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**Marital Status:** Married, three children

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### **Educational Background:**

**December 1974:** Graduated from the American Cooperative School, La Paz, Bolivia.

**1985:** B.S. with highest honors from the William Allen White School of Journalism, University of Kansas; B.A. with honors in Latin American Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

### **Professional Work Experience**

**Current Position:** President, IBI Consultants (<http://www.ibiconsultants.net>), 2005 to present; Senior Associate, Americas Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

### **Current Engagements:**

Consulting with Deputy Assistant Secretary for Counternarcotics and Global Threats as SME, Latin America; Homeland Security Study and Analysis Institute human smuggling project; Subject Matter Expert with the U.S. Army's Asymmetrical Warfare Group, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. **Active Top Secret Clearance.**

Member of the Princeton Project for National Security, a working group of multidisciplinary experts chaired by Anthony Lake and George P. Shultz that examines the security challenges facing the United States in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Ongoing Activities:** Frequent lecturer at U.S. government institutions including: (USAF Special Operations School, Hurlburt Field; Special Forces Command, Tampa, Fla.; National Ground Intelligence Center; Southern Command; National Defense University Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies; Center for Army Analysis; U.S. Army War College, Foreign Service Institute) on the FARC, Latin American insurgencies, the criminal-terrorist nexus and Iran in Latin America. Guest speaker at universities (Yale, Tufts, National Defense University, American University, Georgetown University, Syracuse University, University of Pittsburgh and others), and policy groups (American Enterprise Institute, Brookings Institution, the Middle East Forum, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Center for American Progress, Hudson Institute).

**Testimony Before Congress;** April 1, 2004, before the House Committee on International Relations, Africa Subcommittee; Feb. 16, 2005, House Financial Services Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; July 31, 2008, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade; June 23 2009 before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Subcommittee on Africa Affairs; Oct. 27, 2009 before the House Committee on Foreign Relations, joint subcommittees on the Western Hemisphere, Near East and Terrorism; July 7, 2011 before the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence; July 12, 2011 before the House Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; July 12, 2011 before the House Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade; December 15, 2011 before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs; February 16, 2012 before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs; November 16, 2012 before the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations and Management.

**Recent Consulting:** Contract work as SME for SOCOM NCR; Contract work for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DOD-DTRA) on long range threat of Iran in Latin America; Homeland Security Institute on human smuggling and bulk cash shipments to Mexico; US Special Operations Command (SOCOM) on Latin American threats; National Endowment for Democracy on press freedoms in Latin America; U.S. Southern Command-Florida International University Partnership on threats from Latin America; the Rand Corporation; World Bank on commodities and conflict; Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars on transnational organized crime in Central America; New York University Center for International Cooperation on commodities and conflict.

### **Employment History**

**December 2004-Present:** President, IBI Consultants, LLC.

**May 2006 –Present:** Senior Fellow, International Assessment and Strategy Center

**January 2004-September 2004:** Senior Fellow, Consortium for the Study of Intelligence, Washington, D.C. Work included analyzing effective methods of intelligence reform; organization of conferences to study how different insurgent groups gather intelligence; analyzing and writing on different types of armed groups that operate in stateless areas. With Prof. Richard Shultz, director of the Fletcher School of War and Strategy of Tufts University, co-authored “Armed Groups: A Tier-One Security Priority,” for the Institute of National Security Studies of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

**March 2002-January 2004:** Member of the *Washington Post* investigative staff, writing on terror finance and radical Islamic groups.

**March 2000-March 2003:** *Washington Post* bureau chief for West Africa, based in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Forced to leave in December 2001 because of death threats. Broke

the story of al Qaeda's ties to "blood diamonds" and the Liberian regime of Charles Taylor.

**June 1997-March 2000:** *Washington Post* international investigative reporter, covering drug trafficking and organized crime, including the emergence of Russian organized crime groups in the Caribbean, and the growth of Mexican drug cartels within the United States.

**April 1992-June 1997:** *Washington Post* bureau chief for Central America and the Caribbean, based in San Salvador, El Salvador. Covered the drug wars in Colombia; Haiti, including the 1994 U.S. occupation; and the rise of HIV/AIDS across the region. Traveled more than a dozen times to Cuba.

**January 1990-April 1992:** On contract with *The Washington Post* and *Newsweek*, based in Bogotá, Colombia, to cover the drug war in the Andean region. Covered the rise and fall of Pablo Escobar and the Medellín cartel and the rise of Cali cartel.

**June 1987-January 1990:** Freelance reporter contributing to the *Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe* and *US News & World Report*, based in San Salvador, El Salvador. Covered the Central American wars in El Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras.

**June 1985-June 1987:** *United Press International* bureau chief for El Salvador and Honduras, covering the wars in the region.

**1978-1981:** Assistant to the director, Project for Integrated Development, a USAID-funded development program in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

**1975-1978:** Traveling in Latin America and Europe.

### **Awards**

1988 Sigma Delta Chi Distinguished Service Award for *Washington Post* series on death squads in El Salvador.

1995 Maria Moors Cabot Prize, Columbia University, for outstanding coverage of Latin America

1997 Johns Hopkins SAIS Recognition of Excellence in International Reporting for *Washington Post Magazine* piece on drug corruption in Colombia.

### **Publications**

**Books:** Merchant of Death: Money, Guns, Planes and the Man Who Makes War Possible, J. Wiley Publishers, (August 2007)

Blood From Stones: The Secret Financial Network of Terror, Broadway Books, New York, May 2004.

### **Chapters in the following books:**

“Fixers, Super Fixers and Shadow Facilitators: How Networks Connect,” Countering Illicit Networks, edited by Michael Miklaucic, Center For Complex Operations, National Defense University, (Forthcoming, June 2012.)

“The Role of Blood Diamonds in al Qaeda’s Financial Structure,” Countering the Financing of Global Terrorism , edited by Thomas J. Biersteker and Sue E. Eckert (New York: Routledge Publishers, August 2007).

“The Business of Terrorism Finance,” Confronting Terrorism Finance, American Foreign Policy Council, 2005.

“Colombia,” Crimes of War: What the Public Should Know, edited by Roy Gutman and David Reiff, 1999, W.W. Norton Press.

“U.S. Military in Latin America,” The Globalization of U.S.-Latin American Relations: Democracy, Intervention and Human Rights, edited by Virginia Bouvier, Westport, CT, Praeger, September 2002.

“El Chantaje,” Los Ojos de la Guerra, edited by Manuel Leguineche and Gervasio Sanchez, Plaza Janes Press, 2000.

### **Journal and Magazine Articles:**

Regular contributor of articles to the International Assessment and Strategy Center website (<http://www.strategycenter.net/>) on Islamist movements, terror finance and stateless regions. For a full link to published papers see website above.

Florida International University Western Hemisphere Security Analysis Center series on hemispheric threats (July 2011, September 2011)

National Endowment for Democracy June 2011

PRISM (National Defense University) Spring 2011 issue

Air Force Institute for National Security Studies

Men’s Vogue (July/August 2007 issue)

Foreign Policy Magazine (Nov.-Dec. 2006 issue) and multiple blog contributions

Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) (Great Britain)

The Journal of International Security Affairs

The Washington Post Magazine

Mother Jones

American Journalism Review

Semana (Colombia)

IPI Global Journalist

The Politic: The Yale College Journal of Politics

The New Republic

Enjeux Internationaux (Belgium)

**Op-ed Pieces and Editorials**

The Washington Post (Three editorials, three Sunday Outlook pieces)

The Financial Times

The New York Sun

Frequent guest on national and international programs, including NPR, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, BBC, RFI and others.