



DSCU FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



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How long have you been a member of DSCU's CSSC?

- Since August 2023

Areas of expertise:

- Political-Military Analysis, Power Vacuums and Military Occupations, the Middle East, International Relations, Great Power Competition

Courses you instruct:

- Political Military Analysis 101, Political Military Analysis 201, Political Military Analysis 301: Great Power Competition, SC in Afghanistan, SC in the Middle East.

Alma mater and degrees

- Virginia Tech University (PhD-International Affairs)
- The Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University (MA-International Affairs)
- Central Michigan University (BS-Political Science)

Prior experience:

- DSCA Regional Planning and Program Design Directorate, INDOPACOM Division Chief: Oversaw all Title 10 Section 333 building partner capacity INDOPACOM programs.
- Virginia Tech University, Instructor and Program Coordinator: Taught undergraduate courses focused on U.S. foreign policy and International Relations.
- U.S. Army: Served as a Paratrooper with the 3/509th Parachute Infantry Regiment and conducted counterinsurgency operations in Afghanistan from 2011-2012.

Other affiliations, hobbies or achievements:

- Research focuses on the conditions that lead to the success or failure of military occupations. Specifically, studying the impact of indigenous security forces and security cooperation programs on the presence or absence of a power vacuum in an occupation.
- Published an article entitled *The Pentagon should be planning for an occupation of Iran, even though it's a nightmare scenario* for the Modern War Institute (MWI) at West Point. The article objectively analyzed policy issues related to a potential U.S. military strike against Iran. The article was one of the most widely read and circulated for MWI in 2018.
- Hobbies: Being woken up in the night by a two-year-old, triathlons, German Shepards and college football.