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Education

- M.A., Strategic Security Studies - College of International Security Affairs/NDU
- M.S., Strategic Intelligence - National Intelligence University
- M.S., Public Administration - Central Michigan University
- M.A., Telecommunications - Southern Illinois University
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Expertise and Research Interests

- Developing a better narrative to counter violent extremism
- United States Government's information operations and strategic communications efforts

U.S. Army Major Kelly Gleason is an instructor for three courses at CISA: Strategic Leadership Foundations Course (SLFC); Campaigns, Operational Advising, and Strategic Threats (COAST); and Building Narratives for Countering Violent Extremism. He is a former AFPAK Hand adviser that has been deployed to Afghanistan twice. During his first deployment to Afghanistan (2011-12), he was the 1st Cavalry Division Key Leader Engagement (KLE) Chief. In this capacity, he provided the strategic level talking points for U.S general officers and Department of State (DoS) senior civilian representatives (SCR) in preparation for negotiations with Afghan military and government decision-makers. His second deployment to Afghanistan provided him with the opportunity to work with Afghan special operations leadership as the Executive Officer (XO) for the Afghan Operations Coordination Group (AOCG).