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EDUCATION

Present: **Arizona State University, Tempe AZ 85287**
PhD Student, Political Science
(Major: International Relations/ Minor: Comparative Politics)

December 2006 **Arizona State University, Tempe AZ 85287**
MA- Political Science

May 1999 **Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA 99258**
MA- Organizational Leadership

May 1995 **Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA 99258**
BA- Dual Major: Political Science and Spanish

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS (Military):

December 2001 **Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027**

February 2001 **Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, Ft. Lee, VA 23801**

- Acquisitions and skill development in material management, automated logistics systems, joint strategic deployment methods, movement control, management and synchronization of: motor transport operations, rail operations, and marine terminal operations.

May 1997 **Transportation Officer Branch Qualification Course, Ft. Eustis, VA 23604**

- Determine shipping methods, identify/label containers including hazardous materials, and proper packaging

July 1996 **Airborne School, Ft. Benning, GA 31905**

- Battlefield Parachuting Techniques

June 1996 **Scout Platoon Leaders Course, Ft. Knox, KY 40121**

- Leading reconnaissance and security missions, as well as supervision, logistics, supply materials, operations, and human resource management.

May 1996 **Armor Officer Basic Course, Ft. Knox, KY 40121**

- Basic administrative, executive and supervisory management skill, ethics, decision-making, and communication.

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EXPERIENCE

Teaching:

June 2006 to Present **Instructor of International Relations** at West Point Military Academy
Responsible for teaching four sections of the core course in International Relations

Military:

February 2003 to April 2004 **Commander, 2nd Combat Heavy Equipment Transportation Company.**
Responsible for the leadership, training, discipline, and welfare of a 300-person unit, a budget of \$500,000 and for the accountability of property valued in excess of \$53 million.

- Developed reconstruction plans with Iraqi leaders in municipalities and supervised construction while working with local Iraqi leadership to improve international relations
- Planned and supervised the strategic movement of 36,000 pieces of tactical equipment necessary for security operations in Iraq and national reconstruction of critical infrastructure

February 2001 to February 2003 **Commander, 171st Transportation Company (MC).** Responsible for the, leadership training and management of both civilian and military personnel at three remote logistic centers, and for accountability of property valued in excess of \$23 million.

- Developed and funded a construction plan valued in excess of \$8 million
- Managed a monthly transportation mission consisting of: 1000 railcars, 600 commercial airline flights, 45 convoys consisting of 1200 vehicle, 9000 persons in 300 commercial buses and 1800 commercial transport trucks

February 1999 to February 2001 **Director, U.S. Army and Marine Corps School for Motor Transport Operators**
Responsible for the leadership, training, discipline, and welfare of 150 military instructors, 9 senior civilian instructors, 7 different training sites, 500 vehicles and property valued in excess of \$40 million.

- Developed and funded a construction plan valued in excess of \$3 million
- Provided instruction to 7400 students from the United States Army and Marine Corps in tactical logistics operations

August 1998 to February 1999 **Executive Officer, A Company 58th Transportation Battalion.**
Responsible for management of budget and assisting the commander in accountability of property worth in excess of \$2.6 million.

- Planned and directed all public relations functions with local leadership
- Provide instruction to 240 students and leadership to 12 instructor cadre

July 1996 to August 1998 **Scout Platoon Leader, F Troop, 2nd Squadron, 2 Armored Cavalry Regiment.**
Responsible for the leadership, training, discipline and welfare of a 21 person, rapid, worldwide deployable unit, specializing in special reconnaissance and security operations and \$1 million worth of equipment

- Assisted non-government organizations' (NGO) personnel in the planning and supervision of the first free elections in the city of Vlasenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina after the regional cease fire agreement.
- Planned and coordinated all security operations that ensured safety of all designated personnel with protected status and local citizens in order to properly enforce the DAYTON Peace Accord

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PUBLICATIONS:

Working Papers/Book Chapters

- **Latinos, Immigration, and Support for the Military: A Case of Hyper-Assimilation?"** In Armed Forces and Society with Rudolfo Espino, *Under Review*
- **Immigration, Security and the Salience of Identity**, Under Review
- **Post 9-11 civ-mil relations in Latin America and the implications to democratization in the region** Under Review
- **Global Communities: Diasporas, Refugees and Immigrants** Book chapter in the Encyclopedia on International Security Studies, publication forthcoming in 2007
- **Security challenges in Latin America**, Book chapter in Defense Politics: International and Comparative Perspectives publication forthcoming in 2008

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Den Leader for the Boy Scouts of America
- Coach little league baseball and soccer for the YMCA
- Mentor young teens who have dropped out of school at the YMCA
- Assist building homes with Habitat for Humanity volunteers

AWARDS:

- **Bronze Star**
- **Meritorious Service Medal** (Two Awards)
- **Army Commendation Medal**
- **Army Achievement Medal**
- **National Defense Service Medal** (Two Awards)
- **Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal**
- **Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal**
- **Global War on Terrorism Service Medal**
- **Armed Forces Service Medal**
- **Army Service Ribbon**
- **North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal**

BADGES:

- **Combat Action Badge (CAB)**
- **Parachute Badge**