

# Benjamin M. Jensen, Ph.D.

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Eighteen years of experience leading national security professionals in visualizing and describing the changing character of war and developing new strategies. Senior academic and research positions supporting the U.S. Congress, Department of Defense, Department of State, USAID, and NATO. Demonstrated ability to produce plans, strategic assessments, alternative futures analysis, war games, and red team products. **Active TS//SCI.**

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

### **Center for Strategic and International Studies** *Senior Fellow*

**Washington, DC**  
*Oct 2021-present*

- Senior Fellow for Future War, Gaming and Strategy in the International Studies Program.

### **Marine Corps University** *Professor of Strategic Studies, School of Advanced Warfighting (SAW)*

**Quantico, VA**  
*Mar 2012-present*

- Program Director, Future War Research Program (SAW)
- Course Director, Changing Character of Conflict
- Founded the Gray Scholars Program in the Command and Staff College.
- Led research efforts supporting the Office of Net Assessment, DARPA, Office of Naval Research, Army Futures Command and Marine Corps Warfighting Lab.

### **U.S. Cyberspace Solarium Commission** *Senior Research Director and Lead Author*

**Washington, DC**  
*May 2019-present*

- Worked directly with the Congressional Co-Chairs and Executive Director to develop an overarching strategy (layered cyber deterrence), lead author for the final report.
- Designed and facilitated the solarium event attended by Congressional Representatives, Senators, senior representatives from the DOD, DOJ, Treasury, Commerce, DHS and ODNI.

### **Economic Organization of West African States (ECOWAS)** *Subject Matter Expert, Early-Warning, Human Security, and Red Teaming*

**Abuja, Nigeria**  
*May 2017-2020*

- Supported a Department of State initiative on crisis early-warning and conflict analysis across West Africa; included three training sessions on statistical analysis, forecasting, and scenario-planning with senior officials and authoring a red team manual.
- Supported a USAID initiative working with ECOWAS Early-Warning Directorate; authored the Human Security Analysis Framework and Joint Analysis and Response Planning guide and led three trainings in Nigeria.

### **Atlantic Council** *Senior Fellow*

**Washington, DC**  
*Apr 2017-present*

- Support the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Statecraft; co-authored four major reports.
- Experience designing war games, alternative futures analysis forums, and strategic assessments.

**American University, School of International Service** **Washington, DC**  
**Hurst Professorial Lecturer (Adjunct)** **Jan 2006-present**

- Teach classes on the causes of war and planning, forecasting, and decision making.
- Former program director Peace, Global Security and Conflict Resolution.

**U.S. Army** **Washington, DC**  
**Reserve Officer** **Mar 2002-present**

- Current position, Battalion Commander 321 E-MI BN (323 soldier military intelligence battalion).
- Prior leadership experience as a detachment commander in a Joint unit (EUCOM), company commander, and platoon leader. Four mobilizations and multiple overseas deployments.
- Helped standup Army Futures Command and the 75<sup>th</sup> Innovation Command (USAR).
- Former Fellow, Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, Strategic Studies Group.
- Military Certifications (MOS): 35D (All-Source Intelligence), 34A (Strategic Intelligence), 7J (Red Team).

## EDUCATION

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**American University** **Washington, DC**  
**School of International Service** **May 2010**

*Ph.D. International Relations*  
*M.A. International Peace and Conflict Resolution*

**National Intelligence University** **Washington, DC**  
*M.S. Strategic Intelligence* **May 2010**

**University of Wisconsin-Madison** **Madison, WI**  
*B.A. English* **Dec 1997**

## MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

- *Information at War: Military Innovation, Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Power* (Washington: Georgetown University Press, forthcoming 2022 co-authored)
- *Complex Terrain: Megacities and the Changing Character of Urban Operations* (Quantico: Marine Corps University Press, co-authored)
- *Cyber Strategy: The Evolving Character of Power and Coercion* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018, co-authored).
- *Military Strategy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: People, Connectivity, and Competition* (New York: Cambria, 2018, co-authored)
- *Forging the Sword: Doctrinal Change in the U.S. Army* (Pal Alto: Stanford University Press, 2016)

## Government & International Organization Monographs

- *U.S. Cyberspace Solarium Commission Report* (Washington: U.S. Congress, 2020, lead author)
- *ECOWAS Red Team Manual* (Abuja: ECOWAS, 2020, lead author)
- *ECOWAS Response Planning Framework* (Washington: USAID, 2019, lead author)
- *ECOWAS Human Security Analysis Framework* (Washington: USAID, 2018, lead author)
- *The Character of the Future Operational Environment 2030-2050* (Arlington: Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, lead author)

## Think Tank Reports

- *Competitive Strategy Insights from Wargames* (Washington: Atlantic Council September 28, 2020, co-authored)
- *What Do We Know About Cyber Escalation? Observations from Simulations and Surveys* (Washington: Atlantic Council November 22, 2019, co-authored)
- *Alternate Cybersecurity Futures* (Washington: Atlantic Council September 28, 2019, co-authored)
- *The Myth of the Cyber Offense: The Case for Restraint* (Washington: CATO Institute January 15, 2019, co-authored)
- *The Character of Warfare 2030-2050: Technological Change, the International System, and the State* (Washington: Atlantic Council, 2018, lead author)
- *Cyber Operations in Conflict: Lessons from Analytical Wargames* (Berkley: Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity, 2018, co-authored)

## Journal Articles

- “Algorithms at War: The Promise, Peril, and Limits of Artificial Intelligence” *International Studies Review* 22(3) September 2020 (co-authored)
- “Fancy Bears and Digital Trolls: Cyber Strategy with a Russian Twist” *Journal of Strategic Studies* 42:2 2019 (co-authored)
- “The Role of Ideas in Defense Planning: Revisiting the Revolution in Military Affairs” *Defence Studies* 18(3), 2018
- “The Strategist’s Dilemma: Global Dynamic Density and the Making of US-China Policy” *European Journal of International Security* 3(2) June 2018 (co-authored)
- “Escaping the Iron Cage: the Institutional Foundations of FM 3-24 Counterinsurgency Doctrine” *Journal of Strategic Studies* 39(2) 2016

## Commentary

- 27 pieces in *War on the Rocks*
- 4 pieces in *Joint Forces Quarterly, Parameters and Military Review*
- 3 pieces in *The Washington Post*
- 3 pieces in *The Strategy Bridge*
- 10 other pieces in *The New York Times, Financial Times, Daily News, Philadelphia Inquirer, USA Today*

## REFERENCES

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- Mark Montgomery, ED Cyberspace Solarium Commission: [mark@solarium.gov](mailto:mark@solarium.gov)
- Barry Pavel, Director Scowcroft Center, Atlantic Council: [bpavel@atlanticcouncil.org](mailto:bpavel@atlanticcouncil.org)
- Lieutenant General Edward Cardon (USA, Retired): [edward.cardon@gmail.com](mailto:edward.cardon@gmail.com)
- Lieutenant General Charles Cleveland (USA, Retired): [c.thomas.cleveland@gmail.com](mailto:c.thomas.cleveland@gmail.com)
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