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**EDUCATION**

**UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY (USMA)**

***-Bachelor of Science in International Relations, 1998***

**TEACHERS COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

***-Master of Arts, Psychological Counseling, February 2008***

***-Master of Education, Psychological Counseling, May 2008***

***-Master of Arts, Social Organizational Psychology, October 2008***

***-Master of Philosophy, Clinical Psychology, May 2015***

***-Ph.D. Candidate (Dissertation Complete), Clinical Psychology, Expected May 2018***

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**MILITARY (INFANTRY AND TEACHING) EXPERIENCE**

***Infantry Battalion Commander, 1-314<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Active Duty), US Army (June 2015- August 2017).***  
***Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ***

- Responsible for advising eleven National Guard Infantry battalions as they prepare for world-wide deployment
- Responsible for the combat readiness and welfare of the Soldiers within my battalion and their families

***Assistant Professor, Military Science 300 (Required for Juniors) and Cadet Summer Training Operations Officer, Department of Military Instruction, United States Military Academy (May 2013- June 2015). West Point, NY***

- Assistant professor for military science class (MS300) focused on annually teaching approximately 160 juniors in military operations at the platoon-level. Cadets utilize instruction after graduating as officers and becoming platoon leaders in the US Army
- Operations officer for summer training responsible for coordinating the training of over 4,000 cadets provided by a cadre of over 500 members and 600 additional augmentees from the Army

***Light Infantry Battalion & Brigade Operations Officer, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, US Army (June 2011- May 2013). Ft. Drum & Afghanistan***

- Trained and deployed with 1,600 Soldiers to Afghanistan to provide security and train Afghan forces
- Lead trainer for Courage Leader Coaching training, which I developed, to train company-level leaders to understand and mitigate PTSD within their Soldiers and optimize performance during a yearlong deployment

***Course Director, Assistant Professor, Foundations of Counseling (PL387) & Instructor of General Psychology for Leaders (PL100), Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership, United States Military Academy (January 2007-June 2011). West Point, NY & Afghanistan***

- Integrated own research on PTSD, leadership experiences in combat and as a psychotherapist to develop courses and teach approximately 160 cadets annually; Deployed to Afghanistan to assess and evaluate impact of training that I developed and provided to Army leaders prior to their deployment
- Redesigned course syllabus and assessments in courses to not only integrate essential aspects of self-awareness for cadets but necessary multicultural counseling components that helped to better prepare cadets to lead multicultural Soldiers through difficult times

***Airborne Infantry Company Commander (A Company, 1/508<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade) and Staff officer (March 2003-June 2006), US Army. Vicenza, Italy & Afghanistan***

- Trained and then deployed Infantry Company (144 Soldiers) to Afghanistan (January 2005- January 2006). Improved security in Afghanistan by establishing governance (e.g., train Afghan police) and conducting operations against insurgent forces

***Special Operations, Ranger Platoon Leader & Company Executive Officer, 2/75 Ranger Battalion (January 2000- July 2002), US Army. Ft. Lewis & Afghanistan***

- Trained and then deployed elite Special Operations Rangers within the Headquarters company to Afghanistan. Assisted in the development of the Afghan border security plan by establishing initial forward bases near the Pakistan border
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### **RESEARCHER/PSYCHOTHERAPIST**

***Co-Founder, Director of Military Relations, Resilience Center for Veterans & Families at Teachers College, Columbia University (March 2015-Current)***

- Co-Founder of Resilience Center, which focuses on three focus areas of conducting applied research, developing and evaluating interventions and training programs, and collaborating with local and federal stakeholders to assist Veterans and their families successfully transition to civilian life; Principle investigator for five research protocols.
- Principle investigator for evaluation of Veteran Drug Treatment Court in Westchester County, NY. The court was recently awarded a federal, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant and the Resilience Center was awarded the contract to evaluate the program.
- Principle investigator for randomized controlled trial, with 600 recent Veterans in NYC, studying the effectiveness of a mentorship model to mitigate PTSD, ease transition stressors, minimize crime and suicidal behaviors, as well as promote psychological welfare. Study is being conducted in partnership with Department of Veteran Affairs, Starbucks and the NYC Department of Veterans' Services. [\*Preliminary results\*](#)
- Lead developer and trainer for Veteran Multicultural Competence training for Mental Health Providers and Business leaders

***Clinical Psychologist Intern, James J. Peters (Bronx) VA Medical Center (September 2017-August 2018) Bronx, NY.***

- Clinical psychology intern for Veterans who served in wars ranging from World War II to recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. Provide clinical and psychological services for Veterans within the following specialty clinics: PTSD Clinic, Supportive Recovery Services (Substance Use), Spinal Cord Injury Clinic, Community Living Center, and Rapid Access Clinic.

***Psychotherapist & Doctoral Student Extern, Hudson Valley Center for Development, St. Luke's Hospital (June 2008-June 2011 and August 2013-June 2015) Cornwall, NY.***

- Provided psychotherapy for children, adolescents, adults, families, and couples. Developed program for Combat Veterans and Emergency Service Personnel. *New York Licensed Mental Health Counselor (License: #004713)*

***Member of Research Team (Post-Traumatic Growth) (2009-2011)***

- Team investigated the existence of Post-Traumatic Growth for Soldiers before, during, and after a deployment to Iraq. The team surveyed and interviewed over 600 Soldiers from Ft. Hood, TX, throughout the lifespan of their deployment to Iraq with both quantitative and qualitative data

***Officer Supervisor & Master Student Extern, Cadet Counseling Unit, Center for Personal Development, US Military Academy (June-August 2007, June-August 2008, June-August 2009)***

- Supervised three cadet counselors each year as they provided counseling for over 90 new cadets during Cadet Basic Training at the USMA. The clients primarily struggled with issues consisting of PTSD, depression, and adjustment concerns
- Provided classroom instruction to cadet counselors pertaining to PTSD and counseling skills
- Presented to the Cadet Basic Training leaders concerning the importance of stress management
- Liaisoned with Army Officers concerning the psychological health of new cadets

***Counselor & Masters Student Extern, VCS, Inc. New City, NY (September 2007- May 2009)***

- Provided psychotherapy in the Vets for Vets program for veterans of recent combat operations.
  - Provided weekly counseling sessions for 3 individual clients. Completed assessments and treatment plan for clients as provided counseling services in a safe and trusting environment that enabled clients to improve in accordance with treatment plan
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***Publications/Book Chapter/Magazines***

Aikins, D., Pietrzak, R., Geraci, J., Southwick, S. (2017). Beyond stigma: An occupational health perspective to engaging Soldiers in behavioral healthcare. Manuscript pending US Army Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) approval for publication

Geraci, J., & Harris, R. (2016). Trained, peer mentorship training manual to assist transitioning veterans. Teachers College, Columbia U.

Geraci, J., Angel, C., Lamade, R, Bonanno, G. (2016). Military trauma, transition stressors, alcohol and crime post-deployment. Paper presentation, American Society for Criminology.

Geraci, J. (2015). Trained, peer mentorship and veteran support organization membership to assist transitioning veterans: A multi-arm, parallel randomized controlled trial (A Preliminary Investigation). [\*Doctoral dissertation\*](#).

Geraci, J, Baker, M., Tussenbroek, B., Bonanno, G., Sutton, L. (2011). Understanding and mitigating post-traumatic stress disorder. In P. Sweeney, M. Matthews, & P. Lester (Eds.), *Leading in dangerous contexts*. Naval Institute Press.

Kilner, P., Kimball, R., Neely, R., Geraci, J., & Kran, M. (2009, July). Building combat-ready teams: Supporting a combat veteran's family. *Army Magazine*, 71-76.

Geraci, J. (2007, February). Insights from OEF: Commanding in Afghanistan. *Army Magazine*, 62-62.

Geraci, J. (2005, August). Expert knowledge in a joint task force headquarters. *Joint Forces Quarterly*, 38, 53-59.

Geraci, J. (2004, January). Indirect fire for the close fight. *Infantry Magazine*, 46-47.

*Scholarly Presentations.*

- Geraci, J. (2017, August). Innovative strategies for engaging and serving veterans and families. Presentation at the 125<sup>th</sup> American Psychological Association annual convention, Washington, DC.
- Turner, J., McCulloh, I., & Geraci, J. (2011, February). Social structure effects on PTSD. Presented at the International Network for Social Network Analysis, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Swain, J, Schuck, G. P., Geraci, J, Mitchell, M. (2010, September). Humor and resilience in extreme contexts. Poster presentation at the Ninth Annual Human Performance in Extreme Environments (HPEE) conference. San Francisco, CA.
- Torgerson, T., Coronges, K., Geraci, J. (2010, May). The social contagion in Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Presented at the Sunbelt XXX Conference, Riva del Garda, Italy.
- Coronges, K., Torgerson, T., Geraci, J., & McCulloh, I. (2010, April). The role of personal and formal network influences on PTSD in the military. Presented at the 6th United Kingdom Social Networks Conference, Manchester, UK.
- May, J., Amenyro, D. Geraci, J., McCulloh, I. (2010, April). The impact of combat exposure upon the development of PTSD. Presented at the Garden State Mathematics Conference.
- Mulrine, B., Gill, J. McCulloh, I. & Geraci, J. (2009, November). Social support networks in relation to resilience and symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder. Presented at the Army Research Laboratory/United States Military Academy Technology Symposium in Atlantic City, NJ.
- Geraci, J. (2009, January). Teaching the scientific method: An interactive classroom experiment that yields significant results. Poster presented at the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology Winter 2009 Conference.

*Invited Presentations/Consultations*

- Geraci, J. (2016, Fall). Establishing a Vet Court in Westchester County, NY. I am providing consultation to the Westchester Court system regarding its establishment of a Vet Court, which would consist of a mentorship model and evaluation that I develop.
- Geraci, J. (2016, September). Effectiveness of mentorship to assist Veterans high-risk for suicide. Presented to the VA VISN 2 South Mental Illness Research Education Clinical Center (MIRECC) as the Grand Rounds speaker.
- Geraci, J. (2014, May). Leading in times of trauma. Presented to MBA students at MIT.
- Geraci, J. (2010, May). The potential impact of leadership for US Army Special Operations Command (USASOC). Presented to the psychologists within USASOC for their annual conference at Ft. Bragg, N.C.
- Geraci, J. & Sweeney, P. (2009, December). Suicide program recommendations. We developed recommendations, based on research, for the Commander's Initiative Group for MNC-Iraq.

Geraci, J. (2009, November). Welcome home veterans. Presented to veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan as the key note speaker for the Air National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

Geraci, J. (2009, September). Improving the performance of your platoons through a focus on quality leadership. Presented to the Commanding General of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, Major General Terry, and his subordinate commanders at their Senior Off-Site Conference.

Geraci, J. (2009, September). Building resilience in our veterans. Presented at the West Point Behavioral Health and Resilience Conference to West Point leadership and mental health providers.

Geraci, J. (2009, May). Leading in times of trauma. Presented to students at the School of Management, Yale University.

Geraci, J. (2009, May). Psychotherapy for returning veterans. Presented at the Hudson Valley Psychological Association annual meeting as the key note speaker.

Geraci, J. (2009, April). Psychotherapy for returning veterans and their families. Presented at the Psychiatric Society of Westchester.

Geraci, J. (2009, March). Learning from our lessons in afghanistan and iraq to sustain the force: Transforming mental health services provided in the VA. Presented to mental health providers and hospital directors within the Veterans' Affairs Hudson Valley Health Care System (Montrose and Castle Point hospitals) as the Medical Grand Rounds speaker.

Geraci, J. (2009, February). Learning from our lessons in afghanistan and iraq to sustain the force: Transforming mental health services for the active duty army. Presented to General Ham and his senior leaders at the US Army Europe Senior Leader Forum in Bad Kissingen, Germany.

Geraci, J. (2009, January). A life on the line: The impact of trauma on family members of emergency service personnel and veterans. Presented at St. Luke's Hospital, Cornwall, NY.

Geraci, J. (2009, January). A nation in debt: Our obligations to service members returning from combat—Iraq, Aghanistan and Beyond. Presentation to the Virginia Bar Association at the VBA Winter Conference 2009.

#### *Association Memberships*

- New York State Mental Health Counselor Association
- American Psychological Association
- Order of St. Maurice (National Infantry Association)

#### MILITARY AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal x5, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal x 6, Army Achievement Medal x 2, Joint Meritorious Unit Award x 2, Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Ranger tab.