



**Curriculum Vita  
Fall 2025**

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<b>EDUCATION</b>
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**Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA**

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Civil-Military Relations), 2005  
Research focus on US Military Joint Operability, NATO Doctrine, and Media's Role in War with an emphasis in Far East Studies.

**University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS**

Master of Science in Public Relations, 1998  
Research focus on Organizational Communication, Situational Crisis Management and Targeted Media Campaigns & Outreach Programs.

**Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX**

Bachelor's of Science in Education, 1988

Research focus and credentialed in English Language Arts, Speech Communications, Journalism and Mass Communications.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*AP Seminar and AP Research Instructor – Sachse High School*  
August 2023 – Current

Designs instructional material and facilitates interactive events in accordance with College Board program requirements in order to prepare AP students for their individual research reports, individual written arguments, team multimedia presentations, individual multimedia presentations, and end-of-course synthesis essay.

*English 1 Teacher (Pre-AP/Honors and On-Level) – Sachse High School*  
August 2015 – Current

Designs instructional material and facilitates learning events to help students develop critical thinking, reading comprehension, and college-level writing skills. Prepares students for their annual English 1 STAAR Test.

*Gifted & Talented Training Secondary School Liaison – Garland ISD*  
January 2024 -- Current

Collaborates with District leadership and Elementary School Liaisons to design and deliver Gifted & Talented Training (initial 30-hour and annual 6-hour updates) to teachers from across Garland ISD.

*College Board (SpringBoard) National Faculty Member – The College Board*  
August 2016 – August 2023

Competitively selected and served as 1 of only 76 National Faculty Members charged with designing the SpringBoard curriculum and delivering professional development to users across the United States.

## RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

*Active Duty Officer (Manpower & Personnel), United States Air Force – 1992-2012*

- Served in a variety of command and leadership positions
- Operation IRAQI Air Force Veteran, Baghdad, Iraq – May 2009-May 2010
- Designed and facilitated the USAF Manpower Staff Officer Course

## PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Texas Region 10 Secondary Teacher of the Year, 2023-24  
Garland Independent School District Secondary Teacher of the Year, 2023-24  
Sachse High School Teacher of the Year, 2022-23  
SpringBoard National Teacher of Distinction, 1998