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EDUCATION

- 1983 Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 1985 Master's in Business Administration, Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL
- 1986 Squadron Officer School (residence), Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 1997 Air Command and Staff College (residence), Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2001 Air War College (seminar), Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
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ASSIGNMENTS

- 1983 – 1985 Space Shuttle Electrical Sys Engineer, 6555th Aerospace Test Group, Cape Canaveral AFS, FL
- 1985 – 1988 DOD Payload Launch Operations Mgr, 6555th Aerospace Test Group, Cape Canaveral AFS, FL
- 1988 – 1991 Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Detachment 585, Duke University, NC
- 1991 – 1995 Command Lead, Space Launch and Range Systems, HQ AFSPC, Peterson AFB, CO
- 1995 – 1996 Deputy Program Manager, Range Standardization & Automation Program, Patrick AFB, FL
- 1996 – 1997 Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1997 – 1998 Director, Commandant's Leadership Speaker Series, ACSC, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1998 – 2001 Student, AFIT Ph.D. program at Auburn University, Auburn, AL
- 2001 – 2002 Academic Instructor and Advisor, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
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