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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

PhD Geography, Kent State University, 2005.
Dissertation Title: *Bosnia & Herzegovina: Identity, Nationalist Landscapes and the Future of the State.*

Graduate, U.S. Army War College, Defense Strategy Course, Nov 2001 to May 2002.

Graduate, *Fuehrungsakademie der Bundeswehr* (German Command & Staff College), 2000.

Graduate, U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, 1993.

M.S. Environmental Science, University of Cincinnati, 1991.
Thesis Title: *The Photocatalytic Destruction of Volatile Organic Hydrocarbons in Groundwater.*

B.A. Geological Science, Case Western Reserve University, 1983.

Professional Positions

January 2015 to present June 2018	Dean, Arts & Sciences, Lakeland Community College (LCC), Ohio
August 2012 to December 2014	Dean, Mathematics, Engineering Technologies, Natural and Social Sciences, LCC, Kirtland, Ohio
October 2010 to August 2012	Dean, Social Science and Public Service Technologies, LCC, Kirtland, Ohio
July 2009 to September 2010	Assistant Dean for Strategy and Policy, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York
June 2005 to July 2009	Assistant and Associate Professor, USMA
May 2006	Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Security, University of Belgrade, Serbia
September 1983 to January 2010	Career Army Engineer Officer, numerous military positions across the world responsible for construction projects, including buildings, roadways, earthwork projects, airfields, and erecting bridges. Lastly, I served as the project engineer for several large-scale, multi-million-dollar environmental remediation projects.

Academic Research Interests

My primary research interests lie in human and political geography with a regional emphasis on the countries of the former Yugoslavia, the Balkans and Eastern Europe. My particular research interest is on national identity, nationalist landscapes and the future of Bosnia and Herzegovina. I am also intrigued by the United States' and NATO's political and military role in the breakup of the former Yugoslavia, subsequent political Balkan developments and future progress of its successor states.

My recent research addresses the scholarly shortfall in investigating the role of militant Islam, Al Qaeda and the Global War on Terror in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. I hope to illuminate what appears to be a hidden front in the Global War on Terror. I am exploring the role of the Islamic Community and foreign actors in Bosnia & Herzegovina, Macedonia and Serbia's Kosovo and Sandžak regions. How the Islamic Community is reacting and countering radical Islamic ideologies is an especially interesting facet of this research.

I have started to examine the Balkan Muslim émigré communities in the United States, mapping their settlement patterns and scrutinizing their ties to the homeland. As part of this topic, I am also observing and exploring any linkage of these Diaspora communities to radical Islamist ideologies, domestic terrorism, and Al Qaeda in the context of the Global War on Terror. This research has led to collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security, and the New York Police Departments Counter-Terrorism Task Force.

Lastly, my most recent research work centers on the borders of Iraq - their permeability and how the state is trying to control them to establish a stable, sovereign state. Moreover, how does the lack of border control facilitate the Kurdish Regional Government's move towards possible independence vice a fully participating autonomous region, and what does this mean to the future of the Iraqi state.

Field Research Experience

Conducted numerous site visits, interviews and data gathering trips to various locations in New York City as it relates to my research on Balkan Islamic communities in the United States. In addition, I have established collaborative research and outreach with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Balkan Organized Crime Task Force and the Counter-Terrorism Task Force in NYC.

Conducted 21 days of extensive field research on the topic of radical Islam in southern Serbia during July 2007. This consisted of coordinating interviews and discussions with US Department of State and military representatives, Serbian intelligence and security representatives, local politicians, investigative journalists and several nongovernmental organizations.

Conducted several research trips to Washington DC to interview Department of State, Pentagon, Serbian and Bosnian Embassy officials during 2005 and 2006.

Conducted 26 days of extensive field research in Bosnia in May and June 2004. This consisted of coordinating interviews and discussions with UN personnel, Office of the High Representative (OHR) personnel, US Department of State and military representatives, Bosnian (RS and state level) Ministry Representatives, local politicians and several NGO organizations. I also conducted a survey of 216 people from the three major national groups in Bosnia.

Conducted field research in Bosnia for ten days in Bosnia and Serbia in July 2003. This consisted of coordinating interviews and discussions with United Nation's personnel, US Department of State representatives, local politicians and several NGO organizations.

Teaching Experience

Central Michigan University (CMU), August 2011 to present – GEO 340 Urban Geography (online).

Lakeland Community College (LCC), Spring 2016, The Geography of National Security, lecture.

American Military University (AMU), Oct-Dec 2015 – Geography 103, Physical Geography (online).

AMU, November 2013 to May 2015 – Geography 307, Military Geography (online).

LCC, Fall 2012 – GEOG 1600 World Regional Geography, on campus lecture.

CMU, March 2012 – Geography 120 Environmental Geography (online).

CMU, June 2012 – Geography 121 Cultures of the World (online).

AMU, October 2010 to December 2015 – Geography 101, Introduction to Geography (online).

U.S. Military Academy (USMA), August 2005 through June 2008, taught:

EV203 Introduction to Physical Geography

EV365 Geography of Global Cultures

EV371 Geography of Russia and the Former Soviet Union

EV386 Geography of Europe

EV390B Urban Geography

Kent State University, taught 13 lessons about the Balkans in the History, Political Science and Geography Departments during the 2003 and 2004 academic years.

Kent State University, Fall and Spring semesters 2004 – Developed and instructed the Workshop “The Fall of Yugoslavia; A Critical Perspective.” Workshop consisted of lectures, documentaries, and field trips.

Kent State University, Spring semester 2003 – Instructed World Regional Geography class of 56 students. Received the highest student evaluation scores of seven graduate student instructors that semester.

Kent State University, Spring semesters 2001 and 2002, taught MSCI 40170 “The Professional Military Officer, Management and Law” course as the Professor of Military Science, Army ROTC.

Youngstown State University, Spring semesters 2001 and 2002, taught MILSC 4820 “Transition to Lieutenant” course as the Professor of Military Science, Army ROTC.

Kent State University, Fall semesters 2000 and 2001, taught MSCI 40160 “Military Management and Ethics” course as the Professor of Military Science, Army ROTC.

Youngstown State University, Fall semesters 2000 and 2001, taught MILSC 4810 “Leadership Challenges and Goal-Setting” course as the Professor of Military Science, Army ROTC.

Book(s) published

Oluc, Steven. *Bosnia & Herzegovina: Identity, Nationalist Landscapes and the Future of the State*. Boulder, CO.: University of Columbia, East European Monographs. (April 2008).

Book Chapters & Reports

“Bosnia & Herzegovina 1992-1995– Epitomizing Yugoslavia’s Bloody Collapse.” *Modern Military Geography*. Francis Galgano and Eugene Palka, eds. Routledge, October 2010.

“The Urban Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa.” *Understanding Africa: A Geographic Perspective*. Coauthored with James F. Chastain. Laurel Hummel and Amy Krakowka, eds. Army War College Press, January 2009.

“Compelling Reconciliation – A Role for the Military?” *National Reconciliation, Religious Tolerance and Human Security in the Balkans: Proceedings of the Third ECPD International Conference*. Takehiro Togo and Negoslav Ostojic eds. ECPD, 2008.

“The Balkan Muslim Diasporas in the United States.” Sponsored Research Report, Institute of National Security Studies (INSS), USAF Academy, 2008.

“Case Study Chapter: Bosnia And Herzegovina,” *Nations and Nationalisms in Global Perspective: An Encyclopedia of Origins, Development and Contemporary Transitions*. David Kaplan and Guntram Herb eds. ABC-CLIO, 2008.

“Serbia’s Sandzak - A Radical Islamic Space?” Sponsored Research Report, International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX), 2007.

“The Hidden Front in the Global War on Terror: Radical Islam, Al Qaeda and Bosnia & Herzegovina.” Sponsored Research Report, Institute of National Security Studies (INSS), USAF Academy, 2006.

“The French Electoral Landscape and Globalization,” vignette in *The Physical Geography Study Guide*, 6th edition, 2006, coauthored with James F. Chastain, McGraw Hill Publishing.

Journal Publications

“Radical Islam and the Balkan Muslim Diaspora in the United States.” *HSI Journal of Homeland Security*, May 2010.

“Iraq’s Porous Frontiers, Internal Struggles and Fragile Statehood.” *Journal of Applied Security Research*, Volume 4, Issue 3, July 2009.

“The Key to Security - Iraq’s Boundaries.” *The Sentinel*, Volume 2, Issue 1, January 2009, The Combating Terrorism Center, West Point, NY 2009.

“Radical Islam on Europe’s Frontier - Bosnia & Herzegovina.” *National Security and the Future*, Volume 9, No. 1-2, March 1, 2008.

“Radical Islam’s Periphery: Bosnia & Herzegovina’s Extremist Threat.” *The Pennsylvania Geographer*, Volume 44, No.2 - Fall/Winter 2006.

“Green Flag Over the Balkans,” *Foreign Area Officer Journal*, December 2006, Vol. X, No. 3.

“The Forgotten Front,” *Relevance: The Quarterly Journal of The Great War Society*, Winter 2006, Volume 15, No. 1.

“Bosnia’s Uncertain Future,” *Foreign Area Officer Journal*, March 2005, Vol. IX, No. 1.

Designed several maps for inclusion in the book “Missouri at Sea: Warships of the 'Show-Me' State” by Dr. Richard Schroeder, U of Missouri Press, published Spring 2004.

“Bosnia and the Dayton Peace Accords Eight Years Later,” *SERBWORLD Magazine*, Nov/Dec 2003.

Presentations

October 2, 2017 – 2017 U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation Accredited Academic Programs Summit, Herndon, VA. “How can Community Colleges fit into the USGIF accreditation process?”

September 28, 2016 – Cleveland Area MENSA, “Crisis with ISIS: The Islamic State's Migration Campaign?”

August 15, 2016 – 37th Infantry Brigade, Ohio Army National Guard, Ravenna, Ohio, “Kosovo or Kosova...?”

May 13, 2016 – Mornings at the Museum, Holden University Center, “Crisis with ISIS: Impact of the Islamic State’s Migration Campaign.”

May 2, 2016 – 10th Special Forces Group, Ft. Carson, Colorado, “The Geopolitics of the Ukraine & the West.”

October 16, 2014 – Center for International Education (CIE), Lakeland Community College (LCC), “The Crisis with Isis: Geopolitical Ramifications of U.S. Military Engagement with the Islamic State in Iraq & Syria.”

February 20, 2014 – CIE, LCC, “Sochi, Russia, What’s the Threat.”

March 26, 2014 - CIE, LCC, “Ukraine.”

April 16, 2014 - CIE, LCC, “The Geopolitics of China.”

March 22, 2012 – CIE, LCC, “The Balkans: A Regional Perspective.”

March 21, 2012 - Joint Terror Task Force, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Los Angeles, CA. “Understanding Diaspora Communities” and “Balkan Muslim Communities in the U.S.”

September 22, 2011 - Joint Terror Task Force, FBI, Quantico, VA. “Understanding Diaspora Communities” and “Balkan Muslim Communities in the U.S.”

August 25, 2011 - Joint Terror Task Force, FBI, Seattle, WA. “Understanding Diaspora Communities” and “Balkan Muslim Communities in the U.S.”

July 26, 2011 – Joint Terror Task Force, FBI, Seattle, WA. “Understanding Diaspora Communities” and “Balkan Muslim Communities in the U.S.”

November 16, 2009 – FBI Academy, Quantico, VA. “Balkan Muslim Communities in the United States.”

October 24, 2009 – Pennsylvania Geographical Society Annual Meeting, West Chester University, PA. “Balkan Muslim Émigré Communities in the U.S. - A Radical Islamic Threat?”

December 29, 2008 - Border Security Strategy Conference, Al Faw Palace, Baghdad, Iraq. “Iraq’s Border Security Forces & Ports of Entry Directorate.”

April 28, 2008 – Guest speaker at Kent State University’s Lemnitzer Center for NATO Studies, “NATO and Europe’s Future Relationship with the US.”

April 18, 2008 - AAG Annual Conference, Boston, MA. “A Radical Islamic Space? Islamic Extremism in the Sandžak Region of Serbia.”

February 29, 2008 - Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling Air Force Base, MD. “Jihadists in the Sandžak Region of Serbia” and “Balkan Muslim Diasporas in the USA ... an ever present threat?”

November 17, 2007 - Middle State’s Division, AAG, Regional Conference, Kutztown University, PA. “A Radical Islamic Space? Islamic Extremism in the Sandžak Region of Serbia.”

October 27, 2007 - European Center for Peace and Development’s 3rd International Conference in Belgrade, Serbia. “Compelling Reconciliation – A Role for the Military?”

October 12, 2007 - The Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence & Research, Washington DC. “A Radical Islamic Space? Islamic Extremism in the Sandžak Region of Serbia.”

October 5, 2007 - The Njgoš Endowment for Serbian Language & Culture at Columbia University, New York, NY. “Bosnia & the Sandžak: In the Shadow of Radical Islam?”

May 3, 2007 - The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York, NY. “At the Periphery of Radical Islam: Bosnia-Herzegovina.”

April 17, 2007 – AAG Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. “The Hidden Front in the War on Terror: Radical Islam and Bosnia & Herzegovina.”

March 20, 2007 - Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling Air Force Base, MD. "A Balkan Jihad - Radical Islam in Bosnia."

October 13-14, 2006 - Middle State's Division, AAG, Regional Conference, Rutgers University, NJ. "Historical Islam's Radical Frontier: Bosnia & Herzegovina."

September 13, 2006 - US Military Academy - Defense Intelligence Agency Working Seminar. "Cultural Analysis and Approach: Radical Islam - Al Qaeda - Bosnian Connection."

September 13, 2006 - US Military Academy - Defense Intelligence Agency Working Seminar. "Bosnia's Landscape, Identity, and Uncertain Future."

May 4, 2006 - Faculty of Security Studies, University of Belgrade, Serbia. "Bosnia, Al Qaeda and the Global War on Terror."

April 6, 2005 - AAG Annual Conference, Denver, CO. "Bosnia's Landscape, Identity and an Uncertain Future."

March 2005 - Department of Geography, University of Akron, "The US Military in Bosnia," Military Geography course guest speaker.

February 25, 2005 - Colloquium presentation, Department of Geography, Kent State University, "Bosnia and Herzegovina".

October 16, 2004 - East & West Lakes AAG Regional Conference, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. "Bosnia's Landscape, Identity and Uncertain Future."

October 18, 2003 - East & West Lakes AAG Regional Conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. "Bosnia & Herzegovina; Eight Years after the Dayton Peace Accords."

October 1, 2003 - Guest speaker at Kent State University's Lemnitzer Center for NATO Studies; "Bosnia and Herzegovina; Eight Years after the Dayton Peace Accords".

March 31, 2003 - Guest speaker at the Cleveland Grays Armory, Bolivar Road, Cleveland Ohio. "Bosnia and Operation Joint Endeavor".

March 16, 2003 - AAG Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. "Bosnia & Herzegovina: The Inter-Entity Boundary Line, Spatial Identity and the Future of the Bosnian State."

October 2002 - Colloquium presentation, Department of Geography, Kent State University, "The U.S. Army in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

Posters

March 5, 2003 - American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, New Orleans, La. - "What Geographical Considerations Prevented the 1999 NATO Led Air War in Kosovo from Developing into a Ground War?"

Book Reviews

Review of Martin Wayne's "China's War on Terrorism: Counter-insurgency, politics and internal security." *Military Review*, July/August, 2008.

Review of Sabrina Ramet's "Thinking about Yugoslavia: Scholarly Debates about the Yugoslav Breakup and the Wars in Bosnia and Kosovo." *History: Reviews of New Books*, Summer 2006.

Review of Sabrina Ramet and Pavlaković, eds., "Serbia Since 1989: Politics and Society under Milošević and after." *History: Reviews of New Books*, Winter, 2006.

Review of Slavenka Drakulić's "They Would Never Hurt a Fly: War Criminals on Trial in the Hague." *History: Reviews of New Books*, Winter, 2006.

Review of Mark Mazower's "The Balkans: A Short History." *National Identities*, Volume 5, No. 3, November 2003.

Articles Reviewed

December 2015 – National Identities, "Hybridity, Ethnicity and Nationhood: Legacies of Interethnic War, Wartime Rape, and the Potential for Bridging the Ethnic Divide in Post-Conflict Bosnia."

February 2014 – National Identities, "The specifics of the Balkan ethnic identity construction: ethnicisation of localities."

March 2011 – National Identities, "Bošniak National Identity Formation."

November 2009 - Journal of Military Geography, "Hannibal's Mountain Military Operations in the Ancient World: Environmental Considerations."

October 2009 - The Journal of Military History, "The Politics of Fear and National Defense in Yugoslavia."

May 2008 – Space & Polity, "Imagining Genocide: Anti-Geographies and the Erasure of Space in Democratic Kampuchea."

January 2008 - Journal of Military Geography, "The Influence of Geography on War: Methuen's Northern Cape Campaign During the Anglo Boer War, 1899-1902."

July 2006 - Political Geography, "Dead Ends - On the course of events in Srebrenica in the summer of 1995" (MS No. PG-228).

November 2005 – Political Geography, "Spaces of Militarization the Island of Cyprus" (MS No. PG 108).

September 2003 - Journal of Geography, "Intervention: Simulating the War on Global Terrorism" (MS No. 03-29).

Conference & Panel Discussant

October 2, 2017 – U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation Academic Programs Summit. "How could Community Colleges fit into the USGIF accreditation process?" Herndon, VA. Presenter.

August 29, 2017 - U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), “*Resilience and Sustainable Development.*” Washington DC. Moderator and discussant.

June 27, 2017 – USAID, Engaging Faith-based and Community Groups, “*Prevent, Mitigate, and Resolve Violent Conflict and Contribute to Local & Regional Stability & Security.*” Washington DC. Moderator and discussant

April 25, 2017 – USAID, Engaging Faith-based and Community Groups, “*Pluralism, Human Rights, & Protection of Religious Freedom.*” Washington DC. Moderator and discussant.

October 3, 2016 – USGIF Accredited Academic Programs Summit. “*Lakeland Community College: USGIF Accreditation.*”

April 5, 2012 - Humanitarian Dilemmas: Debating Interventions in Africa and the Middle East
April 5-6, 2012 Kent State University. “*Evolution of Humanitarian Intervention: Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan.*”

April 8, 2011 - Armenia, the Holocaust and other Genocides: A Comparative Round Table Discussion, Lakeland Community College, Ohio. Panel discussant.

April 18, 2008 - AAG Annual Conference, Boston, MA. Military Geography Specialty Group panel session, “*The Geopolitics of American Empire.*”

April 12, 2008 - 13th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Nation, Identity, Conflict, and the State, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York. “*The Balkans after Kosovo.*”

October 26-27, 2007 - 3rd International Conference, European Center for Peace and Development, Belgrade, Serbia. “*Can Reconciliation be Compelled? Three Examples from Post-DPA Bosnia.*”

April 19, 2007 - AAG Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. European Specialty Group panel session, “*A Common Experience? National Identity at the Periphery of the EU.*”

April 17, 2007 - AAG Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. Political Geography Specialty Group panel session, “*Current Topics in Political Geography Roundtable: Geography and Genocide.*”

April 9, 2005 - AAG Annual Conference, Denver, CO. Military Geography Specialty Group panel session, “*Outsourcing War: The Rise of Private Military Corporations.*”

April 6, 2005 - AAG Annual Conference, Denver, CO. Military Geography Specialty Group Plenary, “*The Political Geography of Civil Wars.*”

April 23-24, 2004, Discussant, Lemnitzer Center for NATO and European Union Studies, Kent State University, “*NATO and the Warsaw Pact: Intra-Bloc Conflicts.*”

September 28-29, 2001, Discussant, Lemnitzer Center for NATO and European Union Studies, Kent State University, “*Limiting Institutions? The Challenge of Eurasian Security.*”

Awards & Honors

June 2017 – Nominated to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Columbus, Ohio.

April 19, 2017 – Lakeland Community College Distinguished Service Award recipient.

February 2, 2016 – Selected for a Fulbright Community College Administrators Seminar (CCAS) award for travel to Russia (1-15 April 2016) by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

February 2008 – Awarded the Political Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers Stanley Brunn Young Scholar Award.

October 2005 – Recipient of a “Graduate Applause” award; recognition by graduating student(s) for positive impact as an instructor in their life.

February 2005 - Nominated by KSU, Department of Geography, for the David B. Smith Fellowship Award, the most prestigious graduate student university award.

February 2004 - George and Viola Hoffman National Award Recipient, Association of American Geographers; prize of \$500 awarded to support overseas research.

Community Service & Outreach

Television interview on WKYC, Cleveland on “recent terrorism suspects in Ohio – a real threat?” May 2018.

Telephone interview w/ Lydia Esparra, on the U.S. Response to Hurricane Mario, Puerto Rico, Action 19 News, Cleveland, Ohio. September 30, 2017.

Television interview as a terrorism expert on the Palm Sunday Terror Attack on the Coptic Christian Community, Action 19 News, Cleveland, Ohio. April 9, 2017.

Television interview as a terrorism expert on the Ft. Lauderdale Attack, Action 19 News, Cleveland, Ohio. January 7, 2017.

Interview, *The Chronicles of Higher Education*, October 23, 2016, by Karin Fischer, “Basic Training for Higher Ed.”

Television interview as a terrorism expert on the Orlando Terrorist Attack, Action 19 News, Cleveland, Ohio. June 19, 2016.

Television interview on the Brussels Terrorist Attack, Action 19 News, Cleveland, Ohio. March 22, 2016.

Interview, *Plain Dealer*, September 17, 2015, by Brian Albrecht, “Lakeland dean applies lessons learned in 27-year Army career.”

Television interview on the ISIS and Domestic Terrorism, Action 19 News, Cleveland, Ohio. November 2015.

Television interview on the Route 82 Bridge Bombing Attempt, Action 19 News, Cleveland, Ohio. November 2012.

Interview, *Washington Post*, November 2, 2008, by Ernesto Londono, “U.S. Takes Battle Against Iraq Violence to Border.” Thursday, October 30, 2008; A16.

Letter to the Editor, *The Washington Times*, August 21, 2007, “Trouble in Kosovo.”

Foreign Language Skills

German - speak, read and write with high to fluent proficiency.

Serbo-Croatian - speak and read with elementary to general proficiency.