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Education

Master of Public Administration, Syracuse University, 2003
Master of Arts, International Relations, Syracuse University, 2003
Advanced Certificate of Study, Conflict Resolution, Syracuse University, 2003
B.A., Criminal Justice: Police Study and Administration, Magna Cum Laude, Sam Houston State University, 1994

Professional Education

M1A2 Tank Commander Certification Course, 1998
Cavalry Leaders Course, 1998
Combined Arms and Service Staff School, 1998
Armor Officer Advanced Course, 1998
Infantry Mortar Platoon Leaders Course, 1996
U.S. Army Jumpmaster School, 1995
Air movement Operations and Planning Course, 1995
Armor Officer Basic Course, 1994
U.S. Army Airborne School, 1992

Current Position

Instructor of American Politics July 2003 – Present, Department of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Also,
Course Director and Instructor, SS379 Legislative Politics
Course Director and Instructor, SS376 Organizational and Bureaucratic Politics

Previous Positions

Armored Cavalry Troop Commander, March 2000 – May 2001, C Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Adjutant-S1, January 1999 – March 2000, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Chief of Force Structure, August 1997 – April 1998 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Support Platoon Leader, May 1997 – August 1997, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion (Airborne), 73rd Armor Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Mortar Platoon Leader, June 1996 – August 1997, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion (Airborne), 73rd Armor Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Tank Platoon Leader, December 1994 – June 1996, D Company, 3rd Battalion (Airborne), 73rd Armor Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Awards and Honors

Distinguished Military Graduate, Sam Houston State University
Golden Key National Honor Society, Sam Houston State University
Scabbard and Blade National Military Honor Society, Sam Houston State University
Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, Sam Houston State University
Order of Saint George – Bronze level
Meritorious Service Medal
Army Commendation Medal (3 awards)
Army Achievement Medal (2 awards)
Senior Parachutist Badge
Parachutist Badge

Publications

with Dr. Don M. Snider, "The Future of the Army Profession: Phase II-Senior Leader Conference XLI" *Assembly* September/October 2004: 52-54.

Papers Presented

"To Change an Army: Understanding Defense Transformation" - Presented at the 2004 Annual Conference of the International Security Studies Section of the American Political Science Association and the International Security & Arms Control Section of the International Studies Association's, 28-30 OCT 2004

"To Change an Army: Understanding Transformation and the Proper Process of Change Required for a Public and Professional Organization in a Democratic Society" – Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 15-18 April.

Working papers:

"An evaluation of the current state of Defense Transformation"

"Evaluating Learning Preferences and Developing Teaching Strategies for Social Sciences Courses" – With Majors Darrell Drive and Kyle Jette, for completion of a USMA Master Teacher Certificate.

"The Strategic Future of Armored Forces in the Global War on Terror"

"Negotiation case studies in hostile post-combat environments"

Grants, Outreach and Research Projects, additional duties, and student development activities-

\$5,000 Research Grant from the Foreign Military Studies Office, of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, for the "Transformation in Training: the Nation-Building Imperative" research project, with Majors Sean Morgan & Christina Schweiss. Completed on 28 October 2004, project conducted an analysis on the post-combat conflict environments. Resulting in the creation of an experimental course and proposed new curriculum, SS490B Winning the Peace

Department Academic Counselor- American politics Stem, responsible for advising 102 cadets on their eight term academic program of study resulting in their successful completion of all degree requirements and the American Politics majors thesis coordinator, responsible for coordinating student thesis interest, faculty advisors and cadet research opportunities

For the Department of Social Sciences Combating Terrorism Center
-Strategic analysis of the U.S. Military's role in the Global War on Terror and campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq, with General (retired) Wayne Downing, Chair, Combating Terrorism Center

- First responder coordination with federal, state, and local governments for the Picatinny Arsenal Homeland Security First Responder project

Assistant Research and Publication coordination for the study of the Future of the Army Profession, resulting in the future publication of the 2nd Edition of the Future of the Army Profession

For Student Conference on U.S. Affairs

-SCUSA 55 Middle East and North Africa Table OIC for cadet preparation- Fall 2004

-SCUSA 56 Global Social Problems and Issues Table OIC for cadet preparation- Fall 2005

Research Coordinator for the U.S. Military Academy's SENIOR CONFERENCE XLI- "Defense Transformation and the Army Profession" 3-5 June 2004

Truman, Rhodes, and Marshall Scholarship Cadet Mentor

Assistant Regimental Operations Officer, S3, for the 2004 Summer Basic Cadet Training, United States Corp of Cadets

Officer in charge for a cadet initiated mentoring club- Facilitates the mentorship skill development of cadets in a program where cadets mentor children survivors of lost parents from the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Coordinates for installation support and liaisons with the American Red Cross and Tuesday's Children not-for-profit organizations to facilitate club activities.

Current Research Interest

Defense Transformation

The Army and U.S. Military as a Profession

Public Organizational Management and Change processes

Conflict Management & Resolution in Post Combat/Conflict Environments

4th Generation Warfare/ Terrorism

Homeland Security Issues

Professional Associations

The United States Armor Association

The Political Science Association

The American Society of Public Administration.