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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Student, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Admitted Fall 2017

M.M.A.S., 2012, School of Advanced Military Studies, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College
Thesis: Achieving Operational Flexibility Through Task Organization: How the American Forces in Europe Beat Nazi Germany by Making the Difficult Routine.

Graduate, 2011, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College

M.A. Military Studies-Land Warfare, 2008, American Military University, American Public University System

Graduate, 2001, U.S. Marine Corps Command and Control Systems Course

B.A., 1996, Ripon College, Ripon, WI
Cum Laude with Honors in History. Majors: History and Anthropology

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

I am interested in understanding why does the United States end up with the type and size of Army it has, and how have decisions on force structure impacted strategic options? The state of the army is the result of decisions made over decades and is reflective of the society which makes them. The U.S. Army has never exercised complete control over its size, shape, or missions — by political design and other vagaries of the American system of government. There has been a persistent debate in America regarding the right level of military preparedness, particularly following a major conflict and before the undeniable rise of a direct threat. Military historians have often commented on the unpreparedness of the United States Army for the wars it fought, but rarely explore the competing demands which drove decisions. I seek to gain a better understanding of why the US Army developed as it did and how the results impacted the American way of war at the strategic level in the last half of the twentieth century.

Areas of Study: U.S. History; Military History; War in Society and Culture; Political Science; History of Science and Technology; Modern European Military History

BOOK PUBLICATIONS

Making the Difficult Routine: U.S. Army Task Organization at the Army and Corps Level in Europe, 1944.
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas: Combined Studies Institute Press, 2016.
<https://usacac.army.mil/making-the-difficult-routine>

Making the Difficult Routine: U.S. Army Task Organization at the Army and Corps Level in Europe, 1944.
Interactive iBook edition, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas: Combined Studies Institute Press, 2017.
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/book/making-the-difficult-routine/id1313546096?mt=11>

ARTICLES AND BOOK REVIEWS

Review of LaMonica, Jeffrey, *American Tactical Advancement in World War I: The New Lessons of Combined Arms and Open Warfare*. H-War, H-Net Reviews. July 2018. URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=51671>

Review of *Hopeless but Optimistic: Journeying through America's Endless War in Afghanistan*, by Douglas A. Wissing. *Journal of Military History* Volume 81, No. 2, April 2017, pg 626–28.

“Communicating in an Urban Environment: Light Infantry Brigade SIGO Lessons Learned from OIF,” *Army Communicator* Volume 30, No. 1, Winter 2005, pg 22-29.

“Making Mosul Talk: SASO Communication Lessons Learned,” *Army Communicator* Volume 30, No. 1, Winter 2005, pg 29-32.

“Signal Captains Career Course,” *Army Communicator* Volume 31, No. 2, Spring 2006, pg 4-6.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

2018

September 22 “Facing Cold War Armageddon: How Did the United States Decide on the Pentomic and New Look Army,” Northern Great Plains History Conference, Mankato, MN

July 22-26 Clements Center for National Security Graduate Student Summer Seminar, Beaver Creek, CO

April 8 “Lessons of the Great War: The Influence of the Great War on the Interwar Years which enabled Rapid Task Organization Changes in 1944 Europe” Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY.

March 2 “Generating Division and Corps Leaders: How the Interwar Regular Army Officer Corps Enabled Rapid Task Organization Changes in 1944 Europe” Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE.

ACADEMIC AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018 Fellow, Tobin Project, Cambridge, MA

2017 Fellow, Advanced Strategic Planning and Policy Program, US Army

1996 Cum Laude with Honors in History, Ripon College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Small Group Leader, Signal Captains Career Course, Signal Center, Fort Gordon, GA 2004-2005

Senior Small Group Leader, Signal Officer Education, Signal Center, Fort Gordon, GA 2005-2007

MILITARY SERVICE

2017-Current Student, Advanced Strategic Planning and Policy Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2015-2017 Executive Officer and Human Resource Manager, Colonels Management, Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, Pentagon

2013-2015 Battalion Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY and Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan

2012-2013 Student, School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, KS

2011-2012 Student, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS

2010-2011 Executive Officer, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Tallil Airfield, Iraq

2009-2010 Brigade Combat Team S6, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO, Tallil Airfield, Iraq and Fort Carson, CO
2007-2009 Iraqi Army Brigade Military Assistance Team Chief, 42nd Iraqi Infantry Brigade, Baghdad, Iraq
2007-2007 Battalion S3, 64th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO
2004-2007 Senior Small Group Leader and Small Group Leader, 442nd Signal Battalion, Fort Gordon, GA
2003-2004 Signal Company Commander, 501st Signal Battalion, Mosul, Iraq and Fort Campbell, KY
2002-2003 Brigade S6, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, KY, and Mosul, Iraq
2001-2002 Assistant Operations Officer, 501st Signal Battalion, Fort Campbell, KY
2000-2001 Student, United States Marine Corps Command and Control Systems Course, Quantico, VA
1999-2000 Assistant Operations Officer, 327th Signal Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC
1998-1999 Signal Platoon Leader, D Company, 327th Signal Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC
1996-1997 Signal Platoon Leader, C Company, 122nd Signal Battalion, Camp Red Cloud, Korea
1996-1996 Student, Signal Officer Basic Course, Fort Gordon, GA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Military History (since January 2012)
American Historical Association (since August 2017)

SKILLS

Digital Tools: MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Publisher, Outlook), Zotero, Scrivener, Aeon Timeline, Abode Acrobat, Adobe Muse, Adobe Lightroom, Evernote, Piktochart, Prezi, StoryMap, Timeline JS, Tableau, Audacity, and WordPress