

Public policy professional bridging the theory-practice divide. Committed advocate for a strong civil society and a vibrant foreign policy. Progressive academic, administrative, & operational experience within nonpartisan nonprofits & academia. Delivering strategic insight & communications for issues including civil-military relations; national security & transatlantic relations; and the institutions of civil & political society.

Experience (Curated)

2023-09 - present	Senior Fellow <i>Yorktown Institute</i> Conduct research and produce content focused on great power competition and the US military supremacy that must undergird American grand strategy, through alliance building, restoring economic and manufacturing potential, defending national institutions, and reorienting naval and military power toward Eurasia
2021-09 - present	Acting Editor-in-Chief / Senior Editor <i>American Purpose</i> All senior masthead responsibilities for the magazine, media project, and intellectual community cofounded by Francis Fukuyama, Jeffrey Gedmin, and Craig Kennedy
2020-10 - present	Veterans & Military Families Consultant (Contract) <i>George W. Bush Presidential Center</i> Research & program guidance (research, writing, editing, public speaking) on All Volunteer Force, veterans, military families issues for senior Bush Institute staff & 35+ member Taskforce; plus for external entities
2020-10 - present	Acting Director & Associate Scholar <i>Classics of Strategy & Diplomacy Project</i> Developed & launched website; designed publishing process, business operations, & strategic planning for online resource bank, magazine, and intellectual community. CSD supports military & civilian students & practitioners of grand strategy, geopolitics, & great power competition through recovery & reengagement with classic sources of strategic thought.
2014-02 - 2020-03	Research Fellow, Foreign & Defense Policy; Social, Cultural, Constitutional Studies Program Manager, Program on American Citizenship <i>American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC</i> Bridging civil society, military, & veterans policy silos through innovative research & engagement. Conceptualized, built, operated first-ever AEI veterans research program. Managed legacy program on American political institutions & democratic rights.
2012-02 - 2014-02	Director of Programs for External Affairs Deputy Editor <i>Private University, Hillsdale, Michigan</i> Direct programs & events for up to 1,000 stakeholders & policymakers Strategize monthly print & online subscribers from 1.5 to 3 million
2006-01 - 2012-01	Director of Student & Residence Life <i>University of Dallas, Irving, Texas</i> Directed all administrative procedures associated with the operation of university student housing. Supervised, trained, hired 100+ staff annually

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Education

Ph.D. in Politics University of Dallas Irving, TX 2024 “The Political Psychology of Empire: Philanthropia, National Security, and the Question of Expansion.” With Honors
Masters Degree in Politics University of Dallas Irving, TX 2010
Bachelor of Arts, English Literature Minor, French University of Dallas Irving, TX 2006

Skills

AI Training | Leadership | Bridge-building | Communications | Stakeholder Management | Mentoring | Consulting | Research & Innovative Analysis | Executive briefings | Congressional Testimony | Legislative Advocacy | Project Design & Managment | Brand Marketing & Publicity Campaigns | Budget Oversight | Grant Proposals | Public & Private Event Convening | Public Policy Curation | SME

Languages

French	★★★★★
Italian	★★★★★
Latin	★★★★★
Ancient Greek	★★★★★

Teaching Appointments

2025-01 - present	<i>Adjunct Professor - University of San Francisco</i> Civil - Military Relations and Public Leadership Master of Arts Program in Public Leadership
2021-06 - present	<i>Professor - Warrior Scholarship Project</i> Humanities Program, Georgetown University & various

Congressional Testimony

"Civic Education, the Essential Substrata of Military and National Service."

Solicited Statement for the Record for the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service

"From a Social Deficit to a Social Asset Model: How Congress and VA can Empower Veterans and Reverse the 'Broken' Veteran Narrative."

Testimony before the Committee on Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity

"Empowering Veterans in Civilianhood: Reshaping the Narrative through the VET OPP Act."

Statement before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity

Professional & Community Engagement Highlights

- 2023-01	Combined Arms , Advisory Board Member, 2020- present Thomas Jefferson Foundation/Monticello YA Board Member, 2019-present iCivics , Advisory Board Member, 2017- present American Swiss Foundation , Young Leader 2022 Foundation for Defense of Democracies , 2021 National Security Fellow Independent Women's Forum , Visiting Fellow Law & Liberty , Contributing Editor & podcast host US Army Chaplain Corps Journal , Reader Review Board SME guest lecturer/professor, panelist, commentator, and public speaker : The US Military Academy, Baylor Univeristy, Boston College Law School, Institute for World Politics, Georgetown University, BBC Radio, C-SPAN, Citizen University, American College of Cardiology, National Conference on Citizenship, Tikvah Fund, AEI, George W. Bush Presidential Institute, Warrior-Scholar Project, American Legion, Hertog Foundation, America 250 Foundation, Monticello, New America, US State Department, Capitol Hill, White House DPC Transatlantic Relationship Working Group , Hanns Seidel Foundation & George C. Marschall Center for European Security Studies "Educating for American Democracy: A Roadmap for Excellence in History & Civics Education for All Learners;" NEH Grant, Political Science SME
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Publications

Brookings Institution Press | Rowman & Littlefield | Lexington Books | University of Oklahoma Press | ABC-CLIO
Contemporary World Issues Series | AEI | American Purpose | City Journal | IWF.org | InsideSources | Law & Liberty | National Review | Newsweek | NYT | Real Clear Defense | Strategy Bridge | The American Interest | The Hill | The New Atlantis | The Weekly Standard | War on the Rocks | WSJ