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Education:

PhD, Political Science – International Relations and Political Theory
Brown University, Providence, RI, May 2023

Dissertation Title: “On the Prospects Of ‘Escalating to De-Escalate’ And Limiting Nuclear War, With A Focus on The U.S. Perspective.”

Committee: Dr. Rose McDermott (Chair); Dr. Tyler Jost, Dr. Reid Pauly.

Master of Arts – Political Science
Brown University, Providence, RI, May 2020

Master of Arts (with High Distinction) - National Security and Strategic Studies
United States Naval War College, Newport, RI, June 2015

- *Thesis: Use of Social Media in the Department of Defense*
- William Sowden Sims Award Winner (Honor Graduate) for graduating class June, 2015

Joint Professional Military Education, Phase 1
United States Naval War College, College of Distance Education Command and Staff Program, May 2011

Bachelor of Science (with Distinction) - Mathematics (Honors)
United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, May 2001
Honors Thesis: “On the Ranks of Toeplitz Matrices Over Finite Fields”

Professional Experience:

Active Duty Commander in the U.S. Navy, May 2001 – Present

- Qualified Naval Aviator and current Permanent Military Professor (PMP) assigned to the U.S. Naval War College.
 - Teaching courses on Strategy and War, and Strategy and Policy.

Nuclear Strike Advisor and Chief of Training July 2015 –June 2018
United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Omaha, NE

- Plan and conduct the training and qualification of all Nuclear Strike Advisors and Battle Watch Commanders, a revolving pool of approximately 30 senior military officers
- Coordinate and execute all recurring watch team training requirements for the Global Operations Center, qualifying and evaluating seven different mission-critical watch stations

- Personal Strike Advisor to Commander, U.S. Strategic Command
- Advise CDR STRATCOM, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of Defense and the President on nuclear generation, launch, strike, and reconnaissance operations in preparation of nuclear execution and termination orders

Squadron Department Head

January 2012 - July 2014

Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Two Six, NOB Norfolk, VA

- Operations Officer - Scheduled all squadron events and ensured readiness for 135 pilots and aircrew and a squadron of 407 personnel to meet all operational requirements for six deployed detachments
- Administrative Officer - Managed and tracked all command correspondence, awards, personnel documents, and a \$4.3 million travel budget
- Detachment Officer in Charge - Trained, managed and directed the operations of a two aircraft, deployed detachment of 40 personnel
- Mountain Flying Instructor - Conducted mountain flying training courses for all pilots and air crewmen

Assistant Air Operations Officer

March 2009 - July 2011

USS Harry S Truman, CVN-75, NOB Norfolk, VA

- Directed the Carrier Air Traffic Control Center and ensured proper execution of flight operations and aircraft launch and recovery operations during night and instrument flight conditions
- Officer of the Deck (OOD), Underway - Directed the safe operation and navigation of the aircraft carrier as the direct representative of the ship's Commanding Officer; served as the special evolutions OOD and emergency OOD; led and trained all other junior watch standers while on the bridge.

Advanced Helicopter Flight Instructor

April 2006 - March 2009

Helicopter Training Squadrons 8 and 28, NAS Whiting Field, Milton, FL

- Personally conducted flights for student pilots in all phases of flight training
- Held highest standardization and evaluator qualifications, evaluating students and instructors
- Helicopter Instructor Training Unit (HITU) instructor pilot
- Flight Operations Officer - Scheduled and managed the training syllabus for 180 students and instructors

Division Officer

February 2003 - April 2006

Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Two, NOB Norfolk, VA

- Led a division of 60 technicians performing maintenance on all squadron helicopters
- Detachment Operations Officer - Scheduled all flight operations and managed all operational flight funding in support of Commander, U.S. Navy, Sixth Fleet
- Search and Rescue Officer - Coordinated and documented all survival and search and rescue qualifications for 58 pilots

- Detachment Administrative Officer - Managed all administrative requirements for a deployed helicopter detachment of 20 personnel and one helicopter
- Navigation Officer - maintained navigational data and equipment and supervised all flight and ground training in air navigation

Gaps in professional experience dates were spent in training or education duties as an active duty naval officer.

Publications:

The Value and Limits of Nuclear Deterrence, U.S. Naval Institute, *Proceedings*, Online, January 2023

<https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/2023/january/value-and-limits-nuclear-deterrence>

The Prospects Of Limiting Nuclear War And The Strategy Of “Escalate To De-Escalate” – A Research Note, *The Ratty Blog*, May 2021

<https://therattyblog.com/2021/05/25/the-prospects-for-limiting-nuclear-war-and-the-strategy-of-escalate-to-de-escalate-a-research-note/>

“Deterring North Korea,” *War On The Rocks*, January 2021

<https://warontherocks.com/2021/01/deterring-north-korea/>

Working Papers:

“What’s in A Name? Elite Perspectives on Deterrence” (With Dr. Sanne Verschuren)

“Escalating to De-Escalate in Past Wargames and Crisis Simulations” (part of dissertation)

“Views on Limiting Nuclear War from within the U.S. Strategic Community. Confidence or Confusion?” (part of dissertation)

“Nuclear Weapons, Escalation, and War Termination. A Survey Experiment” (part of dissertation)

Awards:

The P. Terrance Hopmann Award for Excellence in Teaching, Brown University, Spring 2021

James G. Stavridis Award for Excellence in Theater Strategic Planning, 2014

Instructor of the Year, Helicopter Training Squadron 28, U.S. Navy, 2008

Fellowships and Grants:

Military Fellow, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, Academic year 2023-2024.

International Strategy Forum PhD Research Fellowship, Schmidt Futures, 2022-2023.

International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network, 2022-2023 cohort. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

U.S. Navy Permanent Military Professor Fellowship, 2018 – 2023

Teaching:

“Strategy and Policy,” Permanent Military Professor, U.S. Naval War College Fall 2021 – Present
- Strategy and War Course: Winter 2021-2022; Fall 2022; Fall 2023

“Introduction to International Relations,” Teaching Assistant to Dr. Rose McDermott, Brown University, Spring 2021

“Introduction to International Relations,” Teaching Assistant to Dr. Rose McDermott, Brown University, Fall 2019

Invited Talks and Presentations:

“Coercion: Deterrence and Compellence”, Profiles in Strategy Podcast, March 2023,
<https://digital-commons.usnwc.edu/profiles-in-strategy/27/>

“The Cold War”, Profiles in Strategy Podcast, available at: <https://digital-commons.usnwc.edu/profiles-in-strategy/21/> (or on Spotify); February 2023

“Strategic Deterrence in the 21st Century”, Panel, U.S. Naval War College Future Warfare Symposium, August 2022.

Professional Service:

Case Lead, Cold War Case Study, Strategy and Policy Course, U.S. Naval War College, AY 2023-2024

Thesis Advisor, Advanced Strategist Program, U.S. Naval War College, Jan 2022 – May 2022

Peer Mentor, Political Science Department, Brown University, Aug 2019 – Present

Graduate Student Organization Representative, Political Science Department, Brown University, Aug 2019 – Sep 2021

Professional Affiliations:

Member, United States Naval Institute

Member, International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network, 2022 - 2023 Cohort

U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association

Member, International Studies Association

Member, U.S. Strategic Command Academic Alliance