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Jason Dempsey graduated with honors from the United States Military Academy, West Point, in 1993. In addition to teaching courses in American Politics, Political Analysis and American Civil-Military Relations at West Point, he is currently in his fourth year in the Ph.D. program in Political Science at Columbia University. His research focuses on the partisanship and political attitudes of soldiers as well as the integration of Hispanics into the United States Army. He was awarded a Dwight Eisenhower / Clifford Roberts Fellowship for 2005-2006. In 2003 Jason was the Co-Chair of the Political Science Department's graduate student council and co-edited a special journal issue on civil-military relations for *Policy and Management Review*. In 2004 he served as the Executive Secretary for the 56<sup>th</sup> Student Conference on United States Affairs, the oldest and largest undergraduate student conference in the United States. He currently serves on West Point's admissions committee and is also a member of the working group of the Army's Commission on Officer Diversity and Advancement. His community service activities include supervising West Point's Big Brothers / Big Sisters program and working on the scholarship committee of the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Association. Jason's publications include *Up is Our Only Option: Suggestions for Improving Army Policies on Gender Integration*, which won the 1998 Annual Army Magazine Essay Contest, and a forthcoming chapter on the attitudes of Hispanics in the United States Army. He is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations and was a 2004 delegate to the U.S.-Italy Young Leader's Conference.

Jason's military schooling has included the Amphibious Warfare School of the United States Marine Corps and the Army's Infantry Officer's Basic Course. He is Airborne and Ranger qualified and is rated as a senior parachutist. His operational assignments have included tours with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment. From 1999 to 2001 he commanded a mechanized infantry company in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division. In 2005 he deployed to Baghdad to help draft and coordinate policy towards Kirkuk and the reconciliation of conflict stemming from the displacement of minority populations in northern Iraq. He is married to Laura Anne Dempsey, who is an attorney specializing in cases of child abuse and neglect for the law firm of Marsh and Gaughran, LLP. They recently had their first child, Jack, who was born in 2003.