

Curriculum Vitae

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Senior Political Scientist

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RAND Corporation

Senior Political Scientist. Lead research projects on counterterrorism and counterinsurgency issues, especially in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Also focus on al Qa'ida operations – and U.S. counterterrorist operations – in South Asia, the Middle East, North Africa, Europe, and North America. 2011–present.

Office of the Secretary of Defense, U.S. Special Operations

Representative for the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM), to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations / Low Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities. Worked on a range of issues, such as the December 2010 Afghanistan Pakistan Annual Review for the President of the United States. Conducted a range of assessments for U.S. Special Operations Command, including “Al Qa’ida in Afghanistan.” 2010–2011.

U.S. Special Operations, Afghanistan

Advisor and Plans Officer for the Commanding General, U.S. Special Operations Forces. Worked on a range of strategic and operational issues for Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command–Afghanistan (CFSOCC-A), based out of Kabul, Afghanistan. 2009–2010.

Georgetown University

Adjunct Professor, Security Studies Program, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. Taught classes on “Counterinsurgency” and “Stability Operations.” 2002–2009.

United States Naval Postgraduate School

Adjunct Professor, Center for Homeland Defense and Security. Teach classes to mid- and senior-level FBI, Department of Defense, State and Local Police, Department of Homeland Security, and other U.S. government officials on “Comparative Government for Homeland Security.” The class examines the counterterrorism experiences of other countries such as the United Kingdom, France, and Israel. 2005–present.

RAND Corporation

Senior Political Scientist. Led studies on building village-level defense forces in Afghanistan, counterinsurgency in Pakistan, how terrorist groups end, and counterinsurgency in Afghanistan. Participated in research on nation-building and state-building efforts including the United States, Europe, and United Nations from 1945 to the present. 2003–2009.

EDUCATION

- *The University of Chicago*: Ph.D. (2004), M.A. (1999) in Political Science.
- *Bowdoin College*: A.B. (1995) with High Honors in Government, Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude.

BOOKS

- *Hunting in the Shadows: The Pursuit of Al Qaeda Since 9/11* (W.W. Norton, forthcoming in 2012).
- *In the Graveyard of Empires: America's War in Afghanistan* (W.W. Norton, 2009). Won the Council on Foreign Relations Silver Medal for Best Book of 2010 – Arthur Ross Book Award.
- *The Rise of European Security Cooperation* (Cambridge University Press, 2007).

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- “A Force Multiplier in Afghanistan,” in Bruce Hoffman and Fernando Reinares, eds., *Leader-Led Jihad* (New York: Columbia University Press, forthcoming).
- “The Rise of Afghanistan’s Insurgency,” *International Security*, Vol. 32, No. 4, Spring 2008, pp. 7-40.
- “Fighting Networked Terror Groups: Lessons from Israel,” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, Vol. 30, No. 4, 2007, pp. 281-302.
- “The Rise of a European Defense,” *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 121, No. 2, Summer 2006, pp. 241-267.
- “The UN’s Record in Nation-Building,” *Chicago Journal of International Law*, Vol. 6, No. 2, Winter 2006, pp. 703-723 (with James Dobbins).
- “Terrorism and the Battle for Homeland Security,” in Russell Howard, James Forest, Joanne Moore, eds., *Homeland Security and Terrorism* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2006), pp. 266-271.
- “The European Union and the Security Dilemma,” *Security Studies*, Vol. 12, No. 3, Spring 2003, pp. 114-156.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS IN POLICY JOURNALS

- “It Takes the Villages,” *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 89, No. 3, May / June 2010, pp. 120-127.
- “Pakistan’s War Within,” *Survival*, Vol. 51, No. 6, December 2009–January 2010, pp. 161-188 (with C. Christine Fair).
- “Community Defense in Afghanistan,” *Joint Forces Quarterly*, Issue 57, 2010, pp. 9-15.
- “How to Save Karzai,” *Foreign Policy*, July 2008.
- “Cellphones in the Hindu Kush,” *The National Interest*, No. 96, July/August 2008, pp. 42-51 (with Bruce Hoffman).
- “Pakistan’s Dangerous Game,” *Survival*, Vol. 49, No. 1, Spring 2007, pp. 15-32.
- “Averting Failure in Afghanistan,” *Survival*, Vol. 48, No. 1, Spring 2006, pp. 111-128.
- “Arming Europe,” *National Interest*, No. 82, Winter 2005/2006, pp. 62-68 (with F. Stephen Larrabee).
- “Measuring Power: How to Predict Future Balances,” *Harvard International Review*, Vol. 27, No. 2, Summer 2005, pp. 54-58 (with Gregory Treverton).
- “The Rise of a European Defense Industry,” *US-Europe Analysis Series*, Brookings Institution, May 2005.

- “Law and Order in Palestine,” *Survival*, Vol. 46, No. 4, Winter 2004-05, pp. 157-178 (with K. Jack Riley).
- “An Independent Palestine: The Security Dimension,” *International Affairs*, Vol. 80, No. 2, March 2004, pp. 203-219 (with Robert Hunter).

RAND BOOKS

- *Afghanistan’s Local War: Building Local Defense Forces* (Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2010) (lead author).
- *Counterinsurgency in Pakistan* (Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2010) (lead author).
- *Occupying Iraq: A History of the Coalition Provisional Authority* (Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2009) (co-author).
- *How Terrorist Groups End: Lessons for Countering Al Qaeda* (Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2008) (lead author).
- *Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan* (Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2008) (sole author).
- *The Beginner’s Guide to Nation-Building* (Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2007) (co-author).
- *Securing Tyrants or Fostering Reform? U.S. Internal Security Assistance to Repressive and Transitioning Regimes* (Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2006) (lead author).
- *Securing Health: Lessons from Nation-Building Missions* (Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2006) (lead author).
- *Establishing Law and Order after Conflict* (Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2005) (lead author)
- *The UN’s Role in Nation-Building: From Congo to Iraq* (Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2005) (co-author).
- *Building a Successful Palestinian State* (Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2005) (co-author).
- *America’s Role in Nation-Building: From Germany to Japan* (Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2003) (co-author).

NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES

- Over two dozen articles for such newspapers and magazines as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, and others.

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

- “Stabilization from the Bottom Up,” Testimony before the Commission on Wartime Contracting, February 22, 2010.
- “U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan,” Testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, April 2, 2009.
- “Defeating Terrorist Groups,” Testimony before the House Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, September 18, 2008.
- “Getting Back on Track in Afghanistan,” Testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, April 2, 2008.
- “The State of the Afghan Insurgency,” Testimony before the Canadian Senate National Security and Defence Committee, December 10, 2007.