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EDUCATION

London School of Economics, PhD Program (expected 2009), Department of Government **London, England**
Dissertation title: "Nanomanagement: trust, technology and the death of professions?"
Master of Science with Distinction in Public Policy, 2003

Duke University, A.B. Public Policy Cum Laude, Markets and Management Cert. 1998 **Durham, North Carolina**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Current **Instructor, Dept. of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy** **West Point, New York**
Taught courses: Intro to American Politics, Advanced American Politics, Mass Media and Politics.
- 2006 **Special Forces Liaison to the Multi National Division-Baghdad Commander** **Baghdad, Iraq**
Senior Special Forces advisor to Major General Thurman.
- 2004-2006 **Operational Detachment Commander (A-Team)** **Ft. Carson, Colorado and Iraq**
Led the preparation, training and deployment to Iraq of a twelve-man detachment of Green Berets in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III. During eight months in 2004-2005, focused on securing the first free election in modern Iraq, recruiting, building and training elite Iraqi Army and Police units. For Operation Iraqi Freedom IV, served as a senior advisor to the Iraqi Special Operations Forces.
- 2003-2004 **Student, Special Forces Officer Qualification Course** **Ft. Bragg, North Carolina**
Distinguished Honor Graduate of eight-month course.
- 2002-2003 **Army Scholar, London School of Economics** **London, England**
Served as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. Earned mark of Distinction of MSc program (awarded to top 3 of 34 graduate student program) and published dissertation.
- 2001 **Brigade Adjutant, 1st Engineer Brigade** **Bamberg, Germany**
During staff assignment represented the 1st Infantry Division in the Best Ranger competition and captained a co-ed team as part of the nationally televised Armed Forces Eco Challenge, a four-day adventure race for charity in Alaska.
- 1999-2001 **Combat Engineer Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer** **Germany and Kosovo**
Led a platoon in support of Peacekeeping Operations in Kosovo with varied assignments ranging from joint patrolling with the Russian military contingent to securing the Serbian border. Wrote series of articles for US newspaper raising awareness of conflict, contributed to raising thousands of dollars of educational, clothing, and cooking supplies for Kosovars.
- 1998 **Intern, United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations** **NYC, New York**
Served as assistant to the Chief of Staff of DPKO. Conducted research on non-state actors focusing on the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.
- 1998 **Teaching Assistant, Duke University's Leadership in the Arts** **NYC, New York**
Daily coordinated and planned activities for 14 university students conducting an immersive program to research the role of art and policy in American society.

1996 ***Intern, The People*** **Nairobi, Kenya**
 Assisted in reporting for opposition daily newspaper on subjects ranging from Kenya's Parliament to glue sniffers in Mathare valley slums. Wrote series of articles for hometown newspaper. Met and briefed Kenyan college students as part of AIESEC international exchange student program.

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

2005	U.S. Army Military Free Fall School (HALO)	Yuma Proving Grounds, Arizona
2005	U.S. Army Jumpmaster School	Ft. Carson, Colorado
2004	U.S. Army Survival, Escape, Resistance and Evasion (High Risk)	Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
2003	U.S. Army Special Forces Qualification Course	Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
2002	U.S. Army Engineer Officer Advanced Course	Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri
1999	Belgian Commando School	Marche-les-Dames, Belgium
1999	U.S. Army Airborne School	Ft. Benning, Georgia
1998	U.S. Army Ranger School	Ft. Benning, Georgia
1998	U.S. Army Engineer Officer Basic Course	Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri
1997	U.S. Army Air Assault School	Ft. Belvoir, Virginia
1996	U.S. Army Northern Warfare School	Ft. Greeley, Alaska

MILITARY AWARDS

Bronze Star Medal
 Joint Commendation Medal
 Army Commendation Medal
 Army Achievement Medal
 Armed Force Expeditionary Force Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Campaign Medal
 Overseas Service Ribbon
 Iraqi Campaign Medal
 Kosovo Defense Medal
 NATO Service Ribbon
 Ranger Tab
 Special Forces Tab
 Senior Parachutist Badge
 Military Freefall Badge

HONORS/SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Rotary Scholar
 State Finalist, Rhodes Scholarship
 Half Colours, London School of Economics Rugby-1st Team
 Fulbright and Rotary Scholarship Coordinator, USMA
 American Political Science Association
 Distinguished Honor Graduate, U.S. Army Special Forces Qualification Course
 Distinguished Honor Graduate, U.S. Army Engineer Officer Basic Course
 Distinguished Honor Graduate, U.S. Army Engineer Officer Advanced Course
 William T. Griffin University Service Award, Duke University
 President, Interfraternity Council, Duke University
 President, AIESEC, International Association of Students in Economics and Commerce, Duke University
 Battalion Commander, Duke Army ROTC

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, PANELS

- April 2008** Conference Officer in Charge and Moderator, Joint Service Conference, “Service in America, 21st Century Challenges”, Chicago, Illinois.
- November 2007** Paper Presentation, North East Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- November 2007** Panelist, The Century Foundation, “Contractors Out of Control? New Models of Accountability for Private Military Companies”, New York, New York.
- September 2007** Chair, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, “Strategy and the 'Long War': New Perspectives on Counter-terrorism and Counter-Insurgency”, Chicago, Illinois.
- August 2007** Panel Member, “It is Our War”, Panel Discussion with Todd Heisler, Chris Hondros, Suzanne Opton and Jamie Wellford of *Newsweek* Magazine, Fovea Exhibitions, Beacon, New York.
- June 2007** Presenter and Rapporteur, Partnership for Peace Consortium Annual Conference, “Civilian Participation in Defense and Security Policy—Creating a Corps of Civilian Defense Professionals”, Zagreb, Croatia.
- April 2007** Panel Member, Yale Law School, “On the Ground in Iraq and Afghanistan: Military Perspectives on Current Operations” sponsored by Yale Law Veterans and the Truman National Security Project, New Haven, Connecticut.

PUBLICATIONS

- “Nanomanagement: The Challenge of Professions Combating Terrorism” *CTC Sentinel*, Vol. 1, No. 5, April 2008
- “Beyond the Soldier and the State: Contemporary Operations and Variance in Principal-Agent Relationships” *Armed Forces & Society*, Vol. 31, No. 3, Spring 2005, pp. 385-409.

SECURITY CLEARANCE: Top Secret-Special Compartmentalized Information

LANGUAGES: German-Proficient, Spanish-Proficient, Arabic-Some Knowledge