



BIOGRAPHY



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Dr. David C. Benson is Professor of Strategy and Security Studies at the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies (SAASS), Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Alabama. SAASS is a selective one-year graduate school for strategists with 16 terminally credentialed faculty and 45 Air Force, Department of Defense, and international students. As a professor he is responsible for creating warrior-scholars who have a superior ability to develop, evaluate, and employ airpower as a component of military force in support of national objectives.

His teaching expertise includes International relations, International theory, comparative authoritarianism, cyber-security and digital information systems.

His earlier active duty experience included service in the U.S. Army as a Chinese-Mandarin Linguist, at Ft. Huachuca, AZ. He was commissioned through Army Officer Candidate School as an Infantry Officer, at Ft. Benning, Georgia in 2003, and served with the 4th IN Div, 3BCT in Iraq, stationed at FOB Paliwoda.

EDUCATION

2015 Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Chicago, Ill.
2009 A.M. in International Relations, University of Chicago, Ill.
2002 Certificate in Chinese-Mandarin, Defense Language Institute – Foreign Language Center (DLI-FLC), Monterey, Calif.
2000 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah



CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. June 2016 – Present, Professor of Strategy and National Security, SAASS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2. June 2015 – June 2016, Post-Doctoral Researcher, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
3. October 2010 – June 2014, Research Fellow, CPOST, Chicago, Ill.
4. May 2007 – September 2010, Intelligence Analyst and Instructor, JIEDDO-COIC, Reston, Va.
5. December 2003 – March 2007, Infantry Officer
6. September 2000 – December 2003, Chinese-Mandarin Linguist

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

2015 American Political Science Association-Internet, Technology and Politics – Dissertation Award

PUBLICATIONS

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