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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2003, Ph.D., Political Science (International Relations and Security Studies)

Emphasis: International Relations, Security Studies, and Comparative Politics

Dissertation: "The Causes of Religious Wars: Holy Nations, Sacred Spaces and Religious Revolutions"

Harvard Divinity School

1998, Master's of Theological Studies

Emphasis: Islam

University of California at Santa Cruz

1993, Bachelor of Arts, Cultural Anthropology

Graduated with honors

Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary

August 1991- August 1992

University exchange student with the University of California study abroad program

Work Experience

U.S Army War College, Carlisle, PA, October 2019-present

Professor

Department of National Security and Strategy

Research interests: The use of the military in strategic competition, Irregular Warfare, extremism, terrorism and counterterrorism, stability operations, state fragility

Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, August 2006-September 2019
Tenured, Associate Professor, 2014-2019
Assistant Professor, 2006-2014
Defense Analysis Department
Graduate School of Operational and Informational Sciences
Teaching and research interests: Special Operations Forces, Religiously motivated violence, Irregular Warfare, stabilization and reconstruction

Indonesia Defense University, Sentul, Indonesia, October 2016-December 2016
Visiting Professor
Teaching Indonesian students at IDU's department on Asymmetrical Warfare as an exchange faculty with the Naval Postgraduate School

National Defense University, Fort Bragg, NC, July 2011-June 2012
Assistant Professor
College of International Security Affairs
Teaching in the Joint Special Operations Master's of Arts Program

RAND Corporation, Santa Monica Office, November 2003-June 2006
Associate Political Scientist
Research Topics: Religious Terrorism, Political Islam, Middle East Security and Politics
Analyst at RAND Corporation, Doha, Qatar, November 2004-April 2005
Working with the Supreme Education Council of Qatar in the Higher Education Institute reforming Qatar's postsecondary scholarship system
Summer associate, RAND Corporation, Washington Office, June-August 2002
Research Topic: Religious Terrorism and U.S. Foreign Policy

Program on Human Rights and Justice at MIT, January 2001-May 2002
Research Associate

Inter-University Committee on International Migration, MIT, September 2000-January 2001
Research Assistant

The International Center of Bethlehem, September 1998-July 1999
Project Coordinator/ Funds Appealer
Responsibilities: Project proposals for education-related projects in Bethlehem and surrounding areas

Lutheran Church in Jerusalem (ELCJ) in coordination with the **Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)**, July 1998-June 1999

Responsibilities: Lutheran Project Coordinator for the *Bethlehem 2000* project

Irish Immigration Center, Boston, Massachusetts, May 1997-August 1997

Responsibilities: Internship assisting non-US citizens with INS policies on immigration, naturalization and citizenship

The Evangelical Theological Seminary, Osijek, Croatia, September 1994-March 1996

English as a Second Language Teacher

Responsibilities: Teaching intermediate and advanced university-level English, research skills, writing skills, polishing verbal fluency and facilitating student government to a multi-ethnic student body

Gasinci Refugee Camp, Djakovo, Croatia, September 1994-June 1995

English as a Second Language Teacher

Responsibilities: English tutor for refugees relocating to western countries, particularly to the United States and Denmark

Lutheran World Federation, Osijek, Croatia, January 1995- May 1995

Project Assistant for Humanitarian Relief Work

Responsibilities: Written correspondence, funds appeals, and project assessments

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET), Shirataka-Machi, Yamagata, Japan, July 1993-July 1994

Assistant Language Teacher

Responsibilities: Team-teaching with Japanese language teachers at the Junior High School level and conversational English to Japanese women

Awards

Meritorious Service Metal

U.S. Army War College, May 2021

**Madigan Award for Excellence in Scholarship for *Religious Terrorism*
(Cambridge University Press, 2020)**

U.S. Army War College, 2021

**Madigan Award for Excellence in Scholarship for *Building the Nation: Missed
Opportunities in Iraq and Afghanistan* (University of Nebraska Press, 2018)**

U.S. Army War College, 2020

Richard W. Hamming Award for Excellence in Teaching,

Naval Postgraduate School, 2017

Publications

Books

Religious Terrorism, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2020.

Building the Nation: Missing Opportunities in Iraq and Afghanistan, Lincoln, NE:
University of Nebraska Press, 2018.

Winner of the Madigan Award for Excellence in Scholarship, 2020.

The Path to Salvation: Religious Violence from the Crusades to Jihad, Lincoln, NE:
University of Nebraska Press, 2014.

The Three Circles of War: Understanding the Dynamics of Modern War in Iraq, edited
by Heather S. Gregg, Hy S. Rothstein, and John Arquilla, Washington, DC:
Potomac Books, 2010.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

COL Wade Germann and Heather S. Gregg, "Assessing Risk at the National
Strategic Level: Visualization Tools for Military Planners," *Parameters* 51, no. 3
(2021): 39-50.

"Identity Wars: Collective Identity Building in Insurgency and
Counterinsurgency," *Small Wars and Insurgencies* 31, no. 2 (2020): 381-401.

"Understanding the "Trinamic": A Net Assessment of ISIS, *Journal of Religious
Violence* 7, no. 1 (2019): 1-23.

"Religious Resources and Terrorism," *Numen* 63 (2018): 185-206.

"Human Domain and Influence Operations in the 21st Century," *Special Operations Journal* 2, no. 2 (Fall 2016): 92-105.

"Three Theories of Religious Activism and Violence: Social Movements, Fundamentalism, and Cosmic War," *Terrorism and Political Violence* 0 (2014): 1-23.

"Defining and Distinguishing Traditional and Religious Terrorism," *Perspectives on Terrorism* 8, no. 8 (2014): 1-16.

"Setting a Place at the Table: Ending Insurgencies Through the Democratic Process," *Small Wars and Insurgencies* 22, no. 4 (2011): 644-668.

"Crafting a Better Grand Strategy to Fight the Global War on Terror: Lessons from the Early Years of the Cold War," *Foreign Policy Analysis* 6, no. 3 (July 2010): 237-255.

"Fighting the Jihad of the Pen: Countering Al Qaeda's Ideology," *Terrorism and Political Violence* 22, no. 2 (2010): 294-314.

"Beyond Population Engagement: Understanding the Goals of Counterinsurgency," *Parameters* 39, no. 3 (2009): 18-31.

"Fighting Cosmic Warriors: Lessons from the First Seven Years of the Global War on Terror," *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 32, no. 3 (2009): 188-208.

Other Peer Reviewed Publications

"Religiously Motivated Violence," in *Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations*, edited by Patrick James, New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.
<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199743292/obo-9780199743292-0168.xml>, as of June 20, 2018.

After Saddam: Pre-War Planning and the Occupation of Iraq, Nora Bensahel, Olga Oliker, Keith Crane, Richard R. Brennan, Jr., Heather S. Gregg, Thomas Sullivan, Andrew Rathmell, Santa Monica: RAND, 2008.

Beyond Al Qaeda, Part I, Angel Rabasa, Peter Chalk, Kim Cragin, Sara A. Daly, Heather S. Gregg, Theodore W. Karasik, Kevin A. O'Brien, William Rosenau, Santa Monica: RAND, 2006.

Beyond Al Qaeda, Part II, Angel Rabasa, Peter Chalk, Kim Cragin, Sara A. Daly, Heather S. Gregg, Theodore W. Karasik, Kevin A. O'Brien, William Rosenau, Santa Monica: RAND, 2006.

Exploring Religious Conflict, Gregory F. Treverton, Heather S. Gregg, Daniel Gibran, Charles Yost, Santa Monica: RAND, 2005.

Solicited Book Chapters

"Myths of Heroes in Religious Radicalism," in *Religious Radicalism*, Akil Awan and James Lewis, eds. London: Hurst and Co. forthcoming.

"Princess Leia and the Strategic Art of Metis," in *To Boldly Go: Leadership, Strategy and Conflict in the 21st Century and Beyond*, Jonathan Klug and Steven Leonard, eds. (Haverton, PA: Casemate, 2021).

"Religious Dimensions of Extremism," in *Evidence-Based Work with Violent Extremists: France as a Case Study*, Martine Herzog-Evans and Massil Benbouriche, eds. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2019.

"Reagan and Terrorism," in *A Companion to Ronald Reagan*, Andrew Johns, ed. Hoboken: Wiley Blackwell, 2015.

"The Prospects for Democratization in the Middle East," in *Governance in the Middle East and North Africa*, Abbas Khadim, ed. New York: Routledge, 2012.

"U.S. Relations with Al Qaeda," in *The Middle East and the United States*, 5th Edition, David W. Lesch and Mark L. Haas, eds. New York: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.

"Political Development in Iraq and the Three Circles of War," in *The Three Circles of War: Understanding the Dynamics of Modern War in Iraq*, Heather S. Gregg, Hy Rothstein and John Arquilla, eds. Washington, DC: Potomac, 2010.

"Analytical Framework: The Three Circles of War and Iraq," with John Arquilla and Hy S. Rothstein, in *The Three Circles of War: Understanding the Dynamics of Modern War in Iraq*, Heather S. Gregg, Hy Rothstein and John Arquilla, eds. Washington, DC: Potomac, 2010.

“End Game: Considerations for Leaving Iraq,” with Hy Rothstein and John Arquilla, *The Three Circles of War: Understanding the Dynamics of Modern War in Iraq*, Heather S. Gregg, Hy Rothstein and John Arquilla, eds. Washington, DC: Potomac, 2010.

“U.S. Relations with Islamic Organizations in the Middle East,” in *Middle East Handbook*, Robert Looney, ed. New York: Routledge, 2009.

Sponsored Technical Reports

“Over a Decade Later: What Now? What Next? A Multilayered Assessment of Terrorism in its Current and Future Manifestation,” Strategic Multilayer Assessment (SMA), Department of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, June 2013.

Paul C Clark, Heather S. Gregg, and Cynthia E. Irvine, “Biometric Challenges for Future Deployments: A Study of the Impact of Geography, Climate, Culture, and Social Conditions on the Effective Collection of Biometrics,” *Naval Postgraduate School Technical Report*, NPS-CS-11-005, 2011.

“Group Identity” and “Social “Engagement,” in “Gangs and Guerillas: Ideas from Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism,” *Naval Postgraduate School Technical Report*, NPS-DA-11-001, 2011.

“Employment Handbook for Fighting Counterinsurgencies: A toolkit for how to build rapport, create jobs and work towards a viable state,” *Naval Postgraduate School Technical Report*, NPS-DA-09-001, November 2009.

Other Publications

Major Badura Hakim and Heather S. Gregg, “Demobilizing and Integrating Armed Groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo,” *CTX* 8, no. 1 (2018): 29-37.

Book Review: Brian Glyn Williams, *Counter Jihad: America’s Military Experience in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria*, in *History: Reviews of New Books* 46, no. 1 (2018): 26-27.

“The Global War on Terrorism and its Effects on Al Qaeda’s Structure and Leadership,” *Terrorism Update* (Summer 2004): 3-5.

Book Review: Christopher Hewitt, *Understanding Terrorism in America: From the Klan to Al Qaeda in Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, 9, no. 3 (Autumn 2003): 137-138.

“Divided They Conquer: The Success of Armenian Lobbies in the US,” *Rosemarie Rogers Working Paper Series* (May 2002): 1-40.

Portion published in *Precis*, MIT Center for International Studies, XI, no. 1 (Fall 2001): 17-20.

Reviews of Publications

Path to Salvation

--Reviewed by Dr. Jennifer Jefferis, *Journal of Religion and Violence*, 2, no. 1 (2014): 208-209.

Three Circles of War

--Reviewed by Major Scott Smitson, *Parameters*, 41, no. 3 (Autumn 2011): 114-116.

--Reviewed by Major Thomas E. Walton, *Military Review*, 91, no. 4 (July-August 2011): 97

--Blogged about on the *Small Wars Journal* website, 2009

<http://council.smallwarsjournal.com/showthread.php?t=8867>

Handbook of US-Middle East Relations

--Reviewed by Michael Onderco, *Amsterdam Law Forum*, 2, no. 3 (2010).

“Especially the chapter on proliferation in the Gulf and Middle East by James A. Russell and the chapter on policy puzzles posed by various Islamist groups by Heather S. Gregg are very refreshing and bring about new insights into the matter.”

--Reviewed by Wolfgang G. Schwanitz, *H Soz U Kult (Germany)*, 2012

<http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/rezensionen/id=13873>.

“Jihad of the Pen”

--Blogged as a useful read by Mark Stout, Al Qaeda expert, *On War and Words*, March 29, 2010

<http://onwarandwords.wordpress.com/2010/03/29/fighting-the-jihad-of-the-pen/>

“Crafting a Better Grand Strategy”

--Reviewed in the *Montreal Review*, November 2010

<http://www.themontrealreview.com/2009/US-Grand-Strategy-in-the-Post-September-11-World.php>

“Setting a Place at the Table”

--Included in the US Army War College’s Library Notes on “Periodical Articles for Current Awareness,” compiled by Jeanette M. Moyer, October 2011, <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/library/bibs/Oct11pac.pdf>

“Divided They Conquer: The Success of Armenian Lobbies in the U.S.,”

--Frequently referenced on articles and books relating to ethnic lobbies, including John Mearscheimer and Stepehn Walt, *The Israel Lobby and US Foreign Policy*, New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2007.

--Cited in a 2009 petition to the U.S. Attorney General to declare Armenian National Committee of America in violation of Foreign Agents Registrations Act by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in the United States

[http://www.citizensforethics.org/page/-/PDFs/Legal/Investigation/CREW Complaint ANCA 20090218.pdf?nocdn=1](http://www.citizensforethics.org/page/-/PDFs/Legal/Investigation/CREW%20Complaint%20ANCA%2020090218.pdf?nocdn=1)

--Footnoted in Wikipedia page on Armenian Lobbies, and the Armenian National Committee

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenian_lobby_in_the_United_States
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenian_National_Committee_of_America

Beyond Al Qaeda, Part I and II,

--Featured on C-Span Book Discussion, February 13, 2007

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/196691-1>

--Reviewed by Jonathan Schanzer, *Middle East Quarterly*, 15, no. 2 (Spring 2008): 76-78.

After Saddam: Pre-War Planning and the Occupation of Iraq,

--Reported on by Michael R. Gordon, “Army Buried Study Faulting Iraq Planning,” *New York Times*, February 11, 2008

--Frequently cited in journal articles and books (See Google Scholar)

University Courses and Reading Lists That Assign My Work

The Path to Salvation

- SOC 337, "Religion and Society," Kettering University
- HIST 450, "Senior Seminar in History," College of Charleston

"U.S. Relations with Al-Qaida"

- HIST 250, "US Relations with the Middle East and North Africa," Purdue University

"Religion and Political Violence" (MIT Video)

- INDS 3112, "Religion and Political Violence," Hellenic College

"Defining and Distinguishing Traditional and Religious Terrorism"

- CONF 345, "The Social Dynamics of Terrorism, Security and Social Justice" George Mason University
- 4518, "Radical Islamic Ideologies and Doctrine," Lauder School of Government and Policy, Herzliya, Israel

"Three Theories of Religious Activism"

- 4338, "Religion, Conflict and Conflict Resolution," Lauder School of Government and Policy, Herzliya, Israel

Three Circles of War

- Joint Special Operations University Reading Library
- Included in a bibliography on the Iraq war, Bruce Gilley, Oregon State University

"Crafting a Better U.S. Grand Strategy,"

- Political Science 4KK3-C01, "Advanced Issues in Global Security," McMaster University
- Listed as an article to read on the United States Mission to the European Union, August 2010
http://search.state.gov/search?site=emb_eur_useu&client=emb_en_useu&output=xml_no_dtd&proxystylesheet=emb_en_useu&ie=utf8&oe=utf8&lr=lang_en&filter=0&q=gregg&Submit.x=-332&Submit.y=-160

"Fighting Cosmic Warriors"

- Included in the Pentagon Library's bibliography on Global Strategic Assessment, Transnational Movements and Terrorism,

<http://www.whs.mil/library/GlobalStrategicAssessment/GlobalStrategy-Chapter6.html>

--Included in David C. Hoffman and Alex P. Schmidt, "Selected Literature on (i) Radicalization and Recruitment, (ii) De-Radicalization and Dis-Engagement, and (iii) Counter-Radicalization and Countering Violent Extremism," *Terrorism Perspectives*, 6, no. 6 (2012).

"Jihad of the Pen"

--Included in David C. Hoffman and Alex P. Schmidt, "Selected Literature on (i) Radicalization and Recruitment, (ii) De-Radicalization and Dis-Engagement, and (iii) Counter-Radicalization and Countering Violent Extremism," *Terrorism Perspectives*, 6, no. 6, 2012.

"Beyond Population Engagement"

--Included in "Counterinsurgency: A Bibliography," August 2010 Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, United Kingdom

http://www.army.mod.uk/documents/general/RMAS_COIN_BIB_AKX_3.pdf

--Included in a National Defense University Reading list on counterinsurgency

<http://merln.ndu.edu/?type=section&secid=116&pageid=3#counterinsurgency>

--Included in a bibliography on "Strategy," Air University, Maxwell Air Force base, February 2011,

<http://www.au.af.mil/au/aul/bibs/strategy2011.htm>

After Saddam: Pre-War Planning and the Occupation of Iraq,

--Included in a bibliography on "Operations Other Than War," *Arthur D. Simons Center for Interagency Cooperation*

<http://thesimonscenter.org/bibliography/bensahel-nora-olga-oliker-et-al/>

Sample Courses Taught

"The Rise of Religious Violence"

This course explores the conditions under which religious groups engage in violent activity as a means of achieving various political, social and religious goals. In particular, this course a) offers an introductory foundation in the world's major religious traditions; b) investigates how religion influences

conflict, violence and war; c) compares the rise and fall of religious groups engaging in violent activity with the intent of better understanding the conditions under which religious groups resort to and abandon violence; d) compares other examples of religious violence with the current rise of Islamic militancy; and e) considers ways in which religiously motivated violence can be

“Human Domain”

This seminar investigates the possibility of making the human domain the sixth domain of warfighting. In addition to defining the human domain, this seminar will also explore how this domain affects the other five domains of warfighting—land, sea, air, space, and cyber. Topics of discussion will include: disaggregating the human domain; different contexts of the human domain; the dynamic nature of the human domain; training requirements and knowledge necessary to engage in human domain centric warfare; and Special Operations’ unique relationship with and contribution to the human domain. The end product of this seminar aims to help inform manning, training and equipping Special Operators for warfare in and with the human domain, and to help influence the development of joint doctrine relating to the human domain more broadly.

“Culture and Influence”

This seminar provides analytical tools for thinking about culture and the ways that interacting with different cultures affects U.S. military operations, particularly in Irregular Warfare. Drawing from the fields of anthropology, political science, and economics, the course includes topics such as the role of ethnicity, nationalism and identity in politics; efforts to democratize, economically develop and nation-build in other countries; and the necessary conditions for a stable, functioning state. The course also offers tools for assessing and leveraging culture in operations, including intelligence gathering, strategic messaging, and measures of effectiveness in Irregular Warfare.

“Governance”

This seminar investigates how to access and understand governance in specific areas, including how to identify and assess forms of official and unofficial governance, sources of authority, social networks, and sources of social and political capital. Broadly, this class aims to help inform one of the core capabilities of Civil Affairs, which is “governance”. This course should also be directly relevant to Special Forces and FID missions designed to work with indigenous forces in various operations.

“Terrorism, Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism”

This seminar investigates terrorism as a strategic problem. It begins with a brief examination of what is terrorism, debates over its definition, and how it is similar and different from other forms of violence. It provides an introduction to academic debates on the causes of terrorism, including psychological, social-psychological, political and economic explanations. It then considers the rise of global movements that use terrorism to further various goals, including Marxism, Anti-Colonial and Ethnic Separatism, Religious Extremism and White Supremacism and Anti-Government motivations. The course concludes with a discussion on a wide range of options for countering violent extremism, including the role of military force in CVE.

Presentations and Lectures

Conference Papers and Presentations

“Myths of Heroes and Martyrs in Religiously Motivated Violence,” presented at WBZ Berlin Social Science Center’s 6th Annual Conference on “Religious Fundamentalism: Causes and Mechanisms,” June 29-30, 2018, Berlin, Germany

“Building a Palestinian Nonviolent Resistance Movement,” presented at the International Studies Association Convention, Atlanta, GA, March, 2016

“Potential Future Rivalries between Islamic Terrorist Groups,” presented at the Future of Terrorism Conference, Naval Postgraduate School and Naval War College, April 24, 2015

“Social Movements, Fundamentalists and Cosmic Warriors: Three Paths to Religiously Motivated Violence,” presented at the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, Washington, DC, April, 2013

“Bridging the Short and Long Term Goals of Counterinsurgency: Theory and Practice,” the International Studies Association Convention, February 2010

“Islamic Organizations,” presented at “The Global War on Terror and Beyond,” Naval Postgraduate School Information Operations Center for Excellence, May, 2008

“Setting a Place at the Table: Ending Insurgencies through the Political Process,” presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, September 2007

“Defining and Distinguishing Traditional and Religious Terrorism,” presented at the International Studies Association Conference, Montreal, Canada, March 2004

“The Two Front War of Islamic Terrorists: Why Islam? Why Now? Why the United States?” presented at the International Studies Association Conference, Portland, Oregon, March 2003

“Divided They Conquer: The Success of Armenian Ethnic Lobbies in the United States,” presented at *American Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL, September 2002

Invited Lectures, Presentations and Podcasts

“Campaign Planning for Counterterrorism,” guest lecturer for Joint Special Operations University course on Irregular Warfare, Robert Burrell, point of Contact

--November 30, 2021

“Assessing Strategic Level Threat,” podcast for *Decisive Point*, with COL Germann, <https://ssi.armywarcollege.edu/2021/pubs/decisive-point-podcast/col-wade-a-germann-and-dr-heather-s-gregg-assessing-risk-at-the-national-strategic-level-visualization-tools-for-military-planners/>

--October 6, 2021

“Extremism Standdown,” panelist for Department of Defense mandated training on extremism in the United States, U.S. Army War College

--March 31, 2021

“National Identity and State Stabilization,” guest lecturer for Clare Lockhart’s class “Practical Challenges in Reform, Transition and Reconstruction Contexts,” Yale University, Jackson Institute for Global Affairs,

--April 18 and 19, 2018

--April 8, 2020

--April 7, 2021

“Review of Framework for Stabilization in Complex Environments,” presented at the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI), Carlisle Barracks, PA, June 12, 2018

“The Rohingya Crisis,” presented at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), California State University, Monterey Bay, October 24, 2017

“Population Centric Warfare,” presented at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), California State University, Monterey Bay, April 11, 2017

“The Evolution of ISIS,” presented at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), California State University, Monterey Bay, April 19, 2016

“History of Women in U.S. Armed Forces,”

-- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), California State University, Monterey Bay, October 20, 2015

-- Democratic Women of Monterey County luncheon, February 19, 2015

“Social Movements, Fundamentalists, and Cosmic Warriors: Three Paths to Religious Activism,” presented at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), California State University, Monterey Bay, April 14, 2015

“Mysticism in Judaism, Christianity and Islam,” presented at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), California State University, Monterey Bay, October 28, 2014

“Shia vs. Sunni Islam,”

--presented at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), California State University, Monterey Bay, April 28, 2014

--presented at the World Affairs Council, November 20, 2013

“Social Movements, Fundamentalists and Cosmic Warriors: Three Paths to Religious Violence,” presented at Texas A&M Bush School of Government and Public Service, June 17, 2011

Discussed the *Three Circles of War*, interview on the John Batchelor Show (Radio), aired November 27, 2010

“Counterinsurgency Tutorial,” presented at the Institute for Defense and Global Advancement Conference on Irregular Warfare, Washington, DC, May 21, 2010

“Religion and Violence,” presented at the National Defense University, August, 18, 2009

“Why Gaza Matters,” presented at the World Affairs Council of Monterey, August 29, 2007

“Islamic Fundamentalism and Terrorism toward the United States,” presented at the Star Island International Affairs Conference, Star Island, New Hampshire, July 21-28, 2003

“Religion and Political Violence,” presented at *Interim Activities Period Panel at MIT*, January 28, 2002 (coordinator and speaker)

Presentations to Military Units

“ISIS Today,” presented at Second Battalion, 7th Group Special Forces Academic Week, July 27, 2018, Eglin Air Force Base, FL

“Official and Unofficial forms of Governance,” presented at 95th Civil Affairs Battalion, July 19, 2018, Fort Bragg, NC

“The (De)Evolution of ISIS,” pre-deployment training, 303d Information Operations, 151st Theater IO Group, July 17, 2017

“Social Movements, Fundamentalists and Cosmic Warriors: Three Paths to Religiously Motivated Violence,” presented at:

--Special Operations Forces UW Course, Fort Bragg, January 25, 2018

--Special Operations Forces UW Course, Fort Bragg, June 9, 2017

--Special Operations Forces UW Course, Fort Bragg, February 25, 2016

--Special Operations Forces UW Course, Fort Carson, January 14, 2016

--Pre-deployment training and education, 10th Group Special Forces, October 30, 2014

--The PSYOP Qualification course, Fort Bragg, 2011-2012

-- Joint Psychological Task Force, CENTCOM forward, Qatar, December 7-13, 2008

“Countering Religious Extremism,” part of a NPS Defense Analysis team that provides a two-week long resident course to North African security forces,

sponsored by the Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) Program at the State Department:

- September 17, 2019
- November 6, 2018
- July 31, 2018
- March 14, 2018
- November 07, 2017
- September 19, 2017
- April 25, 2017
- August 9, 2016
- July 19, 2016
- May 17, 2016
- May 26-June 6, 2014
- May 5-16, 2014
- April 7-18, 2014
- March 3-14, 2014
- January 26-February 14, 2014
- May 13-18, 2013

“Countering ISIS Recruitment,” role: al-Baghdadi, interactive NPS wargame for USSOCOM, December 11, 2015

“Countering Religious Extremism,” part of a NPS Center for Civil Military Relations team that provided a two-week long resident course to international military officers at NPS, Monterey:

- November 30-December 11, 2015
- November 9-20, 2015
- May 18-29, 2015
- November 3-14, 2014

“Countering Religious Extremism,” part of a NPS Center for Civil Military Relations team that provided a week-long course to Tajik military officers, Dushanbe, Tajikistan:

- August 10-15, 2015
- February 2-6, 2015
- March 31-April 4, 2014
- January 20-24, 2014
- March 4-8, 2013

“Culture and Unconventional Warfare,” presented at:

- The Irregular Warfare Seminar, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 2011-2013
- The Irregular Warfare Seminar, Hurlburt Airfield, FL, February 10, 2009

“Bridging the Short and Long Term Goals of Counterinsurgency: Theory and Practice,” presented at:

- Special Forces First Group, Third Battalion, December 4, 2009

“Culture and Counterinsurgency,” presented at:

- Navy EOD Lieutenants’ Course, San Diego, CA, April 3, 2013
- WARCOM seminar, Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, CA, January 24, 2009
- WARCOM seminar, Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, CA, January 23, 2009

Regional Security Education Program on Navy Ships while underway:

- USS Theodore Roosevelt, October 5-17, 2017
- USS Eisenhower, June 1-10, 2016
- USS Makin Island, November 14-21, 2011
- USS Theodore Roosevelt, September 7-18, 2008
- USS Lincoln, March 17-26, 2008

Topics briefed:

- Introduction to ISIS
- Apocalyptic War
- Population Centric Warfare
- Introduction to Islam
- Islamic Activism and the Arab Spring
- Ethnic Antagonisms in the Middle East
- Cultural Awareness in the Middle East
- Iraq’s Insurgencies
- Iran in Transition
- US Middle East Security Policy
- Regional Implications for the 2006 War in Lebanon

Research and Grants

Naval Postgraduate School Sabbatical

Competed for a six-month sabbatical to participate in a teaching exchange with the Indonesian Defense University, Sentul, Indonesia. Fiscal Year 2017

National Counter-Terrorism Center (NCTC)

Worked with a team of U.S. academics to help inform a net assessment of terrorism for the U.S. government. Wrote "Religiously Motivated Terrorism in the Next Five-to-Seven Years." Fiscal Year 2015

U.S. Department of State Export Control and Related Border Security Program (EXBS)

Principal Investigator: Created short-course curriculum and ran workshops for Egyptian, Moroccan, Algerian and Tunisian military officers visiting NPS. Fiscal Years 2013-2014

TRAC Monterey, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

Researcher: "HUMINT in Counterinsurgency," research for the Cultural Geography Model. Fiscal Year 2011

Biometric Identity Management Agency (BIMA), Department of Defense

Researcher: Culture and Biometric Data Gathering: "Constraints and Opportunities," Fiscal Year 2010

Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO)

Principal Investigator: "Employment Handbook for Fighting Counterinsurgencies: A Toolkit for How to Build Rapport, Create Jobs and Work Towards a Viable State," Fiscal Year 2009

Rapid Response Technology Office, Office of the Secretary of Defense

Co-Principal Investigator: "Countering Insurgent Violence in Iraq: Understanding the Dynamics of Contemporary War," Fiscal Year 2008

Energy, Technology and International Affairs Grant (MIT)

Dissertation Completion Grant, Summer 2003

MacArthur Grant for Security Studies

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Journal refereeing

- Terrorism and Political Violence
- American Political Science Review Quarterly
- International Studies Perspectives
- Journal of Political Science and International Relations
- Ethnic and Migration Studies
- Systems Dynamic Review
- Armed Forces and Society
- Journal of Cold War History
- Security Studies
- Parameters

Manuscript reviews

- Yale University Press (manuscript prospectus)
- Oxford University Press (manuscript prospectus)
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