

Nathaniel Kjos

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Education

Troy University – MS, Social Science (Anthropology)	expected May 2027
Western Kentucky University – MBA (coursework : Data Analytics, Cybersecurity Policy)	June 2024
Pennsylvania Western – Accelerated BA/MA, Arabic Language & Culture, Summa Cum Laude	Dec 2018
Air University – AA, Intelligence Studies	Mar 2016

Skills

Languages: Arabic - Professional (reading/writing/speaking); Spanish, French, German - Basic (reading/speaking)

Research: Qualitative/quantitative analysis, policy analysis, conflict monitoring, primary source analysis

Regional Experience: Sudan (post-2019 transition), MENA, Southeast Asia | Humanitarian crisis response, Security, Diplomacy

Experience

Attaché Program Manager (United States Air Force), Pentagon – Washington, DC Dec 2024 – Present

- Managed strategic placement of 430+ defense personnel across 174 embassies to sustain diplomatic readiness
- Coordinated with senior DoD leadership on cross-cultural program management and international partnerships
- Refactored data-driven global talent map aligning embassy placements with U.S. security strategy and regional policy goals

Air Operations Coordinator (United States Air Force)– U.S. Embassy, Singapore Dec 2021 – Dec 2024

- Air Advisor to the U.S. Ambassador on regional security dynamics, supply-chain resilience, & multilateral cooperation
- Organized Indo-Pacific humanitarian operations, planning regional crisis-response support during Bangladesh civil unrest
- Guided U.S. policy engagement at a 44-nation Asia security summit, advancing regional cooperation & policy dialogue

Operations Manager (United States Air Force)– U.S. Embassy, Sudan Dec 2019 – Dec 2021

- Drafted White House Post-Bashie security strategy, analyzing security dynamics, atrocity risks, & foreign policy impact
- Led interagency disaster-response operations delivering aid to 1.6M displaced from Darfur & Tigray conflicts and floods
- Served as acting U.S. DoD representative, advising on security sector reform & monitoring dynamics post-ICC indictment
- Provided Arabic–English translation & cultural analysis supporting U.S.–Sudan policy discussions on peace & security

Intern (United States Air Force)– U.S. Embassy, Jordan July 2018 – Aug 2018

- Facilitated Arabic interpretation for intergovernmental border-control negotiations & humanitarian-refugee coordination
- Developed Arabic training program at University of Jordan, enhancing cross-cultural competency for 150 DoD personnel

Publications & Research

"Sacred Rebellion: Astrology as Alternative Spiritual Framework for Marginalized Resistance" under review, 2025

"Repatriation of Archaeological Artifacts" (Arabic) undergraduate thesis

Research Focus

Forensic anthropology, victim identification, mass atrocity prevention, transitional justice, resistance movements, post-conflict reconstruction

Honors & Service

- Presidential Volunteer Service Award (2 gold) for 1000+ hours of off-service volunteer & community outreach within 1 year
- Distinguished Service Medals (military - 3) for humanitarian operations in Sudan, Singapore, and Africa Command
- Meritorious Service Award (Department of State - 3) U.S. Embassy Sudan and Singapore
- Summa Cum Laude, Pennsylvania Western University (2018)
- Member, Language Enabled Airman Program Selection Committee, U.S. Air Force (2025–present)