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Education

- Ph.D., The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy: international Relations (2018)
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Research Interests

- Military and Strategic Studies
- Security Force Assistance
- Security Sector Reform
- Defense Institution Building
- Civil-Military Relations
- Counterinsurgency
- Counter Terrorism
- Political Systems and Theory
- Military Ethics

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