

EDUCATION

Kansas State University
Master of Arts, Security Studies.
Graduation, December 2009.

Iowa State University
Bachelor of Science, Animal Science.
Graduation, May 2007.

EXPERIENCE**Engineering Equipment Operator (Department of Defense)*****Fort Riley, Kan.***

- Assumes leadership responsibilities attached to maintenance of roads and grounds on large army base.
- Manages groups of 4-5 individuals to accomplish tasks assigned by upper management.
- Collaboratively works with team to meet strict deadlines and project goals.
Spring 2008-Spring 2010.

Habitat for Humanity Team Member and Fund Raiser***Nurak, Tajikistan***

- Performed a solo 262-mile run across the state of Iowa to raise money for Global Village volunteer program.
- Fund-raising goal of \$10,000 acquired through personal and corporate donations.
- Traveled with HFH to Garm for a work-trip in spring to acquire understanding of Tajik culture.
Spring 2010.

Personal Research Trip to Kyrgyzstan***Kyrgyzstan***

- Performed primary interviews in southern Fergana Valley.
- Documented inter-ethnic violence in Osh and Jalalabad during June Uprisings, for purposes of conflict studies publication.
Spring 2010

Capstone Research Thesis on Somali Conflict

- Researched ancillary effects of a stateless society in Somalia and interaction of rural, pastoral communities.
- Seeks to understand the social and economic implications of a region lacking a centralized government.
- Culminating thesis paper of graduate education.
Summer-Fall 2009.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE**Habitat for Humanity Global Village**

- Raised approximately \$10,000 for HFH Tajikistan by running across Iowa in seven days.
- Built and reconstructed homes in Garm, Tajikistan.
May 2010.

Lance Armstrong Foundation

- Raised more than \$3,500 for cancer research by running several 100-mile ultramarathons.
- Composed and distributed donation letters throughout the Midwest.
2005-2007.

American Lung Association

- Raised more than \$1,500 for cancer research by participating in a stair climb in Des Moines, Iowa.
- Composed and distributed donation letters for personal and corporate sponsorship.
Spring 2004.

SKILLS

- Research methodology (qualitative and quantitative).
- Effectively articulates complex information to large audiences and small groups.
- Collaboration experience with military and civilian personnel in conflict-studies projects.
- Manages and delegates team functions to facilitate specific goal achievement.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite and ArcGIS.

INTERESTS

- Central and South Asian political structures and regional security implications.
- Ethnic conflict and regional-actor research.
- Socio-political movements with military implications.
- Conflict studies, rural population and diaspora research.