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## **Education**

### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

2003, Ph.D., Political Science

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 of California exchange student

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## **Work Experience**

### **Senior Nonresident Fellow, Foreign Policy Research Institute**

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (based in Germany)**

November 2022-present

Analyst on Irregular Warfare/Hybrid Threats, societal resilience, terrorism and counterterrorism, causes and prevention of extremism, postwar reconstruction

**George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies**  
**Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany**, January 2023-October 2024  
(Full) Professor of Irregular Warfare/Hybrid Threats

Designing curriculum, identifying speakers, developing instruction for a three-week, 120-hour, in-residence program designed to educate and build networks amongst approximately 90 security professionals working on hybrid threats/irregular warfare from over 60 countries  
Research interests: Hybrid threats/hybrid warfare, Total Defense, societal resilience, building partnership capacity

**NATO School, Oberammergau, Germany**, January 2024-October 2024  
Lecturer

Teaching and lecturing to NATO members and partners on hybrid threats/hybrid warfare for in-residence and mobile training teams

**U.S Army War College, Carlisle, PA**, October 2019-January 2023  
Strategic Studies Institute, December 2021-January 2023  
(Full) Research Professor

Research interests: irregular warfare/hybrid threats, extremism, terrorism and counterterrorism, stability operations, building partnership capacity

Department of National Security and Strategy, July 2021-November 2021  
(Full) Professor for War, Peace and National Strategy Curriculum

Taught international relations, advised Senior Research Projects, administered comprehensive exams

Department of Military Strategy, Planning and Operations  
October 2019-June 2021

(Full) Professor for Military Strategy and Campaigning Curriculum  
Taught military strategy and planning, advised Senior Research Projects, administered comprehensive exams

**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

Taught seminars of US and international Special Operations Forces on counterterrorism, counterinsurgency, resistance, social movements and governance. Advised theses

Research interests: Special Operations Forces, religiously motivated violence, Irregular Warfare/Hybrid Threats, stabilization and reconstruction

**Indonesia Defense University, Sentul, Indonesia**, October 2016-December 2016  
Visiting Professor

Taught Indonesian students at IDU's department on Asymmetrical Warfare as an exchange faculty with the Naval Postgraduate School

**National Defense University, Fort Liberty, NC**, July 2011-June 2012

Assistant Professor

College of International Security Affairs

Taught in the Joint Special Operations Master's of Arts Program

**RAND Corporation, Santa Monica Office**, November 2003-June 2006

Associate Political Scientist

Research Topics: Religiously motivated violence, Political Islam, Middle East security and politics, state stabilization

Analyst at RAND Corporation, Doha, Qatar, November 2004-April 2005

Worked with the Supreme Education Council of Qatar in the Higher Education Institute reforming Qatar's postsecondary school system

Summer Associate, RAND Corporation, Washington Office, June-August 2002

Research Topic: Religiously motivated terrorism and U.S. foreign policy

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

Research Associate

Facilitated speaker-series on laws and norms in human rights

**Inter-University Committee on International Migration, MIT**, September 2000-

January 2001

Research Assistant

Facilitated speakers' series on forced migration

**Lutheran Church in Jerusalem (ELCJ) and International Center in Bethlehem (now Dar al Kalima University) in coordination with the Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)**, July 1998-June 1999

Project Coordinator

Worked on the *Bethlehem 2000* project. Wrote project proposals for education-related projects in Bethlehem and surrounding areas

**Irish Immigration Center, Boston, Massachusetts**, May 1997-August 1997  
Internship  
Assisted 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  
Taught 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  
Volunteered as an English tutor for refugees relocating to western countries

**Lutheran World Federation, Osijek, Croatia**, January 1995- May 1995  
Project Assistant for Humanitarian Relief Work  
Wrote correspondence, funds appeals, and project assessments

**The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET), Shirataka-Machi, Yamagata, Japan**, July 1993-July 1994  
Assistant Language Teacher  
Team-taught with Japanese language teachers at the Junior High School level and conversational English to Japanese women

## **Leadership and Project Management**

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**George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies**  
**Program director and academic advisor, Seminar on Irregular Warfare/Hybrid Threats, January 2023-April 2024**

Designed curriculum, identified speakers, developed instruction for a three-week, 120-hour, in-residence program designed to educate and build networks amongst approximately 90 security professionals working on hybrid threats/irregular warfare from over 60 countries  
Budget: USD 3 million

**U.S. Department of State Export Control and Related Border Security Program (EXBS), 2013-2015**

Principal Investigator: Created short-course curriculum and ran workshops for approximately 20 participants from Egypt, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia security forces visiting NPS

Led six iterations total

Budget: USD 1 million per year

**Biometric Identity Management Agency (BIMA), Department of Defense, 2011**

Co-Principal Investigator with 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

Budget: USD 100,000

**TRAC Monterey, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), 2011**

Researcher: "HUMINT in Counterinsurgency," research for the Cultural Geography Model

Budget: USD 40,000

**Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO), 2009**

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

Budget: USD 60,000

**Rapid Response Technology Office (RRTO), Office of the Secretary of Defense, 2008**

Co-Principal Investigator with Hy Rothstein and John Arquilla: "Countering Insurgent Violence in Iraq: Understanding the Dynamics of Contemporary War."

Publication: *The Three Circles of War: Understanding the Dynamics of War in Iraq* (Potomac 2010)

Budget: USD 400,000

## Awards

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### Meritorious Service Medal

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

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### Books

*The Grand Strategy of Gertrude Bell: From the Arab Bureau to the Creation of Iraq*,  
Carlisle, PA: US Army War College Press, 2022.

*Religious Terrorism*, Elements Series, New York: Cambridge University Press,  
2020. Winner of the Madigan Award for Excellence in Scholarship, 2021.

*Building the Nation: Missed 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

“Hybrid Threats in and Strategic Competition,” *Connections: The Quarterly Journal*  
23, no 2 (2024): 9-25.

COL Ned B. Marsh and Heather S. Gregg, "Daoism and Design: Mapping the Conflict in Syria," *Parameters* 53, no. 1 (2023): 81-96.

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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, 2016/2018. <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.

<https://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG642.html>

*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.

<https://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG429.html>

*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.

<https://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG430.html>

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

[https://www.rand.org/pubs/conf\\_proceedings/CF211.html](https://www.rand.org/pubs/conf_proceedings/CF211.html)

## **Solicited Book Chapters**

“Myths of Heroes in Religious Radicalism,” in *Religious Radicalism*, Akil Awan and James Lewis, eds. London: Hurst and Co. 2023.

“We Could Be (Super) Heroes,” in *Power Up: Leadership, Character and Conflict Beyond the Superhero Multiverse*, Steven Leonard, Jonathan Klug, Kelsey Chipolla and Jon Niccum eds. Haverton, PA: Casemate, 2023.

“Princess Leia and the Strategic Art of Metis,” in *To Boldly Go: Leadership, Strategy and Conflict in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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*, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Other Publications and Podcasts**

“Teaching Hybrid Threats/Hybrid Warfare,” (a collaboration with the Royal Danish Defence College), *U.S. Army War College War Room*, October 31, 2024. <https://warroom.armywarcollege.edu/author/heather-gregg/>

“Fighting Ideologies: Lessons Learned from the War on Terror and Their Application to Strategic Competition,” *Foreign Policy Research Institute/Irregular Warfare Center*, November 1, 2024. <https://www.fpri.org/article/2024/11/fighting-ideologies-global-war-on-terror/>

Kevin Stringer and Heather S. Gregg, "Disrupting Moscow's Invasion Playbook: Lessons from Prague to Kiev," *Modern War Institute*, July 21, 2023.

<https://mwi.westpoint.edu/disrupting-moscow-s-invasion-playbook-lessons-from-prague-to-kyiv/>

"Iraq 20 Years On: Lessons Learned from a Lost War," *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, March 30, 2023. <https://www.fpri.org/article/2023/03/operation-iraqi-freedom-learning-lessons-from-a-lost-war/>

"Daoism and Design," podcast, *Decisive Point*, with COL Ned Marsh, March 2023  
<https://press.armywarcollege.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?filename=0&article=3205&context=parameters&type=additional>

"Religion and Resistance: The Ukrainian Orthodox and Greek Catholic Churches in Resistance Efforts in the War Against Russia," Presentation for 2022 Templeton Lecture on Religion in World Affairs, November 1, 2022  
<https://www.fpri.org/article/2022/11/religion-and-resistance-the-ukrainian-orthodox-and-greek-catholic-churches-in-resistance-efforts-in-the-war-against-russia/>

"Gertrude Bell," podcast for *Decisive Point*, September 2022,  
<https://ssi.armywarcollege.edu/2022/podcast/dr-heather-s-gregg-the-grand-strategy-of-gertrude-bell-from-the-arab-bureau-to-the-creation-of-iraq/>

"The Grand Strategy of Gertrude Bell and Implications for Policy Today," podcast for *SSI Live*, September 2022, <https://ssi.armywarcollege.edu/2022/ssi-live-podcast/ssi-live-093-the-grand-strategy-of-gertrude-bell-and-implications-for-us-policy-today/>

"Collective Identity Building and Myths," podcast for *Cognitive Crucible*, June 2022, <https://information-professionals.org/episode/cognitive-crucible-episode-101/>

"Better Curricula, Better Strategic Outcomes: Irregular Warfare, Great Power Competition and Professional Military Education," *Modern War Institute*, March 15, 2022, <https://mwi.usma.edu/better-curricula-better-strategic-outcomes-irregular-warfare-great-power-competition-and-professional-military-education/>

“Assessing Strategic Level Threat,” podcast for *Decisive Point*, with COL Germann, October 2021, <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/>

Major Badura Hakimu and Heather S. Gregg, “Demobilizing and Integrating Armed Groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo,” *CTX* 8, no. 1 (2018): 29-37. “The Global War on Terrorism and its Effects on Al Qaeda’s Structure and Leadership,” *Terrorism Update* (Summer 2004): 3-5.

“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.

### **Sponsored Technical Reports**

“SOF Roles in Crisis/CT Response,” *NATO Center of Excellence, Defence Against Terrorism*, May 2023.

[https://www.coedat.nato.int/publication/courseconfpapers/08-SOF\\_Roles\\_in%20\\_CT%20\\_Crisis\\_Response\\_Seminar.pdf](https://www.coedat.nato.int/publication/courseconfpapers/08-SOF_Roles_in%20_CT%20_Crisis_Response_Seminar.pdf)

“SOF Roles in Crisis/CT Management Seminar,” *NATO Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism*, July 2022.

[https://www.coedat.nato.int/publication/courseconfpapers/05-SOF\\_Roles\\_inCT\\_Crisis\\_ManagementReport.pdf](https://www.coedat.nato.int/publication/courseconfpapers/05-SOF_Roles_inCT_Crisis_ManagementReport.pdf)

“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.

[https://nsiteam.com/social/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/U\\_CT-Summary\\_Over-a-Decade-Later\\_What-Now-What-Next-17Jul13.pdf](https://nsiteam.com/social/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/U_CT-Summary_Over-a-Decade-Later_What-Now-What-Next-17Jul13.pdf)

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.

<https://apps.dtic.mil/sti/tr/pdf/ADA550199.pdf>

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

<https://apps.dtic.mil/sti/citations/tr/ADA541897>

“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.

<https://apps.dtic.mil/sti/citations/ADA513999>

## **Book Reviews**

Jason Warner with Ryan O’Farrell, Héni Nsaibia, and Ryan Cummings, *The Islamic State in Africa: The Emergence, Evolution, and Future of the Next Jihadist Battlefront*, *Parameters* 53, no. 3 (Autumn 2023): 159-160.

Ashley Jackson, *Negotiating Survival: Civilian-Insurgent Relations in Afghanistan*, *Parameters* 2, no. 52 (Summer 2022): 158-160.

Izabela Steflja and Jessica Trisko Darden, *Women as War Criminals*, *Parameters* 51, no. 4 (Winter 2021/2022): 115-116.

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.

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

## **Sample Courses Taught**

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### **“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 managed and mitigated.

#### **“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**

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### **Invited Lectures and Presentations**

“Hybrid Threats, Hybrid Warfare and Strategic Competition,” Armenian Institute for Resilience & Statecraft Conference on “Navigating Gray Zones: Building Resilience in State and Non-State Institutions in the Era of Hybrid Warfare,” Yerevan, Armenia, October 28-29, 2024

“The Military’s Role in Deradicalization of Foreign Fighters,” Terrorism Experts Conference, NATO Center of Excellence, Defence Against Terrorism, Ankara, Türkiye, October 16-17, 2024

“Counteracting Ideologies: Lessons Learned from the Global War on Terror,” Irregular Warfare Center and the Foreign Policy Research Institute conference on “Lessons Learned from 9-11,” Annapolis, Maryland, September 17-18, 2024

“Big Data, AI and Societal Resilience,” Euro-Atlantic Resilience Centre Conference on “The Dawn of AI and Societal Resilience,” Bucharest, Romania, April 24-25, 2024

“The Future of Irregular Warfare,” panelist for the Irregular Warfare Center, Arlington, Virginia, December 7, 2023

“SOF Roles in Crisis/CT Response and Strategic Implications,” Terrorism Experts Conference, NATO Center of Excellence, Defense Against Terrorism, Ankara, Türkiye, October 18, 2023

“Information Threats, Opportunities and Building Societal Resilience,” Slovakia Marshall Center Alumni Outreach Network Event, U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia’s residence, Bratislava, July 13, 2023

“Defending Against Grey Zone Activities,” Keynote Speaker, Conference on Grey Zone Activities and Challenges for Bangladesh,” Dhaka, Bangladesh, June 4-5, 2023

“SOF Roles in Crisis/CT Response: Two Case Studies,” Terrorism Experts Conference, NATO Center of Excellence, Defense Against Terrorism, Ankara, Türkiye, October 18, 2023

“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**

“Hybrid Threats, Resilience and NATO,” NATO Senior Course on Security and Defence, Albanian Armed Forces Defence and Security College, Tirana, Albania, April 16, 2024

“Hybrid Threats and Irregular Warfare,” NATO Oberammergau Orientation Course

--Mobile Education Team, Türkiye, January 8, 2024

--In residence, March 6, 2024

--Mobile Education Team, Elblag, Poland, March 28, 2024

Academic advisor and presenter for “SOF Roles in Crisis/CT Response,” NATO Center of Excellence, Defense Against Terrorism, Ankara, Türkiye, May 3-5, 2023

Academic advisor and presenter for “SOF Roles in Crisis/CT Response,” NATO Center of Excellence, Defense Against Terrorism, Ankara, Türkiye, July 5-7, 2023

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

--November 30, 2021

--January 11, 2022

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

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

“The (De)Evolution of ISIS,” pre-deployment training, 303d Information Operations, 151<sup>st</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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 July 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

## **Conference Papers and Presentations**

“The Use of Gender in Anti-Government Movements in the United States: The Oath Keepers,” presented at “Gender in Terrorism and Counterterrorism: Gendered Dynamics in Military Effectiveness, Prosecution and Radicalization Seminar,” NATO Center of Excellence, Defense Against Terrorism, Ankara, Turkey, September 13-15, 2022

“Myths of Heroes and Martyrs in Religiously Motivated Violence,” presented at WBZ Berlin Social Science Center’s 6<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Research Grants**

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### **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

### **Energy, Technology and International Affairs Grant (MIT)**

Dissertation Completion Grant, Summer 2003

### **MacArthur Grant for Security Studies**

Research Topic: "Government Reactions to Contested Sacred Space: Jerusalem and Ayodhya," Summer 2002

### **Mellon Foundation Grant on International Migration**

Research Topic: "The Role of Ethnic Lobbies in Securing Aid to the Homeland," Summer 2001

### **MacArthur Grant for Security Studies**

Research Topic: "Hypotheses on Religion and War," Summer 2000

### **Scholarship Recipient, Harvard Divinity School**

Academic years 1996-1997 and 1997-1998

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## **Peer Reviewing**

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### **Journal refereeing**

--Connections (Partnership for Peace Consortium)

--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)
- Springer/Praeger Press (manuscript prospectus and sample chapters)
- U.S. Army War College Press (manuscript)

### **Professional Associations**

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**Foreign Policy Research Institute**, November 2022-present

**Council on Foreign Relations**, Term Member, July 2004-July 2009

**Pacific Council on International Affairs**, Member, July 2004-July 2009