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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Senior Faculty Advisor** **2022**
U.S. Naval War College, **Newport, Rhode Island**
- Serving as the Foreign Policy Advisor to the U.S. Naval War College.
- Teaching in the National Security Affairs department and mentoring State Department students.
- Director of the Rapid Response Unit** **2022**
U.S. Department of State, **Washington, D.C.**
- Organized the State Department's public diplomacy response to the Ukraine-Russia war, working with 7th floor principals, the National Security Council, and G7 nations.
- Served as Coordinator for the Ukraine Task Force.
- Counselor for Public Diplomacy** **2020 to 2022**
United States Embassy **Kyiv, Ukraine**
- Ran one of the largest embassy strategic communications operations in the world, managing over USD 20 million in resources for public diplomacy on behalf of the U.S. government.
- Countered malign influence campaigns and disinformation initiatives from global adversaries.
- Consul General** **2015 to 2018**
United States Consulate General **Krakow, Poland**
- Led a team of 75 people to run the U.S. Consulate General for three years as the senior U.S. government representative in southern Poland, [conducting diplomacy and public outreach](#).
- Engaged directly with policymakers and key opinion leaders to shape policy and political dialogue regarding U.S. foreign policy goals in Poland and throughout the region.
- Focused on areas to improve U.S.-Polish business climate, informing policymakers, increasing bilateral investment, and starting campaign to eliminate U.S. visa restrictions for Polish citizens.
- Embassy Spokesperson** **2010 to 2014**
United States Embassy **Bangkok, Thailand**
- Primary spokesperson and press attaché at one of the largest U.S. diplomatic missions in the world.
- Architect of one of the U.S. State Department's first active social media teams.
- Frequent interviewee for local and international media outlets, taking complex policy issues and [explaining them for external audiences](#).
- Senior Advisor for Public Diplomacy** **2009 to 2010**
U.S. Department of State, **Washington, D.C.**
- Served as the principal advisor on outreach issues in the Office of eDiplomacy, advocating for constant innovation and lasting initiatives to enable U.S. diplomats to engage online audiences.
- Embassy Spokesperson, United States Embassy Khartoum, Sudan** **2007 to 2009**
Vice Consul, United States Consulate General Sydney, Australia **2005 to 2007**
Executive Secretariat Action Officer, United States Embassy Baghdad, Iraq **2004 to 2005**
Vice Consul, United States Embassy Bangkok, Thailand **2003 to 2004**

EDUCATION

Master of Strategic Studies – **United States Naval War College** – 2019

Master of Public Policy – **University of Michigan** – 2002

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science – **University of Michigan** – 2001

Languages: **Thai** (3/3), **Polish** (3/3), **Ukrainian** (3/3)