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***Academic Experience***

**August 2017-Present: Associate Professor,** Naval War College at Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA

* Teaches graduate-level curriculum on Joint Maritime Operations to mid-grade U.S. military officers from all services toward completion of Joint Professional Military Education Phase I qualification. The JMO curriculum addresses joint command and control planning across the range of military operations, including major theater war, stability operations, asymmetric warfare, and the ethics inherent in the broad range of military functions.

**August 2016-August 2017: Associate Professor,** National Security Affairs Department,Naval War College, Newport, RI

* Taught two distinct graduate-level curriculums on leadership and decision making to U.S. and international military officers and civilians
* *Courses*: (1) Leadership Concepts in Theater Security Decision Making for mid-level leaders and managers; (2) Leadership Concepts in National Security Decision Making at the grand-strategy level

**July 2007-August 2016: Permanent Military Professor (Designator for Navy Active-Duty Ph.D. officer/professors),** National Security Affairs Department, Naval War College, Newport, RI

* *Director of Leadership Concepts Course 2013-2016, Course Coordinator 2010-2013, and Ethics Lead Professor within the National Security Affairs Course*
  + Led, managed, and evaluated 16 senior civilian and military professors of leadership and management studies
  + Guided curriculum development efforts for both the mid- and senior-level Leadership courses
* Curriculum lead for all ethics sessions and final exams; led faculty workshops
* Personally taught over 300 students since 2003 and authored original, required curriculum reading for over 5000 Naval War College graduates
* Leadership Course lead 2007-2011 for Naval War College accreditation to grant senior- and intermediate-level Joint Professional Military Education qualifications and two distinct Masters Degrees
* Developed curriculum and taught the International Officer’s Course on U.S. policy and national security to senior officers from over 40 countries
* Member of Naval War College Ethics Working Group. Coordinated across college to infuse the Navy Leader Development Outcomes into the curriculum
* Certified instructor of the Hogan Self-Assessment Instrument for Leaders

**July 2003-July 2007: Permanent Military Professor,** Strategy and Policy Department, Naval War College, Newport, RI

* Taught interdisciplinary seminars drawing on the fields of history, political science, international relations, economics, and the profession of arms
* Instrumental in the development of two distinct Naval War College Strategy and Policy resident curriculums to support Joint Professional Military Education Phase I and II accreditations
* *Executive Assistant to the Chair,* April 2004-January 2007. Directed all departmental administrative, personnel, and budgetary functions; supervised curriculum development and implementation, screening and hiring of civilian and military professors, and a $300,000 annual copyright and printing budget

**January 2011-2015: Adjunct Professor in Graduate Studies,** Salve Regina University, Newport, RI

* *Professor of Ethics in International Relations*
  + Developed and taught Graduate-level core courses titled *Just and Unjust Wars*
  + Taught Directed Studies Courses to Ph.D. students
  + Mentored Masters-level and Ph.D. students on thesis projects

**July 2003-2010:** **Doctoral Student,** Salve Regina University, Newport, RI

* *Awarded Ph.D. in Humanities,* 2010
  + Earned Ph.D. in spare time while teaching full-time at Naval War College
  + Areas of Specialization: Ethics, Public Policy, International Relations, and Technology
  + Dissertation: *Space Weapons, Moral Casuistry, and Rawls: Moving the Debate Forward.* Summary: A Public Policy investigation into U.S. action to weaponize space and the reconciliation of such measures within traditional moral frameworks, as well as a proposed option for moving forward in a just manner according to John Rawls

***Military Experience***

**July 2003-August 2016:** Permanent Military Professor and Academic as noted above. Completed Navy career at the rank of Captain

**June 2000-July 2003: Executive Assistant and Branch Chief, J-3 Directorate of Operations during 9/11,** Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, DC

* *Executive Assistant.* Deputy and Personal advisor to the General in charge of Joint Staff Information Operations. Supervised the efforts of over 40 senior officers in support of Afghanistan and Iraq operations
* *Branch Chief, Special Activities Division,* March 2002-July 2003. Chief of eight senior officers and civilians coordinating special access (above Top-Secret) operations involving over 50 domestic interagency and foreign entities in support of the Global War on Terrorism

**November 1987-March 1999: Naval Flight Officer** in theEA-6B *Prowler,* A-6E *Intruder,* and the E-2C *Hawkeye.* Highlights include:

* Held two distinct major leadership positions:Maintenance Department Head and Operations Department Head,January 1997-March 1999.
* As Maintenance Department head, responsible for maintenance of squadron aircraft and leadership of six division officers, nine senior enlisted chief petty officers, and 130 enlisted sailors. Responsible for $1.5 million in accountable servicing equipment
* As Operations Department head, responsible for the training and employment of 24 flight officers and four multi-million dollar aircraft. Managed $1.7 million annual operations budget
* Designated Air Wing Strike Lead in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH no-fly zones in Iraq; received the air medal and Navy Commendation Medal with “Combat V” for *Restore Hope* combat operations in Somalia
* Graduate, Naval Strike Warfare Center Strike Leader Attack Program July 1993, and Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) Air Controller Program October 1989

***Education***

**Salve Regina University**

Multidisciplinary Ph.D. in Humanities with an emphasis in ethics, public policy, and technology, 2010

**Naval War College**

M.A., National Security and Strategic Studies, 2000. Distinguished Graduate of Resident Program

Courses: Strategy and Policy, National Security and Decision Making, and Joint Military Operations. Seminar awarded the “James V. Forrestal Award” for Excellence in Strategy and Force Planning

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock**

B.A., Marketing, 1985

***Presentations, Publications and Curriculum***

* “Multiple Loyalties and the Individual Level of Analysis” with Professor Albert Shimkus, *RealClearDefense,* June 6, 2017; available at <https://www.realcleardefense.com/articles/2017/06/06/multiple_loyalties_and_the_individual_level_of_analysis_111529.html>
* Presented Paper/Conducted Seminar “Not Just Dual Loyalties” for U.S. Army Command and General Staff Ethics Symposium “The Professional Ethic and the State,” 20-23 April 2015
* Guest lecturer “Macro Issues in Leadership Ethics,” Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, for GOVTE 1354 Ideas About Leadership class, 10 November 2016
* Participant (role played Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff) in Nuclear War Game Exercise for Harvard Extension School Graduate Studies course “The Crisis Game: A Cold War Nuclear Crisis Simulation,” spring 2014 and 2015
* Presented lecture “On Leadership” to Vice President and Senior Product Development Managers of Keurig Beverage Brewing Systems, 17 November 2014
* Presented Paper “Can America Recapture the Moral High Ground?” Peace Research Institute of Oslo Conference “After the terror: Negotiating Values and Identities,” University of California Los Angeles, 2-5 March 2014
* Presented lecture “Multiple Ethical Loyalties” with professor Albert Shimkus to Naval Officer Development Class students, Newport RI; 2014-2017
* McPherson, J. Scott. “The Ethics of Senior Leadership.” Newport, RI: Naval War College Faculty Paper, July 2012
* McPherson, J. Scott. “Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.” Newport, RI: Naval War College Faculty Paper, July 2011
* McPherson, J. Scott. “The Ethics and Ethical Decision Making of Who Am I,” Newport, RI: Naval War College Faculty Paper, June 2010
* “Technically, We didn’t Follow NATOPS,” *Approach, The Naval Aviation Safety Review* 38, no. 6 (June 1993)

***Awards***

Naval War College Vice Admiral T.R. Weschler Award for Inspirational Teaching, 2012

The Legion of Merit

The Defense Meritorious Service Medal

The Air Medal (two strike/flight awards)

The Navy Commendation Medal (three, one with combat “V” for valor)

The Navy Achievement Medal

Various campaign medals for service in the Asia Pacific-Middle East region as well as Joint Staff world-wide operations

***References Available Upon Request***