

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**RAND Corporation**

Associate Director, International Security and Defense Policy (ISDP) Center. Help oversee RAND research and interaction with sponsors in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, U.S. Special Operations Command, and other U.S. Department of Defense organizations; U.S. government agencies such as the U.S. State Department; foreign governments; and foundations. ISDP conducts approximately \$20 million of policy research and analysis annually, examining changes in the international political, strategic, and economic environment that affect security and broader interests. Also leading research projects on counterterrorism and counterinsurgency. 2011–present.

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

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.

**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.

**United States Naval Postgraduate School**

Adjunct Professor, Center for Homeland Defense and Security. Teach classes to mid- and senior-level Department of Defense, FBI, 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 and threats to the U.S. homeland from overseas. 2005–present.

## 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, 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

- “Al Qaeda in Afghanistan,” in Bruce Hoffman and Fernando Reinares, eds., *Leader-Led Jihad* (New York: Columbia University Press, forthcoming in 2014).
- “The Future of Insurgency,” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, Vol. 36, No. 1, 2013, pp. 1-25 (with Patrick Johnston).
- “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 AND MAGAZINES

- “Syria’s Growing Jihad,” *Survival*, Vol. 55, No. 4, August-September 2013, pp. 53-72.
- “The Mirage of the Arab Spring: Deal With the Region You Have, Not the Region You Want,” *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 92, No. 1, January / February 2013, pp. 55-63.
- “Think Again: Al Qaeda,” *Foreign Policy*, May / June 2012, pp. 47-51.
- “Imperial Britain’s Afghan Agony,” *The National Interest*, No. 118, March / April 2012, pp. 52-58.
- “Al Qaeda in Iran,” *Foreign Affairs* (foreignaffairs.com), January 30, 2012.
- “Why the Haqqani Network is the Wrong Target,” *Foreign Affairs* (foreignaffairs.com), November 6, 2011.
- “Security from the Bottom Up,” *Time*, October 7, 2011.
- “The Terrorist Threat from Pakistan,” *Survival*, Vol. 53, No. 4, August-September 2011, pp. 69-94.
- “Beating Back the Taliban,” *Foreign Policy*, March 2011.
- “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*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *Financial Times*, and others.

## CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

- “Re-Examining the Al Qa’ida Threat to the United States,” Testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, July 18, 2013.
- “The Terrorist Threat from Syria,” Testimony before the House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, May 22, 2013
- “After the Withdrawal: A Way Forward in Afghanistan and Pakistan,” Testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Joint Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, March 19, 2013.
- “The Future of Irregular Warfare,” Testimony before the House Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, March 27, 2012.
- “The Future of al Qa’ida,” Testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, May 24, 2011.
- “Transitioning to Afghan-Led Counterinsurgency,” Testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, May 10, 2011.
- “The al Qa’ida Threat in Pakistan,” Testimony before the House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk, May 3, 2011.
- “Stabilization from the Bottom Up,” Testimony before the Commission on Wartime Contracting, February 22, 2010.
- “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.