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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

History Professor, Central Texas College and adjunct instructor at the Joint Special Operations University. Currently analyzing Vietnam War digital intelligence and operations data using ArcGIS geographic information systems software as part of a team from the University of New South Wales Australia.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, 2016.

Dissertation: *Let the Dogs Bark: The Psychological War in Vietnam, 1960-1968*

M.A. History, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, 2010.

Thesis:

United States Psychological Operations in Support of Counterinsurgency: Vietnam, 1960 to 1965.

Faculty Development Course, Joint Special Operations University, Tampa, FL August 2016.

Farsi Language Enhancement Course, Garmisch, Germany, summer 2010 and 2012.

Battle Staff NCO Course, CP Williams, UT, 2011.

PSYOP Senior Leaders Course, Fort Bragg, NC, 2011.

SOLT Farsi Course, JFK Special Warfare Center, Fort Bragg, NC, 2006.

Basic Airborne School, Fort Benning, GA, 2005.

B. A. History, University of Hawaii, Hilo, HI, 1984.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2016-Present History Professor, Central Texas College, Killeen, TX.

2016-Present Adjunct PSYOP instructor, Joint Special Operations University, Tampa, FL.

2010-2015 Teaching Fellow and Assistant (TF/TA), University of North Texas-Denton.

2014- 2015 Adjunct Instructor, Tarrant County College.

2006-2008 Psychological Operations Detachment Supervisor, U.S. Army, Afghanistan.

Fall 2006 TA, University of North Texas-Denton.

2002-2003 Psychological Operations Detachment Supervisor, U.S. Army, Afghanistan.

1997-2006 Assistant Purchasing Manager, Palm Harbor Homes, Burleson, TX.

1987-1997 Communication Supervisor, U.S. Army-Germany, Korea, Somalia, Desert Storm.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

U.S. History instructor at Central Texas College, Teaching Fellow for the U.S. History survey course; Teaching Assistant for History of Korean and Vietnam Wars, History of World War I, Islam and its Empires, Texas History, U.S. History to 1865 and from 1865, and War in the 20th Century. Taught three iterations of a two-week basic Dari class for deploying soldiers.

Prepared to teach courses on 19th and 20th century U.S. military history, World War I, Cold War, Vietnam War, Persian World and Modern Middle East, and African Americans in U.S. Military, Texas.

PUBLICATIONS:

The Psychological War for Vietnam, 1960-1968, University Press of Kansas, forthcoming Spring 2018.

“Analysis of Radio Propaganda in the 1953 Iran Coup.” *Iranian Studies*. November 2012.

Review of *Psychological Operations American Style: The Joint United States Public Affairs Office, Vietnam and Beyond* by Robert J. Kodosky: (Plymouth, UK: Lexington Books, 2007) in *Special Warfare Magazine*, Jan/Feb 2010.

“Measuring Effectiveness of Psychological Operations In Support of Irregular Warfare ” in *Special Warfare Magazine*, Sep/Oct 2009.

Villages of the Moon: Psychological Operations in Southern Afghanistan. (Baltimore: Publish America, 2005).

History of the 345th PSYOP Company, 16-minute documentary, script and video editor.

“Common Bonds Undone: The Texas Colored Infantry, 1878-1906.” Manuscript in revision for *Journal of Military History*.

PAPERS and PRESENTATIONS:

“GIS Operational Analysis of the Vietnam War, 1967,” 1967: The Search for Peace, April 28-29, 2017, Lubbock, Texas.

“Myth and Propaganda and the Battle of Ap Bac, 1963,” Texas A&M History Conference, March 2015.

“Visualizing the Vietnam War: Using GIS to Analyze Psychological Operations.” Graduate Student Exhibition, University of North Texas, March 2014.

“United States Psychological Operations in Support of Counterinsurgency: Vietnam, 1960 to 1965.” Vietnam Experience Conference, University of Houston-Victory, June 2013.

“The Texas Colored Infantry, 1880-1906: Common Bonds Undone” Texas Tech Graduate History Conference, February 2013.

“Exciting a Spirit of Disaffection: The Propaganda Campaign against German Auxiliaries in the American Revolution.” Texas A&M History Conference, March 2010. Winner best Master’s paper.

LANGUAGES: Persian-Farsi and Dari professional proficiency.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Team Member, Australia’s Vietnam War, GIS analysis of intelligence data

Society for Military History

International Society for Iranian Studies

SKILLS / INTERESTS: Proficient with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software. Familiar with photo touch up programs such as Adobe Photoshop and video editing suites.