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Commissioned a Signal Corps officer, he held various command and staff assignments in the field to include command of B Company, 40th Signal Battalion (Combat Cable Construction), service in the 505th Signal Company, 86th Signal Battalion, the 11th Signal Brigade, as well as serving as the Tactical Communications Officer with the United Nations Command Joint Security Force in Panmunjom, Korea.

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As Assistant Professor for Chinese History at West Point he developed and taught courses on the history of the Chinese revolution, the history of the PLA, and Asian warfare throughout the ages.

His 1993 book-length study, *Washington's Taiwan Dilemma, 1949-1950: From Abandonment to Salvation*, was hailed in a Presidential Studies Quarterly review as "blazing a new trail" and should "take an important place in the literature of U.S. Chinese relations in the mid twentieth century."

His various publications and conference papers include:

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