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## Education

*University of Texas at Austin* (2014 – Present), PhD Candidate in Middle Eastern Cultures and Languages with certificate in Security Studies; graduation Spring 2019. Dissertation topic: Diplomatic and military history of the kingdoms of Ugarit, Amurru, and Mittani during the Late Bronze Age, 1600-1200 BCE. Supervisors: Professor Jeremi Suri and Professor John Huehnergard.

*Tel Aviv University* (US Army Olmsted Scholar), Jewish Studies and Hebrew Literature Interdisciplinary MA Program

*Saint Mary's University*, BS in Chemistry & Math

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## Academic Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

Fellow, Andrew Mellon Foundation Engaged Scholar Initiative  
Graduate Fellow, Clements Center for National Security  
Olmsted Foundation Scholar, Tel Aviv University, Israel  
Draeger Graduate Research Fellowship in the Humanities

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## University Teaching Experience

*Assistant Instructor*, Intensive Classical Hebrew – Sole instructor of two-semester, 12-hour course which met daily. After both semesters, students are capable of reading and translating most prose passages in the Hebrew Bible without help and any passage with a standard lexicon and systematic grammar.

*Teaching Assistant*, The History of Jerusalem from the Bronze Age to the Present

*Teaching Assistant*, Spies and Special Operations: Unity of Effort in the “Gray Zone” Between War and Peace

*Teaching Assistant*, Lost Languages and Decipherment

*Teaching Assistant*, Survey of the Dead Sea Scrolls

*Teaching Assistant*, History of the United States, 1865-Present

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## Recent Professional Experience (complete history available on request)

*Liaison to the Government of Israel*, United States Security Coordinator, Jerusalem, Israel (June 2013-June 2014)

*Battalion Commander*, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), Fort Myer, Virginia (2011-2013)

*Exchange Officer to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan's Special Operations Command*, Amman, Jordan (2009-2011)

*Brigade Operations Officer*, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade (Airborne), 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Khost Province, Afghanistan (2008-2009)

*Executive Officer and Operations Officer*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 509<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment (Airborne), Fallujah and South Babil Province, Iraq (2005-2007)

*National Security Advisor*, Coalition Provisional Authority, Baghdad, Iraq (2004)

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## Academic Publications

Editor, *Interagency Performance in Counterterrorism Operations: Implications for the “Gray Zone.”* Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, Policy Research Project 201, 2018.

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## Public Writing

Senior editor and contributor to column: “Edgar on Strategy.” *Task & Purpose; Foreign Policy, The Best Defense*; September 2017 – Present.

Senior editor and contributor to weekly column: “Remembering War.” *Foreign Policy, The Best Defense*, November 2015 – March 2016.

“Wanna fix the Iraqi Army?” *Foreign Policy, The Best Defense*, October 1, 2015.

“Military Humanitarian Intervention and International Justice,” *Capital Commentary*, January 19, 2015.

“Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl, disillusioned youth, and the heavy baggage of war,” *Foreign Policy, The Best Defense*, November 21, 2014.

“Some thoughts on how to improve the selection of brigade commanders,” *Foreign Policy, The Best Defense*, October 13, 2014.

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### **Presentations**

“Kindness to the Dead: A value-rational tribute to a disappointing military-political leader,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, November 2017.

“Shards of Truth so Violent a Jousting: the Samaria Ostraca and the Daughters of Zelophehad,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, November 2016.

“The Logic of War and the American Experience from 1990-2013,” Claremont McKenna College, History Department; Claremont, CA (November, 2014; April, 2015; May 2016).

“Training Palestinian Security Forces: the Role of the United States Security Coordinator,” Israel Defense Forces School for Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories; Rishon LeZion, Israel (June 2014).

“The Logic of War and the American Experience from 1990-2013,” Brandeis University, History Department; Waltham, MA (December, 2013).

“Reflections on Counter Insurgency in Afghanistan and Iraq,” University of Jordan, Political Science Department; Amman, Jordan (November, 2010).

“An Academic Approach to Preparing Company Grade Leaders for Counter Insurgency,” Royal United Services Institute; London, England (December, 2010).

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### **Consulting**

Senator Cory Booker: educated Senator Booker’s staff on initiatives between US, Israel, and Palestinian Authority  
Emmis Communications Inc: Corporate and industry strategy (initiative through the University of Texas)  
Strategic Education Associates, LLC: instruction on practical and theoretical components of strategy

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### **Professional and Institutional Service**

Member, Search Committee for Dean of College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin (2018)

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### **Professional Societies**

National Association of Professors of Hebrew  
American Schools of Oriental Research (Ancient Near East Languages and History)  
American Oriental Society (Ancient Near East Languages and History)  
Society of Biblical Literature

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### **Appearance in Publications and Media**

Elizabeth Samet ed., *Leadership: Essential Writings of our Greatest Thinkers*, Norton Anthology (New York: Norton, 2015) xxvii-xxxix.

*Serial Season 2 (Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl)*, Episode 11, "Present for Duty," April 2016.

Chris Nashawaty, "'Serial' Season 2 finale recap: 'Present for Duty,'" *Entertainment Weekly*, April 1, 2016.

Chris English, "'Old Guard' infantry unit to retrace Washington's steps," *The Intelligence*, April 17, 2012.

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### **Languages**

Modern Israeli Hebrew, professionally fluent

Classical Hebrew

Akkadian

Aramaic

Classical Syriac

Ugaritic

Middle Egyptian (Egyptian Hieroglyphs)

Hittite

Sumerian

German, advanced for research

Modern Standard and Levantine Arabic: beginning

Classical Greek, intermediate for research

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### **Specialized Language Training**

American Center for Oriental Research, Amman, Jordan, Modern Standard and Levantine Arabic

Goethe Institute, Tel Aviv (2013-14)

Ulpan Gordon, Intensive Modern Hebrew, Tel Aviv, (2003)

Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California, Intensive Modern Hebrew, Basic and Intermediate

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### **Military Education and Awards**

Selected for Senior Service College (Declined in order to pursue civilian PhD.)

Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Commandant's List, Infantry Officer's Advanced Course

Commandant's List, Infantry Officer's Basic Course

Reserve Officer Training Corps Four-Year Undergraduate Scholarship