

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Academic Positions Held

Present: Professor of Strategy and Security Studies, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air University  
2008-2015: Professor and Dean, Air War College, Air University (promoted to Professor, March 2009)  
2006-2008: Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Air War College, Air University  
2002-2006: Associate Professor and Course Director (2003-2006), Department of Warfighting/Joint Military Operations, Air War College, Air University  
1998-2000: Permanent Guest Lecturer, Squadron Officer School, Air University  
1995-1998: Professor of Airpower Theory and Employment, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies (SAASS), Air University (Reflects duty title; not an earned academic rank)  
1988-1992: Instructor/Assistant Professor, USAF Academy

### Academic Education

PhD, Indiana University, 1992. Major field: US Political History; Minor fields: Russian History; Soviet and East European Politics.  
MA, Indiana University, 1988. US History  
BA, Eastern Kentucky University, 1981. History.

### Military Background and Assignments

Military Deputy, Director's Staff Group, Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency  
Joint Logistics Plans Officer, Defense Logistics Agency  
Squadron Commander, Air Combat Command  
Professor of Airpower Theory and Employment, SAASS  
(Reflects duty title, not earned academic rank)  
Squadron Maintenance Officer, Air Mobility Command  
Director of Maintenance, Riyadh AB, Saudi Arabia  
Instructor/Assistant Professor of History/Advisor-in-Charge, Department of History, USAF Academy  
Maintenance Supervisor (multiple units), Strategic Air Command

### Professional Military Education

Air War College (Excellent Graduate), Seminar, 2000  
Air Command and Staff College (Distinguished Graduate), Residence, 1995  
Squadron Officer School, Correspondence and Residence, 1985

### Academic Awards and Honors

General Muir S. Fairchild Educational Achievement Award, Air University, 1997  
Distinguished Graduate, Air Command and Staff College, 1995  
Outstanding Military Educator in History, US Air Force Academy, 1990  
Distinguished Graduate, Officer Training School, 1982

### Other Civilian Awards

Air Force Award for Meritorious Civilian Service, 2015  
Faculty Leadership Award, Air War College, 2006  
Faculty Award for Outstanding Service, Air War College, 2005  
Faculty Leadership Award, Air War College, 2004

### Professional, Academic and Honorary Associations

Member, Board of Directors, Alabama World Affairs Council  
Member, Editorial Board, *Strategic Studies Quarterly*  
Visiting Senior Mentor, Baltic Defence [sic] College, Tartu, Estonia  
Member, Society for Military History  
Past Member, Academic Advisory Board, Baltic Defence [sic] College, Tartu, Estonia  
Submission Referee for *Air and Space Power Journal*, *Joint Force Quarterly*,  
*Naval War College Review*, *Journal of Military History* and *The Journal of Military Ethics*.

### Courses Taught

Airpower in the Cold War, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, 2015  
The Classic Age of Airpower, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, 2015  
Regional and Cultural Studies: Northeast Europe, Air War College, 2006-present  
Regional and Cultural Studies: Central Asia, Air War College, 2004-2005  
Warfighting/Joint Military Operations, Air War College, 2002-2006  
Airpower in the Post-Gulf War Era, Elective, Air War College, 2003-2005  
Airpower Theory and Doctrine, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, 1995-1997  
Airpower in World War II, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, 1995-1997  
Western Military History, US Air Force Academy, 1988-1992  
Western Military History (Honors), US Air Force Academy, 1990-1992  
World War II, US Air Force Academy, 1989; 1991  
Airpower History, US Air Force Academy, 1991

## Publications and Presentations

### Book

*Fighting With the Soviets: The Failure of Operation FRANTIC, 1944-1945*, Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 1997. (Ukrainian edition, *Spil'na Vijnna: Proval Operatsiyi "Frentik", 1944-1945*. [Trans. Sergey Kokizyuk]. Kyiv, Ukraine: Vydavntstvo KIC., 2015.)

### Book Chapters

"Asymmetric Air War: Ethical Implications," with Martin L. Cook, in *Issues in Military Ethics, To Support and Defend the Constitution*, ed. Martin L. Cook. Albany: SUNY Press, 2013; also published previously in *The Moral Dimension of Asymmetrical Warfare: Counter-terrorism, Democratic Values and Military Ethics*, ed. By Th. A. van Baarda and D.E.M. Verweij. Leiden, NL, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2009.

"Should Deterrence Fail: Strategic Attack Theory and Planning in the Nuclear Era," in William C. Head and David A. Mets, eds., *Plotting A True Course: Reflections on USAF Strategic Attack Theory and Doctrine—The Post World War II Experience*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2003.

"Executing DELIBERATE FORCE, 30 August-14 September 1995" in Robert C. Owen, ed., *Deliberate Force: A Case Study in Effective Air Campaigning*. Maxwell AFB, AL: Air University Press, 1999.

"The Changed Nature of Strategic Air Attack," in *Landpower in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Preparing for Conflict*. Carlisle Barracks, PA: US Army War College, 1998.

### Journal Articles/Entries in Edited Works

"Mikhail Frunze," "Sergei Gorshkov," and "Curtis LeMay," entries in Daniel Coetzee and Lee W. Eyrstrulid, eds., *Philosophers of War: The Evolution of History's Greatest Military Thinkers*. 2 Vols. Westport, CT: Praeger Press, 2013.

"Operation DESERT FOX: Effectiveness With Unintended Effects," *Air and Space Power Journal Chronicles Online*, Summer, 2005.

"Operation FRANTIC," in David T. Zabecki, ed., *World War II in Europe*. New York: Routledge Publishers, 1999.

"The Changed Nature of Strategic Attack," *Parameters*, Winter 1997-98.

"Back to the Stone Age: The Attack on Curtis LeMay," *Strategic Review*, Spring 1997.

"Sawdust Superpower: Perceptions of US Casualty Tolerance in the Post-Gulf War Era," *Strategic Review*, Winter 1997.

"Operation FRANTIC," *Airpower History*, Spring 1991.

### Consultations

Member, JS/J7-chartered Staff Assistance Team evaluating comprehensive changes across National Defense University, July 2014.

Advised Commandant, Dean and senior staff of Baltic Defence [sic] College on US Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) standards for the college's senior command course, December 2013.

### Consultations, cont'd

Member, CJCS-directed team updating CJCSI 1800.01, *Officer Professional Military Education Policy*; specifically overhauled the revised document's Continuum of Officer Professional Military Education, March 2013.

Advised Dean and Staff of Italian Air Force's *Istituto di Scienze Militari Aeronautiche* on curriculum and faculty development, assessments and US JPME-equivalent standards for the school's graduate curriculum, September 2010.

Advised Commandant, Dean and senior staff of Baltic Defence [sic] College on major revisions to the college's core staff officer courses, April 2010.

### Invited Conference Participation

"Russia and the End of the Post-Cold War Order," lecture presented at the 62<sup>nd</sup> National Security Forum, Air War College, May 2015.

"Crisis in Ukraine," Keynote Address, Alabama Model United Nations Annual Conference, University of Alabama, February 2014.

"Russia: Resurgent Power or Failing Nuclear State?" lecture presented at the 58<sup>th</sup> National Security Forum, Air War College, May 2011.

"New Directions in Russian Nuclear Forces and Policies," lecture presented at 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Threats Conference, Air War College, August 2010.

"Russian Military Reform Following the War in Georgia," lecture presented at Air Education and Training Command Symposium, January 2010.

"The Strategic Impact of Russia's Invasion of Georgia," lecture presented at Alabama Military Law Symposium, University of Alabama Law School, August 2009.

Panel Chair/Commentator, "Small Air Forces," 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Society for Military History, Murfreesboro, TN, April 2009.

"Coercing Peace: Russia's Invasion of Georgia," lecture presented at Air Education and Training Command Symposium, January 2009.

Panel Chair/Commentator, "Aftermaths of the Second World War," 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Society for Military History, Ogden, Utah, April 2008.

"Resurgent Russia," lecture presented to the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Conference, February 2008.

"Operation Desert Fox: Airpower and WMD" and "Resurgent Russia," lectures presented at Air Education and Training Command Symposium, "Developing America's Airmen Today. . . for Tomorrow," September 2007.

"Asymmetric Air War: Ethical Implications," paper delivered with Martin L. Cook at a conference entitled "The Moral Dimension of Asymmetrical Warfare," Amsterdam, The Netherlands, October 2006.

"Strategic Attack and the Republic of Korea Air Force," paper delivered at the Second Airpower Symposium, Republic of Korea Air University, September 1997.

"Should Deterrence Fail: Strategic Attack Theory and Planning in the Nuclear Era," paper presented to the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Air Force Symposium, Air Force History and Museums Program, Arlington, VA, May 1997.

"The Changed Nature of Strategic Air Attack," paper presented at Defense in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century/Quadrennial Defense Review Conference, Arlington, VA, September 1996.

### Invited Conference Participation, cont'd

“Richard Rhodes and the Legacy of Curtis LeMay,” Society of Strategic Air Command Symposium, Offutt AFB, NE, May 1996.

“US Force Reductions: A Historical Perspective,” lecture delivered at the National Defense Colloquium, USAF Academy, November 1991.

“At War With The Russians: US-Soviet Relations During Operation FRANTIC,” paper presented at Great Plains Historical Conference, Grand Forks, ND, September 1990.

### Book Reviews

Book reviews published in *Journal of American History*, *US Naval Institute Proceedings*, *Journal of Military History*, *Air and Space Power Journal*, and *H-Net*.

### Interviews

On-air and for-print interviews with national and local broadcast and print media, including *Air Force Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Montgomery Advertiser*, and National Public Radio.

### Invited Lectures and other outreach events

“The Return of History: Russia, Ukraine and the End of the Post-Cold War Order,” *multiple venues* including Montgomery, AL & Birmingham, AL Rotary Clubs, June 2014; Birmingham, AL Rotary Club (second event), August 2014; Birmingham Federalist Society, September 2014; Horizons Unlimited, Alexander City, AL, October 2014; Birmingham, AL Sunrise Rotary Club, December 2014; Annual Meeting of *The Thirteen*, Montgomery, AL, January 2015; Birmingham, AL Rotary Club, October 2015; Rotary and Kiwanis clubs of Jasper, AL, August 2015; Kiwanis Club of Birmingham, AL, June 2015; Horizons Unlimited, Alexander City, AL, February 2016.

“Russia, Hybrid War and the End of the Post-Cold War Order,” lecture presented to the class of the Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Course, Maxwell AFB, AL, September 2015 and November, 2015.

“Russia, Ukraine and the End of the Post-Cold War Order,” lecture presented at the Inaugural Global Security Lecture Series, “A Decade of War: What’s Next?” Auburn University Montgomery, April 2015.

“Observations from Field Studies to Russia/Ukraine,” Alabama World Affairs Council, May meetings, 2011-2014.

“Russia Today,” lecture presented to the quarterly meeting of Horizons Unlimited, Alexander City, AL, October 2010.

“Russian Military Reforms,” lecture presented to the Logistics Officer Association, Dover AFB, DE, 18 December 2009.

“Russian Reforms: An Update,” lecture presented to the quarterly meeting of Horizons Unlimited, Alexander City, AL, October 2009.

“Liberal Arts and National Security,” Master of Liberal Arts Fall Colloquium, Faulkner University, Montgomery, AL, September 2009.

“Russia Resurgent,” lecture presented to Military Officers Association, Maxwell AFB, AL, February 2009.

Invited Lectures and other outreach events, cont'd

“Russia’s War With Georgia,” lecture presented to the quarterly meeting of Horizons Unlimited, Alexander City, AL, September 2008.

“Russia Today,” lecture presented to Alabama World Affairs Council, May 2008.

“Resurgent Russia,” lecture presented to the quarterly meeting of Horizons Unlimited, Alexander City, AL, October, 2007.

“The Case for Attacking Iran’s Nuclear Weapons Program,” panel discussion, Air War College, May 2006; video presented in *The Wright Stuff*, July 2006.

“Resurgent Russia,” lecture presented at Air Force Today Seminar, hosted by Air University, July 2006.

“Pre-emption and the National Security Strategy,” debate aired on Alabama Public TV, 22 October 2003.

“Campaign Planning at the Air War College,” briefing presented to Campaign Planning Faculty Symposium, Army War College, Carlisle, PA, June 2003.

“Military Options for Dealing with Iraq,” lecture presented to Greenville, AL, Rotary Club and Business Council, January, 2003.

“US-Ukraine Relations During Operation Frantic: Implications for Today and Tomorrow,” opening lecture at joint US-Ukraine Symposium on Operation Frantic, Department of State, Washington, D.C., June 2002.

“Airpower Today: Achieving Strategic Effects,” lecture presented to each class, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL, December 1998-August 2000.

“Operation Deliberate Force,” lecture presented to the faculty, United Kingdom Joint Staff College, RAF Bracknell, United Kingdom, September 1996.