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Professional Experience

- Assistant Professor, George H.W. Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, Fall 2007 to Present
- Special Assistant to Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy Planning, U.S. Department of Defense, 2006 to 2007
- Political Scientist, RAND Corporation, Washington, DC, 2001-2005
- Adjunct Professor, Security Studies Program, Georgetown University, 2003-2007
- Consultant for the Institute for Defense Analysis, Alexandria, VA, 2000 to 2001

Education

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Ph.D., Political Science, 2003

- Dissertation: "The Will to Fight: Explaining an Army's Staying Power"
Advisors: John Mearsheimer (Chair), Charles Glaser, and Alexander Wendt
Nominated for the 2004 American Political Science Association's Helen Dwight Reid Award for the Best Dissertation in International Relations, Law, and Politics

M.A., Political Science, 1997

- M.A. Thesis: "Naval Forces and Extended Deterrence"
Readers: John Mearsheimer and Charles Glaser

B.A., Political Science, with honors, 1995

- Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Research Interests

- National Security
- International Relations Theory
- Military Strategy and Operations
- Military Effectiveness
- Deterrence and Nuclear Weapons
- Diplomatic and Military History
- Social Science Methodology

Publications

- "The Will to Fight: Explaining German and French Staying Power in World War II," Revised and Resubmitted for publication, March 2008.
- "Nuclear Terrorism: Why Deterrence Still Matters," *Current History*, Vol. 2, No. 668 (December 2003), pp. 426-431.
- "The Dilemma of Simultaneity: Russia and Georgia in the Midst of Transformation," *World Affairs*, vol. 34, no. 4 (Summer 1997), pp. 27-42.

Rand Publications (Primary Author)

- *Flexible Response Revisited; Assessing Pakistan's Potential Nuclear Strategies*, PM-2383 (Santa Monica, CA: The Rand Corporation, October 2007.)
- *Assessing the Propensity of Terrorist Groups to Acquire CBRN Weapons*, TR, 1811-DIA (Santa Monica, CA: The Rand Corporation, September 2007.)
- *Innovation and Response: American Military Power and the Future Operational Environment*, PAF-3520, Draft Research Report, September 2005.
- *Economic Growth and Military Expenditures*, MR-112-A, (Santa Monica, CA: The Rand Corporation, October 2002.)

Rand Publications (Secondary Author)

- *Striking First: Preemptive and Preventive Attack in U.S. National Security Policy*, Santa Monica, CA: The Rand Corporation, October 2004.)
- *Using Anticipatory Tools to Plan for Future Terrorist Threats: The Role of Exercises, Models and Scenarios*, Rand Occasional Paper, September 2004.
- *Assessing Army International Activities*, Santa Monica, CA: The Rand Corporation, October 2003.)
- *Failed States and Terrorist Groups*, Draft Research Report, September 2003.
- *The Role of Land Forces in Future Conflicts*, Draft Research Report, February 2002.

Teaching Experience

- Teach the following courses at the Bush School: International Security, U.S. Military Power, and Deterrence.
- Adjunct Professor, teaching one course per term: "Theory and Practice of Security Studies," in the fall; and, "International Security," in the spring. Georgetown University, Fall 2003 to Present

Works in Progress

- "The Will to Fight: National Cohesion and Military Staying Power," Book Manuscript in Progress.
- "Dispersed Defense and Conventional Deterrence: Lessons from Iraq for Future Adversaries," Draft Manuscript, January 2008.

Invited Presentations

- "Deterrence and Persistent Conflict," U.S. Army Staff and U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), November 6, 2007.
- "Dispersed Defense: A Security Competition Strategy for Weaker U.S. Adversaries," Program on International Security Policy (PISP), University of Chicago, October 23, 2007.
- "Tailoring Dissuasion and Deterrence," Unrestricted Warfare Symposium, John Hopkins University, JPL, Laurel, Maryland, March 2007

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- “Explaining Cooperation Among Terrorist Groups: Evidence from Al Qaeda and Egyptian Islamic Jihad,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 2006.
- “Dueling Paradigms: Projecting Future Operational Environments,” with Adam Grissom, International Studies Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 3, 2005.
- “Comparing the Battle of France and the German Defense of the Western Front in the Second World War,” Department of Political Science, Duke University, Raleigh, NC, February 22, 2005.
- “A Framework for Understanding Preemption and Prevention,” International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 18, 2004.
- “Defining Economic and Military Power,” Workshop on Shifting Economic Power in East Asia, U.S. State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, March 11, 2004.
- “Deterring the Transfer of Nuclear Weapons to Terrorists: Some Preliminary Hypotheses,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 4, 2003.

Honors and Fellowships

- Silver Star Teaching Award, Bush School of Government and Public Service, 2008.
- Teacher of the Year, Security Studies Program, Georgetown University, 2006.
- Dissertation Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation, Program on International Security Policy, University of Chicago, 2000-2001
- National Science Foundation Fellowship, 1995-98

Service

- Review documents for the Rand Corporation, the Department of Defense, and the U.S. Army.
- Won and lead four research projects in the Intelligence Policy Center, RAND Corporation, September 2004 to October 2006 with budget of \$2,700,000.00
- East Coast Representative for Recruitment, RAND Corporation, August 2004 to October 2006