

Curriculum vitae
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Education

Ph.D. Security Studies, United States Naval Postgraduate School, 2013. An interdisciplinary program that blended economics, political science, and history to analyze conflict in a state-based system, to include non-state actors. I wrote on and defended a study of American imperialism as an approach to understanding grand strategy.

M.A. History, George Mason University, 2007. My concentration in this program was on American History, specifically the Gilded Age, with minor fields in American Revolution and the Vietnam War. Physical location and research requirements afforded ample opportunity to hone my primary source research skills in the actual musty basement of the National Archives and the manuscript stacks of the Library of Congress.

M.A. National Security and Strategic Studies, United States Naval War College, 2004. I studied Strategy and Policy under Bradford Lee, and an elective under David Kaiser. Other electives included American Revolution and American Civil War.

M.B.A. Masters of Business Administration, Management, Columbia College, 2003. The advanced study of domestic and international economics in this program not only bolstered my undergraduate work in that field, but also provided a strong foundation for the economic portion of my doctoral work.

B.S. Aeronautics, California State University San Jose, 1988. While this course of study proved helpful with accession to a naval aviation program, I also earned a Business minor with significant focus on international political economy and transnational business. This exposure proved beneficial as preparation for the economic portion of my doctoral work.

Teaching Experience

2017- current: Associate Professor, Strategy and War Course, United States Naval War College at Naval Postgraduate School Program, Monterey, CA.

2015 and 2016 summer quarters: Strategy and War Course, United States Naval War College at Naval Postgraduate School Program, Monterey, CA.

2013-2017 winter and spring trimesters: Strategy and Policy, and Strategy and War Courses, United States Naval War College, Newport, RI.

Professional Experience (abbreviated to include only postings relevant to this position, complete resume available on request).

2007-2010: Strategy and Policy Directorate, U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa. Served as the engagement lead for South and East Africa, traveling to the continent 24 times in three years.

2004-2007: Strategy and Policy Directorate, J-5, Joint Staff. Served as the lead for Security Cooperation, lead for Global Posture Realignment, and as the Subject Matter Expert (SME) for DoD Regional Centers (George Marshall Center, Asia Pacific Center, etc.).

1995-2003: Served as Tactics Instructor, Night Vision Goggles Instructor/Instructor, Forward Air Controller/Airborne lead for Carrier Air Wing Eight, and Fleet Replacement Squadron flight instructor. These selected billets afforded the opportunity to instruct seniors, peers, and subordinates on a regular basis, both individually and in large groups.

Institutional Service

Served as Strategy and Policy representative to the Ethics Working Group reporting to the President and Provost of the Naval War College, December 2014-June 2015.

Volunteered to serve as a moderator at the Current Strategy Forum, June 2014, and again June 2015.

Participated in preparations for, and visits of, Program for Accreditation of Joint Education and New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation teams, to the Naval War College in 2015.

Volunteered to assist with the Teaching Grand Strategy Forum, August 2014.

Participated in curricula reviews for Peloponnesian War and Korean War cases, intermediate and senior level courses, 2014-16.

Presentations

Lecture of Opportunity on “Imperial Senate: American Legislative Debates on Empire, 1898-1917.” Presented to student body and faculty at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, August, 2015.

Naval War College at Naval Postgraduate School Lecture and Presentation, “War for American Independence,” Monterey, CA, July 2015 and July 2016.

Naval War College at Naval Postgraduate School Lecture and Presentation, “American Involvement in Vietnam,” Monterey, CA, August 2015 and August 2016.

Recurring presentation “Reading for Success in Strategy and Policy” given annually to resident Strategy and Policy student body, February 2014-2016.

Recurring presentation “Reading for Success in Strategy and War” given annually to resident Strategy and War student body, November 2014-2016.

Recurring presentation “Security Cooperation and National Security” given annually to resident student body and faculty at National War College, Army War College, Naval War College, and Marine Corps War College, 2004-2007.

Writing Project in Progress

Book: “Imperial Senate: American Legislative Debates on Empire, 1898-1917.”
Currently revising introduction and conclusion of the manuscript to incorporate most recent scholarship on grand strategy.

Professional Affiliations

Phi Alpha Theta Honors Society
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
United States Naval Institute
United States Naval Postgraduate School Foundation
United States Naval War College Foundation