

Dr. Paul Timothy Schwennesen
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Education

Sep 2018 – Oct 2023	University of Kansas	PhD, Trans-Atlantic History
Sep 2016 – Sep 2018	University of Kansas	M.A., History
Jun 2004 – Jun 2007	Harvard University	M.A., Government
Jun 1996 – May 2000	U.S. Air Force Academy	B.S., Science, B.S. History

Professional Experience

Military Affairs Expert – Geopolitical Intelligence Services (2023 – Present)

Publication of scenarios-based, open-source intelligence situational reports for international policymakers and business leaders—product provides comprehensive foreign policy outlook

Editor & Content Creator – American Institute for Economic Research (2022 – Present)

Copyediting, research, and publication at AIER's flagship 'Daily Economy' news & op-ed site dedicated to free market principles and limited government advocacy

Military Advisor/Civilian Aid Program – Ukraine (Feb 2022 – Present)

- Combat training: Developed and led advanced training course in Konstantinivka, Donetsk. Program recruited Tier-1 American operators and trained designated marksman teams on the frontlines, including direct combat support/overwatch.
- Logistics support: Raised/coordinated \$1.1M in foreign donations for non-lethal defense equipment and humanitarian aid support (Atlas Network, private donors).
- Parliamentary/Defense coordination: Liaison with UA parliament for frontline support needs at unit/tactical level. Developed theater-wide satellite-phone enabled communication networks (100+ units of Iridium, Thuraya, and Everywhere communication units) used in civilian evacuations from Mariupol, Kharkiv, Lyman, and Kherson.
- War crimes documentation: first-hand war crimes evidence documentation to US Congress, International Criminal Court, and Polish *Agencja Wywiadu*.

Graduate Teaching Assistant – University of Kansas (Sept 2016 – Oct 2022)

Development of course curricula, in-class lectures, administration of class via Canvas architecture, faculty liaison and graduate student professional education

Director, Agrarian Freedom Project | Conservation Capital Fund (Dec 2011 – Present)

Founder and manager of a "green bond" supporting working landscapes in the American West

Municipal Park Board, City of Weston (Jun 2021 – Present)

Executive Board Member, Cold Creek Ranch (October 2005 – Present)

Family Trust executive and ranch strategy/operations lead

CEO, Double Check Ranch (Nov 2006 – Jun 2021)

Built, established, and sold Southern Arizona's mainstay grassfed beef business

U.S. Air Force Officer (May 2000 – Nov 2006)

- Combat-zone deployment – Afghanistan (2005)
 - Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) oversight & reporting
- Flightline Maintenance Officer
 - Propulsion Flight Chief (A-10 Warthog: TF34 GE-100 turbofan engine repair)
 - Airframe Maintenance (EC-130 Compass Call: Electronic Warfare)
- Foreign Area Officer Specialty Code (Latin America)
- Acquisitions Program Manager (Electronic Systems Command, Hanscom AFB)
 - E-3 AWACS \$500M flightdeck upgrade
 - Coordination with primary contractor (Boeing)
 - Flightline upgrades & cross-platform (JSTARS) coordination

John A. Baker Internship, Atlantic Council, Washington D.C.

Non-partisan policy center, concentration in international policy development
Aug 1999 – Sep 1999

Awards & Grants

Verkhovna Rada Medal for “Merit to the Ukrainian People”

Order of Ukrainian Parliament, Fall 2022

Hall Center Doctoral Research Travel Grant

Salamanca, Spain, Summer 2022

Graduate Doctoral Research Fund Award

Archival research at the *Nationaal Archief*, Netherlands, Summer 2019

Fulbright Scholar Finalist, United States National Screening Committee

2019 – 2020 US Student Program – Spain

U.S. Library of Congress National Collegiate Book Collection Award

Washington, D.C., Fall 2018

Graduate Scholarly Presentation Travel Fund

University of Kansas, Fall 2018

Arthur and Judith McClure International Doctoral Research Fund Award

University of Kansas, Spring 2018

Phi Beta Delta International Programs Graduate Student Paper Award

First Prize, University of Kansas, Spring 2018

Company Grade Officer of Year

Hanscom Systems Program Office 2006

Joint Service Medal, Air Force Medal 2005

Distinguished Graduate

Squadron Officer School, 2002

Fellowships

Graduate & Research Fellow, American Institute for Economic Research

Great Barrington, MA, Fall 2022 and Fall 2024

Lone Mountain Fellow, Property and Environment Research Center

Resident Research Fellow, National Lands Policy, Summer 2020

Kinship Fellow & Instructor, Kinship Conservation Institute

Searle Family Trust Fellowship, Summer 2013 & 2016

Delegate, American Council on Germany (McCloy Fellow)

Member, traveling delegation to Germany; politics and trade. Fall 2012

Lincoln Fellow, Claremont-McKenna College

Institute for the Study of Statesmanship, History, and Political Philosophy. Summer 2012

Lectures & Presentations

- Staff Brief: US House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Fall 2024
 - “Witness Report from Kursk,” *ABC News: Good Morning America*, Summer 2024
 - “Foreign Fighters in Ukraine: Freedom-Loving Peoples,” *French TF1/LCI*, Summer 2024
 - Philanthropy Roundtable Annual Meeting, “Free-Market Environmentalism,” Fall 2023
 - Keynote Address, Arizona Farm Bureau, “Ukraine’s Freedom,” Winter 2022
 - State Policy Network, “Yellowstone: Property Rights and Wrongs,” Fall 2022
 - Hall Center, Colonialism Seminar Series, “Equine Conquistadors,” Fall 2021
 - American Society for Ethnohistory, “Coronado Routes,” Penn State, Fall 2019
 - Britain and the World Conference, “Indigenous Influence, 1754-1776,” Spring 2019
 - University of Kansas, “American Historiography and Capitalism,” Fall 2018
 - American Society for Ethnohistory, “Equine Conquest,” Oaxaca, Fall 2018
 - University of Alberta, “The *Canses* Indians, a French Fort, and the American Revolution: Non-English Influences upon a Nascent Republic” Spring 2017
 - Biosphere 2, University of Arizona Public Lecture, “Environmental History,” Spring 2017
 - University of Arizona Guest Lecture, “Conservation Ranching,” Summer 2017
 - Dartmouth University Guest Lecture, “Historical Republicanism,” Fall 2016
 - Leyden University, The Hague, Guest Lecture, “Public Choice Theory,” Summer 2016
 - Benedictine College Lecture, “Entrepreneurship & Corporate Responsibility,” Fall 2015
 - Harvard University, Presenter, “Agriculture & Environmental Stewardship,” Fall 2015
 - Northwestern University, Guest Lecture, “Food Systems,” Winter 2013
 - TEDx Speaker, Bozeman, “Agrarian Revival,” Fall 2013
 - TEDx Speaker, Tucson, “Small is Beautiful,” Summer 2012
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Selected Publications

“Ukraine Is Safer If It Stays Out of NATO”
Reason Magazine, August 2024

“Prisoners for Liberty in Ukraine” *Law & Liberty*, July 2024

“Hating the Heartland” *Law & Liberty*, June 2024

“Farmer Fury in Europe” American Institute for Economic Research, February 2024

“Ukraine’s Fitness to Fight” *Geopolitical Intelligence Service*, October 2023

“Fighting For Freedom in Ukraine” *Law & Liberty*, August 2023

“The Nuclear Specter in Ukraine” *Law & Liberty*, March 2023

“The 1519 Project: An Antidote to Caricature?” American Institute for Economic Research, February 2023

“Recalling our Roots: The Fertile Iberian Soil of Liberty,” American Institute for Economic Research, November 2022

“Will the ‘Ball of Liberty’ Roll into Russia?” *Law & Liberty*, October 2022

“Along A Desert River, A New Breed of Rancher,” *National Geographic*, featured, June 2016

“Eureka! Invention, Innovation, and Regulation,” *Claremont Review of Books*, May 2016

“Let Individual Owners Manage the Forests,” *New York Times*, July 2012

“Ranching: A Hands-On Exercise in Environmental Ethics,” in “Environmental Ethics: What Really Matters, What Really Works (2nd Ed.)” Oxford University Press, 2011

Specialized Skills, Training, & Certification

Phase 1 Indoc/Selection Training US Air Force Pararescue (CRO)

563rd Rescue Group (Air Force Special Operations Command)

Basic Freefall Parachute/Advanced Open Water SCUBA/Private Pilot Qualified

Expert Marksman, M9/M16, NCAA-ranked competitive marksman

Language(s)

Spanish – professional proficiency (written & verbal)

- Special expertise: 16th century Spanish paleography

Dutch – intermediate proficiency (written)

Ukrainian – functional familiarity, including Cyrillic

Language Aptitude Testing (State Department/U.S. Military): 118 points (95th percentile)

Urdu: functional familiarity, including Arabic script

French/Italian: functional written familiarity

Memberships

Explorer’s Club, New York

Heterodox Academy

International Experience

Afghanistan: Combat zone deployment

Mexico: Air Force Liaison Delegation, C-130 flightline maintenance

Lesotho: 4 years residence

Azad Jammu Kashmir (Pakistan): 1 year residence

European Land Owners Association/Consultancy

Ukraine: Combat/logistics/humanitarian aid (2022-2024)