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Summary

Veteran analyst and Foreign Area Officer, daily honing passion for speaking, reading, and writing. Holds a quarter-century's worth of training, experience, and education studying Russia and Eurasia; fluent in Russian language; Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management Level II International Affairs Certification. Joint / Combined combat experience in Anti-Terrorism / Force Protection, Air Mobility, Close Air Support, Special Operations, and Counter- Improvised Explosive Device missions; an extremely detailed Military Resume/Faculty Qualification Matrix is available, as are credentials, recommendations, and clearances upon request.

Experience



Adjunct Professor—International Relations; Business Internship

Newman University

Jan 2021 - May 2021 (5 months)



Assistant Professor of Strategic Intelligence

Newman University

Oct 2017 - Dec 2020 (3 years 3 months)

Craft a leading-edge 124 credit-hour curriculum, incorporating 27 hours of original curricula into off-the-shelf general education and core undergraduate classes. With an emphasis on critical thinking and oral/written communication skills and a \$100K budget, bring solid best practices from public and private sector mentors to instruction in: global events, trends and theories in international relations, markets, and macroeconomics; intelligence community history and policy; and business analytics for support to senior decision-makers in both government and industry.



Adjunct Instructor—International Marketing

Newman University

Aug 2017 - Oct 2017 (3 months)

Challenge and mentor International Business Track MBA students through a comprehensive curriculum—including units covering international trade policy, legal parameters, strategic planning, market analysis, advertising promotion, sales, and global logistics/distribution.



Regional Desk and Foreign Area Officer (FAO)--Eastern Europe/Eurasia

United States Air Force

Nov 2015 - Jun 2017 (1 year 8 months)

Plan, resource, coordinate and execute security cooperation activities with 9 Eastern European nations—coordinating daily with leaders from embassies, host nations, EUCOM, SAF/IA, and Third Air Force. Prepare and advise COMUSAFE and senior staff on key political-military matters as well as the aforementioned security activities. Develop air component strategies to promote COMUSAFE priorities and to strengthen strategic alliances in Europe.

- Chaired U.S./Ukraine Joint Commission Air Force Subcommittee--supported and validated pertinent EUCOM priorities for Ukraine with a 26 military-to-military event program
- Authored Concept of Operations and gained Congressional approval for \$1 million Ukrainian Air Force runway repair training and equipment package to maximize airlift operations and safety
- Instrumental in USAF delivery of U.S. Army UH-60 rotations to Latvia--daily coordination with U.S. Embassy and 'boots-on-the-ground' interpreter/advisory support to Public Affairs when USAF C-5s touched down at Riga International Airport deemed essential to buttressing NATO's eastern flank
- Lead USAF representative to Office of Secretary of Defense-directed Transatlantic Capability Enhancement and Training (TACET) working group--aligned NATO capabilities with 5 air objectives to secure Baltic and Polish airspace; led UK and Bundeswehr Air Subcommittee co-chairs in collating and communicating progress to their respective nations' top-level political and defense establishments



Regional Affairs Strategist (RAS)

NATO

Nov 2012 - Nov 2015 (3 years 1 month)

Provide expertise in analysis and assessment of air activity across NATO's area of operations, focusing specifically on foreign aviation activity and indigenous threats to deployed NATO forces' air capabilities. Lead 18-person team in processing, exploiting, and preparing for dissemination to all command-levels of the Alliance and its member nations branch reports from a variety of sources--to include NATO's Combined Air Operations Centers and International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan. Brief a multinational and multidiscipline headquarters on geopolitical developments in the former Soviet sphere and provide instruction on international relations topics. Translate, evaluate, and summarize open-source material from former Soviet republics to advise headquarters leadership on political/military strategy

- Go-to briefer for numerous Alliance-wide exercises, training, and Commander's Updates--hand-picked to communicate complex concepts to Supreme Headquarters Allied Partners Europe, European Special Operations Forces Conference, NATO Headquarters Allied Land Command
- Hosted and ensured success for a focal NATO exercise conference--85 delegates from 10 nations gathered at Ramstein to manage a \$10mil/200-objective annual event
- Department Lessons Identified Officer--diligence and deliberate communication of 27 separate opportunities for proactive renovation to AIRCOM staff improved crisis planning and daily ops processes; constructed a presentation on Boyd's OODA (Observe-Orient-Decide-Act) Loop to make the sales pitch to peers and ensured AIRCOM certification for NATO Response Force duty
- Led USAF Eurasian RAS teams to Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Partner Language Training Center Europe for yearly language/culture immersions--100% personnel recertification in Russian via Defense Language Proficiency Testing
- Competed against a pool of 42 and secured Headquarters AIRCOM's Field Grade Officer nomination for Lance P. Sijan award 2014



Deputy Director, International Security Studies (NS) Course

USAF Air Command and Staff College

Apr 2010 - Nov 2012 (2 years 8 months)

Co-lead 30 military and civilian faculty in designing and executing one of ACSC's 9 core courses for 500+ students. Develop graduate level curriculum, evaluate student and faculty performance, and integrate NS with all other courses. Execute faculty development to present lectures, lead seminar discussions, and evaluate written and oral communication. Instruct international and U.S. field grade officers and interagency civilians to develop, employ, and command air, space, and cyberspace forces.

- Selected from a pool of 16 Field Grade Officers to steward \$40K budget, produced and proofed 600 450-page military course books, 73 copyrights, and manage inventory of 11 graduate-level political science texts for on-time/on-target execution of ACSC's "stage-setter" course
- Delivered weekly course preparation seminar to 33 civilian/officer faculty for 31 lessons as well as physical training (PT) program to military staff--end-result: 100% pass rate on department PT tests
- Managed \$17K course budget and 3 Distinguished Visitor speakers; pioneered blended learning initiative for first NS in-residence course to both provide students 24/7 access and save Air University \$12K in copyright/printing costs
- Rated #1 of 3 Deputy Course Directors in International Security and Military Studies Department and #2 of 24 Major instructors at ACSC



Academic Instructor and Advisor

USAF Air Command and Staff College

Apr 2009 - Apr 2010 (1 year 1 month)

Prepare international and U.S. field grade officers and interagency civilians to develop, employ, and command air, space, and cyberspace forces. Develop curriculum, present material, lead seminar discussions, and evaluate student progress in resident Intermediate Professional Education. Evaluate student achievement of course objectives, written and oral communication, and critical thinking skills. Advise graduate-level research on critical command issues and emerging air, space, and cyberspace power topics.

- Led 7 seminars and 84 students through courses in National Security Affairs, Applied Warfare, Culture Studies, Leadership and Command, and a Russian Foreign Policy elective as junior instructor
- 1 of 5 Joint Warfare/Special Operations Award panelists--board culled submissions, evaluated works, and presented the prize-winner's innovative submission to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs and U.S. Special Operations Command



Director, Russia and Eurasia Orientation Course (REOC)

United States Air Force

Aug 2007 - Apr 2009 (1 year 9 months)

Research, develop, and conduct lesson plans and lectures on political-military, economic, and cultural aspects tailored to Special Operations Forces and other U.S. Government Agencies:

- Brought course into compliance with Community College of the Air Force standards--in FY 2007 over 500 students were thus authorized college credit for attending REOC
- Brought "boots-on-the-ground" perspective as senior military observer, diplomat in uniform at UN HQ Tbilisi, and interpreter during the 2008 Georgia conflict to multiple USAFSOS courses (e.g., Cross-Cultural Communications, Dynamics of International Terrorism) and faculty professional development seminars as well as guest lecturer invitations to operational Air Force Special Operations Command squadrons, the Air Force Academy, and Air University
- Rated #2 of 8 Course Directors in USAFSOS Regional Affairs Division, 2009



Senior US Military Observer, UNOMIG

United Nations

Jul 2008 - Jan 2009 (7 months)

Military advisor to Special Representative of UN Secretary General as well as coordinator between UNOMIG Chief Military Observer and diverse Georgian government agencies; Tbilisi foreign embassies; European Union; Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; Russian Peacekeeping Forces (CIS PKF); U.S. Agency for International Development; and HALO Trust (UK

Non-Governmental Organization specializing in Explosive Ordnance Disposal). Responsible for reception, bed-down, and transport of 134 UN Military Observers transiting to three operational sectors:

- Delivered numerous UN Headquarters Tbilisi mission update briefs to senior delegations such as the UK delegation to NATO; US European Command Political advisor and Deputy Commander; and US Business Executives for National Security
- Briefed 200 incoming European Union Observers on UNOMIG operations and best practices--primed Georgia's largest international peacekeeping force for success
- Rated #1 of 5 Senior US Military Observers posted worldwide by US Military Observer Group in 2008



Director, South-Central Asia Orientation Course (SCAOC)

United States Air Force

Oct 2005 - Aug 2007 (1 year 11 months)

Research, develop, and conduct lesson plans and lectures on political-military, economic, and cultural aspects tailored to Special Operations Forces and other U.S. Government Agencies:

- Represented USAFSOS at Joint Information Operations Center/Air Intelligence Agency Cultural Symposium, bringing pertinent globalization, Information Operations targeting, and Islamic world perspectives to discussions on the Global War on Terror
- Adjunct Instructor at Dynamics of International Terrorism course: provided on-call expertise on Soviet-produced weaponry, Chechen terror attacks in Russia, and Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection tactics, techniques, and procedures to audiences at Hurlburt Field, NAB Little Creek, Fort Lewis, etc.
- Forged partnership with US Army Foreign Language Training Center--Europe (George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies,--Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany) that netted \$7,000 net savings per USAFSOS instructor for annual language certification
- Re-examined and revamped both course schedule and stable of first-class guest lecturers to acknowledge not only Political Islam, but the legacy of Soviet central planning on Central Asia's resource base; tapped into Hurlburt's robust combat-tested SOF population to convey operational concerns and limiting factors encountered within this complex and volatile region
- Instructed over 1,000 personnel deploying to U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility--not only Coalition Air Force teams in transit to Operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM, but a diverse population of Department of Defense, Other Government Agencies, and international partners
- Rated #1 of 9 Company Grade Officers on USAFSOS staff in 2006

Education



Kansas State University

Terminal Degree Program, History

2020 - 2024



Air Force Culture and Language Center (AFCLC) Language Enabled Airman Program (LEAP)

Annual recertification , Advanced Russian

2014 - 2017

Language instruction and maintenance via distance learning webinar. Twice-weekly computer-based speaking, reading, and writing seminar built around contemporary and abstract societal trends, issues, and events.



Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center

Advanced Language Continuation, Russian
2016 - 2016



Kimep University, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Completion, Russian Language and Area Studies Immersion
2014 - 2014



Novamova Language School, Kyiv, Ukraine

Completion, Russian Language and Area Studies Immersion
2013 - 2013



Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center

Certification, Russian Language and Literature
2004 - 2005



Naval Postgraduate School

Master of Arts (M.A.), International Relations and National Security Studies
2003 - 2004



The University of Kansas

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Russian, Central European, East European and Eurasian
Studies
1989 - 1995



The University of Kansas

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Slavic Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, General
1989 - 1995



Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

Summer Abroad Program (University of Kansas), Ukrainian Language and Literature
1994 - 1994



Leningrad State University named after A.S. Pushkin

Summer Abroad Program (Boston College), Russian Language and Literature
1991 - 1991

Skills

Russian • Russian politics • Russian Literature • Russian History • Military History • International
Security • Cultural Studies • Special Operations • Force Protection • Former Soviet Union

Honors & Awards



Wright Brothers Officership Award - Air Command and Staff College

2011

Awarded by the ACSC Commandant to the faculty member who makes the most significant contributions to the college's educational objectives and who demonstrated the top professional leadership, officership, and educational achievement.



**Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award (Senior Officer) Nominee - HQ AIRCOM
(Ramstein Airbase, Germany)**

2014

Awarded for demonstration of the highest quality leadership in performance of duties and personal life; criteria include scope of responsibility, professional leadership, leadership image, and community involvement.



Excellence in Scholarship Award - Newman University

Aug 2018

2017-2018