



DSCU FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



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How long have you been a member of DSCU's ISG?

- Seven years

Areas of expertise:

- Regional Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) advising. As a Regional Program Lead (RPL), I provide unity of command and effort for ISG ICB advising in a country. ISG RPLs direct all ISG ICB engagements with the Geographic Combatant Command, the Country Team, and the Partner.

Countries program you have led:

- I have led ISG advising country programs in: Argentina, Bahamas, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, and Panama.

Alma mater and degrees:

- United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, BS.
- Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, MA.
- Escuela de Defensa Nacional, Buenos Aires, Argentina, MA.

Prior experience:

- Served in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense as a Country Portfolio Director and Military Assistant.
- Served as the Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché in Bogota, Colombia and Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- Served as the Army Attaché/Security Cooperation Officer in numerous U.S. Embassies in Latin America.

Other affiliations, hobbies or achievements:

- In my limited spare time, I like to bike, hike, and play golf, albeit very poorly.