



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

STEPHEN E. "WILBUR" WRIGHT

Dr. Stephen E. "Wilbur" Wright is Education Advisor and Deputy Commandant, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Alabama. In addition, he teaches on the school's faculty as associate professor of strategy and security studies. He provides Air Force, Department of Defense, and international officers a highly selective one-year graduate education with an interdisciplinary focus on the ideas and forces that inform the modern security environment. He is integral to the Air Force's only advanced studies school with 16 terminally credentialed field-grade or senior officer and civilian scholars responsible for educating strategists who can optimize air, space, and cyberspace power for the Air Force and the nation.

His teaching expertise includes courses in strategy and coercion, international politics, military theory, strategy and campaign planning, and contemporary defense issues. In December 2007, Colonel Wright completed a 30-year active duty career culminating as the Dean of Academic Affairs, Air War College, having taught joint warfighting, international security studies, global security studies, and strategy and policy.

His earlier active duty experience included tours as a major command battle staff director and information operations division chief, air operations center strategist, and numerous flying assignments, including two squadron command tours in the B-1B. He is a command pilot with over 3900 flying hours in the T-37, T/AT-38, B-52, and B-1B aircraft.



EDUCATION

1977 Bachelor of Science, Floriculture, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
1983 Master of Arts, Industry and Technology, East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas
1992 Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies, United States Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island
1993 Master of Arts, Airpower Studies, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2007 Ph.D., International Relations, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts
2015 Certificate of Completion, Combined Instructor Orientation Course for Online Education, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. 1978-1979: Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Okla.
2. 1980-1984: B-52D/H Student Copilot, Copilot, Evaluator Copilot, and Aircraft Commander, 7th Bomb Wing, Carswell AFB, Texas
3. 1984-1985: Intern, Air Staff Training Assignment, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

4. 1985-1986: B-52H Aircraft Commander, Instructor Pilot and Weapon System Trainer Instructor, 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, N.D.
5. 1987-1988: B-1B Academic Instructor Pilot, 338th Combat Crew Training Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
6. 1988-1991: B-1B Squadron Training Flight Instructor, Chief of Training Flight, and Wing Executive Officer, 384th Bomb Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.
7. 1991-1992: Student, Naval Command and Staff College, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
8. 1992-1993: Student, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. 1993-1995: Air Campaign Strategist, HQ 8th Air Force, Barksdale AFB, La.
10. 1995-1996: Commander, 9th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
11. 1996-1997: Commander, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
12. 1997-1998: National Defense Fellow, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Mass.
13. 1998-2001: Division Chief, Directorate of Operations, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
14. 2001-2003: PhD candidate, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Mass.
15. 2003-2005: Professor of Warfighting, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
16. 2005-2006: Chair, International Security Studies Department, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
17. 2006-2007: Dean of Academic Affairs, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
18. 2007-2008: Assistant Professor of Political Science and International/National Security Studies, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies and Visiting Research Fellow, Air Force Research Institute, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
19. 2008-2013: Associate Professor of Political Science and International/National Security Studies, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala. [Promoted to Associate Professor, 2010]
20. 2013-Pres: Education Advisor, Deputy Commandant, and Associate Professor of Strategy and Security Studies, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2009: General Stephen R. Lorenz Blue Dart Awards for:
 “No Third Rails – US Nuclear Deterrence Posture,” The Wright Stuff 4, no. 7, 2 April 2009
 “Shifting the Debate on Defense,” The Wright Stuff 3, no. 14, 7 August 2008
2010: Recipient of the Commander’s Coin for support to US Central Command and its Theater Plans and Synchronization Element for the development of Concept Plans, November 2009 to March 2010

PUBLICATIONS

An Aerospace Strategy for the Aerospace Nation. Maxwell AFB, AL: Air University Press, 1993. Also published as a chapter in DeBlois, Bruce M., ed. *Beyond the Paths of Heaven*. Maxwell Air Force Base, AL: Air University Press, September 1999, 3-61.
NATO in the 1990s: Redefining Alliance Theory: Wright, Stephen E. (Saarbrücken, Germany: Scholars’ Press), 2014.
Air Force Officer’s Guide, 36th ed. (Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books), 2014.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Vice President, Air University Foundation, 2008-2013
Member International Studies Association
Member International Institute for Strategic Studies
Life Member: Air Force Association, U.S. Naval Institute, Daedalians, and AMVETS

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