

# DAVID E. LEIVA

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

I perform econometrics in the field of economic development and teach undergraduate economics and graduate post disaster economic recovery as an adjunct faculty member while serving in the Army National Guard and completing my doctorate. I am a former award-winning business journalist who holds a graduate degree in economic development. I have more than 15 years of experience in applying a unique mix of strategic analysis, operational management, personnel development, and marketing skills. During the last five years, I have lived abroad in the Middle East and Europe, visiting nearly 30 countries. I have analyzed data and detected emerging trends, identified and evaluated alternate courses of action, published nearly 1,200 articles, and presented at large conferences. I am adept at working across multiple agencies and stakeholders, balancing operational, financial, personnel and regulatory constraints when managing projects, and getting the desired results. I work best when the situation is ambiguous. My growing expertise is in post-disaster economic recovery, and I have been a frequent lecturer on the subject at universities and international and national conferences.

## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Philosophy in International Economics**, University of Southern Mississippi, (Anticipated 2025).

- Accepted in the International Development Doctoral program.
- Awarded two-year scholarship by the National Guard Association of Mississippi to complete studies.

**Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies**, U.S. Naval War College, 2024.

- Joint Professional Military Education requirements.
- Only member of the Army National Guard accepted into New Orleans Fleet Seminar Program cohort.

**Economic Development Certificate**, University of Oklahoma, Economic Development Institute, 2017.

- Required coursework to sit for the Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) exam.
- Awarded the “Gerald E. Ruffin Scholarship” for full tuition in 2016.

**Master of Science in Economic Development**, GPA: 3.93, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2013.

- Thesis awarded “Dr. Karen M. Yarbrough Scholar Award” for top abstract in 2014 Graduate Student Research Symposium and best submission in College of Business.
- Research Interests: Long-Term Disaster Recovery, Green Economic Development, Rural Development, Base Realignment and Closure, Business Incubators, Globalization, Agglomeration Theory, Analysis, and Implications.
- Completed Study Abroad to Panama in 2012. True South Basic Economic Development Course Graduate in 2011.

**Fellowship**, Loyola University of New Orleans, Institute of Politics, 2011.

- One of 16 candidates accepted across the New Orleans region.

**Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Economics**, Tulane University, 2003.

- Intern at National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Forbes Magazine, WWL-TV, Times-Picayune
- Hired by The Associated Press immediately upon graduation.

## MILITARY SCHOOLS & COURSES

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| ▪ Information Operations, FA 30, 2023   | ▪ Combat Lifesavers Course, 2019                                  |
| ▪ U.S. Naval War College Fleet Seminar Program, 2022                            | ▪ NATO Force Integration Unit Introduction to Poland Course, 2018 |
| ▪ U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Advanced Operations Course, 2022 | ▪ Human Resources Management Qualification Course, 2016           |
| ▪ U.S. Army Command and General Staff Officer Course, Common Core, 2020         | ▪ Joint Humanitarian Operations Course, 2015                      |

- Defense Support to Civil Authorities Liaison Officer Course, 2015
- OPSEC Course, Levels 1-2, 2014
- Theater Sustainment Course, 2014
- U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Civil Affairs Officer Qualification Course, 2013
- Small Unmanned Aircraft System Operator Course (RQ 11B DDL), 2013
- U.S. Army Resident Maneuver Captains Career Course, 2012
- Tactical Information Operations, 2010
- U.S. Army Airborne School, 2009
- Counter-Improvised Explosive Device-Defeat Instructor Course, 2007, 2008
- Infantry Officer Basic Course, 2007
- Basic Officer Leadership Course, 2006
- Officer Candidate School, 2006

### STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- **Project SCALE (Securing Capacity through Academic Leadership and Engagement) and the Florida Statewide Disaster Grant Writing Consortium.** (2024) Work through MOUs with members of FEMA, U.S. EPA, SBA, FDIC, USDA, HHS, ED, DOE, the State University System of Florida Board of Governors, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and University of South Florida, University of West Florida, and Florida International University.
- **U.S. Department of Homeland Security Arctic Domain Awareness Center – Addressing Rapid Changes through Technology, Innovation, & Collaboration (ADAC-ARCTIC) Center of Excellence at the University of Alaska Anchorage.** (2024). Member of the Board of Executive Counselors to advise research portfolio to develop multidisciplinary solutions focused on natural and man-made disasters, ice melt and communications infrastructure through \$45 million center.
- **University of Alaska Grant Writing Network: A Tier 1 Faculty Initiative Fund.** (2023). Funded to connect aspiring Alaskan grant writers with writing resources, professional opportunities, and a platform for networking.
- **Mississippi Army National Guard “The Road to 30”.** (2023). Rebranding and marketing strategy to reach the goal of 30 MSARNG Officer Candidate School graduates per year after failing to meet this threshold for more than a decade.
- **Mississippi Army National Guard GT Improvement Academy.** (2021). Founder and Academia Administrator of the 2020 Mississippi Army National Guard program to fill the gap of 315 officer and warrant officer vacancies by increasing Soldiers’ GT scores above 110.
- **Naval Air Systems Command Foreign Military Sales Division.** (2020). Pursued the staging of NATO allies’ military equipment at Camp Shelby and International Sustainment Center with onward movement to and through the Port of Gulfport (\$100 million annual budget)
- **Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center Strategic Marketing Plan – INNOVATE Camp Shelby.** (2016) Focused on business attraction, retention and expansion of private companies and Federal agencies as part of 100-year-old military installation’s reinvention.
- **The Reset of Afghanistan Equipment.** (2015). Utilizing Retrograde, Reset, Redeployment, Redistribution and Disposal (R4D) and Velocity-Volume Distribution Retrograde (V2DR) through Camp Shelby (\$7.5 billion budget to return \$35 billion worth of equipment)
- **Strategic Seaport Designation for the Mississippi State Port Authority – Gulfport (Port of Gulfport).** (2015). Valued at \$120 million annually, Port of Gulfport became the 17<sup>th</sup> strategic seaport designated by the Defense Department.
- **Mississippi FAA Unmanned Aerial Systems Test Site Proposal.** (2014). Project Team Member.
- **Mississippi Special Use Airspace Committee.** (2014).
- **Open Technology Center.** (2014). – MOUs with Arizona State University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Georgia Tech Research Institute, Jackson State University, University of Southern Mississippi, and Hinds Community College.
- **Open Source Unmanned, Remote & Autonomous Vehicle Systems Research Program at Camp Shelby.** (2013).
- **Unmanned Aerial Systems Project Management Team at Camp Shelby.** (2013).

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2020-Present, Academia Advisor and Economic Recovery Advisor**, U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington DC (Fulltime)

- Serve as the sole Academia Advisor responsible for maximum participation in CARES Act Funding for Institutions of Higher Education in FEMA Regions 1, 4, 6, 8, and 10 post-disaster economic recovery strategies in Alaska, Louisiana, Florida, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Montana.
- Leverage academic subject matter expertise within the Region for economic development, government services and health and social services sectors within the National Disaster Recovery Support framework.
- Represent FEMA as member of Interagency Recovery Coordination cadre to sister federal agencies.
- Appointed to the 2024 FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) National Review Panel.
- Selected as a member of IRC Field Culture Working Group and Community Disaster Resilient Zones in Region VI
- Co-author of Project SCALE (Securing Capacity through Academic Leadership and Engagement) and the Florida Statewide Disaster Grant Writing Consortium with members of EPA, SBA, FDIC, USDA, HHS, ED, DOE, ED, and the State University System of Florida Board of Governors

**2022-Present, Commander**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Training Battalion, 154<sup>th</sup> Regiment Regional Training Institute, Camp Shelby, MS (Part-time)

- Lieutenant Colonel commander of the infantry training battalion, which teaches courses within Career Management Field 11 for all three Army components, along with oversight of the Officer Candidate School Training Company for a total of 1,200 graduate each year
- Author of “The Road to 30” Officer Candidate School marketing plan.

**2022-Present, Adjunct and Senior Fellow**, Tulane University, School of Social Work, Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy, New Orleans, LA (Part-time)

- Prepared and delivered lectures to graduate students on leadership during disasters and economic recovery.
- Research interests center around post-disaster economic recovery, including international case studies.
- Awarded 2023 Teaching Professor Conference grant by Tulane Center for Engaged Learning and Training.

**2015-Present, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Economics**, University of Maryland-Global Campus (Part-time)

- Prepared and delivered lectures to undergraduate students and soldiers on topics such as microeconomics, macroeconomics, personal finance, professional writing, resource management and leadership.
- Kept abreast of developments in the field by reading current literature, talking with colleagues, and participating in professional conferences. Invited guest speakers regularly, including Bureau of Labor Statistics and Wall Street Journal.
- Have also taught at Vincennes University; St. Leo University; Central Texas College-Europe, at various locations, including Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., Kaiserslautern, Germany, and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

**2019-2022, Director**, Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities, Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center (CSJFTC), Camp Shelby, MS (Part-time)

- Requested as Primary Staff of the 155<sup>th</sup> Armored Brigade Combat Team rotation at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, CA as Civil Affairs Officer and lead of the Nonlethal Strike Force.
- Chairman of the South Mississippi Military Higher Education Council to improve retention rates of soldiers at local colleges and universities.

- Worked agreements between CSJFTC and Pearl River Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, and Jones County Junior College.
- Founder and Academic Administrator of the GT Improvement Academy aimed at creating a pool of eligible Soldiers to enter Officer Candidate School or Warrant Officer Candidate School.
- Spearheaded the 2021 Norwegian Foot March, during the pandemic, first-ever in the south.
- Co-authored 2020 Economic Impact Study of EXERCISE ARCTIC ANVIL, the first conducted for a military exercise in Mississippi.
- Contributed to 2020 Economic Impact Study of EXERCISE SOUTHERN STRIKE, the first conducted for the Air National Guard-hosted exercise in Mississippi.

**2017-2020, International Sustainment Center Site Lead**, U.S. Naval Air Systems Command Contractor, California, MD (Actual employment interrupted due to 24 consecutive months of military activations)

- Contracted to perform economic analysis and econometrics in the South Mississippi Defense Corridor for the US Navy. Responsible for \$400 million of Foreign Military Sales inventory management.
- Created site location assessments and perform economic development for synergetic incorporation with other Defense, private sector, and academic sectors.

**2018-2019, Commander**, Headquarters Company, 184<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Hattiesburg, MS, and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

- Commander of 257-person unit with responsibilities for executing mission command of logistics and continued sustainment in the Middle East that spans 4 million square miles in 20 nations with subordinates numbering 10,000 service members while supporting 40,000 American service members and civilian contractors and allies. Ensure the unit meets its stated, implied, and essential requirements and goals. Responsible for \$35 million of equipment assigned to the unit. Used econometrics to improve processes and procedures.
- Planned, coordinated and executed the movement of the entire unit into the Middle East.

**2017-2018, Strategic Logistics Exercise Planner**, U.S Army Europe Command-21<sup>st</sup> Theater Sustainment Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany

- Served as the primary liaison officer and strategic logistics exercise planner for Saber Strike 18, the long-standing U.S. Army Europe Command-led multilateral, multifaceted, security cooperation exercise primarily focused on Baltic States. It helps focus on promoting interoperability with allies and regional partners and improving joint operational capability in a variety of missions.
- Coordinated efforts with military and official representatives of Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia, the United Kingdom and the United States.
- Lived in Germany and Poland; became conversational in both languages.

**2013-2018, Civil Affairs Officer (G-9)**, 184<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Sustainment Command – (Army National Guard assigned unit), Hattiesburg, MS (Part-time)

- Served as the primary advisor to the Brigadier General on the effect of civilian populations on operations. Serve as the staff proponent for use of Civil Affairs forces. Develop plans, policies, and programs to further the relationships between the Sustainment Command and the civil component in the Area of Operations. Developed relationships with outside agencies and services.

**2017- 2018, Public Relations Advisor**, Astronaut Scholarship Foundation, Orlando, FL (Contract work)

- Contracted to perform public relations consulting for the nonprofit organization that encourages students to pursue advanced educations and careers in the STEM fields.
- Created standard procedures for special projects, media relations, and obituaries of retired astronauts.

**2016-2017, Corporate Site Location Consultant**, Webster Global Site Selectors, Daytona Beach, FL (Contract work)

- Covered the Southeastern United States by working with business firms, communities, regions and states to bring large-scale economic and workforce development projects to fruition using data analytics.
- Specialized in Defense/homeland security, Base Realignment and Closure, rural economic development, workforce development strategies, unmanned aircraft systems, military strategic intermodal logistics operations, and open-source software technologies.

**2014-2016, International Economic Development and Security Cooperation Analyst**, U.S. Army Central Command – National Guard Affairs, Shaw Air Force Base, SC and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

- Created the "It's Too Easy" (In-Theater Solutions to Overseas Opportunities by Extending and Staying Another Year) workforce program in the Middle East that provided more than 15,000 man-hours at no additional cost to the U.S. government and saved millions of dollars in mobilization costs by using Location Quotient to solve.
- Provided strategic communications expertise and submitted economic development solutions to complex situations over a 15-month deployment.
- Published several award-winning essays in military journals and presented at the 2015 U.S. Army Operations Research Symposium to audience of military statisticians and mathematicians. Awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

**2012-2014, Senior Economic Development Advisor**, Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, (CSJFTC) Camp Shelby, MS

- Created INNOVATE Camp Shelby focused on business attraction, retention and expansion of private companies and Federal agencies to reinvent and re-brand 100-year-old National Guard facility.
- Established the Office of Special Plans and Projects for pending federal funding loss and expected 2017 BRAC rounds.
- Credited with 20 Memorandums of Agreement worth \$15 million in first year. Conducted more than 50 presentations to market \$72 million Unmanned Aerial Systems Flight Center. Credited with leading the 2015 "Strategic Seaport" designation for Port of Gulfport, valued at \$125 million annually during mobilization.

**2010-2012, Mobilization Operations Center Battle Captain**, Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center (CSJFTC), Camp Shelby, MS

- Responsible for managing night operations of a 24/7 Operations Center, which was responsible for overseeing and tracking of mobilized units. Received and tracked messages for issues dealing with mobilization and the dissemination of information to include classified material tracking and proper storage.
- Provided operational assistance and guidance to mobilizing and demobilizing units and individual mobilized Soldiers. Responsible for tracking and integrating data, along with coordinating activities associated with mobilization and demobilization.
- Revamped process for coordinating and streamlining the Mobilization, Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration (MRSOI) process for all 5,500 Soldiers arriving and deploying from Camp Shelby.

**May 2010-August 2010, Public Information Officer**, Incident Command Center-Biloxi, Task Force Vigilant Horizon, Biloxi, MS

- Mobilized and detailed to coordinate, synchronize, and de-conflict federal, state, and local media and public information response to Deepwater Horizon oil spill and consequences to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

- Oversaw the creation and visual identity, messaging, press releases, YouTube videos, photographs for the 200-member task force that required daily interaction with national and local media along with federal, state and local officials to monitor sea conditions. More than 4,000 Internet citations were created. Awarded the Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon.

**2009-2010, Battle Captain,** Special Operations Task Force 202, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan

- Responsible for the synchronization, coordination, and successful integration of all enablers and resources into current operations in support of Special Forces elements involved in nearly 500 combat patrols.
- Reviewed and prepared situation reports and sensitive time reporting for senior military leaders, including the Secretary of Defense.
- Completed plan to move nearly 450 personnel across country in preparation for the eventual deployment to Afghanistan. Wrote initial draft of Battalion Base Order for Operation Enduring Freedom.

**2008-2010, Assistant Public Information Officer,** Office of Public Information and Emergency Management, Office of the Mayor, Kenner, LA

- Speech writer, media liaison and political operations.
- Actual employment limited to nine non-consecutive months due to military activations.

**2006-2008, Infantry Platoon Leader,** B Co 3-116<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Al Asad Air Base, Iraq

- Period includes Officer Candidate School, Infantry Officer Basic Course, and deployment.
- Awarded the Bronze Star. Partook in General David Petraeus' surge in the Sunni Triangle, Iraq.

**2004-2006, Business Reporter,** The Annapolis Capital, Annapolis, MD

- Daily newspaper recently acquired by The Baltimore Sun Media Group. Covered public and private corporations in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County along with business issues presented before the General Assembly.
- Awarded two First Place awards by the Maryland-Delaware-Washington DC Press Association for business reporting and investigative writing.

**2003-2004, Staff Writer,** The Associated Press, Bureaus of Baltimore, Richmond, VA, and New Orleans

- Covered public corporations, Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, race relations, local politics, Hurricane Isabel, and the Washington DC Sniper trials for the broadcast wire.

**2002-2003, Production Assistant,** WWL-TV, New Orleans, LA

**2001-2003, Project Assistant,** Tulane University Office of Publications, New Orleans, LA

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Ferreira, R., Davidson, T., Buttell, F., Contillo, C. M., Leddie, C., Leahy, C., Nuñez-Dune, C., Lentz, B., Simkins, M., Jerolleman, A., Eide, C., Glaude, M. W., Thomas, J., Leiva, D., Awbrey, M. L., & Friedman, R. (2023). Barriers to equitable disaster recovery: A literature review [*Manuscript submitted for publication*]. Tulane School of Social Work, Tulane University.
- The Long Road Home. (2022). *Mississippi National Guard Detail Magazine*.
- Economic Impact Study of Exercise Arctic Anvil. (2020). *Mississippi Defense Initiative*.
- Economic Impact Study of Exercise Southern Strike. (2020). *Mississippi Defense Initiative*.
- What Went Wrong in Greensburg, Kansas? A Cautionary Tale on Post-Disaster Recovery from an Economic Development Perspective. (2017). *International Association of Emergency Managers*.
- Senior Leaders: Demand for Army Guard Logistics Units to Increase. (2016). *Defense Department*.

- All Shook Up: Elvis Presley's Fans Can Still Love Him Tender at Annual Tribute Festivals in Tupelo and Memphis. (2016). *AAA Southern Traveler*.
- Civil Affairs Forces, U.S. Army Reserve, National Guard, and State Partnership Program: Is There Room for Engagement? (2016). *U.S. Army War College*.
- Before You Dig That Well: An Interview with the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. (2015). *Army Engineer Magazine*.
- Leaders: Future Combat Operations to Mirror This One; All Components Play a Part. (2015). *Defense Department*.
- Coach Brings Basketball to Soldiers in Kuwait. (2015). *Tulane University New Wave*.
- Senior Guard Officer in Kuwait Says Army National Guard Presence in the Middle East May Increase. (2015). *Defense Department*.
- Military, Civilian Education Key to Future Promotions, Top Enlisted Soldier Says. (2015). *Defense Department*.
- Senior Leaders: Guard, Reservists Well-Suited for Security Cooperation Efforts in Middle East. (2015). *Defense Department*.
- A Critical Examination of Green Economic Development as a Post-Disaster Recovery Approach: The Case of Greensburg, Kansas 2007-2012. (2013). *The University of Southern Mississippi, Graduate School*.
- Incubators Work Overseas: So, What Went Wrong in Afghanistan? (2013). *U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute*.
- Economic Impact and Visitor Spending Estimates for Christmas in the Pass. (2012). *Mississippi State University*.
- Venezuelan Expats in South Florida Vote by Thousands in New Orleans. (2012). *The Miami Herald*.
- When Uncle Sam Say 'Adios': What Can the City of Knowledge (Panama City, Panama) Teach Us About Incubators, BRAC, Creative Class Theory and Politics? (2011). *The University of Southern Mississippi Center for Logistics and Transportation*.
- Managing the Crisis Through the Eyes of the Media: This One a Public Relations Fiasco. (2009) *Federal Emergency Management Agency*.
- Thinking Beyond the First Mile – A Look at Interpreters on Combat Logistics Patrols. (2009). *Infantry Magazine*.

#### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

- Green Dreams or Tumbleweeds in Greensburg, Kansas: A 15-Year Longitudinal Story on Post-Disaster Recovery from an Economic Development Perspective. (2024). *Tulane Research, Innovation, and Creativity Summit (TRICS)*, New Orleans, LA.
- Green Dreams or Tumbleweeds in Greensburg, Kansas: A 15-Year Longitudinal Story on Post-Disaster Recovery from an Economic Development Perspective. (2024). *National Hurricane Conference*, Orlando, FL.
- Leaders Talk: Army Leadership Through a Civilian's Lens. (2024). *Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center Directorate of Public Works*. Camp Shelby, MS.
- Navigating Disaster Recovery: Challenges in Rural America. (2024). *FEMA/Jackson State University Department of Urban and Regional Planning*. Jackson, MS.
- Mississippi Research Consortium Scholars Update DR-4697 and DR-4727. (2024). *FEMA Joint Field Office*. Jackson, MS.
- Developing a Statewide Disaster Grant Writing Consortium: Three Ongoing Case Studies from the Field. (2024). *FEMA Region IV Higher Education Collaborative Summit*, Houston, TX.
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security Site Visit for Arctic Domain Awareness Center of Excellence proposal. (2023). *University of Alaska Anchorage*. Anchorage, AK.
- Disruptive Leadership. (2023). *Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, Directorate of Public Works*. Camp Shelby, MS.

- Green Dreams or Tumbleweeds in Greensburg, Kansas: A 15-Year Longitudinal Story on Post-Disaster Recovery from an Economic Development Perspective. (2023). *George Mason University Center for Resilient and Sustainable Communities*. Arlington, VA.
- Green Dreams or Tumbleweeds in Greensburg, Kansas: A Cautionary Tale on Post-Disaster Recovery from an Economic Development Perspective. (2023). *International Conference on Sustainable Development*, poster presentation, New York, NY.
- The Road to 30. (2023). *Mississippi Army National Guard*, Officer Convention. Jackson, MS.
- Post-Disaster Economic Recovery in the Age of (Demographics and) Climate Change: A Case Study of FEMA Region 6 (1980-2020). (2021). *International Association of Emergency Managers*, Accepted. Savannah, GA.
- Economics of Disaster in Region 6. (2021). Guest lecturer, *Arkansas Tech University*, via Zoom.
- The Story of Alice Jackson Stuart: Black Migration in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. (2019). African American Black History Program, *1<sup>st</sup> Theater Sustainment Command*, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.
- Alice Jackson Stuart: A Look Back at America's Little-Known Civil Rights Leaders. (2019) *Continental African American Military Family Association-Southwest Asia*, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.
- What Went Wrong in Greensburg, Kansas? A Cautionary Case Study on Post-Disaster Recovery from An Economic Development Perspective.” (2018). *University of Kaiserslautern, Department of Business Administration, esp. Sustainability Management*, Kaiserslautern, Germany.
- A New ‘MISH’ for the Defense Department. (2018). *Transportation Research Board Committee on Military Transportation*, Washington D.C. (Selected and Invited).
- What Went Wrong in Greensburg, Kansas? A Cautionary Tale on Post-Disaster Recovery from An Economic Development Perspective.” (2017). *International Association of Emergency Managers*, Long Beach, CA (Presentation and Bronze Finalist in International Poster Competition)
- Greensburg, Kansas: What Went Wrong? A Cautionary Tale on Green Economic Development. (2017). *North Carolina Planning Conference (APA)*, Greenville, NC.
- Post-Disaster Economic Recovery: The Cautionary Tale of Greensburg, Kansas. (2017). *Economics Club at the University of North Carolina-Pembroke*, Pembroke, NC.
- Emerging Opportunities for National Guard Logisticians.” (2016). *Army National Guard conference*, Savannah, GA.
- U.S. State Partnership Program: Managing the Logistics of a Global Relationship.” (2016). *U.S. Naval International Aviation Logistics Process Improvement Team Meeting*, Cape Canaveral, FL.
- In-Theater Human Capital Management: Is it time for a Job Fair in Theater? (2015) *U.S. Army Operations Research Symposium*, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD
- Business Executives for National Security site visit. (2014). *Camp Shelby*, MS
- Green Dreams or Dead Tumbleweeds? The Case of Greensburg, Kansas. (2014). *28th Annual Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference*, Orlando, FL.
- *Office of Naval Research Focus Area Forum on Unmanned Systems & Autonomy*. (2014).
- Arlington, VA.
- *Army National Guard-Business Transformation Office (Community of Excellence)*. (2014). Camp Shelby, MS.
- Unmanned Systems Consortium. (2014). *University of Texas-Arlington*, Arlington, TX.
- Barriers to Creative Thinking: Functional Fixations and Preconceived Notions of the Army Logistician. (2014). *Center for Logistics, Trade, & Transportation at the University of Southern Mississippi*, Gulfport, MS.
- *Annual Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International Pathfinder Symposium*. (2014). Huntsville, AL.
- G-3 Synchronization and Operations Workshop. (2013). *U.S. Army National Guard*. Little Rock, AR.
- Ports, People and Potential: Rethinking Military Logistics in the 21st Century. (2013). *U.S. Naval Air Systems Command*. Keesler Air Force Base, MS.
- Joint War Fighter Training, Readiness and Logistics Symposium. (2013). *Mississippi State Port Authority of Gulfport*. Gulfport, MS.



- Military Coverage Up Close and Personal. (2013). *Associated Collegiate Press & College Media Association*. New Orleans, LA
- National Transportation Initiative Conference. (2013). *U.S. Army National Guard*, Camp Shelby, MS.
- Basic Community Economic Development: Practical Tools for Elected Officials. (2013). *The University of Southern Mississippi*. Hattiesburg, MS.
- Mi Casa No Es Su Casa: An Intelligent Discussion on the Immigration Issue and Mississippi's Response. (2011). Moderator, *The University of Southern Mississippi*. Hattiesburg, MS.

### **COLLEGE COURSES TAUGHT**

Tulane University, School of Social Work, Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy, (Online Weekly Sessions: Graduate-level, Three-credit hours)

- Leadership in Disaster: An Exploration in Theory and Practice, DRLS 7000: Summer 2022
- Economics of Disaster, DRLS 6030: Spring 2023, Summer 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Tulane University, School of Professional Advancement, John Lewis Master of Public Administration Program, (Online Weekly Sessions: Graduate-level, Three-credit hours)

- Public Organizational Leadership, Cross-Sector Partnerships, and Stakeholder Engagement, MPAD 6120: Spring 2024

University of Maryland-University College (Online eight-week courses/In-Person: Three-credit hours)

- Principles of Microeconomics, ECON 203: Summer 2017, Summer 2018, Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Fall 2023, Spring 2024
- Principles of Macroeconomics, ECON 201: Fall 2019, Summer 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Summer 2023, Spring 2024
- Principles of Macroeconomics, ECON 201: Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, (In-Person), Spring 2019
- Principles of Macroeconomics, ECON 201: Kaiserslautern, Germany (In-person), Spring 2018
- Economics in the Information Age, ECON 103: Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019: Summer 2019, Fall 2020, Spring, 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022

Vincennes University, Fort Benning, GA campus (In-person weekend course: Three-credit hours)

- Personal Financial Management, ECON 208: Winter 2017

Saint Leo University, Shaw Air Force Base campus (In-person; Eight-week courses: Three-credit hours)

- Principles of Microeconomics, ECON 202: Spring 2017
- Principles of Macroeconomics, ECON 201: Fall 2016, Spring 2017

Central Texas College-Europe, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait (In-person courses)

- Managerial Planning, MTLM 1170, one-credit hour, Spring 2019
- Functional Academic Skills Training, four-weeks, Spring 2019
- Effective Writing II, MTBC 1173, one-credit hour, Spring 2016
- Managing Resources, MTLM 1171, one-credit hour, Spring 2016
- Professional Ethics, MTES 1170, one-credit hour, Spring 2016

### **GRANTS AWARDED**

- Teaching Professor Conference, Tulane University Center for Engaged Learning and Training, 2023
- University of Alaska Grant Writing Network: A Tier 1 Faculty Initiative Fund Proposal, 2023

### **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE COURSES TAKEN**

- National Disaster Recovery Support (NDRS) Tier III, Interagency Recovery Coordination, 8/26/2022

- Elements of Supervision, 5/21/2021
- National Disaster Recovery Support (NDRS) Specialist, 11/20/2020
- IS-00001, Emergency Program Manager an Orientation to the Position, 09/19/2008
- IS-00100.a Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100, 07/23/2010
- IS-00139 Exercise Design, 11/22/2008
- IS-00200.a ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, ICS-200, 07/23/2010
- IS-00230 Principles of Emergency Management 10/10/2008
- IS-00235 Emergency Planning, 10/17/2008
- IS-00240 Leadership & Influence, 11/07/2008
- IS-00241 Decision Making & Problem Solving, 11/01/2008
- IS-00242 Effective Communication, 10/27/2008
- IS-00244 Developing and Managing Volunteers, 11/14/2008
- IS-00271 Anticipating Hazardous Weather & Community Risk, 10/03/2008
- IS-00700 National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction, 09/04/2008
- IS-00775 EOC Management and Operations, 09/24/2008
- IS-00800.b National Response Framework, An Introduction, 07/23/2010

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- Meritorious Service Medal, 2022, 2019, 2016, 2014
- Certificate of Appreciation, 155<sup>th</sup> Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2021
- National Guard Association of Mississippi Two-Year Scholarship, 2021
- German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Silver), Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, 2019
- Disaster Recovery International Foundation Veterans Outreach Program Scholarship awardee, 2019
- Certificate of Appreciation, Inspectorate for Polish Armed Forces Support, Bydgoszcz, Poland, 2018
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, 2016
- South Carolina Regional Toastmasters Tournament, Second Place, Extemporaneous Speech, 2016
- Silver Quill Award, US Army Engineer Magazine, 2015
- Certificate of Appreciation, 53<sup>rd</sup> Army Operations Research Symposium, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, 2015
- Certificate of Achievement, Mission Command Training Program, Fort Riley, KS, 2014
- Certificate of Achievement, U.S. Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, U.S. Army War College, 2013
- Letter of Appreciation, U.S. Naval Air Systems Command, 2013
- Bronze Star Medal, 2010, 2008
- Army Commendation Medal, 2021, 2013, 2009
- Army Achievement Medal, (Three awards)
- Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, (Six awards)
- NATO Medal, 2010
- National Defense Service Medal, (Two awards)
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal, 2010
- Iraq Campaign Medal, 2008
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, 2007
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal, 2002, 2012
- Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon, 2004
- Army Service Ribbon, 1993
- Army Overseas Ribbon, 2008, 2010
- Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon, 2011
- Mississippi Longevity Medal, 2012
- Parachutist Badge, 2009
- First Place, Investigative Reporting, Maryland, Delaware, DC Press Assoc., 2006
- First Place, Business Reporting, Maryland, Delaware, DC Press Assoc., 2006

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

- American Council on Education, Faculty Evaluator, 2024
- Tulane University Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching (CELT), 2023
- World Affairs Council of New Orleans, Board of Directors, 2023
- Arctic Domain Awareness Center, US DHS Center of Excellence, University of Alaska Anchorage, Executive Counselor, 2023
- StellarModal Transportation Association, Board of Directors, 2022
- Mississippi Rifles, National Infantry Association, Executive Board, 2022
- Veterans Affairs Administrators of Mississippi, 2021
- Pine Belt Human Resources Association, 2021
- Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association, 2020
- Civil Affairs Association of America, 2019
- National Association of Business Economics, 2020
- National Guard Association of Mississippi, 2020
- National Guard Association of the United States, 2020
- New Orleans Regional Council for Business Economics, 2019
- University of Maryland Global Campus Adjunct Faculty Association, 2019
- International Economic Development Council Advisory Committee, 2018
- International Economic Development Council Higher Education Advisory Committee, 2017-2018
- Sumter Opera House, Sumter, S.C., 2014-2016
- Defense Department Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) UAS Center of Excellence Proposal Team, Jackson, MS, 2014
- Strategic Seaport Designation Committee for the Mississippi State Port Authority – Gulfport, 2014
- The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Board, 2014-2016
- World Trade Center Mississippi, 2014
- World Affairs Council of New Orleans, 2014
- National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Associate Member, 2013
- Mentor for Leadership Jones County, 2013-2014
- Pine Belt Young Professionals Committee, 2013-2015
- Board of Directors, Industry Advisory Council of Center for Logistics, Trade, and Transportation at The University of Southern Mississippi, 2013-2016
- Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International – Mississippi Chapter, 2012
- Mississippi Economic Development Council, 2013
- Tulane University Alumni Association, 2003

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- Disaster Recovery Institute International Conference, 2024
- National Association of Business Economists Conference, 2023
- National Hurricane Conference, 2023
- National Association of Business Economists Annual Symposium, Virtual, 2021
- Civil Affairs Annual Symposium, Virtual, 2023, 2022, 2021
- Oceans in Action, Gulfport, MS, 2019
- Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium, Spokane, WA, 2019
- Civil Affairs Annual Symposium, Tampa, FL, 2019
- Federal Aviation Administration UAS Center of Excellence Public Meeting, Leesburg, VA, 2014
- Investigative Researcher for WWL-TV, New Orleans, LA, 2012
- Sustainable Disaster Recovery Conference, Attendee, St. Louis, MO, 2012
- Mississippi Chapter of the American Planning Association Conference, Attendee, Meridian, MS, 2012
- Urban League of Greater New Orleans, Intern, 2012
- Economic Development Summit, Speaker, Balch Springs, TX, 2012
- Mississippi Economic Development Council, Intern, Biloxi, MS, 2012

- Military translator for Bolivian Air Force exchange sponsored by U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Jackson, MS, 2012
- Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference, Attendee, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 2012
- National Evacuation Conference, 2010
- Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference, Scholarship awarded, Fort Lauderdale, FL., 2010
- Professional Development Series, U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency, 2008

### **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

- International Programs Security Requirements Course, Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management, 2015
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization Civil Military Cooperation Awareness Course, 2014
- Global Theater Security Cooperation Management Information System Modules 1 & 2, Joint Warfighter Center, 2014
- Cross-Cultural Negotiations for Civil Affairs Forces, Joint Warfighter Center, 2014
- Security Cooperation Management Orientation Course, Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management, 2014
- Security Cooperation Familiarization Course, Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management, 2014
- Spanish – DLPT-5 (2+/3)
- Conversational Beginning Russian, 2013
- Battle Captain of Mobilization Operations - Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center
- Future Plans Officer – 2/20<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne)
- Operations Officer – 2/20<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne)
- Civil Affairs Officer – Battalion-level and Division-level
- Platoon Leader – Company
- Infantry Officer – 11A Tactical Level; Parachutist
- Managed the movement of personnel/equipment by land, sea, air, and rail, military/civilian transportation systems
- Assembling Teams and Working Groups
- Receiving and Communicating the Commanders/CEO Purpose and Intent
- Speech writer
- Award-winning business journalist
- Skilled academic researcher
- Understanding of political implications
- Former mayoral aide
- Event Management
- Organizational Development
- Strategic Analysis
- Facilitator of interagency activities
- Army Special Operations attributes
- Strategic Planning
- Creative Problem Solving
- Project Management
- Operations Management
- Military Logistics
- Logistics Management
- International Logistics
- Strategic Partnerships
- Secret Security Clearance (Interim Top-Secret during Afghanistan deployment)

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