

Christine Downs

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Finance PhD Student in the Lundquist College of Business at the University of Oregon, and professional military officer with over 17 years of progressively complex experience across a wide range of planning, resourcing, and educating functions. Extensive experience leading a diverse array of teams sized 2 to over 400. Proven ability to combine vision, creativity, and stalwart work ethic to successfully improve organizations. Familiarity working with international partners in the Republic of Korea, Australia, Afghanistan, and throughout the United States.

- Strategic planning
- Project management
- Team building and leadership
- Corporate communication
- Solution-oriented research
- Training and education
- Public speaking and presentations
- Event planning
- Portfolio management
- Policy and program development

EDUCATION

George Washington University; Washington, D.C.

- Master of Professional Studies, Legislative Affairs, May 2019
- Cumulative GPA: 4.00/4.00; Distinguished Graduate

University of Michigan; Dearborn, Michigan

- Master of Science, Finance, August 2011
- Cumulative GPA: 3.77/4.00 (7.54 of 8.0); Distinguished Graduate

United States Military Academy; West Point, New York

- Bachelor of Science, Psychology, May 2005
- Cumulative GPA: 3.84/4.00, Class Rank 32 of 939, Distinguished Graduate; Eisenhower Award (Top Graduate, Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Department)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland University College; Kandahar, Afghanistan

- Adjunct Professor, Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, 2011-2012
- Undergraduate classroom instruction
- Developed course curriculum including lesson plans and evaluation metrics

Research/Accomplishments:

- **American Society of Military Comptrollers**, Certified Defense Financial Manager, 2021
- **George Washington University;** Washington, D.C.; developed independent research project and paper on "The United States National Debt", 2019
- **Publication:** "Book Review of: Getting More: How You Can Negotiate to Succeed in Work and Life." *Military Review*, Mar-Apr 2016, p124
- **International Research Presentation:** "Combat Aeromedical Evacuation Operations" at the Theater Nurses Symposium, Kandahar, Afghanistan, 2011
- **International Research Presentation:** "Morningness/Eveningness Preferences and Cadet Performance" at the Conference of the International School on Mind, Brain, and Education, Erice, Sicily, Italy, 2007

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- **Yearbook Editor-in-Chief**; United States Military Academy, *Howitzer*, 2005
- **Hudson Valley Undergraduate Psychology Conference**, 3rd Place Presentation, 2005
- **Naval Postgraduate School**; Monterey, CA, and **United States Military Academy**; West Point, NY; Research Intern and Research Partner, 2004-2007; developed undergraduate research project with over 2000 participants

Research Interests

- **Methodology**: optimization, marginal utility, applied econometrics, boundary theory, various interest rate theories, rational decision making, and behavioral finance
- **Topics**: renewable energy use, corporate governance, monetary policy, interest rates, consumer lending practices, national and corporate debt structures, corporate retention incentives, market liquidity, tax code incentives, and household saving behavior

WORK EXPERIENCE

United States Army Experience; various locations, 2005-present

- Managed a \$1.7 billion annual operating budget to resource 233 medical, dental, public health, and veterinary facilities across 26 states and two US territories
- Coordinated over \$42 million in critical healthcare requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, helping mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by protecting our healthcare staff and patients, improving testing site availability, and resourcing the Department of Defense's vaccination effort
- Synchronized all medical operations across southern Afghanistan with ground and air maneuver units, medical treatment facilities, and multinational military partners to support over 50,000 Afghan/Coalition Forces and 2.5 million civilians
- Organized and led a military family support program resulting in over 2200 hours of volunteer community service
- Personally flew numerous combat MEDEVAC helicopter missions, including rescuing 196 wounded military and civilians from the battlefield

Entrepreneur Experience:

- **Real Estate Business**; 2006-present; co-owns and operates a \$5.2 million real estate portfolio of 17 single family rental homes across five states; manages an instant hotel (Airbnb marketing platform) with a 4.9/5.0 overall customer hospitality rating for 350+ reviews
- **Dog Care Business**; Arlington, Virginia; 2018-2020; opened and grew a small service-based business; improved profit margin by 67% from \$24 to \$40 per hour; averaged \$1200 net monthly income

Volunteer Experience:

- **Church Finance Committee Member**; Arlington, Virginia; 2020-present; oversight and stewardship of church's \$800,000 annual operating budget
- **Facilitator for Church and Community Financial Outreach Classes**; Fort Riley, Kansas; Enterprise, Alabama; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Kandahar, Afghanistan; 2010-2017; led small group personal financial education classes
- **Military Liaison for U.S. Congressmen Brian Baird (WA-3)**; Vancouver, Washington; 2003-2005; supported military academy recruitment and engagement events in the 3rd District of Washington State