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EDUCATION

PhD	Kansas State University, Security Studies	Dec 2024
MA	Webster University, International Relations	Aug 2018
BA	Providence College, History	May 2007
	Command and General Staff College (US Army)	May 2018

CONFERENCE & PRESENTATIONS

Roundtable/Panel Presentations:

2024 / Flint Hills Military History Symposium (FHMHS) – War and Technology 2024: “A Causeway Too Far: The Logistical Challenges for Operation Causeway, the Planned US Invasion of Taiwan.”

2023 / Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA): “The Blinded Eagle and the Rising Dragon: American and Chinese Perceptions during the Early Cold War Years.”

2022 / Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA): “War and Historical Memory”

Panels Chaired:

2022 / Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA): “Korea Under Japanese Rule”

WORKS & PUBLICATIONS

“The Battle at Lake Changjin: The Influence of Korean War Memory on Contemporary Chinese War Films,” *Journal of Chinese Military History*, April 2024, Brill
DOI: 10.1163/22127453-bja10023.

PhD Dissertation:

Making the Past Serve the Present: The Instrumental Use of Historical Memory by Chinese Paramount Leaders, Successfully Defended at Kansas State University on Oct 17, 2024.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor at Kansas State University: 2022-2024

Courses created and taught:

HIST 200: TOP/Taiwan and the Major Powers 2023-2024 (Online)

HIST 200: TOP/Taiwan and the Major Powers 2022-2023

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Texas Christian University DPAA (Defense POW/MIA Accountability Agency) Research
Partner Fellow Aug 2025 - Present

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

United States Army Active-Duty Logistics Officer (90A) (Major): May 2007 – Sept 2021

Overseas Deployments:

South Korea (4 yrs) / (2008-2010) / (2014-2016) / CDR 52nd ORD Company

Afghanistan (1 yr) Operation Enduring Freedom OEF (2011-2012)

Okinawa, Japan (2 yrs) (2012 – 2014)

Kuwait/Iraq (9 mos) Operation Inherent Resolve OIF / Combined Joint Task Force (2016-2017)

Poland/Germany (6 mos) Operation Atlantic Resolve OAR (2020-2021)

Assignments:

Distribution Platoon Leader (4-7 CAV/South Korea)

Maintenance Control Officer (4-7 CAV/South Korea)

Company Executive Officer (4-7 CAV/South Korea)

Support Operations Supply and Services Officer (159th Aviation Brigade/Afghanistan)

Operations & Plans Officer (10th RSG/Japan)

Support Operations Fuel & Water Officer (1994 CSSB/South Korea)

Company Commander / 52nd ORD Company (Ammo)/South Korea

CJ4 Transportation Staff Officer (CJTF-OIR/18th ABC)

Advise/Assist/Accompany/Enable (A3E) officer supporting 9th Iraqi Armored Division (CJTF-OIR)

Sustainment Officer (S4) DIVARTY 1st ID

Support Operations Officer (AFSBn) 1st ID (Fort Riley & Poland/Germany)

ARMY PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Reserve Officer Training Course (ROTC)

Basic Officer Leadership Course (Quartermaster Officer)

Captain's Career Course (Logistics Officer)

Intermediate Level Education (ILE) (CGSOC)

Airborne School

Support Operations Officer

Mortuary Affairs Officer

Army Strategist

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Chinese (Rudimentary Reading Comprehension)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Office

Logistics Information Systems

Transportation Visibility Systems

Statistical Analysis Programs

Budget Programing and Management Systems

Video Editing Software