

# Lieutenant Colonel Matthew L. Cavanaugh, PhD (CV)

## EDUCATION

- UNIVERSITY OF READING (UNITED KINGDOM) 2013 to 2018  
School of Politics, Economics, and International Relations
- PhD in International Relations, supervised by Professor Colin Gray and Professor Beatrice Heuser
  - Dissertation: “On Supreme Command: The Characteristics of Successful American Generals at War”
- VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON (NEW ZEALAND) 2010 to 2012  
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Master of Strategic Studies, with Merit
- UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY (WEST POINT, NEW YORK) 1998 to 2002  
Department of Social Sciences
- Bachelor of Science, American Politics
  - Dean’s List, 7 Academic Semesters

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

- Director, Homeland Defense Institute, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO 2021 to Present  
Senior Fellow, Modern War Institute, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY 2019 to Present  
Professor of Practice, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 2019 to Present  
Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute, London, United Kingdom 2019 to 2020  
Non-Resident Fellow, Modern War Institute, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY 2016 to 2019  
Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY 2014 to 2018  
Visiting Fellow, Changing Character of War, Oxford University (selected; unable to fulfill due to overseas service) 2016  
Assistant Professor and Academic Instructor, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY 2012 to 2015

## PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

### Book Project

*The Art of the General: How Washington, Grant, and Eisenhower Won the Wars that Mattered the Most and their Enduring Lessons for Leadership, Power, and Supreme Command in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (forthcoming 2022).

### Book – Lead Editor and Author

*Winning Westeros: How Game of Thrones Explains Modern Military Conflict*, eds. John Amble, Max Brooks, ML Cavanaugh, and Jaym Gates (Lincoln, NE: Potomac Books, 2019).

*Strategy Strikes Back: How Star Wars Explains Modern Military Conflict*, eds. John Amble, Max Brooks, ML Cavanaugh, and Jaym Gates (Lincoln, NE: Potomac Books, 2018).

### Book – Chapter

“Rebalancing Land Forces in the UK and Australia: Enable the Human Network,” in *American Grand Strategy and the Future of U.S. Landpower*, ed. Isaiah Wilson III et al (Carlisle, PA: US Army War Coll. Press, 2014), 177-188.

### Major Daily Publications

“My life was saved. I paid it forward,” *Los Angeles Times* (October 17, 2021).

“Retired military leaders shouldn’t endorse presidential candidates. America is divided enough,” *Los Angeles Times* (September 23, 2020).

“On the grim arithmetic of war, Gallipoli cannot be dismissed as a colossal waste,” *Sydney Morning Herald* (April 25, 2020).

“The Military Shouldn’t Shave Its Numbers,” *Wall Street Journal* (October 29, 2019).

“How ‘Game of Thrones’ taught us the tragedy of war,” *USA Today* (September 24, 2019).

“The D-Day photos that must be seen,” *Los Angeles Times* (June 2, 2019).

“Can science fiction help us prepare for 21<sup>st</sup> century warfare?” *Los Angeles Times* (May 28, 2018).

“A Fallen and Forgotten Doughboy’s Legacy,” *Wall Street Journal* (May 25, 2018).

“Don’t Be Evil, Support The Troops,” *Wall Street Journal* (April 16, 2018).

“Members of Congress serve in the military. They shouldn’t,” *Washington Post* (June 2, 2017).

“Why Officers Shouldn’t Vote,” *New York Times* (October 19, 2016).