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Current Position

- Associate Professor, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA
- Colonel, U.S. Army

Education

- Ph.D. (2008), M.A. (2002), Indiana University – Bloomington, IN (Political Science: major field in Political Theory, minor field in American Politics)
Thesis: Jürgen Habermas and Pope John Paul II on Faith, Reason, and Politics in the Modern World (advisor: Jeffrey C. Isaac)
- M.A. (2015), U.S. Army War College – Carlisle Barracks, PA (Strategic Studies)
- B.S. (1992), U.S. Military Academy – West Point, NY (American Politics)

Interests and Projects

- Research interests: The nexus between political judgment, strategic thinking, war, coercion, military ethics, military education
- Current projects:
 - A manuscript entitled “High-Stakes Political Judgment,” which identifies four undertheorized obstacles hindering the use of political science and related scholarship to improve the practitioner’s judgment
 - A co-authored ethnographic study of how war-college students, having completed the core curriculum, perform when asked to create a wholly new strategy for a real-world problem

Academic Awards and Honors

- Awarded the General Douglas MacArthur Chair of Research, U.S. Army War College, 30 May 2019
- George C. Maerz Award, “Best Forum Article” published in *Joint Force Quarterly* in 2016 (awarded Oct 2017)
- U.S. Army War College, Distinguished Military Graduate AY2015 (class rank #3 out of 387)
- U.S. Army War College, “The Commandant’s Award for Distinction in Research,” 2015
- 2012 U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Educator of the Year (awarded Apr 2013)
- 2012 U.S. Army Command & General Staff College Military Instructor of the Year
- Weaver Fellowship, Intercollegiate Studies Institute (\$25,000 USD), FY2004
- 1992, First Place, Leo Gitelson Essay Award, Center for the Study of the Presidency

Teaching Experience

U.S. Army War College, Fall 2017 – Current

- Director and Associate Professor, Carlisle Scholars Program (Fall 2019 – Current)
 - Curriculum author for the scholars program version of “War, Policymaking, and National Security,” which comprises cutting-edge scholarly works on causal analysis, complexity, institutional analysis, coercion, interstate war, civil wars, policymaking, strategy, and ethics
- Associate Professor, Carlisle Scholars Program (Fall 2018 – Summer 2019)
 - Curriculum author for the scholars program version of “Theory of War and Strategy” and “National Security Policy and Strategy,” which comprises cutting-edge scholarly works on causal analysis, complexity, institutional analysis, coercion, interstate war, civil wars, policymaking, strategy, and ethics
- Assistant Professor, Department of National Security and Strategy (Fall 2017 – Summer 2018)
 - Instructor, “Theory of War and Strategy” and “National Security Policy and Strategy”

U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, Fall 2008 – Summer 2014

- Creator, Curriculum Author, and Associate Professor, Scholars Program, the “Local Dynamics of War” (Fall 2011 – Summer 2014)
 - Curriculum author for a scholars course featuring cutting-edge works on causal analysis, complexity, narrative analysis, institutional analysis, political violence, civil wars, and interstate wars
- Supervisory professor/team leader: selected by College leadership to lead and rate a teaching team of 12 civilian and military instructors and supervise the education of 64 students (2010)
 - Curriculum on strategy, operational art, and military planning
- Instructor in the Department of Joint, Interagency, & Multinational Operations (Fall 2008 – Winter 2010)
 - Curriculum on strategy, operational art, and military planning
- Principal advisor/chair for over 50 students’ graduate-level theses and capstone scholarly papers

U.S. Military Academy, Department of Social Sciences, Fall 2002 – Spring 2005

- Creator, Curriculum Author, Director, and Assistant Professor, SS490A, Philosophy, Religion, and Terror (Fall 2003 – Spring 2005)
- Course Director, Curriculum Author, and Assistant Professor, SS386, Political Thought and Ideas (Fall 2002 – Spring 2005)
- Instructor, SS202, American Politics (Fall 2003 – Spring 2005)
- Director of Debate, U.S. Military Academy Debate Team (AY2004 – 2005) and Assistant Debate Coach (AY2002 – 2003, AY2003 – 2004)

Publications

Book – Professional

- Editor, *Addressing the Fog of Cog: Perspectives on the Center of Gravity in U.S. Military Doctrine* (Combat Studies Institute Press, 2012)

Scholarly, Peer-Reviewed Articles, Essays, and Book Chapters

- Author, "Tactical Jus ad Bellum: The Practice and Ethics of Military Designations of Friend and Foe," *Journal of Military Ethics*, vol. 20, No. 1, 2021. Forthcoming.
- Author, "The Science and Ethos of Military Intervention," *Peace Review*, Vol. 30, No. 4, 2018
Impact note: This paper was also published as a book chapter in Margee Ensign and Jean-Pierre Karyegeye, eds., *Religion in War and Peace in Africa* (Routledge 2020)
- Author, "Applying the Ethics of War and Peace: A Military Perspective," *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 13, No. 2, June 2015
Impact note: This essay led to two invited blog entries on *Political Violence @ a Glance* as well as an invited presentation at the University of Denver's Sié Center in January 2016
- Author, "The Soldier as Lethal Warrior and Cooperative Political Agent: On the Soldier's Ethical and Political Obligations toward the Indigenous Other," *Armed Forces & Society*, Vol. 38, No. 2, April 2012
- Author, "A New Approach to Doing Military Ethics," *Handbook on Research Methods in Military Studies*, eds. Joseph Soeters, Patricia Shields, Sebastiaan Rietjens (Routledge Press 2014)
- Author, "Military Ethics" *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*, 3d ed., Melvin Dubnick and Domonic Bearfield, eds. (CRC Press 2015)

Professional Journal Articles

- Christopher Hickey, Robert Bradford, and Celestino Perez, "Design, Assessment, and the Causal Imperative in Complex Operations and Campaigns," *Journal of Defense Modeling and Simulation*, Vol. 16, No. 4, October 2019
- Author, "Errors in Strategic Thinking: Anti-Politics and the Macro Bias," *Joint Force Quarterly*, Vol. 81, No. 2, April 2016
- Author, "A Practical Guide to Design: A Way to Think About It and A Way to Do It," *Military Review*, March/April 2011
- Author, "The Embedded Morality in FM 3-24: Counterinsurgency," *Military Review*, May/June 2009

Online Essays

- Author, "A Modest Proposal for Improving Assessment in Military Education," *War on the Rocks*, 22 February 2019
Impact note: This essay led to agreement among National, Army, Navy, and Air Force war colleges to compete in the First Annual Strategy Competition to be held in April 2020. Event postponed on account of Covid-19.
- Author, "What Military Education Forgets: Strategy is Performance," *War on the Rocks*, 7 September 2018

- Author, “Strategic Discontent, Political Literacy, and Professional Military Education,” *The Strategy Bridge*, 14 January 2016
Impact note: This essay was among the Strategy Bridge’s Year in Review focus essays for 2016
- Author, “On the (In)sufficiency of Winning in Ground Combat,” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, 5 January 2016
- Author, “Soldiers in Dark Times,” *Political Violence at a Glance*, 1 September 2015
Impact note: This essay was the eighth most popular essay in *Political Violence @ a Glance* in 2016

Scholarly and Professional Journal Book Reviews

- Author, book review in *Perspectives on Politics* (Vol. 15, No. 4, 2017) of Benjamin Jensen’s *Forging the Sword: Doctrinal Change in the U.S. Army* (Stanford Security Studies 2016)
- Author, book review in *Perspectives on Politics* (Vol. 8, No. 4, Dec 2010) of Roger Wertheimer’s *Empowering Our Military Conscience: Transforming Just War Theory and Military Moral Education* (Ashgate Publishing Company 2010)
- Author, book review in *Perspectives on Politics* (Vol. 8, No. 1, Mar 2010) of Jeff McMahan’s *Killing in War* (Oxford 2009) and William F. Felice *How Do I Save My Honor: War, Moral Integrity, and Principled Resignation* (Rowman & Littlefield 2009)
- Author, review in *Interagency Journal* (Vol. 4, No. 2, Summer 2013) of Lisa Schirch’s *Conflict Assessment and Peacebuilding Planning* (Kumerian Press 2013)

YouTube Series

- Creator, “Arguing the OE,” a YouTube channel that combines cutting-edge political science with strategic and military planning
- 31 videos, over 2.02K subscribers
- Videos are still used by institutions and individuals within the United States and worldwide

Podcasts and Recorded Interviews

- Interviewed by P.R. Beckman, “Hannah Arendt on the Pentagon Papers,” Strategy Bridge Podcast, 17 February 2020
- Interviewed by Silke Kuhn, Dickinson College Class of 2021, “Gender, Religion, and Violence,” Clarke Forum for Contemporary Issues, Dickinson College, 26 March 2019
- Group interview (Celestino Perez, Andrew Hill, Emily Knowles) by Jacqueline Whitt, Associate Professor, U.S. Army War College, “Some Things Change, Some Stay the Same,” War Room, U.S. Army War College, three episodes: 27 September 2019, 4 October 2019, 8 October 2019
- Interviewed by Jacqueline Whitt, Associate Professor, U.S. Army War College, “Strategy as Performance: Educating Students to Go Beyond Ends, Ways, & Means,” War Room, U.S. Army War College, 24 June 2019

Invited Presentations (Scholarly and Military-Professional)

- Panelist (remote), “The Scholar and Practitioner,” College of International and Security Affairs, National Defense University, Washington, DC, 11 August 2020
- Panelist, “Gender, Religion, and Violence,” Clarke Forum for Contemporary Issues, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, 26 March 2019 (chair: Margee Ensign)
- Participant, “Workshop on Applied Ethics,” Catholic University of America/U.S. Naval Academy, Washington, D.C., 14 November 2016
- Panelist, “Engaged Scholarship,” Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security & Diplomacy, University of Denver, Denver, CO, 11 February, 2016 (chair: Deborah Avant)
- Guest presentation to the Military Education Coordination Council Working Group, J7, Joint Staff, “The Military Classroom and Strategic-Military Performance,” Washington, DC, 29 October 2015
- Panelist, “The Southwest Border Region,” at the Association of the United States Army Annual Conference, Washington, DC, October 2015 and 2016
- Presentations on military design (December 2012 to January 2016): Installation Management Command (Fort Sam Houston); Joint Special Operations University (Tampa); 84th Civil Affairs Battalion (Joint Base Lewis McChord); 3 BCT/10th Mountain (Fort Drum); 7th Information Support Battalion (Fort Bragg); Mission Command Training Program (Fort Leavenworth)
- Presentation, Special Operations Forces Education Conference, Joint Special Operations University, Tampa, FL, 7-8 July 2015
- Lead Facilitator, Workshop on the Human Elements of Military Operations, Center for Strategic Leadership, the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA, 13-14 January 2015

Conference Participation (most recent only)

- Presenter, “Causal Literacy” and “PME Assessment Study,” JPME Scholarship on Teaching and Learning Conference, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA, 13 October 2020. Forthcoming.
- Presenter, “Piloting Problem-Based Learning for Senior Military Leaders,” Scholarship on Teaching and Learning Annual Conference, Savannah, GA, 24 January 2019
- Presenter, “Tactical Jus ad Bellum,” International Military Ethics Symposium, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., 30 July 2018
- Presenter, “High-Stakes Political Judgment” and “Tactical Jus ad Bellum,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 4 – 7 April 2019
- Presenter, “Tactical Jus ad Bellum,” Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Austin, TX, 19 January 2019
- Presenter, “High-Stakes Political Judgment,” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, 2 September 2018
- Roundtable discussant, “Disobedience, Resistance, and Transgression in Military Organizations,” International Studies Association Conference, Baltimore, MD, 22 February 2017

Service

- Reviewer for *Armed Forces & Society* (2012-current)
- Envisioned and organized for AY2020 the First Annual Strategy Competition among National War College, Air War College, Naval War College, and Army War College (postponed for Covid-19)
- Service as discussant or chair at various political-science conferences
- Service as a moderator at the Pro Vita 2019 panel discussion on The Abuse Crisis in the Church, St. Patrick Church, Carlisle, PA, 9 August 2019
- Service as student paper advisor, including 10 papers in AY2019 and 10 papers in AY2020
- Service as debate coach for the U.S. Army War College debate team against Le Ecole de Guerre (AY2020)
- Service as the Ethics Section organizer for the Carlisle community's War, Peace, and Justice Symposium (Fall 2021). Ongoing.
- Taught a one-week course in strategy and national security for Defense Acquisition University (AY2019 and AY2020)
- Internal service via committee work, U.S. Army War College
 - Introduction to Strategic Studies/Strategic Studies Capstone committee
 - Oral comprehensive-exam committee (AY2018 – AY2020)
 - Student-paper awards committee (AY2020)
 - Dean's Strategic Review, lead author for section on assessments (AY2020)
 - Hiring-committee member for the (i) Strategic Studies Institute Director, (ii) School of Strategic Landpower Dean, (iii) Professor of Institutional Research, and (iv) Department of National Security and Strategy Chair
- Internal service via presentations to faculty or students, U.S. Army War College
 - How to run a debate in seminar?
 - How to serve as an advisor for student papers?
 - How to integrate causal literacy in the curriculum?
 - How to integrate whiteboard mapping and drawing in the classroom?
 - How to use social media as a teacher and scholar?

Military Assignments (select)

- G5, Director of Plans, U.S. Army North/Fifth Army, Fort Sam Houston (May 2016 – June 2017)
- Chief Security Cooperation Planner for U.S. Army North/Fifth Army, G5, Fort Sam Houston (June 2015 – April 2016)
- Speechwriter and Special Assistant to Commander, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Joint Command, Kabul (January – July 2011)
- Commander, Task Force Vigilant (Provisional), operational control to Multi-National Division – Baghdad (March 2007 – June 2008)
- 1992-1998, Armor officer: platoon leader (3-66 AR); mortar platoon leader (3-66 AR); company executive officer (B/3-66 AR); installation/brigade staff officer (Fort Riley/1st Bde); company commander, armor company (D/2-34 AR); company commander, headquarters and headquarters company (2-34 AR); battalion operations officer (STB/3ID)