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**SUMMARY PROFILE**

Strategic and freethinking, results oriented executive with proven record of driving transformational change in organizations, policies and projects. Experienced, inclusive teams and coalitions builder, who uses collaborative approaches to influence and drive win-win solutions for multiple stakeholders. Resilient leader, field-tested in combat and military-humanitarian operations. An accomplished author and educator, devoted to preparing future generations of leaders to become skilled and confident change agents.

**CURRENT POSITION**

**President, Joint Special Operations University (JSOU), United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL 2020 – present**

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Independent Consultant ~ W.i.S.E. Consulting (Wilson Strategic Enterprises) 2016- current**

**United States Agency for International Development (USAID) (AECOM contract)**

* Serve as subject-matter expert (SME) for counter-terrorism strategy development. Advised and assisted the Republic of Macedonia’s National Committee for Countering Violent Extremism and Counter-Terrorism (NCCVECT) in the development of new national strategies and action plans for CVE and CT.

**With Honor, Inc.**

* Serve as senior advisor and team leader of research for With Honor Inc.

**Elliott School of International Affairs (ESIA), The George Washington University**

* Functioned as international affairs professor of practice and conceived, designed and produced new master’s degree program tailored to military service members, military families and veterans at 9/11 GI Bill price point.

**Austin Strategy Group, LLC**

* Conducts research and provides global, transregional, and regional geo-strategic assessment and future forecasts to the Principal in support of enhancing strategic knowledge of Board of Directors for major defense companies.

**Horizon Strategies, Inc.**

* Creating lessons plans and curricula for graduate executive strategist certificate program for Creighton University, Omaha, NE

**Chicago Project on Security and Threats (CPOST), University of Chicago**

* Established outreach services to drive collaborative partnerships for CPOST with Office of the Secretary of Defense and DOD agencies, directorates, and other military commands.

**K2orsas, LLC**

* Developing project plan for Integrated Civilian-Military Net Assessment, Planning, and Wargaming Solutions for Department of Defense and Department of State strategic initiatives.

**Chief Operating Officer, Commander’s Strategic Initiatives Group, US Central Command**

***MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, FL******2013 - 2016***

* Right hand to the Commander of CENTCOM. Directed and articulated Commander’s vision and translated blueprints to actionable goals/plans executable on the ground by over 50,000 service members.
* Counseled leaders on social, political, and security dynamics across Greater Middle East, Greater Levant and Caspian regions.
* Analyzed and synthesized complex ideas to drive strategy, plans and policy to fulfill mission of achieving U.S. national security interests.
* Drove cooperation through collaboration between multifunctional teams including HR, Intelligence, Operations, Logistics, and others, to execute one common, unified mission.
* Originated new concepts and articulated through daily briefings, engagements and correspondences for senior U.S. and international officials, including Foreign Heads of State, US Secretary of Defense, and POTUS (example: The Regional Coalition Military Campaign Plan for Countering the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria).
* Developed 10-year strategic plan for US Central Command.

**Director of American Politics, Policy, and Strategy, Department of Social Sciences**

***U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY******2005 - 2013***

* Designed and delivered curriculum for American politics and public policy academic programs. Taught over 20 courses and inspired learnings of more than 8000 students.
* Managed program and department-level annual operating budget of over $2 million.
* Supervised over 35 faculty (civilian and military). Identified, hired, and coached new faculty, many of whom have risen to positions of significance in public affairs arenas.
* Oversaw HR function for Social Sciences Department; shaped and directed development and career progression of over 90 diverse faculty and staff members.
* Designed, organized and ran two major annual West Point leadership conferences (SCUSA), providing top cadets from 13 academic departments, and key faculty members, with the opportunity to engage in deeper understanding of current events, while encouraging free flow of ideas/exchanges with experts from public/private sectors. These conferences foster new relationships between military and civilians and produce policy recommendation reports, new ways of thinking and doing, along with academic and trade publications that reach top policy makers influencing strategy reform. SCUSA 50 in 2013, inspired authorship of two influential books about U.S. foreign policy and strategy, both published in 2014.
* Advanced in only 8 years from Assistant to Full Professor – approximately 4 years ahead of normal average.

**Leader of Taskforce on Veterans Transition Program Effectiveness and Reform**

***OSD/DOD, the Armed Services, VA, and DOL******2010 - 2012***

*Requested by DOL, by name, while an active duty officer with DOD, to be appointed as special military advisor to Assistant Secretary of Labor for veteran employment and transition services****.***

* Selected by top army officials to lead key taskforce focused on addressing crisis among returning home veterans, where increasing rates in suicides, domestic violence, substance abuse and high level of unemployment were alarming.
* Formed and led multi-disciplinary, cross-functional team of experts from six US military academic disciplines, two U.S. Army centers of excellence, and representatives from Department of Labor (DOL) and Veterans Affairs to assess the state of current services provided.
* Coordinated and held numerous, worldwide sensing-sessions (small groups and 1-on-1 sessions), with soldiers, their families, program administrators, and other key supporting agencies experts, to get at the root cause of program ineffectiveness.
* Led overall project analysis, using scientific methods to validate challenge at hand, identified major causes, and wrote the summary report.
* Formulated 18 specific recommendations/improvements, ranging from short-term, no cost, quick-hit actions, to more elaborate, cost and labor-intensive IT infrastructure and systems upgrades schemes. Most proposals have been or are in the process of being implemented as part of national-level program improvement undertaking, including the White House’s Joint Forces Initiative led by Michele Obama and Jill Biden.
* Wrote formal directives, from and for military officials, which were sent to troops, disseminating information about fundamental changes in the program (i.e. making it mandatory), its benefits to ALL participants/users, while also raising awareness and accountability of military leaders for the wellbeing of their service members, not only during active duty, but also upon their return home.
* Planned, organized and executed the first ever gathering of key senior leaders representing DOD, Armed Services, VA, and DOL, allowing participants venue for candid, collegial, and collaborative dialogue about how to best provide transition assistance programs.
* Supported formation of Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Executive Steering Council (ESC), which establishes and reviews quarterly, regulations, programs, and procedures governing this initiative and related joint-interagency planning processes.

**Division Leader for All Strategic and Operational Plans**

**101st Airborne Air Assault (ABN) Division**

***Mosul, Iraq & Fort Campbell, KY******2003 - 2005***

* Introduced and utilized Systemic Operational Design’s (SOD) unorthodox and progressive techniques and theories to develop and execute over 100 multi-year plans for 101st Division (over 16,000 troops), one of the most elite, and first units deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.
* Directed team of 40 planners and developed scalable plans from phase 0/pre-conflict to phase 3 & 4/execution & transition. Strategies varied from traditional “kill/combat” missions through “restoration” of basic public services to local civilians.
* Conceived and tested population-centric counterinsurgency concepts and practices (like living with local populations, building trust, “closing to restore” vs. “closing to destroy”), which formed fundamentals for new field manual (FM 3-24) and later led to strategy shift in war approach in Iraq in 2007, and Afghanistan in 2009.
* Demonstrated strategic advisory, consulting, and advanced planning capabilities and acumen to counsel Commander and leadership staff on all combat, stability/support, civil-military, counter-terrorism, and counter-insurgency operational plans, actions, and activities, including matters of strategic and political implications, specifically related to Turkish and Iraqi-Kurd interactions and Iraq-Arab senior leader engagement.
* Used multinational integration and negotiation skills to stabilize Arab-Kurd-Turk relations and reconstruction (and relative peace) for all of northern Iraq, which was vital in preventing the opening of a “third war front” in northern Iraq.
* Devised and orchestrated plans for unit re-organization, from an old model to new, modular, plug-and-play division prototype.  Striking changes in global security environment demanded a holistic and comprehensive change in how US military forces manned, trained, equipped, organized, and developed its military soldiers and officers. It was also the most comprehensive change in the US military affairs since the American Civil War, and impacted the full spectrum of sub-organizations including: Doctrine, Organization, Training, Materiel, Leadership & Education, Personnel, Facilities, Policy and funding (DOTMLPF-F). The 101st ABN Division was the first Army unit to fully complete this transformation. Plans that were developed and executed became “the blueprint” for ALL subsequent unit transformations, a historic undertaking for US military.
* Supervised, taught and mentored over 25 military officers, non-commissioned officers, and civilian contract employees, while managing annual budget of over $500 million.

**Team Leader,** **Researcher/Investigator**

***Operation Iraqi Freedom Study Group (OIFSG), Kuwait, Iraq, Jordan, Turkey, USA 2003***

*Group created under leadership and request of Chief of Staff of the Army General Eric Shinseki*

* Formed and led research group of 75 civilian and military subject-matter experts to capture early, on the ground, war history.
* Produced “lessons learned” summary gathered from combat interviews and provided recommendations on best ways to infuse Army Strategic Planning Board (ASPB) process for rapid-fielding equipment improvements.
* Supervised and oversaw operating budget of over $500,000.

**Researcher/Investigator, Office of Homeland Security Tiger Team**

***Fort Leavenworth, KS and Washington, D.C.******2001 - 2002***

*In the aftermath of September 11 attacks, the President of the United States through Executive Order established the Office of Special Advisor to the President on Homeland Security, with former Governor Tom Ridge as the first such special advisor and the Nation’s first director of Homeland Security.*

* Led Tiger Team and conducted “beyond-the-beltway” comparative cost and benefits analysis of creating national security council (NSC)-like organization for National Homeland Security or Department of Homeland Security. Our recommendations have been incorporated into US Homeland Security establishment.

**Assistant Professor of American Politics, Department of Social Sciences**

***U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY******1998 - 2001***

**Commander, Alpha Troop (Company)**, **6th Squadron, 6th U.S. Cavalry Regiment**,

***Illesheim, Germany (Balkans – May to June 1995)*** ***1994 - 1996***

* Led Company of 38 officers and soldiers and maintained 8 AH-64A Apache Attack Helicopters and supporting equipment, while ensuring unit’s ability to rapidly deploy to any location within Europe, Mediterranean, Northern Africa and Southwest Asia. Also prepared unit for deployment in support of several European Rapid Reaction Force contingency missions.
* Served as armed escort for the 173rd Infantry Brigade tasked with the Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) of US, French, and Belgian embassies in Burundi, Africa in 1995.
* Led deployment of unit to Bosnia-Herzegovina for eight-month tour in support of the Dayton Peace Accords.
* Managed an annual budget of over $20 million.

**Assistant Director of Operations**, **6th Squadron, 6th U.S. Cavalry Regiment,**

**Illesheim, Germany,** and  ***1994***

**Assistant Director of Operations, 1st Battalion, 2nd Armored Division,**

**Fort Polk, LA**  ***1992 - 1993***

* Oversaw training, resourcing, and readiness of forward deployed in Europe, 400-soldier attack helicopter squadron.
* Advised Chief of Operations (COO) and Chief Executive (CEO) on all matters of current and future squadron operations, while managing operating budget of over $2 million.

**Platoon Commander and Executive Officer**, **Charlie Company**

**1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Polk, LA**  ***1990 - 1992***

* Oversaw training, development and wellbeing of 38-soldier attack helicopter company and their families.
* Directed maintenance of company combat systems and support equipment at a high operational readiness level, while overseeing operating and logistics budget of over $16 million.

**EDUCATION**

PhD in Government, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 2004

MMAS in National Security Strategy, National War College, Washington, D.C. 2008

MMAS in Theater Operational Planning, SAMS, Ft. Leavenworth, KS 2003

MMAS in Strategy, US Command & General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS 2002

* *Winner of the George C. Marshall Award (Distinguished Honor Graduate)*

MA in International Relations & American Government, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 2000

MPA in Public Affairs, Cornell Institute of Public Affairs, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 1998

BS in International Relations, US Military Academy, West Point, NY 1989

**CREDENTIALS**

Colonel, United States Army (Retired)

* 28 years active duty service (24 May 1989 to 30 June 2018)

Combat Veteran (Balkans, Afghanistan and 2 tours in Iraq)

* Disabled Veteran (rating: 40% service-connected disabled)

US Army School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), Elite Systemic Operational Design Planner

Joint Service Officer (JSO)

* Over 50 months credited of joint military service

Professor (Full) of Political Science

**MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**TOP SECRET Security Clearance/**Secret Compartmentalized Information (SCI)

**Creator and Founding Director,** The Johnson Grand Strategy Program, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY.

**Over 30 military awards and ribbons**, plussenior aviator rating, combat action badge, and parachutist badge

**Over 100 major presentations, lectures and speaking engagements** at major US and International colleges and universities, policy schools and institutes, US and foreign military commands, the United Nations, and US Pentagon

**Over 70 publications**, including books, book chapters, scholarly articles, trade articles, and professional journal articles.

**Visiting professor, adjunct associate professor, and visiting research fellow** at numerous colleges and universities, including: George Washington University, Yale University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Princeton University, National War College, U.S. Military Academy (West Point), and King’s College (UK).

***References and Full Curriculum Vitae available upon request***

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

Isaiah (Ike) Wilson III, Ph.D.

**Strategist| Design Planner | Educator**

*Thought leader and leading advocate for evolved thinking and business practices (iconoclastic change agency) in America’s ways of strategy and global security affairs; devoted to inspiring and [better] preparing future generations of national and global public affairs leaders to become skilled, confident leaders of change in environments where rapid change is the new normal.*

**Summary Professional Information**

Statement of Expertise: Strategic thinker and global futures trends analyst, inter-organizational planner, advisor, and educator. Professor of Political Science, experienced scholar-practitioner, and combat veteran; a leading advocate for impactful change in America’s concepts of, and approaches to, defense and security (intervention) policy, and the meanings of war and peace.

Most Recent Practitioner Position:

President, Joint Special Operations University (JSOU), Tampa, Fl [2020-present]

Independent Consultant (Strategy & Strategic/Operational Planning) [2017-present]

Director (Chief), Commander’s Initiatives Group (CIG), United States Central Command.

Joint Service Officer (JSO)-designated planner [Additional Skill Identifiers, 3A and 3S]

Most Recent Academic Positions:

President, Joint Special Operations University (JSOU), Tampa, Fl [2020-present]

Director, U.S. Army Strategic Studies Institute & USAWC Press [2018-2020]

Senior Lecturer, Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Yale University [present]

Professor of Political Science and Director of American Politics, Policy, and Strategy (APPS) and

Director (Founding), West Point Grand Strategy Program, Department of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York [2005-2013]

Current Practitioner and Advisory Positions:

Adjunct Senior Fellow, *Center for a New American Security* (CNAS)

[May 2017-present]

International Affairs Fellow, *New America*

[March 2017-present]

Adjunct Senior Scholar, Modern War Institute at West Point

[May 2017-present]

Senior Expert and VP, Academic Programs, Horizon Strategies, LLC

[June 2017-present]

Research Specialization and Experience:

Grand Strategy, Strategic Forecasting and Future Trends Analysis, Global Strategic National Security, and Integrative Joint-Interagency-Multinational Campaign Planning (Theory, History, Planning and Practice). Global/U.S. arms trade; foreign military sales (FMS) and direct commercial sales (DCS); U.S. politics; U.S. public policymaking process; national security strategy; grand strategy; war and peace studies; insurgency and counterinsurgency; terrorism and counterterrorism; military and humanitarian-based intervention; legal and ethical aspects of war/peace; religion and politics; American civil-military relations.

Ranks and Titles:

Academic: attained (promoted to) the academic rank of **FULL PROFESSOR** [2013]

Professional: attained (promoted to) the rank of **COLONEL**, U.S. Army [‘Below Zone’, 2009]

Clearances Held: **TOP SECRET / SCI** [Current. Most recent investigation completed: May 2016]

**Education**

2004 Ph.D. in Political Science, Department of Government, Cornell University. Dissertation: *Unintended Consequences: The Commercialization of U.S. Arms Export Policy Reform*

- Nominated for the Harold D. Lasswell Award for the Best Dissertation in 2004 in the field of policy studies.

- Manuscript accepted for publication, Princeton University Press (Title: *Risky Business: The Unintended Consequences of a Loosening of US Arms Export Controls)*

2003 M.M.A.S., School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), Fort Leavenworth, KS. Monograph (Thesis): *Educating the Post-Modern U.S. Army Strategic Planner: Improving the Organizational Construct*

2002 M.M.A.S., Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS. Thesis: *Providing*

*for the Common Defense? The Effects of Recent Arms Trade Reform on the Army Profession*

- Recipient of the 2002 George C. Marshall Award for (Distinguished Honor Graduate,

CGSC, 2001-02)

1999 M.A. in Political Science, Department of Government, Cornell University

1998 M.P.A, Cornell Institute for Public Affairs (CIPA), Cornell University

1989 B.S. in Political Science, United States Military Academy (USMA)

**Teaching Experience**

2019-present **Full Professor of Political Science**, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA

2020 (pending) **Full Professor of Practice**, Arizona State University (ASU), Master of Arts in Global Security (MAGS) program, Center for the Study of the Future of War, Tempe, AZ

2018-2019 **Senior Lecturer** and researcher, Yale Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Designed and taught a total of four (4) graduate seminars, which I taught over the course of the two-term Academic Year 2018-19 timeframe: (1) *GLBL 387, Insurgency & Counterinsurgency; (2) GLBL 712, American Power in Transition; (3) GLBL 371, U.S. Grand Strategy During Times of Transition; (4) GLBL 525, War, Peace, & The Modern State*.

2016-2017 **Visiting Professor of Practice in International Affairs, Elliot School of International Affairs,**

**George Washington University, Washington, D.C.**

2013 **Professor of Political Science and Director of American Politics, Public Policy, and Strategic**

**Studies (APPS), Department of Social Sciences, USMA**

2011-12 **Visiting Associate Professor, Jackson School for Global Affairs, Yale University, New Haven, CT.**

Designed and taught a two-semester senior seminar course (24 students) for Yale’s International Studies Program major, INTS417/418, *War, Peace, and the Modern State*.

2007-08 **Visiting Professor (Faculty Seminar Leader; USMA Fellow), The National War**

**College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.**

Serve as the 2007-08 West Point Fellow on faculty at the National War College. Teach

graduate seminars in seven (7) core courses. Teach a graduate level course elective.

2007-May 2008 **Adjunct Professor, Elliott School of International Affairs, Security Policy Studies**

**Program, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.**

Teach a graduate seminar (20 students) on the U.S. National Security Policy Process

2006-2011 **Adjunct Professor, School for International and Public Affairs, Columbia University**

Teach a graduate seminar (30 students) on Limited War and Low-Intensity Conflict

2005-2013 **Academy (Associate and Full) Professor and Director of American Politics, Public Policy, and Strategic Studies (APPS), Department of Social Sciences, USMA**

2005-06 **International Affairs Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, New York City, NY**

In-Residency Fellow, CFR NYC Headquarters. Awarded the IAF in 2002, but deferred utilization

due to deployment to Iraq and other military operational duties.

2002 **Adjunct Instructor, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), Fort**

**Leavenworth, Kansas.**

Adjunct professor while in attendance as a student. Taught an advanced graduate level course on *National Security Policy Formulation –* core course requirement for the ASI 6Z program.

1999-Present **The Washington Center, Washington, D.C. and satellite locations.**

Serve as an adjunct professor and faculty leader. Teach undergraduate and graduate students from across the nation on subjects related to American political institutions and the American political and electoral processes. Served as a Faculty Leader at the 2000 Presidential Inaugural Program and the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, California (August 1999).

1998-2001 **Instructor and Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, USMA.**

Course director for The Public Policymaking Process (program Capstone), AY 2000-2001

Course director for Advanced American Politics (core course), AY2000-2001

Co-course director, The Politics of Race, Gender, and Sexuality, AY 2000-2001

American Foreign Policy, AY1999-2000

American Politics (core course), AY 1998-1999

**Dissertation Committee Experience**

2016-2019 J.J. Glubinski, University of Maryland

2012-2013 Erich Julian Elize, University of New Wales, Australia

2009-2013 Liam Collins, Princeton University

Jeanne Godfroy, Princeton University

2005-2008 Molly Clark Dunigan, Cornell University

**Publications**

# Books (Monograph)

Wilson III, Isaiah. 2nd (Revised) Edition, *Thinking Beyond War: Civil-Military Relations and Why America Fails to*

*Win the Peace*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, publication date: 17 October 2013 [Peer Reviewed]

This 2nd edition offers a new preface by the author, a new concluding chapter (co-authored with Colonel Michael J. Meese, Professor and Head, Department of Social Sciences, West Point), a Foreword by Ms. Susan Eisenhower, and a possible Foreword by Senator Jack Reed (D-RI).

Wilson III, Isaiah. *Thinking Beyond War: Civil-Military Relations and Why America Fails to Win the Peace*.

New York: Palgrave Macmillan, publication date: October 02, 2007. [Peer Reviewed]

Books (Edited Volumes)

Griswold, John, Hugh Liebert, and Isaiah Wilson III, eds. *Thinking Beyond Boundaries: Transnational Challenges to U.S. Foreign Policy*, Vol. 1, *The Thinking Beyond Series*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014. [Peer Reviewed]

Liebert, Hugh, Joseph Da Silva, and Isaiah Wilson III, eds. *American Grand Strategy and the Future of Landpower*, Ft. Leavenworth, KS, Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College Press, 2014. [Peer Reviewed]

Wilson III, Isaiah and James J.F. Forest. *The Politics of Defence: International and Comparative Perspectives*. London: Routledge-Europe, publication date: fall 2008. [Peer Reviewed]

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*Security Establishment*, Roger George and Harvey Rishikof, eds., Georgetown University Press, Forthcoming (2017). [Peer Reviewed]

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Interdisciplinary Approach, edited by Chip Gagnon and Keith Brown. Routledge Studies in Peace and

Conflict Resolution, Routledge Press, 2014. [Peer Reviewed]

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Wilson III, Isaiah. “Insurgencies and the Global Arms Trade,” in *The Global Arms Trade*, edited by Andrew T H Tan,

Europa Routledge, 2009. [Peer Reviewed]

\_\_\_\_\_. “Use of Force for Limited Purposes: Intervention, Insurgency, Counterinsurgency, and Winning the Peace,” in *American National Security*, 6th ed, eds. Amos A. Jordon, Michael Meese, and Suzanne C. Nielsen. New York: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009. [Peer Reviewed]

\_\_\_\_\_. “Military Intervention and International Law,” in *Inside Defense: Understanding the U.S. Military*,

eds. Derek S. Reveron and Judith Hicks Stiehm. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008 and 2013 (2nd edition).

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*Reform: Perspectives on Direction and Form*, eds. Michael R. Fenzel and Angela M. Sapp.

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*Promoting Democracy*, ed. CENSA publication, Winter 2006. For primer go to:

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Peace,” Special Commentary, Parameters 50(2), Summer 2020, Carlisle, PA: U.S. Army War College Press.

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Ft. Leavenworth, KS, 2014. [Peer Reviewed]

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*Parameters*, Ft. Leavenworth, KS, U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, Vol. 44, No. 1 Spring 2014. [Peer Reviewed]

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& General Staff College, Vol. 43, No. 4 Winter 2013-14. [Peer Reviewed]

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*International Organization,* Jan/Feb 2009. [Peer Reviewed]

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*International Affairs*, publication date: May 2007 (Vol. 60, No. 2, Spring/Summer 2007). [Peer Reviewed]

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publication), publication date: front cover, July 2007 edition. [Peer Reviewed]

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Commercial Sale of Arms and Arms Production,” *Democracy and Security*, Vol. 1, No. 1, January-July 2005. [Peer Reviewed]

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*Foreign Policy Journal*, Winter 1999. [Peer Reviewed]

\_\_\_\_\_. “Lessons From the Balkans,” *The Current*, Cornell Institute for Public Affairs, May 1997.

\_\_\_\_\_. "LeaderTeach: Army Aviation Contingency Mission Planning," winning essay, Army Aviation Association of

America (AAAA) 1993 Communicative Arts Award.

\_\_\_\_\_.“Organizing Virtually: Facilitating Effective Homeland Security Through DOD’s JC4I System,” *Military Review*

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Communications Electronics Association (AFCEA).

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Web-based Publications

“Uncommon Practices: Paying for the Future Force Through Foreign Military Sales,” *Council on Foreign Relations Publication* [On-Line], 20 April 2001.

“An Ill-Conceived Democratization Plan for Iraq,” Small Wars Portal (On-Line) at <Http://www.smallwarsportal.com>, November 2004

“Reflections on the Iraq War,” FreedomBlog [On-Line] at <http://freedomblog.us>., 27 March 2006

“Being the Good Soldier,” Democracy Arsenal [On-Line] at, August 2006.

“Should We Give (Civil) War a Chance in Iraq?” [On-Line] at <http://democracyarsenal.com>,

September 2006.

“Save Our American Republic,” Documentary Film Trailer (Dec 2019), forthcoming documentary (2020).

“Nuking the Iran Nuclear Deal,” an Interview with Ralph Nader, The Ralph Nader Radio Hour, 12 March 2018, [on-Line] at: https://ralphnaderradiohour.com/nuking-the-iran-nuke-deal/

Wilson, Isaiah III. “Hole of Government: What COVID-19 Challenge Reveals About America’s Understandings of and Approaches to ‘Security and Defense’ Planning,” U.S. Army’s Strategic Studies Institute (SSI) and U.S. Army War College Press, Strategic Insights web-based series, accessible [online] at: <https://ssi.armywarcollege.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Hole-of-Govt_Wilson_v1.3_post.pdf> (April 2020).

“Driving Change Through Disruptive Innovation,” Innovation Symposium 2020, 1st Special Forces Command (A), 22-25 September 2020. Guest Speaker.

“Does Special Operations Have an Identity Crisis?,” Defense Innovation Network (DIN) Virtual Conference, August 2020. Guest Panelist. Accessible [online] at: <https://www.DefenseInnovation.net>

Contributions to Other Published Works

Contributor, *Fiasco*, by Thomas E. Ricks, Penguin Press, 2006.

Contributor, *Assassins Gate*, by George Packer, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005.

Contributing researcher to the book, *The Future of the Army Profession,* by Don Snider and Gayle Watkins, McGraw-Hill, 2002.

Contributed advice and expertise on foreign military sales and security assistance issues toward the publication of the book, *Warfare in the Modern World,* by Robert Harkavy and Stephanie Neuman. Contributions noted in the acknowledgements.

**Major Projects, Conferences, and Workshops:**

2018 Panelist, “Careers Beyond Academia: Informing and Influencing Policy Through Research,” Colloquium, Cornell Institute for Public Affairs (CIPA), College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 19 April 2018.

Panelist, “Isolation or Integration? Debating Huntington’s The Soldier and State,” War Studies Conference “Blurred Lines: Civil-Military Relations and Modern War.” United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, March 25-27, 2018.

Subject-Matter Expert (SME) Contracted Consultant and Planner, USAID-sponsored multiyear contract (AECOM as prime contractor), Assistance to the Government of the Republic of Macedonia (National Committee for Countering Violent Extremism & Counter-Terrorism, or NCCVECT) in drafting of new national strategies and action plans for Countering Violent Extremism and Counter-Terrorism. Skopje and Ohrid, Macedonia, January-February 2018.

2017 Presenter, “What Comes Next in Iraq and Syria,” 3rd Annual Future of War Conference, *New America*, Washington, D.C., 20-21 March 2017.

2016-ongoing Strategic Advisor, Executive Assistant, and Curriculum Developer for General (Retired) Lloyd J. Austin III, in support of his role and responsibilities as the 2016-2018 Class of 1957 Leadership Chair, Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership (BS&L), United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

2016 & 2017 Panel Moderator & Presenter, 53rd and 54th Annual West Point Senior Conference, two-year focus on the 70th Anniversary of the 1947 National Security Act, April 2016 and 2017, West Point, New York.

2016 Presenter, “Challenges and Opportunities of Campaigning Under Conditions of Compound Security,” Defense Science Board (DSB) Summer Study on Capabilities for Constrained Military Operations, Arlington, VA, 02 February 2016.

2013 Presenter, "Institutional Culture and Adaptation after a Decade of War." Near East and South Asia

Center for Strategic Studies (NESA) Conference, Davis Conference Center, MacDill AFB, Tampa,

FL, 31July 2013.

2012-2014 COL Isaiah Wilson III, Department of Social Sciences and COL John Baskerville, Department of Foreign Languages, co-principle investigators, “STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL EFFECTS SUPPORTING A CONFLICT PREVENTION STRATEGY”

U.S. Africa Command, J9, sponsored and funded multiyear research program. $10K in FY12 funding; $20K in FY13 funding. Research includes field research in East Africa, summer 2013.

Project Summary: With the re-deployment of US forces from hostile action in Iraq and Afghanistan and with the ‘build-down’ efforts across DOD, AFRICOM’s model of an interagency operation aimed at other than phase 3 operations will likely gain momentum across other geographical regions. In such a ‘preventing conflict’ construct, with a small, economy of force military footprint, it is imperative that operators and policymakers identify the most appropriate strategic effects for sustainable and effective shaping, deterrence, and stability operations and for restoring order as rapidly as possible through kinetic operations when appropriate -- PREPARE-PREVENT-PREVAIL. With a focus on East Africa, the aim of this research is to: (1) identify and develop the appropriate strategic effects across the range of military operations (ROMO) to ensure the right force structure and resources for ‘other than’ phase 3 operations; and (2) identify the appropriate strategic effects to retain across the ROMO to ensure the right force structure and resources to execute phase 3 operations, with a focus on near-peer and regional competitors.

2011-2013 Fellow, The Mentor Group *Symposium on Statecraft and the Armed Services*, Washington, D.C. and New York City

This Symposium serves United States Armed Forces career officers who deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq combat theaters. US Officers believe that human dignity, human rights, justice and economic affairs are of the art of statecraft, an art officers honed in the field without its formal designation. Officers share battlefield and post-conflict experiences of Afghanistan and Iraq with Symposium Principals, who reciprocally (1) deepen the officer’s understanding of achievements in the field; (2) share and formalize this understanding between European and US peers; (3) forge an art of statecraft specific to his profession, his allies and their homelands.

2010-2012 Bard College-West Point Just War Project – Joint Undergraduate Seminar and Professional Academic Conference

Purpose:

* For cadets: To enable a selected group in their final semester who are majoring in these three departments to benefit from the multi-disciplinary strengths of both West Point and Bard in the exploration of a topic that has considerable importance to them both personally and professionally as officers.
* For faculty: To promote scholarship as well as professional contact with fellow academics. The opportunity of contributing to a conference whose papers are already planned for publication will encourage interest and commitment throughout the seminar.
* For West Point: To establish a model of fruitful academic cooperation with Bard College for the sake of academic enrichment of both cadets and faculty.

\*\* Faculty from three academic Departments at West Point, **Law**, **English and Philosophy**, and **Social Sciences** conducted a joint seminar with colleagues from Bard College in the Spring of 2012. The topic was the tradition and nature of a Just War. The seminar was immediately followed by a scholarly conference on the same topic hosted by Bard College, followed by publication of conference papers. The project involved the following disciplines: **West Point**: Law; Philosophy; Political Science. **Bard College**: Classics; Political Science; Religious Studies (Christianity, Asian religions, Islam, Judaism).

September 2010 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

August 2010 American Sociology Association (ASA) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Cornell University Peace Studies Program (PSP) 40th Anniversary Symposium, Ithaca, NY

May 2010-

August 2011 Team Leader and Principle Researcher, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army (VCSA)-directed Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) Study Group.

April 2009 Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) workshop, “War, Religion, and Democracy.”

June 2008-

May 2009 Civ-Mil Safe Havens Project and Safe Havens Conference (originator of the concept and co- organizer, with award-winning director, Eugene Jarecki)

**The Civilian-Military Safe Havens** **Conference** aims to promote dialogue and greater understanding among leading civilian and military scholars, practitioners, planners, and decision-makers on matters relating to U.S. foreign and defense policy. Organized by the Eisenhower Project in collaboration with members of the Department of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy at West Point, the conference is an extension of ongoing efforts by the two organizations in recent years to hold lively and constructive debate between civilian and military thinkers in order to bring greater depth and sobriety to the public discourse on U.S. foreign and defense policy in the years ahead.

With sponsorship from the Open Society Institute, the event is a one-day invitational conference, divided into four bilateral discussions between thinkers and practitioners from a range of civilian and military disciplines. Reflecting the concerns of its planners, this inaugural event places a special emphasis on the Civilian-Military and Military-Media relationships at this crucial moment of national transition and, accordingly, takes place immediately following the first hundred days of the new Obama administration and 111th Congress.

June 2008 “Force, Faith, and Intervention: Exploring Religious Factors Associated with

Military-Humanitarian Operations (MHO) Effectiveness”

Co-Principle Investigator, with Associate Professor Evelyn Bush, Department of Sociology, Fordham University. MINERVA RESEARCH INITIATIVE (MRI) Finalist Proposal (2008-09)

Summary: A common feature of war over that past two decades has been the salience of religion as an intervening, if not primary, source of contention between warring factions.

As a result, the need to understand how religion influences military outcomes has become

urgent. It comes as no surprise then, at a time when a majority of U.S. military land forces

are deployed in the Middle East, that there have been many calls for research on Islam, and especially Islamic terrorist networks. But the widespread attention given to Islam in recent years betrays a common assumption – that any obstacles religion poses to successful military outcomes will come from the religious organizations and institutions controlled by the opposition; that is, a concern primarily if not wholly with Islamic extremism . Because this assumption has shaped research on religion and war, the latter offers only a limited view of the kinds of influences that religion might have on military operations. Specifically, to date, there have been no studies examining how military operations are affected by religion in general, and more specifically the Christian NGOs and evangelists that follow the military into war zones. The proposed program of research is aimed at filling this critical void in the social scientific study of military intervention.

March 2008 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Aug-Sept 2007 *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference,* Chicago, Il.

September 2006 *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, “Reconsidering Power,”* Organized and chaired a CAMOS (Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy) panel on “Alternative Strategies of Containment” as well as presented (with co-author) a paper titled, “The American Way of War and Peace in Comparative Perspective.”

August 2006 *Proteus Futures Academic Workshop, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa*. Panel Session Lead and Moderator, Day-1. Also presented a paper.

November 2005 *Northeast Political Science Association (NEPSA) Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pa.* Paper presenter.

*\_\_\_\_\_\_. SAIS (Johns Hopkins University) Conference on “The US War in Iraq,” Washington, D.C.*. Presented lead presentation for the conference on the initial military planning leading to the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003.

October 2005 *ISSS/ISAC Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado.* Organized and chaired a panel on Project: ThinkBeyondWar, as well as presented a panel paper on the same topic.

September 2005 *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C..* Presented two (2) papers.

\_\_\_\_\_\_. Project Leader, *International Humanitarian Law and Military Practice*. A one-year study group sponsored and hosted by the Cornell Peace Studies Program, Cornell University. This project is focused on examining the interrelationship between existing and emergent international law and convention governing military action, and the impact of the contemporary operating environment on that interrelationship.

March 2005 Launch of *The Beyond War Project*, a multiyear, multi-agency, interdisciplinary and collaborative research project dedicated to the study, rethinking, and redesign of the American understanding of and approach to war-policy. Hosted by the Department of Social Sciences (USMA, West Point), under the aegis of the Army War College (AWC) Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI), and in collaboration with: Cornell Peace Studies Program; Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS); Council on Foreign Relations.

February 2005 Roundtable Participant, *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Conference, Chicago, Il.

November 2004 Paper Presenter, *Northeastern Political Science Association* Annual Conference, Boston, MA. Delivered paper, “Thinking Beyond War: Civil-Military Operational Planning in Northern Iraq.”

September 2004 Paper Presenter, *American Political Science Association* Annual Conference, Chicago, Il. Delivered paper on civil-military operations and operational planning in Northern Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

February 2003 Panel Chair and Discussant (x 2), *International Security Studies Association* Annual Conference, Portland, OR.

October 2002 Paper presenter and panel discussant, *Institute for National Security Studies* (INSS), United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO.

March 2002 Paper presenter, *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Conference, Chicago, Il.

February 2002 Paper presenter, “Defense Economics and National Security,” *International Studies Association* Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Panel Chair, “Narcotics and National Security,” *International Studies Association* Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

September 2001 Participant, SAIC / US Army War College Conference, *The History of Defense Acquisition,* McClean, VA., 10-12 September, 2001.

October 2001 Member and researcher, Governor Tom Ridge *Study Group on Organization and Establishment of an American Homeland Security and Defense Regime*, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. This study group consisted on ten student officers attending the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) and was designed as an informal Tiger Team allowing for an “out-of-the-beltway” study of the challenges and opportunities of various organizational models for the homeland security and defense mission. The study group took place from October 2001 to April 2003.

April 2001 Panelist, Roundtable on the Legacy of President Clinton, *New York State Political Science Association* Annual Conference, New Paltz, NY.

February 2001 Paper presenter, *International Studies Association* Annual Conference, Chicago, Il. Delivered paper titled, “Reinventing Government: the Case of foreign Military Sales.”

2001-2003 Participant, Study Group on *The Geo-Economic of Military Preparedness*, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY.

November 2000 Paper presenter, *Southern Political Science Association* Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. Delivered paper titled, “The Trouble With Foreign Military Sales Reinvention.

October 2000 Paper presenter, Cornell University Peace Studies Program. Delivered talk on, “What is FMS and Why ‘Reinvent’ It?.”

September 2000 *Poster presenter, American* Political Science Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.. Title: The Trouble With FMS Reinvention

April 2000 Poster Presenter, *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Conference, Chicago, Il. Title: “Why Too Little Too Late in U.S. Intervention Policy in the 1990s?”

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Paper presenter, Council on Foreign Relations (Study Group on the *Geo-Economics of Military Preparedness*).

September 1999 Paper Presenter, *American Political Science Association* Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. Title: “Dueling Regimes: The Means-Ends Dilemma of Multinational Intervention Policy.”

1999 to 2001 Participant, Study Group on *The Arms Trade and the Transnationalization of the Defense Industry: Economic versus Security Drivers*, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY.

September 1998 Panel Member, Roundtable on the 40th Anniversary Observance of the 20th Century’s First Act of Inclusion (with John Hope Franklin; Theodore J. Lowi; Gary Orfield; Lucius Barker; Linda Williams). Roundtable hosted by/at the *American Political Science Association* Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

October 1998 Participant, Workshop on the Place of the Defense Industry in National Systems of Innovation, Peace Studies Program, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

**Academic Guest Lectures and Speaking Engagements:**

Carnegie-Mellon University.

April 2007, Heinz School of Public Affairs, “The Politics and Public Administration of ‘Intervention-

Policy’.”

Cornell University.

April 2018, Panelist, “Careers Beyond Academia: Informing and Influencing Policy Through Research,” Colloquium, Cornell Institute for Public Affairs (CIPA), College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 19 April 2018.

April 2007, Cornell Institute for Public Affairs (CIPA) Colloquium, “Thinking Beyond War: Civil-Military Relations and Why America Fails to Win the Peace.”

April 2007, Peace Studies Program (PSP) Current Events Seminar, “Next Steps in Iraq.”

May 2006, The Politics of Military Innovation (S&T Course), Guest Lecturer, “Army Transformation.”

June 2006, *Summer Workshop for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy* (SWAMOS) Annual Lecture, “Overcoming Goldilocks’ Dilemma: Finding a ‘Just and Right’ Balance in Contemporary U.S. Military Practices.”

October 2005, Peace Studies Program (PSP), “Assessing the 2006 U.S. National Security Strategy.”

July 2004, Guest Lecturer, *Summer Workshop for the Analysis of Military Operations* (SWAMOS), Cornell University. Delivered talks on Army Transformation and Civil-Military Operational Planning in Northern Iraq.

October 2004, Guest Lecturer, Cornell University Peace Studies Program. Delivered talk on experiences in Iraq (2003-2004) as a researcher, military historian, and operational war-planner for the 101st Airborne Division in Northern Iraq.

Columbia University

23 April 2009. The Saltzman Institute for War and Peace, “Afghanistan: Can the ‘West’ Win?”

November 2006, *Deconstructing Terrorism* Conference. Delivered talk on *Countering Insurgency in*

*Northern Iraq Through Tribal Patronage*.

Princeton University

December 2006, Department of Political Science, Guest Lecturer for upper level undergraduate course/graduate student seminar on *U.S. Grand Strategy in Comparative Perspective*.

March 2005, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University. Advised on design and co-taught course module on insurgency and counterinsurgency operations, titled, *Learning to Eat Soup With A Knife: Guerilla Warfare Past, Present, and Future*.

Johns Hopkins University (SAIS)

November 2005, Iraq War Conference, “American Anabasis: The History of the Planning Behind the ‘March Up Country’ in OIF-1.”

U.S. Army War College (Carlisle Barracks, PA)

August 2006, Proteus Futures Conference, “Strength & Honor: The Quest for a Sustainable U.S. Security Strategy,”

Council for Emerging National Security Affairs (CENSA), Washington, D.C.

December 2005, New York City, Presentation on book launch, The Future of Intelligence Reform

May 2006, Ending Insurgencies and Supporting New Democracies, panel presentation (<http://www.censa.net/ASC2006/Index.html>)

Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), New York, NY

April 25, 2007, Panel Moderator, CFR Lifemember Meeting, *At War in Iraq: Perspectives from U.S. Soldiers on the Frontlines*, w/ Martha Raddatz, Chief White House Correspondent, ABC News and author, *The Long Road Home: A Story of War and Family*; 1st Lieutenant Elliot Ackerman, U.S. Marine Corps; and Major Owen West, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs Energy Trading.

October 2005, Invited Roundtable Speaker (Guest Lecturer). Delivered talk on research relating to CFR International Affairs Fellowship (“Thinking Beyond War”)

November 2005, Participant, Debate on “Iraq: Are We Winning Yet?” Term Member Annual Conference, Conference on Foreign Relations.

April 2000, Paper presenter, Council on Foreign Relations (Study Group on the *Geo-Economics of Military Preparedness*).

Council on World Affairs (CWA), Boulder, CO

April 2014. 66th Annual Conference on World Affairs (CWA) Conference.

April 2013. 65th Annual Conference on World Affairs (CWA) Conference.

April 2012. 64th Annual Conference on World Affairs (CWA) Conference.

April 2011. 63rd Annual Conference on World Affairs (CWA) Conference.

April 2010. 62nd Annual CWA Conference. Keynote Speaker (“Reconsidering American Power”)

April 2009. 61st Annual CWA Conference, <http://www.colorado.edu/cwa/>

Guilderland Public Library, Guilderland, New York

November 2006. Delivered talk on The Future of U.S. Foreign Policy and American Leadership

in the 21st Century

King’s College (London, UK).

March 2006, King’s College, “Intelligence and Counterinsurgency Operations.”

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. King’s College, “A Study of Politics and War.”

The Royal St. George’s Academy, Toronto, Canada.

November 2008. Presentation, “The War, The Election, and the Economy.”

The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. (U.S.A.).

February 2016, Presentation to the Defense Science Board (DSB) Summer Study on Constrained Military Operations (Gray Zone War(fare)), “Managing, Preventing, and Shaping Under Compound Security Conditions Across the Central Region.”

April 2007, Presentation to the Defense Science Board (DSB), “Rage Against the Machines:

Mechanization and the Determinants of Victory in Counterinsurgency Warfare.”

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Presentation to the Assistant Deputy of Defense for Policy (Intelligence and Warfighter

Support), “Force Structure as a Determinant of Victory/Loss in Counterinsurgency.”

May 2007, presentation to the Defense Science Board (DSB), Annual Workshop.

University of Denver (and Greater Denver Metropolitan Area)

11 April 2011. Guest Lecturer, City of Denver *Mile High Club*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Guest Lecturer, World Affairs Council (WAC) of Denver

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Guest Lecturer, University of Denver School of Public Affairs

University of Maryland

10 May 2007, Presentation to the Center for International Security Studies (CISSM), “Rage Against the Machines: The Determinates of Victory in Insurgency Wars.”

United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), Scott, Air Force Base, Illinois

13 June 2007, Presentation to the Commander, USTRANSCOM and Component Commanders, Annual USTRANSCOM Component Commander’s Conference, “Supplying Counterinsurgency: The Limits of Modern System Logistics on Post-Industrial Age Campaigning

World Affairs Council (WAC), Naples, Florida

March 2009. Presentations (4), “Past as Prologue: Compound Security & American Global Leadership.”

**Media and Press Appearances / Activities**

March 16, 2018, “50 Years On, My Lai Massacre Remains A Gaping Wound,” National Public Radio (NPR), interview accessible [online] at: <https://www.npr.org/2018/03/16/594364462/my-lai-massacre-of-1968-continues-to-resonate-in-america>

September 6, 2009, “In Afghanistan, Less armor may be more, (*LA Times*)

February 27, 2009: “Uncommon Defense” (Sound Off With Sasha), <http://wgcu.org/programs/sound_off_with_sasha/archive/2009/02/27/military-strategist-lt-col-isaiah-wilson-iii.aspx>

[March 5, 2007: "Don't Send a Lion to Catch a Mouse" (Washington Post)](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/03/04/AR2007030401260.html)

[January 22, 2007: "Love the Warrior, Hate the War" (In These Times cover story)](http://www.inthesetimes.com/article/2980/love_the_warrior_hate_the_war/)

[January 19, 2007: "LTC Isaiah Wilson III on More Troops in Iraq" (interview on PBS Now)](http://www.pbs.org/now/news/303.html)

[January 13, 2007: "Teaching War" (interview and classroom visit with NPR Weekend America)](http://weekendamerica.publicradio.org/programs/2007/01/13/teaching_war.html)

“Insurgencies and Superpowers,” *HistoryCenter* (A&E Productions), March 2006.

“The Politics of War and Peace Policymaking and Planning,” Interview for the Bwog (Columbia University). Excerpt: Lieutenant Colonel Isaiah "Ike" Wilson, a [*visiting professor at SIPA*](http://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/directory/iw2128-fac.html) on loan from [*West Point*](http://www.usma.edu/), has a more than academic understanding of the Iraq War, having studied it from both an historian's and a commissioned officer's perspective. Bwog editor Sara Vogel caught up with Wilson before class to talk about bad planning, doing better, and--of course--Fox News. Forget Baker-Hamilton--it's all here!

“Interview with Major Isaiah Wilson III on Pentagon Reform,” 9 August 2005, <http://www.cfr.org/publication/8602/interview_with_major_isaiah_wilson_iii_on_pentagon_reform.html>

Work and experiences relating to Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and related issues cited extensively in two of the National Best Seller books on the Iraq War: George Packer’s, *Assassin’s Gate* (2005) and Tom Ricks’, *Fiasco* (2006).

“Army Historian Cites Lack of Post War Plan for Iraq,” Thomas Ricks, *The Washington Post*, 24 December, 2004,

p. A1. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A24891-2004Dec24.html>

Invited Speaker, 2005 Knights Center “Covering the War” Media Conference, February 2006.

Guest author, ([www.democracyarsenal.com](http://www.democracyarsenal.com)) and FreedomBlog.us ([www.freedomblog.us](http://www.freedomblog.us)).

Regularly invited to participate as a guest expert for *CNN’s American Morning*.

**Service and Community Activities**

Adjunct Senior Fellow, *Center for a New American Security* (CNAS), May 2017 – present

Nonresident Fellow, *New America*, March 2017 - present

Nonresident Scholar, *The Modern War Institute* at West Point, March 2017 – present

Special Assistant to General (Ret.) Lloyd J. Austin, III, former commanding general, U.S. Central Command

(2013-16) and Multi-National (U.S. Forces)-Iraq (2010-11) – Class of 1951 Leadership Chair, Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, 2016-2018.

Government Advisor, Defense Science Board (DSB), 2016 -- ongoing

Head Officer Representative (OR), West Point NCAA Men’s Soccer Team, USMA, 2012-2013

Selection Committee Member, Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowship (IAF) Program

(2011- current)

West Point Admissions Committee, USMA, 2010-11.

Team Leader, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army (VCSA) Army Career & Alumni Program (ACAP) Study Group, 2010.

Led an Academy effort to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) to improve the way that the Army transitions Soldiers as they leave the Army. General Peter Chiarelli, the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, directed this project. COL Wilson furthered the Department’s effort to assist in the transitioning of Soldiers into the workforce through extensive work with the U.S. Department of Labor from May 2011 through July 2011.

Selection Committee Member, Professor, USMA and Deputy Department Head Search, Department of Physics, 2010.

J5 Planner and Special Advisor to Chief of Mission (Kabul) and COMISAF, May-August 2009, Afghanistan.

Led USFOR-A’s strategic and operational advisory effort to the development of the Integrated Civil-Military (Civ-Mil) Campaign Plan (ICMCP) and the June-July 2009 Secretary of Defense Initial Assessment (SDIA) for Afghanistan. Applied expertise in grand strategy and theater-strategic operational planning to the SDIA review of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) military plans for Afghanistan.

Co-authored the Afghanistan-Pakistan Civil/Military Campaign Plan, shifting focus of the U.S. and NATO-ISAF efforts in Afghanistan in the wake of President Obama’s change of strategic focus (i.e., 27 March Remarks on Afghanistan and Pakistan), to the delivery of results for the civilian population and government of Afghanistan through integrated, synchronized efforts of our civilian and military teams working across lines of Security, Development, Governance, and Information.

Immediately following the U.S. Secretary of Defense decision to initiate a 60-Day Strategic Review of all civilian and military operations in Afghanistan, adapted advisory and planning roles, participating directly in the Joint Operational Planning Group (JOPG) conducting the SDIA raising attention to and amplifying focused discussion both in the SDIA and the ICMCP on the key counterinsurgency principle of developing local popular support essential to separating the population from the insurgency. .

Integrated into the existing USFOR-A, ISAF, and US Embassy (Kabul), and led in the collaborative effort of all the USG Departments and Agencies operating in Afghanistan and the range of different equities, resources, and approaches with the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) as well as the United Nations Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), other partner nations, and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to build effective civilian and military mechanisms for integrated assistance and execution of an effective counter-insurgency.

Led efforts in socializing the new Integrated Civ-Mil Campaign Plan (ICMCP) with all 42 NATO and other Troop-Contributing Nation (TCN) military planners. Advised and assisted the Chief of Plans, ISAF and all CJ military planners in the Military Campaign Plan redesign effort. Focused advisory and planning efforts specifically in the areas of triage and dissection of the Insurgency/Taliban threat and on incorporation of effective population-centric COIN tactics and techniques influencing changes in COMISAF Strategic Guidance.

Advised on, coordinated, and planned the incorporation of new pop-centric COIN philosophies and techniques and new strategies to build integrated civilian-military teams, from national to provincial, district, and local level COIN efforts (i.e., PRTs; DSTs) and to build/enhance local popular support. These efforts significantly impacted the redesign of existing strategic and tactical directives governing civ-mil operations in Afghanistan in 2009, as highlighted in a 6 September 2009 LA Time article, “ In Afghanistan, less armor may be more.” <http://articles.latimes.com/2009/sep/06/world/fg-afghan-reality6>

Member, West Point Chapter, ROCKS, Inc.

Lifemember, Council on Foreign Relations (as of 2007)

Fellow, *Next Generation Project* (The American Assembly, Columbia University), 2006.

President, *Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy* (CAMOS), elected term

AY2006-2008 (an affiliate of the *American Political Science Association*, APSA)

Fellow, Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI) Academic Consortia, U.S. Army War

College and George Mason University, 2005-Present

Fellow, Proteus Management Group (PMG), Combat Studies Institute (CSI), U.S. Army War College,

2005-Present

Chair, Title X Faculty Search Committee, Department of Social Sciences, fall 2006.

Member, West Point School Board, elected term AY 2006-2008

Executive Secretary, Academy Professor Search (Department of BS&L), AY 2000-2001

Consultant, *Russell-Sage Foundation,* Workshop on Diversity in the US Military, New York City, 2002

Round Table Advisor, Student Conference on U.S. Affairs, AY 1998-1999, AY 1999-2000, AY 2000-2001.

Member, Board of Directors of Orange County Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization, AY 1999-2001.

Officer-in-Charge, PALS (Cadet Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization), AY 1999-2000.

Advisor for Rhodes Candidate, AY 2012-13; AY 1999-2000.

Member, Junior Faculty Assessment Advisory Council, AY 1998-1999, AY 1999-2000.

Consultant and Advisor to the Major's Special Assistant on Diversity, Lexington, KY, 1998-1999.

**Additional Professional Experience**

2018 (present)

**Vice President, Executive Education and Strategic Services**, Horizon Strategies, LLC

**Senior Lecturer**, Yale Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Yale University

2016-present **Independent Consultant Services** ~ Wilson Strategic Enterprises (W.i.S.E. Consulting)

**United States Agency for International Development (USAID) (AECOM contract)**

*Republic of Macedonia*

Serve as subject-matter expert (SME) for counter-terrorism strategy development. Advised and assisted the Republic of Macedonia’s National Committee for Countering Violent Extremism and Counter-Terrorism (NCCVECT) in the development of new national strategies and action plans for CVE and CT.

**With Honor, Inc.**

Serve as senior advisor and team leader of research for With Honor Inc.

**Elliott School of International Affairs (ESIA), The George Washington University**

Functioned as international affairs professor of practice and conceived, designed and produced new master’s degree program tailored to military service members, military families and veterans at 9/11 GI Bill price point.

**Austin Strategy Group, LLC**

Conducts research and provides global, transregional, and regional geo-strategic assessment and future forecasts to the Principal in support of enhancing strategic knowledge of Board of Directors for major defense companies.

**Horizon Strategies, Inc.**

Creating lessons plans and curricula for graduate executive strategist certificate program for Creighton University, Omaha, NE

**Chicago Project on Security and Threats (CPOST), University of Chicago**

Established outreach services to drive collaborative partnerships for CPOST with Office of the Secretary of Defense and DOD agencies, directorates, and other military commands.

**K2orsas, LLC**

Developing project plan for Integrated Civilian-Military Net Assessment, Planning, and Wargaming Solutions for Department of Defense and Department of State strategic initiatives.

2014-2017 **Director (Chief), Commander’s Initiatives Group (CIG)**

United States Central Command, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida

As the Chief, Commander's Initiatives Group to the Commander, U.S. Central Command, directs and guides the U.S. Central Command staff of over 5000 personnel in providing strategic and operations concepts and plans to the Commander that directly impact current operations and influences national policy. Leads cross-staff efforts to prepare the Commander early and thoroughly for every engagement with senior U.S. and international officials; serves as a liaison with USCENTCOM directorates, other DoD components, the interagency, and outside experts. Assists CDRUSCENTCOM in understanding and addressing the social, political, and security dynamics that shape the USCENTCOM area of responsibility. Translates CDR's intent into execution; analyzes and synthesizes complex concepts to inform the Commander's decision-making on strategy, plans, and policy.

2013-2014 **Deputy Director, Commander’s Action Group**

United States Central Command, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida

As the Deputy Chief, Commander’s Action Group to the Commander, U.S. Central Command, assists in directing and guiding the U.S. Central Command staff of over 5000 personnel in providing strategic and operations concepts and plans to the Commander that directly impact current operations and influences national policy. Leads cross-staff efforts to prepare the Commander early and thoroughly for every engagement with senior U.S. and international officials; serves as a liaison with CENTCOM directorates, other DoD components, the interagency, and outside experts. Assists CDRUSCENTCOM in understanding and addressing the social, political, and security dynamics that shape the CENTCOM area of responsibility. Translates CDR’s intent into execution; analyzes and synthesizes complex concepts to inform the Commander's decision-making on strategy, plans, and policy.

2012-2013 Team co-Lead (w/ Ambassador Larry Butler, Political Advisor, U.S. European Command), Chief of Staff of the United States Army (CSA) UNIFIED QUEST Exercise

Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

Co-Lead the CSA’s experimentation with the new United States Army “Prevent-Shape-Win” Strategic Concept and Organizational & Operational Designs. Formed a cross-functional team of military and civilian experts in the establishment of the Prevent-Shape-Win Planning Cell and led the team’s conceptualization, designs, and senior leader recommendations on new doctrinal concepts and practices for incorporation of P-S-W into the Army Concept and Joint Force Concept.

2011 **Special Assistant/Advisor to the Assistant Undersecretary of Labor, re: Veterans Transition Assistance Program Reform/Reinvention Initiatives**

Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.

From 8 June to 1 August 2011, served as special advisor and executive assistant to the Assistant Secy of Labor (Veterans Employment and Training Services) on the implementation of 2010 ACAP study group program improvement recommendations.

Served as Special Military Advisor to the Asst. Secy of Labor (VETS), leading in the planning, organizing, and execution of the Transition Assistance Program Senior Leaders’ Convening Event – a convening event of senior principals (Assistant Secretaries and Flag Officers) representing DOD, the Armed Services, VA, and DOL (the first convening of these key actors of its kind) providing participants with a venue for candid, collegial, informal dialogue about how to best provide transition assistance programs. Through this event, assisted in establishment of what is now the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Executive Steering Council (ESC), which establishes and reviews on a quarterly basis regulations, programs, and procedures governing Joint Service Transition and Reintegration initiatives and related joint-interagency planning processes.

2010-2011 **Team Lead, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army (VCSA)-directed Army Career & Alumni Program (ACAP) Task Force/Study Group**

The Pentagon and Worldwide Site Visits

At the direction of the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army (VCSA), formed, organized, and led a team of researchers and subject-matter experts from across six USMA academic disciplines, two U.S. Army centers of excellence, and representatives from DOL and Veterans Affairs to assess the state of Army, Joint, and USG efforts at service member, veterans, and military family transition and reintegration, and recommend program improvements to the same.

Formed the ACAP Assessment Team (ACAP-AT) around a small core of Department of Social Sciences experts with a USMA-composition of between 10-15 participants. For selected parts of the assessment, especially during conduct of CONUS and OCONUS assessment site visits (joint installations, world-wide), augmented the team with personnel permanent party or located in the vicinity of ACAP Centers, for conduct of site surveys, key informant interviews, focus study groups sessions, etc., as appropriate. Augmented the USMA team with subject-matter experts from the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and other agencies and offices, as required. Primary author of the ACAP Assessment Report and Transition, Reintegration, and Employment Report (DOL-VETS), informing all national-level program improvements, including the White House’s Joint Forces Initiative.

2005-2013 **Director of American Politics, Public Policy, and Strategy Program**

Department of Social Sciences, USMA, West Point, New York

Responsible for all aspects of the American politics and public policy program(s) to include curriculum design and execution of courses for more than 1000 students per year; supervises the core course taught to every cadet; supervises elective courses for students who major in American politics and public policy; responsible for the selection, development, and utilization of faculty; directly supervise twelve Army officers and two civilian faculty.

2005-2007 **Director of Personnel, Department of Social Sciences, USMA, New York**

Responsibility for processing of all personnel, financial, and administrative actions of an 80-employee organization, as well as all personnel, financial, and administrative actions of another 50 officers newly assigned as future instructors in the department, attending various graduate schools worldwide.

2008-2013 **Director of Conferences, Department of Social Sciences, USMA, New York**

Responsible for selection and training of cadet and faculty staff, and all planning relating to two of the Academy’s annual conferences, the Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA) and the West Point Senior Conference.

2005-2006 **International Affairs Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY**

Launched in 1967, the International Affairs Fellowship Program is designed to advance the professional development of outstanding young Americans between the ages of 27 and 35. Each year, approximately a dozen men and women receive an opportunity to broaden their experience in the field of international affairs and to add a unique dimension to their careers. The fellowships seek to bridge the gap between thought and action in foreign policy by supporting both a variety of policy studies and active exposure to policymaking. (Source: CFR Website accessible at: <http://www.cfr.org/about/fellowships/iaf.html>

Since 2010, serves as a member of the CFR International Affairs Fellowship Selection Committee.

2005 **Team Member, OSCE-sponsored Education Program, Republic of Georgia**

Traveled to the Republic of Georgia in late-November to early December 2005 to head a seminar for the teaching of members of the Georgian Ministries of Interior and Internal Affairs on Incident Management Planning, Interagency Coordination, and Crisis Incident Management.

2004-2005 **Chief of Plans and Operations, Transformation Initiative, Ft. Campbell, KY**

Chief of Plans and Operations for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and fort Campbell Installation Transformation initiative. Developed and lead in the establishment of the 101st Modularity Coordination Center (MCC). Lead planner in the development of unit conversion, reorganization, and transformation plans for transformation of the Army of Excellence (AOE) Air Assault Division into the new Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA) joint, expeditionary, and modular (JEM) design. Developed and implemented the 101st Transformation Campaign Plan. Held supervisory responsibilities for the leading, teaching, and mentoring of 21 military officers, two non-commissioned officers, and three civilian contract employees. Primary briefer to the Commanding General on all transformation-related issues.

2003-2004 **Chief of Plans, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Mosul, Iraq**

Lead planner for all division combat, stability, and support operations while forward-deployed in the Iraqi theater of war during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Served as Chief, Division Plans and Exercises (PLEX) in Northern Iraq from September 2003 to March 2004. Served as Division Commander’s political advisor, responsible for advising the division on matters of strategic and political implication, specifically relating to Turkish and Iraqi-Kurd interactions and Iraq-Arab senior leader engagement. Advised the Commander and primary staff on all combat, stability/support, civil-military, counter-terrorism, and counter-insurgency operational plans.

2003 **Deputy Team Leader,** **Researcher, author, *Operation Iraqi Freedom Study Group*, Iraq**

Created under the leadership of General Eric Shinseki, the OIFSG was organized to

generate an early historiography of Phases I-III(b) of the war. The goal of the OIFSG was

to produce a “lessons learned” volume drawn mainly from combat interviews.

2001-2002 **Researcher, Office of Homeland Security (OHS) Tiger Team, KS**

In the near aftermath of the September 11 2001 attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, the President of the United States through Executive Order established the Office of the Special Advisor to the President on Homeland Security, with former Governor Tom Ridge as the first such special advisor and the Nation’s first director of Homeland Security. While in attendance as a student at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, I along with nine colleagues participated in a Governor Ridge-mandated Tiger Team, tasked to conduct some beyond-the-beltway research and analysis of the comparative cost and benefits of creating an NSC-like organization for National Homeland Security or a Department of Homeland Security.

1998-2001 **Assistant Professor, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY**

Administer and teach the advanced (Honors) political science course at the Academy. Responsible for the lesson planning, class participation, and student evaluation of 35 of the top 70 sophomore cadets attending the Academy. As course director, responsible for daily administration of the course as well as supervision of two other instructors. Also serve as course director and instructor of the Academy's capstone upper-level courses in public policy and American foreign policy. Co-designed, co-taught, and course directed an upper-level seminar on *The Politics of Race and Gender,* the first of such courses ever taught at the Academy since its inception in 1802. During cadet summer training and winter intercession, taught and mentored cadets in military science classes and the profession of arms. Additional duty: Personnel Officer, Department of Social Sciences.

1994-1996 **Company (Troop) Commander, Illesheim, GE**

Directly responsible for training, professional development and well-being of 35 soldiers

and their families, maintenance of 8 AH-64A Apache Attack Helicopters, and for ensuring

the soldiers and systems could deploy to any location within Europe, the Mediterranean,

Northern Africa, Southwest Asia. Prepared unit for deployment in support of several

European Rapid Reaction Force contingency missions. Deployed elements of the unit to

Bosnia-Herzegovina for an eight-month tour in support of the Dayton Peace Accords.

*awarded**the Meritorious Service*

1994 **Deputy Chief of Operations for Attack Helicopter Battalion (Squadron)**

Responsible to the Chief of Operations for the training, resourcing, and

deployability of a 350-soldier attack helicopter squadron forward deployed in

Europe. Advisor to the Chief of Operations and the Chief Executive on all

matters of current and future operations planning and execution.

1992-1993 **Deputy Chief of Operations for Attack Helicopter Battalion**

Responsible to the Chief of Operations for the training, resourcing, and

deployability of a 400-soldier attack helicopter battalion. Advisor to the Chief of

Operations and Chief Executive on all current and future operations. Supervised

the battalion through four annual gunnery and maneuver training programs, to include

the first ever AH-64A Attack Helicopter Gunnery Exercise held at Fort Polk, LA.

Acting Chief of Operations, in the absence of the Chief, for a six-month period,

successfully deploying the unit for permanent restationing at Fort Hood, Texas,

as part of the Base Realignment and Closure Initiative in 1993.

1991-1992 **Attack Helicopter Platoon Leader**

Directly responsible for training and care of 17 soldiers, maintaining 4 AH-64A

Apache Attack Helicopters in operational condition, and for ensuring the soldiers and

systems could deploy to any and all locations within the Southern Command

(SOUTHCOM) Theater of Operations within 36 hours.

1990-1991 **Chief Executive Officer for Attack Helicopter Company**

Second in command of a 38-soldier attack helicopter company. Responsible to

the commander (Chief Executive) for the training, professional development and

well-being of 38 soldiers and their families. Directly responsible for the maintenance

of company combat systems /support equipment at a high operational readiness rating.

**Professional Memberships and Associations**

Council on Foreign Relations, Lifemember

Selection Committee Board Member, CFR International Affairs Fellowships (IAFs)

Council on Foreign Relations (International Affairs Fellow, 2005-2006)

Fellow, New America

Nonresident Scholar, The Modern War Institute at West Point

Creator and Founding Director, The West Point Grand Strategy Program (2011-2013)

Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society for Public Affairs and Public Administration (inducted, April 2007)

Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society

American Political Science Association

President, Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, 2006-2009

International Studies Association

International Security and Arms Control Section

Council for Emerging National Security Affairs (CENSA)

Cornell Peace Studies Program

Federation of American Scientists (FAS)

Phi Kappa Phi National Academic Honor Society

Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA)

Association of the United States Army

Cornell Alumni Association

Cornell Club of Tampa Bay

Association of Graduates (West Point)

Army Athletic Association

**PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS (Additional Skill Identifiers)**

1986 U.S. Army Airborne School, Ft. Benning, Georgia

1987 U.S. Army Northern Warfare School, Ft. Greeley, Alaska

1989-1990 U.S. Army Initial Rotary Wing Course, Ft. Rucker, Alabama

1990 AH-64 Apache Helicopter Qualification Course, Ft. Rucker, Alabama

1993 Joint Warfare School (5P ASI), Hulbert Field, Florida

2001-2002 U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS

Recipient, George C. Marshall Award (‘White Briefcase’ Award for #1 graduate)

Joint Planner (3H ASI), Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas

Military Historian (5X ASI), Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas

Army Strategist (6Z ASI), Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas (JPME-I Qualification)

2002-2003 Theater Planner, SAMS graduate (6S ASI), Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas

2007-2008 West Point Fellow and Student, National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

(JPME-II Qualification)

**Other Awards and Honors**

Selected and designated as a Highly-Qualified Expert (HQE), Senior Executive Services (SES)-Level I/II-equivalent Executive Leader, U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), President, Joint Special Operations University (JSOU).

By-name Requested to serve as a designated Government Advisor to the 2016 Defense Science Board (DSB) Summer Study on Military Operations in Constrained Environments

By-Name Requested to serve as Chief, Commander’s Initiatives Group (CIG), by GEN Lloyd J. Austin III, Commanding General, U.S. Central Command

Promoted to Full Professor of Political Science, USMA (January 2013)

Selected as a Jackson Senior Fellow, Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Yale University (2011-12)

Selected as Selection Committee Board Member, Council on Foreign Relations IAF program—as of August 2010

Finalist Research Proposal, Minerva Research Initiative (MRI) (2008)

Lifemember, Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)—as of May 2007

Promoted to Associate Professor, USMA (May 2007)

Nominated and selected, SSC in-residency attendance, as the 2007-08 USMA Fellow, National War College (NWC)

Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society for Public Affairs and Public Administration (inducted, April 2007 as Cornell University’s first CIPA alumni inductee)

Distinguished Graduate (General George C. Marshall Award Recipient), Command and General Staff College, 2001

International Affairs Fellow (IAF), Council on Foreign Relations, 2001

Fellow, Next Generation Project, The American Assembly, Columbia University, AY2006-Present

Regional Finalist, White House Fellowship, AY 2000-2001, AY 2004-2005

Visiting Researcher, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS), AY 2005-2006

Visiting Fellow, Cornell University (Peace Studies Program), AY 2005-Present

Military Fellow, NYPD-Counter Terror Division, New York, NY, AY 2005

Winner, AFCEA Excellence in JC4I Writing Award, US Army Command & General Staff College, Fort

Leavenworth, Kansas, 2001

Selected to attend the School for Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, 2002

Selected to attend the US Marine Corps School of Advanced Warfighting (SAW), Quantico, Virginia, 2002

**RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS**

Grant Recipient ($1,000) Faculty Development/Research Fund, Office of the Dean, USMA, FY 1999, FY 2000

Grant Recipient ($2,000) MacArthur Foundation Grant, Cornell University, FY 2000

Grant Recipient ($5,000) International Affairs Fellowship Research Grant, FY 2006

Grant Recipient ($1,500) Faculty Development and Research Fund, Office of the Dean, USMA, FY 2006

Grant Recipient ($6,800) Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) Research Grant, FY 2007

Grant Recipient ($3,200) Faculty Development and Research Fund, Office of the Dean, USMA, FY 2007

Grant Recipient ($35,000) Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Award, FY 2009

Grant Recipient ($4,400) Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) Research Grant, FY 2009

Grant Recipient ($2700) Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) Research Grant, FY 2010

Research Fellow Grant ($28,000) Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, FY 2011

Project Funding Support ($30,000) U.S. Africa Command, J-9 sponsored research (collaborative, D/SOSH & DFL)

AOG Gift Funds ($1.16 Million) Johnson Grand Strategy Program at West Point, FY13-FY15

**MILITARY AWARDS**

Defense Superior Service Medal Army Service Ribbon

Legion of Merit Joint Meritorious Unit Award (3 awards)

Bronze Star Medal (Iraq) Armed Forces Service Ribbon (2 awards)

Meritorious Service Award (6 awards) Superior Unit Award (Balkans 1995-6)

Army Commendation Medal Superior Unit Award (D/Social Sciences, 2007-08)

Army Achievement Medal Meritorious Unit Award (Iraq 2003-04)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Force Medal (2 awards) Presidential Unit Citation (Iraq 2003-04)

Global War on Terrorism Campaign Medal Joint Service Achievement Award (Afghanistan 2009)

Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon NATO Award (ISAF)

National Defense Service Ribbon (3 awards) Senior Aviator Badge

Overseas Service Ribbon (2 awards) Parachutist Badge

Operation Iraqi Freedom Campaign Medal Combat Action Badge (Iraq, 2003-04)

Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) Campaign Medal NATO Service Ribbon

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Dr. Isaiah (Ike) Wilson III (Colonel, U.S. Army, retired) has earned a reputation as a versatile and innovative soldier-scholar. A decorated combat veteran with combat tours in the Balkans, Iraq, and Afghanistan, Wilson has become a leading advocate for change in America's concepts of and approaches to security policy, war, and peace.

Wilson's military career has spanned troop-leading, staff-planning, strategic advisory and teaching assignments, and he has published extensively on organizational politics, civil-military relations, national security (defense) policy, and grand strategy. His 2007 book, *Thinking beyond War: Civil-Military Relations and Why America Fails to Win the Peace*, along with his service on the 2003 Operation Iraqi Freedom Study Group, helped to increase public attention to the problems and errors in U.S. post-war planning for the Iraq War and sparked governmental movement toward policy reforms. He has been at the center of innovative planning in the future of U.S. intervention policy.

His most recent military assignment was serving as chief, commander’s initiatives group (CIG) for the Commanding General, United States Central Command (2013-2016). Working in one of the most challenging combatant commands, Colonel Wilson played a leading role in the Command’s overall efforts relating to three major named operational campaigns, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM/FREEDOM’S SENTINEL (Afghanistan), INHERENT RESOLVE (counter-ISIL in the greater Levant), and SPARTAN SHIELD (counter-Iranian Threat Network) and numerous related supporting operations, to include U.S. Central Command’s 2013 Operation NIMBLE WARNING (anti- and counter- CBW by the Assad Regime in Syria), several National Command Authority (NCA)-directed raids and hostage rescue efforts (2013-2016), as well as United States Central Command’s support for the Operation RESTORATION OF HOPE Gulf Cooperative Council Coalition in Yemen, among others. Previously, Colonel Wilson served as a strategic planning advisor to GEN Stanley McChrystal, COMISAF, and the ISAF combined-joint planning staff in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) in 2009, and as chief of plans for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and resident strategist to the commanding general, David Petraeus, Mosul, Iraq during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM-1 (OIF, 2003-04).

Dr. Wilson holds a B.S. in International Relations from the United States Military Academy at West Point, master's degrees in Public Policy and Gove-rnment from Cornell University, master's degrees in Military Arts and Sciences from the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College, School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), and the National War College, as well as a Ph.D. in political science (Government) from Cornell University.

Dr. Wilson currently serves as President of the Joint Special Operations University (JSOU), with responsibilities of principle advisor to the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, on al matters pertaining to Special Forces education and leader preparation and development. Dr. Wilson previously served as Director of the U.S. Army’s Strategic Studies Institute (SSI) and U.S. Army War College Press, as well as a senior lecturer with the Yale Jackson Institute of Global Affairs at Yale University. He served as professor of political science and the Director of the American Politics, Policy, and Strategy program at West Point from 2005 to 2013 and was the architect and founding director of the West Point Grand Strategy Program. He has taught at the National War College, Yale University, Columbia University, and The George Washington University. Dr. Wilson is a nonresident Fellow with New America, and a nonresident scholar with The Modern War Institute at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Dr. Wilson is also a life member with the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the Council’s International Affairs Fellowship program selection committee.