Instructor (Master Training Specialist) for Naval Intelligence Officer Basic Course; Department Head, Intermediate Training Department. Instructed and developed a 13-week course on basic intelligence operations theory and trade craft to newly assessed Intelligence Officers. Course work focused on Intelligence Community analytic tradecraft in an afloat naval setting ins support of forward deployed tactical and operational level units. As the Intermediate Training Department Head, instructed, developed, and oversaw the delivery of seven course to journeyman level Fleet students. As the course curriculum development lead for four courses, set the curriculum, delivery methods, and assessment standards for Operational Intelligence (OPINTEL), intelligence support to strike warfare, and imagery interpretation training. Oversaw the Fleet intelligence team trainer, a critical training milestone for carrier strike group intelligence teams prior to deployment.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

June 2015 –
July 2017

USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH CARRIER STRIKE GROUP, NORFOLK, VA (DEPLOYED).

Senior Intelligence Officer, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence. Responsible to the Strike Group Commander and his Warfare Commanders for timely and relevant intelligence, information warfare, and electronic warfare support providing an understanding of the current and future operating environments for an eight-ship Carrier Strike Group. Responsible for overseeing manning, training, and equipment of a Carrier Strike Group intelligence and cryptologic enterprise. Led 140+ person enterprise through extensive training and a seven-month combat deployment in the European and Middle East theatres.

May 2010 –
June 2013

U.S. AFRICA COMMAND, JOINT INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS CENTER, RAF MOLESWORTH, UK.

Branch Chief, Transregional Branch (2010-2011), North & West African Analysis Branch (2011-2012), Fusion Branch (2012-2013); Navy Element Commander (2012-2013). As the Transregional (TR) and then North & West African Analysis Branch chief, led a 75+ person combined military, civilian, and contractor team of all-source intel analysts to plan and execute all-source analysis and production for complex, pan-

African issues (Air & Air Defense, Maritime, Piracy, Kidnap For Ransom, Illicit Arms Trafficking, narcotics, Humanitarian Issues, Foreign Influence). Focusing on North and West Africa foundational intelligence support to combined joint operational planning, crisis response, intelligence operations that informed U.S., allied, and partner nations operations and policy. Provided crucial foundational intelligence, battlefield operation awareness and engaged force's order of battle information, humanitarian issues support to four separate crises (Côte d'Ivoire 2010-11 political crisis, 2011 Libyan Civil War, 2011, Benghazi Consulate attack 2012). Delivered critical analysis in support of U.S. joint/NATO ops in Libya (Ops ODYSSEY DAWN, UNIFIED PROTECTOR), enabled senior level decision making at AFRICOM, JTF, NATO, Joint Staff, and the POTUS. Additionally, as the Fusion Branch Chief oversaw the manning, training, equipage, and deployment of embedded single source (SIGINT, IMINT, OSINT) analysts within all-source regional analysis teams. Interfaced between all-source analysis teams and collection management sections to develop collection requirements that supported near and mid-term analysis priorities. Led 70+ U.S. Navy Officers, Sailors, and Marines ensuring all administrative, training, and readiness requirements were completed.

June 2008 –
2010

**USS BATAAN AMPHIBIOUS STRIKE GROUP, NORFOLK, VA May
(DEPLOYED)**

Senior Intelligence Officer, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence. Responsible to the Strike Group Commander and his Warfare Commanders for timely and relevant intelligence, information warfare, and electronic warfare support that provides understanding of the current and future operating environments for a five-ship Amphibious Ready Group. Integrated intelligence operations function with the Marine Expeditionary Unit into one intelligence enterprise. Responsible for overseeing manning, training, equipage of a Strike Group intelligence and cryptologic enterprise. Led 70+ person enterprise through extensive training and an eight-month combat deployment in the European, Horn of Africa, and Middle East theatres.

December 2003
- August 2005

NAVAL FORCES EUROPE, LONDON, UK..

Analyst, Counter-Terrorism Desk Officer Senior Intelligence Officer. As a Counterterrorism (CT) analyst led a five-person combined military and civilian team of all-source analysts on all transnational terror threats and violent extremist issues across Europe and North Africa. Focused on maritime and port threats, coordinated with the Navy Criminal Investigation Service to identify, assess, and establish mitigations for potential threats to forward deployed Department of the Navy personnel and afloat units.

October 2000
- December 2003

SPECIAL PATROL SQUADRON ONE (VPU-1), BRUNSWICK, ME.

Senior Intelligence Officer. Led a team of seven intelligence, cryptologic, and media specialists providing direct tactical intelligence support to a five

U.S. Navy P-3 patrol squadron crews forward deployed in multiple Geographic Combatant Command theatres. VPU-1's mission focused on test and evaluation and research and development of Navy airborne sensors, tactics, techniques, and procedures.

August 1998
- September 2000

USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, EVERETT, WA. (DEPLOYED).

Intelligence Division Officer, Multi-Spectral Imagery Officer, SUPPLOT Watch Officer, and DESRON N2. As Division Officer, led 30+ intelligence and media specialists in shipboard intelligence operations in support of carrier strike group training and deployments. Led the Carrier Intelligence division through yard period, workup cycle, and combat deployment to the Pacific and Arabian Gulf theaters. Oversaw the collection, processing, and interpretation of strategic and tactically collected imagery in support of carrier strike group operations and Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. As Supplementary Plot Watch Officer led six sailors in providing the strike group commander and afloat units with timely indications and warning. Provided tailored intelligence support to Destroyer Squadron 21 and the Sea Combat Commander.

November 1997
- March 1998

CRUISER DESTROYER GROUP EIGHT, NORFOLK, VA.

Intelligence Officer and SUPPLOT Watch Officer. Provided the Carrier Strike Group Senior Intelligence Officer with analysis and administrative support during training and certification for a combat deployment to the Arabian Gulf. As Supplementary Plot Watch Officer led six sailors in providing the strike group commander and afloat units with timely indications and warning.

July 1996 –
July 1997.

Strike Fighter Squadron EIGHTY-SIX, NAS Cecil Field, Jacksonville, FL. (embarked USS George WASHINGTON), Intelligence Specialist Petty Officer Third Class.

June 1995 –
December 1995

Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Fraser Experimental Forest, Fraser, CO., Hydrology Technician.

March 1994 –
August 1994.

Borough of Carlisle, PA., Geographic Information Systems Specialist,

June 1993 –
December 1993.

U.S. Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Point Reyes National Seashore, Olema, CA., Water Rights Specialist.

EDUCATION

Civilian

PhD Candidate in War Studies, King's College London (pending, 2022). Thesis: The evolution of the Navy's modern shipboard operational intelligence process during the Cold War (1960-1979)

MLA, 2003, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX.

BA in Applied Geography, 1993, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Kutztown, PA.

Military

Masters of Strategic Studies, 2014, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA. (Distinguished Graduate)

Command and Staff Diploma, 2005, U.S. Navy Command and Staff School, U.S. Navy War College (Distance Program), Newport, RI..

Naval Intelligence Officer Basic Course, 1998, Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center, Dam Neck, VA..

Officer Candidate School, 1997, Naval Education and Training Center, NAS Pensacola, FL..

Various intelligence, analysis, and leadership training, 1997 – Present.

Intelligence Specialist Strike Warfare Analysts C School, 1996, Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center, Dam Neck, VA..

Intelligence Specialist A School, 1996, Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center, Dam Neck, VA..

U.S. Navy Boot Camp, 1996, Naval Training Center Great Lakes, Great Lakes, IL..

HONORS and PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Admiral Edwin T. Layton Award for Leadership in Intelligence (2013)

National Intelligence Certificate of Distinction, Molesworth Embassy Crisis Action Cell, 2013

Member of the Naval Intelligence Professionals (Life Member)

Member of the Naval Institute

PUBLICATIONS

Article, "Understanding Culture Requires a New Approach to Its Analysis," *Small Wars Journal*, January 21, 2018 <http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/understanding-culture-requires-a-new-approach-to-its-analysis>

Article, Co-Authored, "U.S. Navy Must Keep Geospatial Intelligence Afloat," *SIGNAL Magazine*, November 1, 2017 <https://www.afcea.org/content/us-navy-must-keep-geospatial-intelligence-afloat>

Article, "High End Threats Demand Cold War Deception" in U.S. Naval Institute's *Proceedings* (April 2017).

Article, "Living In TACSIT 1" in U.S. Naval Institute's *Proceedings* (February 2017).

Article, "Nobody Wants A Pacer! Reframe and Reassess the Fleet Intelligence Detachment Program Model" in Naval Intelligence Professionals' *NIP Quarterly* (April 2016).

Article, "Admiral Bobby R. Inman, "Great Captain"" in Naval Intelligence Professionals' *NIP Quarterly* (June 2016).

Article, "Mining Social Media for Intel" in U.S. Naval Institute's *Proceedings* (August 2015).

Article, "Black Swans In a Cyber Forest: 'FARness' Needed In Future Information Technology Acquisition" in *Small Wars Journal* (August 2015).