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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF READING (UNITED KINGDOM) 2013 to 2018

School of Politics, Economics, and International Relations

- PhD in International Relations, supervised by Professor Colin Gray and Professor Beatrice Heuser
- Dissertation: “On Supreme Command: The Characteristics of Successful American Generals at War”

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON (NEW ZEALAND) 2010 to 2012

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

- Master of Strategic Studies, with Merit

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY (WEST POINT) 1998 to 2002

Department of Social Sciences

- Bachelor of Science, American Politics
- Dean’s List, 7 Academic Semesters

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NORAD AND UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND 2018 to Present

Branch Chief, J523, Foreign Affairs and NORAD Policy Branch / Colorado Springs, CO / Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army

Responsible for foreign affairs issues and aspects that bear on command strategic planning. Leads a branch that includes officers from multiple U.S. services, civilians, and one foreign military officer.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY 2017 to 2018

Visiting Researcher / Colorado Springs, CO / Major, U.S. Army

Visiting academic and policy researcher in the Department of Military and Strategic Studies.

- Published multiple op-eds in national outlets: the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Daily News*, and *Los Angeles Times*
- Contributed 17 articles to the MWI’s Commentary and Analysis site; 34 pieces in the *Colorado Springs Gazette*
- Co-edited and co-wrote *Strategy Strikes Back: How Star Wars Explains Modern Military Conflict*
- Invited speaker at New America Future of War Conference and U.S. Army War College Annual Strategy Conference

SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND/ARMY FORCES STRATEGIC COMMAND 2016 to 2017

Army Strategist, G5, Strategy, Plans, and Policy / Colorado Springs, CO / Major, U.S. Army

Responsible for all aspects of strategic planning and command-wide integration.

- Lead writer for unclassified Commander’s Vision document
- Developed and led cross-organizational Strategic Integration Working Group to synch the command’s global mission

SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION, UNITED STATES ARMY 2015 to 2016

Army Strategist, C/G5, Plans / Republic of Korea / Major, U.S. Army

Lead war-planner at the only forward-stationed and coalition-partner-embedded division in the U.S. Army.

- Wrote division’s war plan and lead planner for all real-world efforts and strategies
- Commended for performance as a strategist while serving at U.S. Forces Korea during real-world crisis

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY 2012 to 2015

Assistant Professor and Instructor, Defense & Strategic Studies (DMI) / West Point, NY / Major, U.S. Army

Taught and course-directed DS470: Military Strategy, DS489: Advanced Individual Study, DS497: Strategic Studies Capstone, and DS490: Sea and Air Power. Served as head Department Academic Counselor.

- Apgar Award for Excellence in Teaching (2014) from eleven nominees drawn from 600 Academy instructors
- Master Teacher certificate (2014), awarded by the Center for Faculty Excellence
- “Teacher of the Year” Award in Defense & Strategic Studies Program (2015)
- Youngest recipient of the Order of Saint Gabriel the Archangel (2015), a professional honor granted by the Army Strategists Association

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

2009 to 2010

Army Strategist, Policy Branch, Army Readiness Division / Pentagon, VA / Captain, U.S. Army

Responsible for analyzing, interpreting, and defining Army readiness policy and coordinating with the Joint Staff, Army Staff, and Major Commands to eliminate confusion and ensure coherence across the readiness community.

- Prepared *Army Regulation 220-1: Army Unit Status Reporting and Force Registration Consolidated Policies*, for publication in addition to developing various written products to enhance U.S. Army readiness
- Developed U.S. Army submission to the Joint Forces Readiness Review and Quarterly Readiness Report to Congress

MINNESOTA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

2007 to 2008

Lead Instructor, Officer Candidate School, 175th Regional Training Institute / Camp Ripley, MN / Captain, U.S. Army

Responsible for all commissioning requirements for approximately 50 cadets at five-state Regional Training Institute. Planned and executed educational events incorporating tactical decision-making and the development of strategic understanding.

UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND

2006 to 2007

Operations Watch Officer, JFCC - Integrated Missile Defense / Schriever Air Force Base, CO / Captain, U.S. Army

Led four-member joint watch team integral to the synchronization of the Global Ballistic Missile Defense system. Monitored international events to provide time-critical information of threat countries ballistic missile launches to various commanders across United States Strategic Command.

THIRD ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT, UNITED STATES ARMY

2003 to 2006

Platoon Leader & Executive Officer, Howitzer Battery, 2nd Squadron / Iraq and Fort Carson, CO / Lieutenant, U.S. Army

As Platoon Leader in combat and garrison, led 36 soldiers, responsible for three howitzers, associated ammunition carriers, a fire-direction center, and two wheeled vehicles worth in excess of \$11.5 million. As Executive Officer in both combat and at home station, responsible for the training, professional development, and welfare of 141 soldiers, as well as the overall maintenance of 22 tracked and 35 wheeled vehicles, valued in excess of \$43 million.

MILITARY EDUCATION

- Space 200 • National Security Space Institute, U.S. Air Force, Peterson Air Force Base, CO (2017)
- Intermediate Level Education • U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS (2015)
- Military Strategy/Basic Strategic Arts Program • U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA (2009)
- Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course • U.S. Military Intelligence School, Ft. Huachuca, AZ (2009)
- Defense Strategy Course • U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA (2008)
- Field Artillery Officer Basic Course • U.S. Army Field Artillery School, Ft. Sill, OK (2003)

MILITARY AWARDS AND HONORS

- Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Army Commendation Medal (3rd Award)
- Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award)
- Valorous Unit Award (2nd Award)
- National Defense Service Medal
- Korea Defense Service Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal (Four Bronze Service Stars)
- Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Global War On Terrorism Service Medal
- Most Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (2nd Award)
- Army Service Ribbon
- Deputy Commander, Combined Forces Command Award (Republic of Korea Army)
- Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award)
- Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Award
- Combat Action Badge
- Army Staff Identification Badge
- Army Space Badge

COMMUNITY SERVICE, ACTIVITIES, AND AWARDS

- U.S. Army Athlete of the Year, Association of the United States Army (2009)
- All-U.S. Army Cross-Country; All-National Guard Marathon, and Minnesota Guard Biathlon teams (2007 to 2009)
- 2nd Place Open Men, 2018 TransRockies Run, CO (6-day/stage trail race, 120 mi., 20,000 ft. elevation gain)
- Head Coach/Officer-in-Charge, West Point Marathon Team, 18 cadets, annual budget \$50,585 (2013 to 2014)
- Advisory Board, Wounded Warrior Project (2014 to 2016)

- Co-founder, West Point Yoga Club; led two-year effort to create an official club that served more than 200 cadets (2014)
- Represented the U.S. Army and Department of Defense in an official capacity in eleven countries, including: Iraq, Kuwait, Norway, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Latvia, South Korea, and Great Britain

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

Non Resident Fellow, Modern War Institute, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY	2016 to Present
Visiting Researcher, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO	2017 to 2018
Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations	2014 to 2018
Visiting Fellow, Changing Character of War, Oxford University (selected; unable to fulfill due to service)	2016
Assistant Professor and Academic Instructor, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY	2012 to 2015

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

Book – Lead Editor and Author

Winning Westeros: How Game of Thrones Explains Modern Military Conflict, eds. John Amble, Max Brooks, ML Cavanaugh, and Jaym Gates (Lincoln, NE: Potomac Books, forthcoming 2019).

Strategy Strikes Back: How Star Wars Explains Modern Military Conflict, eds. John Amble, Max Brooks, ML Cavanaugh, and Jaym Gates (Lincoln, NE: Potomac Books, 2018).

Book – Chapter

“The Case for a Second (Homefront) Code of Conduct,” in *Blurred Lines: Civil-Military Relations in an Uncertain Age*, ed. Lionel Beehner (exp. 2019).

“Rebalancing Land Forces in the UK and Australia: Enable the Human Network,” in *American Grand Strategy and the Future of U.S. Landpower*, ed. Isaiah Wilson III et al (Carlisle, PA: U.S. Army War College Press, 2014), 177-188.

Refereed Military Journals

“Networking and Generalship Across the Anglo-Pacific,” with co-author Nicholas Howard, *Military Review* (January/February 2015).

“On Strategic Understanding: Teaching Strategy from the Ground Up,” *Military Review* (July/August 2014).

“Strategic Education for All Junior Officers: Building Morale and Enabling Adaptability,” *Infinity Journal* Volume 3, Issue No. 2 (Spring Edition, 2013).

Major Daily Publications

“Can science fiction help us prepare for 21st century warfare?” *Los Angeles Times* (May 28, 2018).

“A Fallen and Forgotten Doughboy’s Legacy,” *Wall Street Journal* (May 25, 2018).

“Don’t Be Evil, Support The Troops,” *Wall Street Journal* (April 16, 2018).

“How the US ‘Goliath’ can win against its ‘David’ adversaries,” *Los Angeles Times* (January 30, 2018).

“Wanted: A marathon for the masses, to help Americans lose weight,” *New York Daily News* (November 5, 2017).

“Members of Congress serve in the military. They Shouldn’t,” *Washington Post* (June 2, 2017).

“Their Chairs Are Empty, But We Know What Their Sacrifice Was For,” *Wall Street Journal* (May 26, 2017).

“Why Officers Shouldn’t Vote,” *New York Times* (October 19, 2016).

“To fight Zika, deploy the National Guard,” *Chicago Tribune* (May 27, 2016).

“Ivy League should do more to promote ROTC,” *USA Today* (April 21, 2016).

Refereed (Online) Strategic Journals

“The Mike Flynn Problem is Actually a Profession of Arms Problem,” *War on the Rocks* (March 17, 2017).

“A Straitjacket Strategy to Contain North Korea,” *The National Interest* (February 8, 2017).

“A Netflix Assessment of China’s Rise and America’s Advantage,” *War on the Rocks* (April 20, 2016).

“The Military’s Purpose is Not to Kill People and Break Things,” *War on the Rocks* (October 5, 2015).

“Fear Paralyzes Pacific As Army Major Awaits Hearing,” *Atlantic Council: Art of Future Warfare Project* (January 15, 2015).

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST