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POSITIONS	Fellow, Brookings Foreign Policy Program, Center for Security, Strategy, and Technology	Present
	Vice President of Analysis, Govini	2020-2021
	Senior Fellow and Director, Stimson Center Defense Strategy and Planning Program	2018-2020
	Manager of Information Strategy, Mental Health Center of Denver	2015-2018
	Senior National Security Project Associate, RAND Corporation	2005-2014
	Presidential Management Fellow, Federal Bureau of Investigation	2003-2005
EDUCATION	PhD, Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder (International Relations, Political Theory)	2013
	MA, Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder	2009
	MIA, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs (Security Studies)	2003
	BA, Tufts University (International Relations)	1999
INTERESTS	National Security, U.S. Defense, Technology and Innovation	
PUBLICATIONS	“A Strategy for Competition” , <i>The Next Defense Strategy Series</i> , Center for a New American Security, 2020	
	“The Militarization of Artificial Intelligence” , with Jennifer Spindle, Paul Scharre, and Vadim Kozyulin, The Stanley Center for Peace and Security, 2020	
	Military Coercion and US Foreign Policy: Using the Armed Forces Short of War , (Routledge), 2020	
	“Amazon in Crystal City: Threat and Opportunity for the Defense Department” , <i>War on the Rocks</i> , 2018	
	“Mattis is Poisoning the Well on Women in Combat” , <i>The Hill</i> , 2018	

[“NATO Isn’t Cheap – and It’s Still Worth the Price”](#), *The National Interest*, 2018

[“Review: ‘A Recent History of al-Qa’ida’”](#), H-Diplo, ISSF Article Review 35, 2015

[“Minimal Mutual Advantage: How the Social Contract Can Do Justice to the Disabled”](#), with Martin DeNicolò, *European Journal of Political Theory*, Vol. 14, No 2., pp. 161-179, 2015

[“U.S. Overseas Military Presence: What are the Strategic Choices?”](#), with Lynn E. Davis, Stacie L. Pettyjohn, Stephen M. Worman, and Michael J. McNerney, MG-1211-AF, (Santa Monica, CA: RAND), 2012

[“Ethically Responsible Leisure? Promoting Social and Environmental Justice through Ecotourism”](#), with Steve Vanderheiden, *Environmental Philosophy*, Vol. 7, No. 2, pp. 1-15, 2010

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[Exploring Terrorist Targeting Preferences](#), with Martin C. Libicki and Peter Chalk, MG-483, (Santa Monica, CA: RAND), 2007

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