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Education

- B.A., Art and Art History, Ashland University
- M.A. and Ph.D, International Relations and Comparative Politics, Rutgers University

Research Interests

- U.S. Counterinsurgency Policy and Doctrine
- International Relations Theory and Foreign Policy Outputs
- Anthropology and Politics

Colonel David Dudas is the Dean of Academics for Curriculum Development and Assistant Professor in the Department of War and Conflict Studies, College of International Security Affairs at the National Defense University, Washington, D.C. In this role, he instructs U.S. and International Counterterrorism Fellows to understand and address the social, political, economic, and security dynamics that shape today's threat environment.

In his previous assignment, he served as an analyst in the Commander's Action Group, U.S. Central Command, Tampa, Florida.

Previous assignments include Assistant Professor of International Relations at the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, Instructor at the Air Defense School, Fort Bliss, TX, as well as command and staff positions in divisional air defense units. His career includes both stateside and overseas assignments, notably operational deployments to Bosnia-Herzegovina for Operation Joint Endeavor and to the Middle East and South Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Lieutenant Colonel Dudas has published several articles to include "Nature of the Public Diplomacy Challenge," *Eisenhower National Security Studies*, and co-authored a book chapter, "Recanting the Ghosts of Vietnam," in *Handbook of Defense Politics* by Routledge. The subject of his doctoral thesis was U.S. Counterinsurgency Doctrine in the post-Vietnam era, specifically on cognitive and cultural explanations for doctrinal change.

Lieutenant Colonel Dudas holds an International Relations and Comparative Politics PhD from Rutgers University, and received his baccalaureate from Ashland University where he played collegiate football. He was commissioned through Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, GA in 1995, and was recognized as a Distinguished Honor Graduate from both the Air Defense Officer Basic and Advanced Courses. He also earned U.S. Army Air Assault and Parachutist Badges.

Awards and decorations received by Lieutenant Colonel Dudas include: two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, two Joint Service Achievement Medal, four Army Achievement Medals, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terror Expeditionary and Service Medals, and the NATO Medal.

Lieutenant Colonel Dudas and his wife, Pamela, have four children, sons Justin and Zachary, and daughters Rachel and Alexis.