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Summary

Unique experience across the National Intelligence Community and DoD in Operational HUMINT, Intelligence Analysis, Terrorism and Insurgency Studies, SATCOM, and Tactical Operations. Regional expertise in China, Eurasia, and Africa. Program Manager in DoD Intelligence and Technical programs in excess of \$50M. Current PhD student with concentration in GEOINT, International Conflict, Population & Migration studies, and Human/Cultural Geography (Degree completion 2014)

Highlights:

- Field operational experience in Europe, Africa and East Asia
- Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methods, Published White Papers / All Source Intelligence Analysis, Engineering Research, Social & Cultural Analysis
- Direct liaison responsibility for special programs between:
 - National level Intelligence Agencies
 - Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence
 - Military Services & Combatant Commands
 - Special Operations Community
- Recognized customer service in both politically sensitive international and domestic environments

Active Top Secret
Clearance based
on Single Scope
Investigation / CI
Poly

Fluent in German
Language

Education:

- *PhD Student, College of Science, Geography & GeoInformation Science*
George Mason University, Fairfax VA (2014 completion**)
- *Master of Science, Computer Science (Information Security)* 1999
James Madison University, Harrisonburg VA
- *Bachelor of Arts, Geography (Cartography) & (Asian Studies)* 1983
University of Montana, Missoula MT
- U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (Resident) 1999
Fort Leavenworth, KS (Space Operations / Information Operations)
- Military Operations Training Course (MOTC), Military Intelligence Officers
Basic/Advanced Course; Tactical Surveillance Officers Course, Airborne, U.S.
Army Basic Training

** Dissertation regional area of study: China/East Asia. Includes both Quantitative & Qualitative research methodologies, Demographics, Migration, Terrorism & Insurgency. (Modeling using ArcGis, IBM/SPSS, and other Geospatial methods)

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Work Experience:

**Nov 2006 to Present: Senior Communications Engineer (Level 6)
TASC Inc, Chantilly VA. (Supervisor: Christian Kachel, 703-735-2287)**

- National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation: 2013 award winner. Lead effort on special communications services to military and civilian customers across the Intelligence Community (Classified programs)
- Special Communications Engineer supporting analysis of communications programs across the national level Intelligence Community. Responsible for the production of enterprise strategy incorporating threat assessments, engineering requirements analysis, current and projected capabilities, gaps and shortfall analysis, Enterprise coordination & de-confliction, as well as investment recommendations for future capabilities.
- Support to DNI as SATCOM architect for DoD communications, threat analysis, roadmap studies, and systems engineering. Primary responsibility for Transformational Communications Architecture (SATCOM) for the DoD and Intelligence community. Areas of research included: Wideband SATCOM, Narrowband SATCOM, Commercial systems, network connectivity and standards against cyber threat. Additional responsibility included the identification of shortfalls and gaps, de-confliction and the elimination of stove-piped systems

**April 2003 to Nov 2006: District Manager: AT&T Government Solutions,
1900 Gallows Road, Vienna VA, 22182**

- Senior Program Manager for AT&T and the Global Information Grid Bandwidth Expansion (GIG-BE) program under DISA. Direct responsibility for contract dealing in the development and execution of a worldwide DoD telecommunications network. Services include engineering and implementation, employee/sub-contractor hiring, business development, contract relations, profit & loss. Supervision of over 120 employees.
 - Lead an AT&T Team to award of over \$50 Million in DoD Contracts
 - Significant cost savings in employee time and materials by effectively managing a large cooperative engagement between the DoD, Prime Contractor, ATT Gov Solutions and ATT Laboratory in NJ.
- Senior Program Manager for AT&T and the reconstruction effort in Baghdad, Iraq as a sub-contractor under DISA. Directly responsible for a \$15M contract dealing with the acquisition, deployment, installation, and O&M of Baghdad Green Zone military communications supporting the State Department (Ambassador level) and senior Department of Defense officials and Military Commanders. Supervision of over 20 employees.
 - Lead an ATT Team to a contract award of over \$15 Million in DoD Iraq reconstruction projects
 - Deployed and returned eight ATT Engineers without incident or injury to Baghdad, Iraq over an 18 month period.

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**July 1999 to April 2003: Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA),
Arlington VA. Active Duty Army Lieutenant Colonel.**

- Principle *Military Intelligence Advisor* for the DISA Director of Operations. Lead Special Communications programs in support of both the Intelligence and Special-User communities. Coordinated with Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, and Military Services to plan, develop and acquire telecommunications systems to achieve and maintain interoperability across systems. Provided senior level briefings to military commanders on assigned programs and Intelligence community matters as required.
 - Led effort providing DISA leadership “Crisis Action Team” with global intelligence in response to world events.
 - Orchestrated DISA’s full partnership in the DoD Intelligence Community Warfighter Initiative promoting interoperability between the intelligence and command & control communities.
 - Prepared and delivered to the four star level various briefings and information papers on telecommunications and intelligence programs directly affecting their Area of Operations.
 - Represented DISA at the General Officer level at numerous Intelligence Agency Boards and forum throughout the period. Consistently kept the DISA Senior Leadership apprised of current issues and decision points.
- Special Projects Division Chief / DoD Iridium Program Manager. Hand-picked to be the Program Manager on a \$72 Million Enhanced Mobile Satellite System enabling worldwide secure voice and data communication for the DoD and the Intelligence & Special User communities. Division Chief for four additional Intelligence Community projects. Supervised eight government personnel.
 - Directed the development of program acquisition strategy, resource management, customer service, training, equipment maintenance and marketing.
 - Deployed over 15,000 units worldwide in two years.
- Program Manager, Air Force Satellite Communications Network (AFSCN). Selected as Program Manager on a senior DISA team for a \$17M satellite communications upgrade from legacy systems to ATM technology. Responsible for Program execution, material acquisition and maintenance, customer requirements definition, and design review.
 - System was successfully deployed (install, test & turn-up) to eleven locations worldwide supporting the USAF and Intelligence communities.
- Deputy Division Chief; DISN Network Services managing the acquisition and maintenance of DoD long-haul telecommunications with an annual budget exceeding \$500M. Includes terrestrial fiber networks throughout the United States, Europe, Pacific, Southwest Asia and South America. Manage and direct the work efforts of over 70 Government and Contract personnel.

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1995-1998: Counterintelligence Staff Officer, J2 (Intelligence) Joint Staff, Pentagon.

- Staff Officer providing Counterintelligence support to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Combatant Commands and National Level Agencies. Develop CI doctrine and policy. Conduct liaison with military commands and national intelligence agencies. Represent the DoD Counterintelligence community at interagency fora, chair inter-service meetings.
 - Within the Joint Staff J2, developed the concept and created the first permanent Information Operations Cell dealing with the indications and warning of computer network attack. This cell was fully integrated into a Watch position within the Joint Staff Alert Center, Pentagon for Classified Counterintelligence exercises and real-world events.
 - Counterintelligence Operations Briefing Officer to the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff and Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
 - Established and acted as first liaison officer with FBI on Computer Crime
 - Created a Counterintelligence Collection Management Concept of Operations used to implement CI policy throughout the DoD community.
 - Acted as Intelligence POC between the Joint Staff, Office of Secretary Defense and Defense Intelligence Agency concerning Counterintelligence support to U.S. Forces in Bosnia. Provided weekly updates and briefings to all parties on operations within the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

1988-1995: Human Intelligence (HUMINT) Case Officer, DIA, Europe/Asia

Classified HUMINT Operations (Deployed in Europe/Asia; MOTC trained)
(Further information available upon request)

1983-1987: Tactical Intelligence Officer, 1st Armored Division, Germany

