
ROBERT E. HAMILTON

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

National security professional and scholar with 27 years of combined experience in government and academia.

SKILLS

- Geopolitics of Russia and Eurasia
- Russian language
- German language
- International relations
- Comparative politics
- National security policy
- Security assistance
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- Conference presentation
- Curriculum development
- Graduate advising
- Staff supervision
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WORK HISTORY

Professor, Department of National Security and Strategy, 08/2014 to Current

U.S. Army War College – Carlisle, PA

- Advise students on academic plan and course selection.
- Serve as advisor for four student strategy research projects.
- Develop curriculum for National Security Policy and Strategy course.
- Teach courses in Theory of War and Strategy, National Security Policy and Strategy, Geopolitics of Eurasia and Foundations of Building Partner Capacity.

Deputy Chief, Security Assistance Office, 08/2013 to 08/2014

U.S. Army – U.S. Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan

- Managed U.S. Security Assistance to Pakistan, strategically critical set of programs with total value of almost \$7 billion.
- Oversaw execution of U.S. military-to-military contacts between U.S. and Pakistan, a complex relationship with multiple stakeholders including U.S. Embassy-Islamabad, U.S. Central Command, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of State, and Pakistani Ministry of Defense.

Professor, Department of National Security and Strategy, 07/2011 to 08/2013

U.S. Army War College – Carlisle, PA

- Advised students on academic plan and course selection.
- Served as advisor for five student strategy research projects.
- Hosted visiting scholars and dignitaries, to include two Commandants of Baltic Defense College.
- Taught courses in Theory of War and Strategy, National Security Policy and Strategy, and Geopolitics of Eurasia.

Ph.D. Candidate - University of Virginia, 08/2009 to 07/2011

U.S. Army – Charlottesville, VA

- Completed course work and comprehensive examinations for Ph.D. in Foreign Affairs with concentration in Eurasia.
- Maintained 4.0 grade point average in Ph.D.-level courses.
- Passed written comprehensive exams in International Relations and Comparative Politics, and Reading exams in Russian and German, all on the first attempt.

U.S. Army Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), 07/2008 to 08/2009

U.S. Army – Washington, DC

- Wrote multiple articles on geopolitical and security dynamics of Eurasia, published by CSIS.
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- Wrote article on 2008 Russia-Georgia war, which was included as a chapter in book on the conflict.
- Participated in multiple panel discussions on Eurasia at CSIS and other venues.
- Participated in multiple briefings organized by CSIS for media outlets and Congressional staffers.

Chief, Office of Defense Cooperation, 07/2006 to 07/2008

U.S. Army – U.S. Embassy - Tbilisi, Georgia

- Led diverse team of 20 U.S. military, Georgian employees of the U.S. government, and U.S. contractors in managing U.S. security assistance program in Georgia, a key U.S. partner that deployed over 7800 soldiers to Iraq.
- Managed training and equipping of Georgian units deploying to Iraq, an effort that required management of \$40-85 million annual budget.
- Hosted or assisted in hosting multiple U.S. dignitaries, including Deputy Commander of U.S. European Command, Commander of U.S. Forces in Afghanistan, Chief of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, and multiple Congressional delegations.

Chief, Regional Engagement Cell, 07/2005 to 07/2006

U.S. Army – Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan

- Led 6 U.S. military officers and Afghan interpreters charged with planning and supporting all military contacts among U.S. Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan, Afghan military and Pakistani military.
- Supported visit of Afghan Chief of General Staff to Pakistan and visit of Pakistani Vice Chief of Army Staff to Afghanistan.
- Led multiple engagements and conferences dedicated to improving coordination and security along Afghan-Pakistani border, preventing improvised explosive device attacks in both countries, and facilitating greater military contacts between them.

Desk Officer-Uzbekistan, 09/2003 to 07/2005

U.S. Army – U.S. Central Command, Tampa FL and Doha, Qatar

- Oversaw all contacts between U.S. Central Command and military leadership of Uzbekistan.
- Supported U.S. security assistance relationship to Uzbekistan and U.S. operations at Karshi-Khanabad air base in Uzbekistan.
- Supported visit of the Commander, U.S. Central Command to Uzbekistan.

Theater War Planner, 06/2002 to 09/2003

U.S. Army – U.S. Central Command - Tampa, FL and Doha, Qatar

- Participated in development of U.S. Central Command war plan for Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- Led development of portion of Operation Iraqi Freedom plan focused on protecting and, if necessary, rebuilding Iraqi oil and gas infrastructure.
- Coordinated for Iraqi oil and gas infrastructure protection and renovation among multiple stakeholders, to include U.S. Central Command, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, Kellogg, Brown and Root, and U.S. Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance.

U.S. Exchange Student, 06/2000 to 05/2002

U.S. Army – German Armed Forces Staff College, Hamburg, Germany

- Selected as U.S. Army exchange student at German Armed Forces Staff College.
- Completed two-year academic curriculum focused on military planning and operations, conducted entirely in German.

M.A. Candidate - University of Virginia, 01/1999 to 06/2000

U.S. Army – Charlottesville, VA

- Awarded M.A. in Contemporary Russian Studies.
- Thesis, "Belarus: The Triumph and Failure of Nation-Building" recommended for acceptance with distinction.

Senior Fellow - George C. Marshall Institute for European Security Studies, 07/1997 to 12/1998

U.S. Army – Garmisch, Germany

- Completed U.S. Army Eurasia Foreign Area Officer training and regional familiarization.
- Completed two assignments totaling over 7 months at the U.S. Embassy in Minsk, Belarus.
- Traveled extensively in former Soviet Union.

**Commander, Headquarters Company, 2/33 Armor Regiment,
U.S. Army – Fort Knox, KY**

- Led company of over 300 soldiers, part of battalion of 194th Separate Armor Brigade.

**Commander, E Troop, 5/15 Cavalry, 04/1993 to 06/1994
U.S. Army – Fort Knox, KY**

- Led troop of senior non-commissioned officers that trained U.S. Army Cavalry Scouts on all basic and career-field specific military tasks.

**Platoon Leader and Troop Executive Officer, 2/4 Cavalry, 24th Infantry Division, 01/1989 to 09/1992
U.S. Army – Fort Stewart, Georgia**

- Served as Scout Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader and Troop Executive Officer for Cavalry Squadron of 24th Infantry Division.
- Led Squadron Support Platoon during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Platoon provided all fuel and ammunition for the squadron's 4-day, 300-km attack into Iraq, which is among the longest and fastest armored attacks in U.S. military history.

EDUCATION

Ph.D.: Foreign Affairs, 2014

University of Virginia - Charlottesville, VA

Dissertation: "Understanding Violent Separatism: Institutions, Identities and International Intervention"

Master of Arts: Russian Studies, 2000

University of Virginia - Charlottesville, VA

Thesis: "Belarus: The Triumph and Failure of Nation-Building"

Bachelor of Science: National Security and Public Affairs, 1988

United States Military Academy - West Point, NY

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Monographs

- *Project 1704: A U.S. Army War College Analysis of Russian Strategy in Eastern Europe*, with Multiple co-authors led by Doug Mastriano, Ph.D., published by the U.S. Army War College Strategic Studies Institute, March 3, 2015.
- *Understanding Violent Separatism: Institutions, Identities and International Intervention*, Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Virginia, December 2014.
- *The Russian Military and the Georgian War: Lessons and Implications*, co-authored with Ariel Cohen, Ph.D., published by the U.S. Army War College Strategic Studies Institute, June 2011.
- *Belarus: The Triumph and Failure of Nation-Building*, MA thesis, University of Virginia, May 2000.

Book Chapters

- "The Bear Came Through the Tunnel: An Analysis of Georgian Planning and Operations in the Russo-Georgia War and Implications for U.S. Policy", published as chapter in the book *Crisis in the Caucasus: Russia, Georgia and the West*, edited by Paul B. Rich, published by Routledge, 2010.

Articles

- "Georgian Military Reform: An Alternative View", published by Center for Strategic and International Studies, February 3, 2009.
- "A Resolute Strategy on Georgia", published by Center for Strategic and International Studies, September 4, 2008.

Conference Presentations and Interviews

- Chaired a panel on "Post-ISAF NATO: Maintaining Capabilities and Interoperability" at the Georgian Defense and Security Conference, June 26-28, 2014.
- Served as panelist on panel entitled "South Caucasus in the Context of International Security" at

German Marshall Fund Conference "South Caucasus: the Dividing Lines are Shifting, April 7, 2014.

- Served as panelist on panel entitled "U.S.-Georgia: Maintaining the Strategic Partnership" at Center for Strategic and International Studies U.S.-Georgia forum, April 10, 2012.
- Interviewed on "The Georgia-Russia War and NATO" as part of Critical Questions series of Center for Strategic and International Studies, December 8, 2008.
- Interviewed on "Russia's Strategy in the War Against Georgia" as part of Critical Questions series of Center for Strategic and International Studies, August 14, 2008.
- Served as panelist on American Enterprise Institute panel on "Assessment of the Russia-Georgia Conflict", August 13, 2008.