

Matthew Cancian

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EDUCATION:

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY Cambridge, Massachusetts
PhD Candidate, Political Science 2016 - Present

THE FLETCHER SCHOOL Medford, Massachusetts
Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy 2014 - 2016

- Received the Edmund A. Gullion Prize for Academic Achievement

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA Charlottesville, Virginia
Bachelor of Arts in History 2005 - 2008

EXPERIENCE:

THE FLETCHER SCHOOL Medford, Massachusetts
Research and Teaching Assistant on Conflict Resolution, Dr. Nadim Rouhana October 2014 – May 2016

TUTOR DOCTOR AND THE WHEELER SCHOOL Providence, RI
Calculus Tutor and Substitute Teacher August 2013 - June 2014

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS Camp Pendleton, California
Battery Executive Officer July 2012 - January 2013

- Second in command of 350 Marines, tasked with coordinating logistics and administration

Platoon Commander / Fire Direction Officer January - July 2012

- Commanded a platoon of 45 Marines, planned logistics for exercises and administration
- Accounted for over \$5 million of equipment ranging from artillery pieces to night vision goggles
- Was responsible for the rapid and accurate calculation of technical data in firing artillery shells

Forward Observer / Civil Affairs Officer / Watch Officer April 2009 - January 2012

- Managed several infrastructure projects with a budget of over \$900,000 total
- Helped build Afghan government capacity by organizing six *shuras* (town hall meetings)
- Commanded a company of 200 Marines during the commander's absence. Made rapid decisions in a high stress environment for situations ranging from a goat being stuck in the barbed wire to evacuating Marine casualties
- Performance evaluation: "First Lieutenant Cancian's technical expertise and perseverance resulted in the effective coordination and employment of the company's forces, a positive relationship with local Afghans, and the rapid treatment and evacuation of casualties."

INTERNATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE Washington, D.C.
Intern Summers 2006 and 2007

PUBLICATIONS:

- Cancian, Matthew. "Officers are Less Intelligent: What Does It Mean?" *Joint Forces Quarterly*, Volume 81, March 2016.
- Cancian, Matthew, and Michael Klein. "Military Officer Quality in the All-Volunteer Force." *National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper Series*, 2015
- Cancian, Matthew F. "Counterinsurgency as Cargo Cult." *Marine Corps Gazette* 97.1 (January 2013)
- Cancian, Mark and Matthew Cancian, "A Visit to the Frontlines of the Battle Against ISIL," published April 2016, *War on the Rocks*

SKILLS/PERSONAL:

Foreign Languages: French: Functional Native Reading (ILR 5) & Full Professional Oral (ILR 4), German (Int.)

Certified EMT, Blue Belt Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Volunteer experience teaching in Haiti and Uganda