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## Summary

Transitioning out of active duty in 2024, I seek opportunities to research and write long-form pieces about economic and national security issues for a national and international audience.

I am an Air Force officer with an extensive international affairs and special operations background. Leading teams in the most challenging and unforgiving environments, such as Iraq, Afghanistan, and Central America, and working on US foreign policy as a strategist and advisor to two 4-star commanders helped me forge executive leadership, strategic communications, and policy analysis skills.

My writing on can be found in the Air Force Times, Air and Space Power Journal, Irregular Warfare Initiative, Defense One, Joint Forces Quarterly, War on the Rocks, and USA Today.

## Experience



### Chief of Operations Support

Air Force Global Strike Command

Jul 2021 - Present (2 years 2 months)



### Adjunct Senior Fellow

Center for a New American Security (CNAS)

Apr 2022 - Present (1 year 5 months)



### Member Board Of Directors

Olmsted Scholar Foundation

Sep 2020 - Mar 2023 (2 years 7 months)



### Non-Resident Fellow

Irregular Warfare Initiative

Oct 2021 - Dec 2022 (1 year 3 months)



### Military Fellow

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Jul 2020 - Jul 2021 (1 year 1 month)



### Visiting Fellow

National Defense University

Jul 2020 - Jul 2021 (1 year 1 month)



### **Deputy Director & Senior Military Fellow**

National Defense University  
Jul 2018 - Jul 2020 (2 years 1 month)  
Center for Applied Strategic Learning



### **Commander, Special Operations Advisor Team**

NATO  
May 2017 - May 2018 (1 year 1 month)



### **Deputy Chief, Commander's Action Group**

United States Air Force  
Jun 2015 - Aug 2016 (1 year 3 months)



### **Deputy Chief, Policy Division**

United States Air Force  
Jan 2013 - Jun 2015 (2 years 6 months)  
United States Southern Command



### **Combat Aviation Advisor & Assistant Operations Officer**

United States Air Force  
Feb 2011 - Jan 2013 (2 years)  
6th Special Operations Squadron



### **Olmsted Scholar**

United States Air Force  
Jan 2009 - Feb 2011 (2 years 2 months)



### **Special Operations Pilot and Executive Officer**

United States Air Force  
Feb 2000 - Feb 2009 (9 years 1 month)  
1st Special Operations Group

## **Education**



### **University of Chicago**

BS, Mathematics with specialization in Economics



### **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile**

MS, Economics

## **Licenses & Certifications**



**Game Theory** - Coursera



**Game Theory II: Advanced Applications** - Coursera



**Social and Economic Networks: Models and Analysis** - Coursera

## **Skills**

Organizational Leadership • National Security • Economics • International Relations • Analysis • Policy Analysis • Military Operations • Counterterrorism • Foreign Policy • Special Operations

## **Honors & Awards**



**University of Chicago Young Alumni Service Award** - University of Chicago

May 2012



**Commandant's Distinguished Writing Award** - Joint Forces Staff College

Mar 2013



**South Florida Federal Employee of the Year (Team)**

2014

Policy Division honored for the Professional Category from 21 nominations in an area encompassing 35,000 federal employees. Held the position of Chief, Strategic Initiatives during this period.