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**EMPLOYMENT**

1998 – Present: **Field Artillery Officer, United States Army**

Below are brief descriptions of the duty positions that I have held:

2022-Present: **(Colonel)** **Assistant Professor of Strategy, US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA**

2020-2022: **PhD Student**, **Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, The University of Pittsburgh**

My research interests are focused on the impact of formal education on the effectiveness of military officers, especially those serving in high levels of command in combat.

2018-2020: **(Colonel)** **Assistant Professor of Strategy, US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA**

I am currently in my second year in the Department of National Security and Strategy at the US Army War College. I am part of a 3-person teaching team responsible for a seminar composed of 15 students pursuing a Master of Security Studies degree. Our students are active duty and reserve military officers from all of the US military services, foreign militaries, and senior officials from agencies across the executive branch of the US government. I am specifically responsible for instruction on international relations, theories of war, coercion, strategy, national security policy, and the US interagency.

2017-2018: (**Lieutenant Colonel) Student, US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA**

2016-2017: **(Lieutenant Colonel) Senior Fire Support Observer/Coach/Trainer, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA**

Every month, the Army brings a brigade of 8,000-10,000 soldiers to the Mojave Desert to fight a series of mock battles against live “opposing force” of other US soldiers. My role was to coach the artillery portion of the brigade (600-1,000 troops) throughout the exercise, periodically stopping the battle to highlight leadership, tactical, organizational, and administrative lessons from the recent operations.

2014-2016: (**Lieutenant Colonel) Battalion Commander, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, Fort Bliss, TX**

As commander, I was responsible for the welfare, administration, training, maintenance, and readiness of a 600-soldier unit with the primary task of providing supporting artillery fire from our 18 self-propelled 155mm howitzers to an armored brigade. During this time, we served as the regionally aligned force for US Africa Command, where I planned, organized, and participated in a series of multi-national exercises with European and African partners in Gabon and in the Netherlands.

2013-2014: (**Lieutenant Colonel) Deputy Commander, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, Fort Stewart, GA**

I was primarily responsible for legal, equal opportunity, family support, and readiness reporting for a 10,000-soldier armored brigade as it trained for a deployment to Kuwait. I also represented the commander to external agencies and our division headquarters as directed.

2012-2013: **(Major) Executive Officer, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, Zabul Province, Afghanistan**

I was responsible for the 100-person staff that supported the brigade commander and subordinate units (both US and Romanian allies) with administration, operational planning, intelligence, maintenance, equipment, supplies, public affairs, engineering, aviation, medical, and communications support. Our brigade served on the southeastern border of Afghanistan near the border with Pakistan.

2011-2012: **(Major) Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, Fort Stewart, GA**

I was responsible for the 50-person staff that supported the battalion commander and subordinate units with administration, maintenance, equipment, supplies, medical, and communications support. The primary focus of the unit was training for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

2010-2011: **(Major) Assistant Fire Support Coordinator, 3rd Infantry Division, Tikrit, Iraq**

On the staff of the Major General responsible for the northern region of Iraq, my primary duty was to prepare periodic operational assessments of the drivers of instability in our region and the effectiveness of coalition military operations, and to make recommendations to the commanding general based on those assessments. The division’s mission during this time was to prepare for the withdrawal of US forces from Iraq.

2009-2010: **(Major) Student, US Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, VA**

2007-2009: **(Major) Aide-de-Camp to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, DC**

My role was to maximize the Chairman’s efficiency by coordinating his daily schedule, both in the Pentagon and in travel to every continent on the globe. This included daily coordination with multiple entities across the Department of Defense. In this role, I accompanied the Chairman to his daily engagements, and on domestic and international travel approximately 10 days every month.

2006-2007: **(Captain) Student, Georgetown University, Washington, DC**

2004-2006: **(Captain) Battery Commander, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery, Fort Stewart, GA and Baghdad, Iraq**

As commander, I was responsible for the welfare, administration, training, maintenance, and readiness of a 97-soldier unit with the primary task of providing supporting artillery fire from our 6 self-propelled rocket/missile launchers to a mechanized division. During the last 12 months, I deployed the battery to Iraq, where I was responsible for command of an interrogation facility at Camp Victory and for providing VIP escort for American officials throughout the city of Baghdad.

2003-2004: **(Captain) Assistant Operations Officer, 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery, Kuwait/Iraq**

During the invasion of Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom), I served on the staff of a rocket/missile battalion the provided supporting fires to the 3rd Infantry Division as it attacked from Kuwait to Baghdad. My job was to coordinate the daily movements and battlefield reporting for the unit during the invasion. After the fall of the Hussain government, my unit established security for the eastern half of Baghdad International Airport; my role was to plan, coordinate, and ensure compliance with the daily security operations in our sector.

2001-2003: **(First Lieutenant) Personnel Officer, 18th Field Artillery Brigade (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC**

As the “Adjutant,” I managed a 5-soldier staff of personnel specialists responsible for all human resources support to a 3,500-soldier artillery brigade.

2000-2001: **(First Lieutenant) Budget Officer, 18th Field Artillery Brigade (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC**

I managed the daily execution of a $6 million annual operating budget and planned the request for the following year’s budget for a 3,500-soldier artillery brigade.

1999-2000: **(First Lieutenant) Cannon Platoon Leader, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 377th Field Artillery (Air Assault), Fort Bragg, NC**

I was responsible for the welfare, administration, training, maintenance, and readiness of a 45-soldier unit with the primary task of providing supporting artillery fire from our three towed, 155mm howitzers. Our primary focus was training to move the platoon by helicopter with all of our ammunition and equipment to quickly provide fire support for a rapidly-moving infantry force.

1998-1999: **(Second Lieutenant) Radar Platoon Leader, Battery F, 26th Field Artillery, Camp Stanley (Uijongbu), Republic of Korea**

I was responsible for the welfare, administration, training, maintenance, and readiness of a 38-soldier unit with the primary task of tracking North Korean artillery and rocket fires in flight, so that American and South Korean forces could return fire before the enemy’s guns and launchers could displace. We accomplished this with 5 “Firefinder” radars that tracked the ballistic trajectory of the rounds to determine their point of impact and, more importantly, their point of origin.

**EDUCATION**

Since 2020 PhD Candidate, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, The University of Pittsburgh

2018 Master of Strategic Studies, US Army War College

2007 Master of Public Policy Administration, Georgetown University

1998 Bachelor of Arts, Politics (Program in Political Economics), Princeton University

**PUBLICATIONS**

“Education and Military-Societal Convergence,” with Dr. Ilia Murtazashvili, in *Civil-Military Relations Handbook*, ed by Aurel Croissane, David Kuehn, and David Pion-Berlin, Forthcoming

“A Way to Conduct the Brigade Targeting Process,” *Fires*, May-June 2018

“The Lost Art of Observation Planning,” *Fires*, November-December 2017

Editor, *Fighting With Fires, Volume IV*, Center for Army Lessons Learned Newsletter no 17-23, September 2017

“Maneuver Leaders’ Role in Observation Planning,” *Armor*, Spring 2017

“If I Could Do It Over Again: Reflections on Battalion Command,” *Fires*, January-February 2017

**TEACHING**

*Masters Seminars, US Army War College*

National Security Policy Program (2019, Director; 2018 Deputy Director)

War, Policy, and National Security (2019, Assistant Professor)

Theory of War and Strategy (2018, Instructor)

National Security Policy and Strategy (2018, Instructor)

Eisenhower Series College Program (2018, Deputy Director)

Commandant’s Reading Program (2018, Faculty Advisor)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Wherever our family has lived, I have been active in our local church or military chapel community. I serve as a Deacon at Carlisle Reformed Presbyterian Church (responsible for maintenance of the church building / grounds and for administering the church’s mercy ministries to the needy), and I lead a weekly Bible study discipleship group at the Army War College. I also volunteer at our children’s schools on a periodic basis. Currently my wife and I lead a team of neighbors in sponsoring a family of Afghan refugees, helping to coordinate services and ease their transition to living in the United States.