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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, CA

Master of Arts, Economics

August 2007

- GPA: 3.33 (GRE: Q:780/V:730)

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Colorado Springs, CO

Bachelor of Science, Social Sciences

May 2002

Minor: French

- GPA: 3.19

EXPERIENCE

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, SPACE AND MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER

Captain, USAF, Nuclear Detonation Detection System Project Manager

Los Angeles, CA

September 2004 – September 2006

- Managed cost, performance, and schedule of the \$5M annual sustainment and development aspects of GPS' U.S. Nuclear Detonation Detection ground systems
- Chaired multi-disciplined team of scientists, technical advisors, and national laboratory engineers
- Oversaw system security accreditation of Nuclear Detonation Detection hardware and software

1st Lieutenant, USAF, Space Lift Range Project Manager

Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA

February 2003 – September 2004

- Led 30-person team conducting analysis of Ground-based Midcourse Defense launch requirements, including aggressive multiple target/intercept flight test scenarios. Provided matrix of innovative solutions and associated \$20M range upgrades in helping GMD solidify test cases.
- Led study and negotiated multiple agency agreement for the design and implementation of the Air Force system security certification and program at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Prevented potential schedule delays of critical product deliveries and averted \$500K/year in recurring contractor actions.
- Completed the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute European Area studies course; awarded Air Force Foreign Area Officer designation.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Colorado Springs, CO

Cadet-in-charge of USAFA- Ecole de L'Air International Exchange Program

Fall 2001

Selected by faculty and classmates as the leader of the 8-member USAFA delegation to the French Air Force Academy. Acted as provisional ambassador to France, attending L'Ecole de l'Air and participating in its flight programs. Responsible to the Ecole de L'Air and USAFA for U.S. exchange cadets' personal, military, and academic standards

Concours Jean-Pictet Participant

Spring 2001

One of three USAFA representatives in the annual international French session of the Jean-Pictet International Humanitarian Law competition. Competed against worldwide French-speaking delegations in interpretation and application of Intl Humanitarian Law in a simulated U.N. forum

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Languages: English and French (native), German (Completed the Air Force German Language and Area Studies Immersion in Salzburg, Austria. Proficiency rating by the Austrian German language diploma agency)
- Computer skills: Econometrics software (Stata), Microsoft Office
- Gymnastics Swiss National Team Champion ('93) with Pascale Grossenbacher (Atlanta '96) and Naomi Zeller