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**Military Position Experience**

August 23-: Joint Intelligence & Operations Center Planner, U.S. Strategic Command.

June 22-August 23: Aid-de-Camp to the Deputy Commander, U.S. Strategic Command.

June 21-June 22: China Strategic Missiles Branch Chief, U.S. Strategic Command.

February 22-March 22: Deputy Chief, Russia-Ukraine Intelligence Directorate Crisis Action Team, U.S. Strategic Command.

August 19-May 21: Regimental Strategic Intelligence Officer and Sensitive Activities Director for 75th Ranger Regiment and a Forward U.S. Special Operations Command Joint Task Force. Multiple deployments to Afghanistan.

July 16-July 18: Battalion Operations Officer for the Sensitive Activities Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) with U.S. Central Command regional focus.

October 13-May 16: Detachment Commander for a Special Forces Operational Detachment Alpha (SFOD-A). Multiple deployments to the U.S. Central Command AOR in support of counter-ISIS, al-Qaida, and other Violent Extremist Organizations (VEOs) efforts and named operations.

December 09-December 10: Infantry Platoon Leader. Deployment to Iraq in support of counter-insurgency (COIN) mission against al-Qaida and other VEOs as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

**Education**

Current: PhD Student in Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Primary Research Areas: *Deterrence Theory and Operations, Low-Intensity Conflict.*

April 2023: Graduate Certificate of Nuclear Weapons Effects, Policy, and Proliferation, Air Force Institute of Technology (in progress).

Summer & Fall 2021: Academic and Professional Writing classes taken at the University of Pennsylvania.

March 2020: Graduate Certificate of Strategy and Policy Development, U.S. Army War College.

July 2019: MS Strategic Intelligence, National Intelligence University with Terrorism concentration.

Thesis Focus: *United States Support to Resistance Movements.*

August 2014: MS Agricultural Science, Colorado State University.

Thesis Focus: *Agricultural Development as a Counter to International Terrorism.*

May 2008: BS Agricultural Leadership and Development from Texas A&M University.

**Military Education**

Graduate of the National Defense University Joint Forces Staff College, U.S. Army War College Defense Strategy Course, Command and General Staff College, Strategic Intelligence Officers Course, Special Forces Qualification Course, Maneuver Captains Career Course, Ranger School, and the Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course, as well as numerous tactical and technical courses.

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Multi-Actor Deterrence, Deterrence Theory and Operations, Low-Intensity Conflict, Political Violence, Terrorism and Insurgency, Intelligence and National Security.

**Academic Working Experience**

Spring 2023: Academic Mentor for Tufts University Fletcher Graduate School of Global Affairs as part of U.S. Strategic Command Academic Alliance.

Spring 2022: Visiting Assistant Professor for Advanced Topics in Political Science: Intelligence and National Security Practicum (PSCI 4920/8926) at the University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha.

Spring 2022: Academic Mentor for Carnegie Mellon University Heinz College Introduction to Information Security Management (95-565 A) as part of U.S. Strategic Command Academic Alliance.

Fall 2021: Guest Assistant Professor of Military Science at Creighton University Army ROTC, Omaha.

Fall 2021: Academic Mentor for the United States Military Academy West Point International Affairs Deterrence Program (SS828B) as part of U.S. Strategic Command Academic Alliance.

Summer 2018: Administrative Aide in the College of Strategic Intelligence, National Intelligence University.

Summer & Fall 2008: Graduate Assistant Professor of Military Science at Texas A&M University Army ROTC, College Station, TX.

**GUEST LECTURE AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Spring 23: PSCI 4556/8556 – Political Violence, Insurgency, and Terrorism: *Counterterrorism and Counterinsurgency Operations* at The University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha, NE.

November 22: Kiwanis Club of Omaha: *Introduction and Overview of U.S. Army Special Operations* Omaha, NE.

**Publications**

January 24(accepted): Joint Forces Quarterly *Multi-Actor Deterrence Challenge for USSTRATCOM (JFQ-USSTRATCOM project).*

Fall/Winter 22/23: Space and Defense Journal, Fall/Winter edition: *A Great Nuclear Rejuvenation: What China Can Do with an Expanded Nuclear Arsenal.* Co-Authors Grant Van Robays, SrA Chloe Reynolds USAF, and Lieutenant Will Jackson USA.

April 22: Small Wars Journal, *Special Operations are Deterrence Operations: How United States Special Operations Forces should be used in Strategic Competition.* Co-Author MAJ Mike Pultusker USA.

July 21 Small Wars Journal, *Afghanistan’s continuing role in U.S. Strategic Competition in the absence of U.S. troops.*

**Draft Publications**

Submitted: *Cyber Operations are Deterrence Operations: How United States Cyber should be used in Strategic Competition.*

In Draft: *The Coming Wave of Beijing-Sponsored Insurgents: Nuclear Parity will enable Chinese Small Wars.*

In Draft: *Staying in the Ring: An Operational Framework for Resilience.* Co-Authors Major Matt Powers USA and Major Brandon Marchek USAF.

**Editing and Thesis Committee Membership**

2022-23: James Baldwin, *China and Russia Irregular Warfare in Africa* with Dr. Kevin Petit *Chair* National Intelligence University, Bethesda, MD.

2021-22: Scott Riegel, *Conflict, Deterrence, and the role of the Peoples Liberation Army Strategic Support Force* with Dr. LaMesha Craft *Chair* National Intelligence University, Bethesda, MD.

2021-22: Tyler Church, *Limited Contingency Operations: Why Nations Employ Special Operations Forces,* with MAJ Marvin Eric Polk and Dr. D.C. Young *Chair* National Intelligence University, Bethesda, MD.

2021-22: Christopher Stupnikov, *China’s High Mobility Combined Arms Battalions: A Force for Global Power Projection?* With Prof. Kristina Young *Chair* National Intelligence University, Bethesda, MD.

2020-21: Bryan Neal, *The Impact of Army Strategic Long-Range Fires in the Indo-Pacific Region* with Dr. D.C. Young *Chair* National Intelligence University, Bethesda, MD.

2020-21: Lindsay Hutchinson *Russia’s Interpretation of American Geopolitical Signals: Incompetence, Ignorance, and Indifference* with Dr. Kevin Riehle and Dr. Stacy Closson *Chair* National Intelligence University, Bethesda, MD.

2019-20: Sabastian Murano, *The Atomization of Security: Private Military and Security Companies in Latin America* with Dr. William Spracher *Chair* National Intelligence University, Bethesda, MD.

**Other Teaching Experience**

August 19-May 21: Primary Instructor and Researcher for bi-weekly Global Intelligence Update, Joint Forcible Entry classes, and briefings to 75th Ranger Regiment Command and Staff.

October 13-May 16: Primary Instructor and Advisor for Small Unit Tactics, Counterterrorism Operations, and Counterinsurgency Operations to various foreign senior military officers throughout the Middle East.

October 09-September 10: Primary Instructor and Advisor for Small Unit Tactics, Counterterrorism Operations, and Counterinsurgency Operations to Iraqi Military and Police Officers in Iraq.

**Awards**

2022 Nominated for U.S. Strategic Command 2022 Larry D. Welch Deterrence Writing Award.

2021 Thomas Knowlton Award: *from the Military Intelligence Corps Association for significant contribution to Military Intelligence*

**Academic Conference Participation**

2022: Attendee, U.S. Strategic Command Deterrence Symposium.

*Hosted by United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, NE*

2022: Host and Organizer, Paper Talk: A Great Nuclear Rejuvenation: What China Can Do with an Expanded Nuclear Arsenal.

*Panel of University of Nebraska Omaha students: Grant Van Robays, SrA Chloe Reynolds, and LT Will Jackson*

*Hosted by China Div., Intel. Dir., United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, NE*

2020: Presenter, Command Representative, and Planner at Joint Forcible Entry Academics Week.

*Hosted by United States Special Operations Command and Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), Fort Bragg, NC.*

2019: National Intelligence University Representative at Resistance Forum.

*Hosted by United States Special Operations Command, Naval Post-Graduate School, and National Defense University, Washington DC.*

**Language**

French: 2 / 2 / 2 DLAB and OPI – Formal Academic Training and Operational Experience

Spanish: 1/1/1 – Formal Academic Training

Arabic Levantine: 0+ / 0+ OPI – Operational Experience