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EDUCATION

Ph.D. **The Ohio State University**, Columbus, OH
Military History; Minor Fields in National Security and Policy Studies and
Early Modern European History, March 1995
**Dissertation: “Building Blocks of Victory: The Triumph of American
Infantry Divisions in the War against Germany and Italy,
1941-1945”**
Adviser: Dr. Allan R. Millett

M.S.S. **U.S. Army War College**, Carlisle, PA
Strategic Studies, June 2003

Graduate, **U.S. Army Command and General Staff College**, Fort
Leavenworth, KS, June 1995

M.A. **The Ohio State University**, Columbus, OH
Military History, June 1992

B.S. **United States Military Academy**, West Point, NY
Modern History (area of concentration); Graduated 1st in class, May 1982

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Professor, Department of History
The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

The Making of Strategy

This graduate readings seminar analyzes the making of strategy
through a number of case studies from ancient times to the present.

Military Thought and Strategy

This graduate readings seminar focuses on major theorists of
war and strategy and on the major themes in its formulation and
implementation over the ages.

The World Wars

This graduate readings seminar examines various aspects of the
history of World War I and World War II.

Counterinsurgency Warfare, 1899 to the Present

This graduate readings seminar studies the history of
counterinsurgency warfare from 1899 to the present through
selected case studies from the Boer War to the Iraq War.

History of War

This undergraduate course examines the evolution of warfare and its impact on human civilization from antiquity to the present.

U.S. Military History, 1903 to the Present

This undergraduate course examines the history of American military policy in the 20th and 21st centuries and the growth of the United States from insular nation to global superpower.

World War II

This undergraduate course examines the causes, course, and consequences of World War II. Topics of study include the national and theater strategies of the various major combatants, the military operations that led to victory or defeat on battlefields spanning the globe, and other factors such as leadership, economics, military doctrine and effectiveness, technology, ideology, and racism that impacted the outcome of the war.

The Wars of 9/11

This freshman seminar examines the terrorist attacks on the U.S. homeland on September 11, 2001, the subsequent U.S. invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, the Arab Spring and Syrian Civil War, the Refugee Crisis in Europe, and the rise and fall of ISIS.

Assistant Professor, Department of History
United States Military Academy, West Point, New York

West Point and the American Military Experience

This graduate seminar examines the role of West Point in American history, including its role in the Revolutionary War and its founding as a school for engineers and artillery in 1802, its role in the exploration of the American West, the participation of its graduates in the wars of the 19th and 20th centuries, and the Academy's interaction with American culture and society.

Weapons and Warfare in the 20th Century

This course examines the process of technological and doctrinal change in warfare during the 20th century. The course focuses on the role of political, economic, social, ideological, organizational, and institutional factors in shaping the adoption of military technology.

History of the Military Art

This course traces the evolution of war from the Hundred Years War to the wars of the 20th century. The course examines the changing nature of warfare as nations adjust to social, political, economic, cultural, and technological developments.

**RESEARCH
INTERESTS**

Modern U.S. Military History; World War II; Strategy; Counterinsurgency Warfare; Iraq War

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Redemption: MacArthur and the Campaign for the Philippines
(Cambridge University Press, forthcoming in August 2025)

Surge: My Journey with General David Petraeus and the Remaking of the Iraq War (Yale University Press, 2013) Finalist for the 2013 inaugural Guggenheim-Lehrman Military History Prize

Baghdad at Sunrise: A Brigade Commander's War in Iraq (Yale University Press, 2008) Awarded the Ohioana Library Association Book Award (Nonfiction) for 2009

The GI Offensive in Europe: The Triumph of American Infantry Divisions, 1941-1945 (University Press of Kansas, 1999)
Awarded the Society for Military History Distinguished Book Award for 2000 and the Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Book Award for 2000

Edited Volumes

Nature at War: American Environments and World War II, Thomas Robertson, Richard P. Tucker, Nicholas B. Breyfogle, and Peter Mansoor, eds. (Cambridge University Press, 2020)

The Culture of Military Organizations, Peter Mansoor and Williamson Murray, eds. (Cambridge University Press, 2019)

Grand Strategy and Military Alliances, Peter Mansoor and Williamson Murray, eds. (Cambridge University Press, 2016)

Hybrid Warfare: Fighting Complex Opponents from the Ancient World to the Present, Williamson Murray and Peter Mansoor, eds. (Cambridge University Press, 2012)

Book Chapters

- “Military Dissent in Peacetime,”** in Bruce S. Thornton, ed., *Cage Fight: Civilian and Democratic Pressures on Military Conflicts and Foreign Policy* (Stanford, CA: Hoover Institution Press, 2023), 49-66.
- “From D-Day to the Elbe,”** in G. Kurt Piehler and Jonathan Grant, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of World War II* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2023), 304-326.
- “The New World Disorder, 1991-2019,”** with Geoffrey Parker, in Geoffrey Parker, ed., *The Cambridge History of Warfare* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021), pp. 416-453
- “Gustavus Adolphus and the Rise of Sweden,”** in David Berkey, ed., *Disruptive Strategies: The Military Campaigns of Ascendant Powers and Their Rivals* (Palo Alto, CA: Hoover Institution Press, 2021), pp. 87-115
- “Lessons of the Iraq War,”** in Thomas G. Mahnken, ed., *Learning the Lessons of Modern War* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2020), pp. 51-65
- “The Precision-Information Revolution in Military Affairs and the Limits of Technology,”** in Robert Ehlers, Jr., Sarah Douglas, and Daniel Curzon, eds., *Technology, Violence and War* (Leiden: Brill, 2019), pp. 333-354
- “The Revolution in Military Affairs and Strategic Thought in the US Military, 1991-2003,”** in Jason W. Warren, ed., *Landpower in the Long War: Projecting Force after 9/11* (Lexington, KY: University Press of Kentucky, 2019), pp. 32-43
- “What Lessons do Wars of the 20th Century Offer Armies in the 21st?”** in Peter Dennis, ed., *The Skill of Adaptability: The Learning Curve in Combat* (Newport, Australia: Big Sky Publishing, 2018), pp. 13-32
- “Grand Strategy and Alliances,”** in Peter Mansoor and Williamson Murray, eds., *Grand Strategy and Military Alliances* (Cambridge University Press, 2016), pp. 1-18
- “Alliances and Coalitions in the Twenty-first Century,”** in Peter Mansoor and Williamson Murray, eds., *Grand Strategy and Military Alliances* (Cambridge University Press, 2016), pp. 376-382

“U.S. Grand Strategy in World War II,” in Williamson Murray, ed., *Successful Strategies: Triumphant in War and Peace from Antiquity to the Present* (Cambridge University Press, 2014), pp. 314-352

“Hybrid Warfare in History,” in *Hybrid Warfare: Fighting Complex Opponents from the Ancient World to the Present*, Williamson Murray and Peter Mansoor, eds., (Cambridge University Press, 2012), pp. 1-17

“The Road to Bizerte: The 9th Division Comes of Age,” in *The Wrath of Achilles: Essays in Battle Command*, Richard Hooker, ed., (Combat Studies Institute Press, 2012), pp. 111-130

“Brigade Command in Counterinsurgency Operations: Lessons from the Iraq War,” in *Counterinsurgency Leadership in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Beyond*, Nicholas J. Schlosser and James M. Caiella, eds., (Marine Corps University Press, 2011), pp. 36-48

“Army Operations,” in *Understanding Counterinsurgency: Doctrine, Operations, Challenges*, Thomas Rid and Thomas A. Keaney, eds. (Routledge, 2010), pp. 75-86

“Counterinsurgency in Karbala,” in *War in Iraq: Planning and Execution*, Thomas G. Mahnken and Thomas A. Keaney, eds. (Routledge, 2007), pp. 187-197

“By Their Deeds Alone: The 4th Armored Division at Nancy-Arracourt,” in *By Their Deeds Alone: America’s Combat Commanders on the Art of War*, Richard D. Hooker, Jr., ed. (Presidio Press, 2003), pp. 113-138

“Troyes, France, 1944: All Guns Blazing,” in *City Fights: Selected Histories of Urban Combat from World War II to Vietnam*, Col. John Antal and Maj. Bradley Gericke, eds. (Presidio Press, 2003), pp.154-171

“USAREUR 2010: Harnessing the Potential of NATO Enlargement,” in *National Security Challenges for the 21st Century*, Williamson Murray, ed. (Strategic Studies Institute, 2003), pp. 101-128

Articles

“Military Recruiting Shortfalls – A Recurring Challenge,” Strategika, January 2025

“Vegas Rules Don’t Apply: Why the United States is Continually Drawn to Engage in the Middle East,” POMEPS Studies 54, *Debating American Primacy in the Middle East*, February 2025

“A Not-So-Distant Mirror: What the Battle of Manila During World War II Suggests About Urban Combat, War Crimes, and the Battle for Gaza,” *Strategika*, December 2023

“Israel’s Longest War?” Hoover Institution, November 2023

“The Battle for al-Shifa Hospital: Echoes of the Past,” Hoover Institution, November 2023

“The Three-Dimensional Battle for Gaza City,” Hoover Institution, November 2023

“Israel’s 9/11?” Hoover Institution, November 2023

“A reflexive act of military revenge burdened the US – and may do the same for Israel,” *The Conversation*, October 2023

“The Assumptions that Undermined the Iraq War,” *The Dispatch*, March 2023

“The Counterinsurgent’s Curriculum: Why American Troops Should Study the Iraq War,” *Foreign Affairs*, March 2023

“Still King of the Killing Zone,” *Strategika*, March 2023

“Putin’s Ukrainian Fantasy,” *The Dispatch*, February 2023

“Flooding the Dnipro River,” *Strategika*, October 2022

“The Ukrainian Blitz,” *Strategika*, October 2022

“Ukraine and the Transportation Plan,” *Strategika*, October 2022

“Blasts in the Baltic and State-Sponsored Attacks on Maritime Infrastructure,” *Strategika*, October 2022

“Putin’s Ukrainian Fantasy,” *Strategika*, February 2022,

“The Russian Army and Winter Warfare,” *Strategika*, February 2022,

“Ukrainian Battlefields,” *Strategika*, February 2022,

“False-Flag Operations,” *Strategika*, February 2022,

“Afghanistan Post-Mortem,” *Strategika*, September 2021

“Climate Change and Conflict,” *Strategika*, August 2021

“Kabul – Saigon 1975, Redux,” *Strategika*, August 2021

“Naval Competition in the Indian Ocean,” *Strategika*, August 2021

“The Uncertain Fate of America’s Allies,” *Strategika*, August 2021

“Victory in Europe: 75 Years Later,” *Strategika*, June 2020

“The Miracle of Dunkirk,” *Strategika*, June 2020

“Space: The Final Military Frontier,” *Strategika*, June 2020

“Ordering Moments in History,” *Strategika*, June 2020

“The 100th Anniversary of the Versailles Treaty,” *Strategika*, June 2019

“Operation Bagration at 75,” *Strategika*, June 2019

“The Six-Day War and the Golan Heights,” *Strategika*, June 2019

“D-Day at 75,” *Strategika*, June 2019

“The Bloodiest Battle in American History,” *Strategika*, September 2018

“Hama Rules Revisited,” *Strategika*, September 2018

“Fort Trump – A Permanent U.S. Military Base in Poland?”
Strategika, September 2018

“Will China One Day Dominate the Seas? History Provides Some Clues,” *Strategika*, September 2018

“Justice Served for War Crimes in the Balkans,” *Strategika*, November 27, 2017

“Pilgrims and Power—The Military Aspects Of Thanksgiving,”
Strategika, November 21, 2017

- “Propaganda Wars: The Rise and Fall of the ISIS Media Machine,”** *Strategika*, November 16, 2017
- “The 75th Anniversary of Operation Torch,”** *Strategika*, November 8, 2017
- “Civilian Casualties in the Battle for Mosul,”** *Strategika*, June 27, 2017
- “Battlestations! The U.S. Navy and Damage Control,”** *Strategika*, June 21, 2017
- “ISIS and Tora Bora – Back to the Future,”** *Strategika*, June 15, 2017
- “The 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway,”** *Strategika*, June 6, 2017
- “Milestones – The Bataan Death March,”** *Origins*, April 2017, <https://origins.osu.edu/milestones/april-2017-bataan-death-march>
- “Turkey and the Kurds,”** *Strategika*, August 26, 2016
- “Changes of Command,”** *Strategika*, August 22, 2016
- “The Martial Aspects of the Olympic Games,”** *Strategika*, August 15, 2016
- “Generals and Politics,”** *Strategika*, August 8, 2016
- “Guantanamo and the History of Military Commissions,”** *Strategika*, February 23, 2016
- “Women and the Draft,”** *Strategika*, February 17, 2016
- “Return of Force to Europe: Back to the Future,”** *Strategika*, February 11, 2016
- “The Failure of Syria Peace Talks,”** *Strategika*, February 8, 2016
- “Whither NATO?”** *Strategika* 23 (May 2015); <http://www.hoover.org/research/whither-nato>
- “U.S. Grand Strategy in the 21st Century: The Case for a Continental Commitment,”** co-authored with Williamson Murray, *Orbis* 59:1 (Winter 2015): 19-34

“The Iraq War: A Failure of Presidential Leadership,” History News Network, March 25, 2013; <http://hnn.us/article/151203>

“The Softer Side of War: Exploring the Influence of Culture on Military Doctrine,” *Foreign Affairs* 90:1 (Jan/Feb 2011), pp. 164-171

“From Baghdad to Kabul: The Historical Roots of U.S. Counterinsurgency Doctrine,” *Origins* 3:1 (October 2009); <http://origins.osu.edu/article/baghdad-kabul-historical-roots-us-counterinsurgency-doctrine/page/0/1>

“The British Army and the Lessons of the Iraq War,” *British Army Review* 147 (Summer 2009), pp. 11-15

“How to Leave Iraq – Intact,” *New York Times* (November 23, 2008)

“How the Surge Worked,” *Washington Post* (August 10, 2008)

“A New Counterinsurgency Center of Gravity Analysis: Linking Doctrine to Action,” *Military Review, Professional Journal of the U.S. Army* (Sep-Oct 2007), pp. 45-51

“The Second Battle of Sedan, May 1940,” *Military Review, Professional Journal of the U.S. Army* 68 (June 1988), pp. 64-75

ed. **“The Ten Lean Years,”** *Armor Magazine*, Jan-Feb 1987, pp. 22-30; Mar-Apr 1987, pp. 25-33; May-June 1987, pp. 21-28; July-Aug 1987), pp. 34-42

Reviews

The Fate of the Generals: MacArthur, Wainwright, and the Epic Battle for the Philippines, by Jonathan Horn, *The Washington Free Beacon*, May 26, 2025

Real Soldiering: The US Army in the Aftermath of War, 1815-1980, by Brian McAllister Linn, *Journal of Military History* 88:2 (April 2024)

The Other Face of Battle: America’s Forgotten Wars and the Experience of Combat by Wayne E. Lee, Anthony E. Carlson, David L. Preston, and David Silbey, *American Historical Review* 128:4 (December 2023)

Beyond vom Kriege: The Character and Conduct of Modern War by Richard D. Hooker, *Journal of Military History* 85:4 (October 2021)

Why America Loses Wars: Limited War and US Strategy from the Korean War to the Present by Donald Stoker and *The Day After: Why America Wins the War but Loses the Peace* by Brendan R. Gallagher, *Journal of Military History* 84:4 (October 2020)

Land Warfare since 1860: A Global History of Boots on the Ground by Jeremy Black, *Journal of Military History* 83:3 (July 2019)

A Military History of Afghanistan: From the Great Game to the Global War on Terror by Ali Ahmad Jalali, *Marine Corps University Journal* 9:2 (2018)

Omar Nelson Bradley: America's G.I. General, 1893-1981 by Steven L. Ossad, *American Greatness* (online), September 1, 2018

The Road Not Taken: Edward Lansdale and the American Tragedy in Vietnam by Max Boot, *American Greatness* (online), February 3, 2018

The Second World Wars by Victor Davis Hanson, *American Greatness* (online), December 12, 2017

America's War for the Greater Middle East by Andrew Bacevich. *H-Diplo* XVIII:15 (January 30, 2017)

Overreach: Delusions of Regime Change in Iraq by Michael MacDonald. *The Journal of Military History* 79:1 (January 2015)

Culture, Conflict, and Counterinsurgency, Thomas H. Johnson and Barry Scott Zellen, eds. *H-Net Reviews* online, posted July 2014.

Learning to Forget: US Army Counterinsurgency Doctrine and Practice from Vietnam to Iraq by David Fitzgerald. *Political Science Quarterly* 129:2 (Summer 2014)

From Axis Victories to the Turn of the Tide: World War II, 1939-1943 by Alan Levine. *Global War Studies* 10:2 (2013)

Profiles in Survival: The Experiences of American POWs in the Philippines during World War II by John C. Shively. *Indiana Magazine of History* (December 2013)

Armor and Blood: The Battle of Kursk by Dennis E. Showalter. *Military History* (November 2013)

Invisible Armies by Max Boot. *Military History* (July 2013)

The Third Reich at War by Richard Evans. *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* 30:1 (Fall 2011)

Military Orientalism: Eastern War through Western Eyes by Patrick Porter. *Journal of World History* 22:2 (June 2011)

The Fight for the High Ground: The U.S. Army and Interrogation during Operation Iraqi Freedom, May 2003 – April 2004 by Douglas A. Pryer. *Military Review* (Jul-Aug 2010)

American Courage, American Carnage: The 7th Infantry Regiment's Combat Experience, 1812 through World War II by John C. McManus. *Journal of Military History* 74:1 (Jan. 2010)

The Accidental Guerrilla by David Kilcullen. *Australian Army Journal* 6:2 (Winter 2009)

Normandy: The Landings to the Liberation of Paris by Olivier Wieviorka. *World War II Quarterly*, 7:1 (Spring 2009)

The Centurions by Jean Larteguy. *Military Review, Professional Journal of the U.S. Army* (Nov-Dec 2006)

The M4 Sherman at War: The European Theatre, 1942-1945 by Steven J. Zaloga; *D-Day Tank Warfare: Armored Combat in the Normandy Campaign, June-August 1944* by Steven J. Zaloga; *Tank Warfare in Korea, 1950-53* by Steven J. Zaloga and George Balin. *Armor Magazine, Professional Journal of Mounted Warfare* (May-June 1996)

Company C: The Real War in Iraq by John Sack. *Armor Magazine, Professional Journal of Mounted Warfare* (July-Aug 1995)

D-Day, June 6, 1944: The Climactic Battle of World War II by Stephen E. Ambrose. *Armor Magazine, Professional Journal of Mounted Warfare* (May-June 1994)

The Battle of the Generals: The Untold Story of the Falaise Pocket-The Campaign that Should Have Won World War II by Martin Blumenson. *Armor Magazine, Professional Journal of Mounted Warfare* (May-June 1994)

PRESENTATIONS **“The Ground Battle of Leyte,”** MacArthur Memorial, October 2024

“Vegas Rules Don’t Apply: Why the United States is Continually Drawn to Engage in the Middle East,” POMEPS and the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, September 2024

“Echoes of the War on Terror: Gaza through the Lens of American Military History,” West Virginia Humanities Council, April 2024

“Israel’s 9/11 – What Can Israel Learn from the War on Terror?”
Ohio University, January 2024

“Cavalry at Gettysburg,” Springfield Civil War Symposium, March 2023

“Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Future of Counterinsurgency Warfare,”
Hillsdale College, March 30, 2023

“Luzon versus Formosa: A Decision Revisited,” May 2021, Society for Military History annual meeting, Norfolk, Virginia

“US Grand Strategy,” February 2020, Columbia University, New York, New York

“Public and Congressional Scrutiny of US Intelligence Agencies,”
January 2020, Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio

“US Middle East Strategy,” January 2020, Baylor University, Waco, Texas

“Great Power Competition,” April 2019, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

“After ISIS: U.S. Engagement in the Middle East following the Syrian Civil War,” April 2019, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland

“The GI Offensive in Europe,” February 2019, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas

“The Iraq War and the Rise of ISIS,” November 2018, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

“The Parameters of Mission Success: Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, and Syria,” March 2018, Canadian Forces College, Toronto, Canada

“Urban Warfare in Historical Context,” February 2018, Royal United Services Institute, London, UK

- “Military Intervention: How Much Is Enough?”** November 2017,
Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana
- “The Iraq War, 2003-2011,”** October 2017, Air War College,
Montgomery, Alabama
- “The Parameters of Mission Success: Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, and Syria,”** March 2017, Canadian Forces College, Toronto, Canada
- “The Ethics and Implications of the Cybersphere,”** March
2017, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia
- “Salvaging Syria: U.S. Policy in the Next Administration,”** November
2016, Columbia University, New York, New York
- “A Tale of Two Presidents: The Foreign Policies of Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump,”** October 2016, Columbus State University,
Columbus, Ohio
- “Edward Snowden, Julian Assange, and U.S. National Security,”**
October 2016, Hillsdale College, Michigan
- “The Precision-Information Revolution in Military Affairs and the Limits of Technology,”** September 2016, Merishon Center for
International Security Studies, Columbus, Ohio
- “The Iraq War and the Rise of ISIS, 2003-2016,”** May 2016, United
States Military Academy, West Point, New York
- “The Syrian Refugee Crisis,”** April 2016, Miami University of Ohio
- “The Parameters of Mission Success: Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, and Syria,”** March 2016, Canadian Forces College, Toronto, Canada
- “Containment vs Direct Engagement: Should the US invade Syria?”**
February 2016, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon
- “Counterinsurgency in Iraq and Afghanistan: An Assessment,”** Air
War College, Montgomery, Alabama, November 2015
- “Retribution: The Destruction of the Japanese Empire,”** The Pacific
War at 70, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio,
September 2015
- “Lessons of the Iraq War,”** Johns Hopkins APL, Laurel, MD, July 2015

“The Rise of ISIS,” American University, Washington, DC, April 2015

“The Rise of ISIS,” University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin,
November 2014

“The Rise of ISIS,” Claremont Colleges, Ontario, California, October
2014

“The Rise of ISIS,” University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia,
October 2014

“U.S. Deterrence in the World Today,” Texas A&M University,
College Station, Texas, October 2014

“The Rise of ISIS,” Ashland University, Ohio, October 2014

“The GI Offensive in Europe,” Ross County Historical Society,
Chillicothe, Ohio, October 2014

“Counterinsurgency in Iraq and Afghanistan: An Assessment,” Air
War College, Montgomery, Alabama, October 2014

“The Rise of ISIS,” Global Business Forum, Banff, Alberta, Canada,
September 2014

“Iraq in Crisis: Local and Regional Implications,” American Task
Force on Palestine, Washington, DC, June 2014 (aired by C-
SPAN 2)

“The Longest Day: D-Day, June 6, 1944,” Ohio State University 70th
Anniversary of D-Day Commemoration, Columbus, OH, June
2014

**“Surge: My Journey with General David Petraeus and the Remaking
of the Iraq War,”** New York Historical Society, New York, NY,
May 2014

“The Surge in Iraq,” National Air and Space Intelligence Center,
Dayton, Ohio, January 2014

**“Surge: My Journey with General David Petraeus and the Remaking
of the Iraq War,”** Cantigny Museum, Chicago, Illinois, October
2013

“Intelligence Operations and the Liberation of the Philippines, 1942-1945,” U.S. Army I Corps, Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Washington, October 2013

“Mission Command and Hybrid Warfare,” Association of the United States Army Mission Command Symposium, June 2013

“From Dirge to Surge: General David Petraeus and the Remaking of the Iraq War,” April 2013, Foreign Policy Research Institute Great Captains symposium, Chicago, Illinois, April 2013

“Grand Strategy and Alliances,” The Merhson Center for International Security Studies, Columbus, Ohio, April 2013

“The Iraq War is ‘Disputed’ History,” American Historical Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2013

“The Iraq War,” Air War College, Montgomery, Alabama, October 2012

“The Afghanistan War,” New Ulm, Minnesota Public Library, June 2012

“The Iraq War: Opportunities Lost, Lessons Learned, and the Way Ahead,” Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, April 2012

“The GI Offensive in Europe,” Minnesota World War II Roundtable, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 2011

“The Iraq War,” Air War College, Montgomery, Alabama, September 2011

“The Iraq War: Opportunities Missed, Lessons Learned, and the Way Ahead,” University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, May 2011

“The Iraq War: Opportunities Missed, Lessons Learned, and the Way Ahead,” Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, April 2011

“Development and Humanitarian Concerns in the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan,” Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, April 2011

“Soldiering with Uncertainty: The Demands of Counterinsurgency Warfare on American Military Personnel since 9/11,” Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio, March 2011

“Misreading Mars: The Bush Administration and the Wars of 9/11,”
American Historical Association, Boston, Massachusetts, January
2011

**“Iraq and Afghanistan: Opportunities Lost, Lessons Learned, and the
Way Ahead,”** Air Force Institute of Technology, Dayton, Ohio,
October 2010

“The Iraq War: Opportunities Lost, Lessons Learned,” Air War
College, Montgomery, Alabama, September 2010

“War Planning as Policy History,” Policy History conference,
Columbus, Ohio, June 2010

**“Hybrid Warfare: The Struggle of Military Forces to Adapt to
Complex Opponents from the Ancient World to the Present,”**
The Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Columbus,
Ohio, May 2010

**“Instrument of Revenge: The 1st Cavalry Division in the Pacific War
against Japan,”** Society for Military History, Lexington,
Virginia, May 2010

“The Iraq War: Opportunities Lost, Lessons Learned,” Contemporary
History Institute, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, April 2010

**“The Development of U.S. Army/Marine Corps Counterinsurgency
Doctrine,”** The Mershon Center for International Security Studies,
Columbus, Ohio, April 2010

“The Iraq War: Opportunities Lost, Lessons Learned,” Colby
Military Writer’s Symposium, Norwich University, Northfield,
Vermont, March 2010

**“The Iraq War: Opportunities Missed and the Way Forward in Iraq
and Afghanistan,”** Miami University of Ohio, November 2009

“Baghdad at Sunrise: A Brigade Commander’s War in Iraq,” U.S.
Army History and Education Center, Carlisle, Pennsylvania,
October 2009

“U.S. Strategy in the 21st Century,” Air War College, Montgomery,
Alabama, September 2009

“Brigade Command in Counterinsurgency Operations: Lessons from the Iraq War,” Marine Corps University, Washington, D.C., September 2009

“From Dirge to Surge: U.S. Counterinsurgency Operations in Iraq, 2003-2009,” Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, September 2009

“Bridging the Cultural Divide: NGO-Military Relations in Complex Environments,” West Point, New York. May 2009

“Clio Ignored: The Failure to Learn from Military History,” Military Frontiers Symposium, Columbus, Ohio, May 2009

“Thoughts on the Emerging History of the Iraq War,” Society for Military History, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, April 2009

“Reflections on the Iraq War,” Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, March 2009

“The Iraq War: Opportunities Lost, Lessons Learned,” Ohio State Winter College, Naples, Florida, February 2009

“The Iraq War: Opportunities Lost, Lessons Learned,” University of Denver, February 2009

“The Iraq War: Opportunities Missed, Lessons Learned,” U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS, January 2009

“Baghdad at Sunrise: A Brigade Commander’s War in Iraq,” American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C., December 2008

“Beyond the Surge: Counterinsurgency Lessons from the Iraq War,” Shalem Center, Tel Aviv, Israel, December 2008

The Charlie Rose Show, “Baghdad at Sunrise,” November 14, 2008

“The GI Era: American Infantry in the 20th Century and Beyond,” Columbus State University, Columbus, GA, November 2008

“A Brigadier’s War in Iraq,” World Affairs Council, Houston, TX, November 2008. This presentation was subsequently aired on C-SPAN.

“Reflections on Writing about the War in Iraq,” International Security & Arms Control Section, American Political Science Association and International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Vail, CO, October 2008

“Baghdad at Sunrise: A Brigade Commander’s War in Iraq,” Alumni Scholars Lecture, Columbus, Ohio, October 2008

“Baghdad at Sunrise: A Brigade Commander’s War in Iraq,” Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, MO, October 2008.

The Tavis Smiley Show, “Baghdad at Sunrise,” September 30, 2008

“Baghdad at Sunrise: A Brigade Commander’s War in Iraq,” Commonwealth Club, San Francisco, CA, September 2008

“Baghdad at Sunrise: A Brigade Commander’s War in Iraq,” Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY, September 2008

“General Petraeus Reports: An Insider’s Perspective,” Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C., September 2007

“Irregular Warfare: Counterinsurgency Challenges and Perspectives,” Association of the United States Army Convention, Washington, D.C., October 2006

“Avoiding Civil War in Iraq – The Military Perspective,” The Center for Naval Analysis, Conference on Managing Civil Strife and Avoiding Civil War in Iraq, Alexandria, VA, June 2006

“Building Blocks of Victory: American Infantry Divisions in the War against Germany and Italy, 1941-1945,” New York Military Affairs Symposium, New York, NY, April 2006

“The GI Offensive in Europe: The Triumph of American Infantry Divisions in World War II,” The National World War II Museum, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2006

“Suppressing the Shi’a Rebellion: The Battle for Karbala, April-May 2004,” Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and the Strategic Studies Institute of the United States Army War College, U.S. Military Operations in Iraq: Planning, Combat and Occupation Symposium, Washington, D.C., November 2005

“The GI Offensive in Europe: The Triumph of American Infantry Divisions in World War II,” U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA, April 2003

“The American GI in World War II,” 9th Infantry Division Association National Convention, Houston, Texas, May 2000

“The Development of the Sherman Tank during World War II,” New York Military Affairs Symposium, New York, NY, May 1993

Multiple appearances on television and radio including CNN, CNN International, ABC, Fox, MSNBC, PBS, ITV, CTV, Al Jazeera, Al Jazeera English, Al Jazeera America, BBC, CBN, and NPR; Military Analyst for CNN (2014-2015)

**DISSERTATIONS
SUPERVISED**

Carson Teuscher, *Allied Force: Coalition Warfare in the Mediterranean and the Allied Template for Victory, 1942–1943,* May 2024

Guido Rossi, “Italian Yanks: World War II and the Integration of Italian-American Service Members into Mainstream American Society,” August 2023, currently a research fellow at the Global & National Security Institute at the University of South Florida

Robert Williams, “The Airborne Mafia: Organizational Culture and Institutional Change in the US Army, 1940–1965,” February 2023, currently a historian with the U.S. Army Press in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Edwin den Harder, “Rebuilding after Defeat: German, Dutch, and U.S. Army experiences in the 20th century,” April 2022, currently an officer in the U.S. Army

Maysan Haydar, “The Role of Immigration in the Creation of an American Islam,” July 2020; currently a tenure-track assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University

Max von Bargen, “A Misunderstood Partnership: British and American Grand Strategy and the “Special Relationship” as a Military Alliance, 1981-1991,” April 2020; currently works for the U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C.

Daniel Curzon, “Pacific Triumvirate: Great Britain, the Empire of Japan, the United States of America and the Geo-Strategic Environment around the Pacific Rim between 1900 and 1920,” April 2020; currently a researcher at the Naval History and Heritage Command

James Villanueva, “Awaiting the Allies’ Return: The Filipino Guerrilla Resistance against the Japanese in the Philippines during World War II,” March 2019; currently an officer in the U.S. Army

Joel Higley, “The Brains of the Air Force: Laurence Kuter and the Making of the United States Air Force,” July 2016; retired professor of history at the U.S. Air Force Academy

Daniel Troy, “Ruining the King’s Cause in America: The Defeat of the Loyalists in the Revolutionary South, 1774-1781,” August 2015; currently a Senior Defense Analyst at MacAulay Brown

Frank Blazich, “Economics of Emergencies: North Carolina, Civil Defense, and the Cold War, 1940–1963,” April 2013; currently curator of U.S. armed forces exhibits at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

ACADEMIC SERVICE

U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Board of Visitors, 2023 to 2025

President, Society for Military History, 2021-2023

Vice President, Society for Military History (2019-2021)

Member of the Advisory Committee, National Veteran’s Memorial and Museum (2014-present)

Board of Advisers, Alexander Hamilton Society, 2011-present

Marine Corps University Board of Visitors, 2015-2019

Board of Trustees, Society for Military History, 2015-2019

Conference Coordinator, Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio, May 9-12, 2019

Advisory Committee, Conference of Defence Associations Institute (Canada) Strategic Outlook, 2013-2014

Membership Committee Chair, Society for Military History, 2009-2012

Service at Ohio State on the Mershon Center for International Security Studies Advisory Committee, Grants Committee, Study Abroad Grants Committee, Hayes Chair Search Committee, and Mershon Director Search Committee

Service at Ohio State in the History Department on the Advisory Committee, Graduate Studies Committee, Undergraduate Studies Committee, and Dunn Chair Search Committee

Faculty Adviser, Ohio State chapter of the Alexander Hamilton Society; national chapter of the year 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018; national adviser of the year 2014 and 2018

**GRANTS AND
FELLOWSHIPS**

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant for use in funding graduate student research in military history, \$25,000; 2025

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant for use in funding graduate student research in military history, \$25,000; 2024

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Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant for use in funding graduate student research in military history, \$25,000; 2022

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant for use in funding graduate student research in military history, \$25,000; 2021

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant for use in funding graduate student research in military history, \$25,000; 2020

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant for use in funding graduate student research in military history, \$25,000; 2019

National Endowment for the Humanities grant, “Dialogues on the Experience of War,” \$100,000; 2018 (co-director with Bruno Cabanes)

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant for use in funding graduate student research in military history, \$25,000; 2018

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant for use in funding graduate student research in military history, \$50,000; 2017

Smith-Richardson Foundation research grant of \$49,306 for use in studying the impact of organizational culture on military effectiveness; 2016

Mershon Center for International Security research grant of \$30,000 for use in studying the impact of organizational culture on military effectiveness; 2016

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant for use in funding graduate student research in military history, \$25,000; 2016

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant for use in funding graduate student research in military history, \$25,000; 2015

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant for use in funding graduate student research in military history, \$25,000; 2014

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant for use in funding graduate student research in military history, \$25,000; 2013

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant for use in funding graduate student research in military history, \$25,000; 2012

Mershon Center for International Security Studies grant for the study of grand strategy and military alliances, \$37,000; 2012

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation grant for use in funding graduate student research in military history, \$25,000; 2011

Mershon Center for International Security Studies grant for the study of the history of hybrid warfare, \$39,000; 2009

AFFILIATIONS

Council on Foreign Relations (Life Member)
Society for Military History (President, 2021-2023)
Association of the United States Army (Life Member)
Veterans of Foreign Wars (Life Member)
American Legion (Life Member)
Phi Kappa Phi (Life Member)
Phi Alpha Theta

HONORS

Ohio State Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor Award, 2018
Alexander Hamilton Society National Chapter Adviser of the Year, 2016
Finalist for the inaugural Guggenheim-Lehrman Military History Prize for 2013
American Task Force on Palestine Distinguished National Service Award for 2010
Finalist, Ohio State University Arts and Sciences Student Council Teaching Award for 2009
Ohioana Library Association Book of the Year Award (2009)
Society for Military History Distinguished Book Award (2000)
Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Book Award (2000)
U.S. Army War College Foundation Excellence in Writing Award
General Robert E. Wood Distinguished Cadet Award (recognizes the USMA cadet who graduates first in class)

General John J. Pershing Memorial Award (recognizes the graduating USMA cadet who achieved the highest standing in the study of military science)

The Peruvian Army Award (recognizes the USMA cadet who graduates first in class rank)

The Military Art Award (recognizes the graduating USMA cadet who achieved the highest average in the two-course sequence “History of the Military Art”)

The 77th Infantry Division Reserve Officer’s Association Award (recognizes the graduating USMA cadet who achieved the highest average in National Security and Public Affairs)

The Major General John Alexander Hottell III Memorial Award (recognizes the graduating USMA cadet who achieved the highest standing in the study of Modern History)

The Bainbridge-Reynolds-Hayden Family Memorial Award (recognizes the graduating USMA cadet who achieved the highest standing in all history courses)

Order of St. George, U.S. Army Armor Association

Order of St. Michael, U.S. Army Aviation Association

Order of St. Barbara, U.S. Army Field Artillery Association

Order of St. Maurice, U.S. Army Infantry Association

MILITARY SERVICE

Twenty-six-year veteran of the U.S. Army; retired at the rank of colonel. Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal upon retirement.

Executive Officer to the Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq (General David Petraeus), February 2007-May 2008

Member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Strategy Group from September – December 2006 to reassess the strategy for the Iraq War

Founding Director of the U.S. Army/Marine Corps Counterinsurgency Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, 2003-2005, including thirteen months of combat duty in Iraq. The 1st Brigade Combat Team was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for its actions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Veteran of three deployments to the Middle East, including two combat tours in Iraq. Among other decorations, awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and two Bronze Stars, one for valor.