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Occupation(s)

Current: Recognized expert witness for physical use of force (UoF) in international, federal, and state courts. Focus areas include police practices, proper investigation of UoF events (including deadly force), related human performance factors, police policy, police training, civilian self-defense, excessive force, and officer-involved shootings. I am a certified video analyst focusing on using video to understand and analyze UoF events.

My doctoral research area focused on exploring the link between visualizing intelligence, giving it meaning (sensemaking), critical thinking, insight generation, and decision-making. My post-doctoral Masters degree in Psychology continued this research. I apply the knowledge from my research alongside human performance factors and video analysis to evaluate physical UoF events within their context and environment.

Full-time consultant. Consult in areas and problems involving systems thinking, sensemaking, complexity/wicked problems, big data (visualization to insight), intelligence, data-driven decision-making, and socio-cultural intelligence/information modeling. Consultant and advisor to health analytics and related social determinates (systems approach/ complexity/wicked problem approach).

Areas of experience include international humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HA/DR), DoD Joint Technology research evaluation and development, and the extraction of practical insight from intelligence in support of strategic decision-making. 23+ years (ret.) in law enforcement operations, including patrol, corrections, investigations, training, and command, combined with 30+ years with U.S. Army Special Operations and Peacekeeping (Special Forces, Civil Affairs, and Psychological Operations).

Police (retired): Retired from the Washington County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) in 2017 after 23 years of service. For the last two years, I was the primary/lead investigator of an agency-wide internal affairs (I.A.) investigation, resulting in multiple criminal convictions of police officers and terminations. My final assignment was as the Investigations Lieutenant (Lt.) of Enforcement-West for approximately six years. The WCSO is composed of four divisions: Patrol, Investigations Services, and the Jail, with approximately 540 employees. The WCSO serves as the lead agency for the region and the state and oversees calls ranging from simple citizens needing assistance to gang-related homicides, regional drug interdiction, and multi-million-dollar fraud cases.

Special projects and collateral duties included (partial list):

- Oversight of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), property crimes, violent crimes, child & sex abuse crimes, fraud & identity theft crimes, and the forensic science unit sections. (Investigations Division)
- WCSO Representative to RegJIN Analytical Working Group (Portland Metro Region)
- Statewide Mental Health & Law Enforcement Synchronization Project (Advisor & Lead)
- Training Liaison (Patrol, Investigations & Jail Divisions)
- Intelligence Development & Oversight (Investigations & Patrol Division)
- Crisis Negotiations Unit (C.N.U.) Commander (Interagency), From 2010-to 2017
- Incident Command System (I.C.S.) integration (Investigations & Patrol Division)
- Police Use of Force Oversight and Review Committee (WCSO)
- Crisis Negotiation Team Commander (WCSO)
- Mobile Response Team Commander (WCSO)
- Washington County Human Rights Committee Member
- Field Training Program Oversight (Patrol, Investigations & Jail Divisions)
- Search & Rescue Commander (WCSO)
- Veterans/Military Liaison (WCSO)
- Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT)

Military Consultant:

Prior advisor and consultant in support of related efforts and initiatives involving the United States Central Command (USCENTCOM), the United States Africa Command (USAFRICOM), the United States Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (USACAPOC(A)), as well as the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) for the advancement of concept technologies related to socio-cultural problem sets encountered by the warfighter and their decision-makers. Consulted with SunTek Inc. and Gramercy Hill Partners for business intelligence, Sensemaking, and operational expertise and management, often related to a governmental or DoD problem set. Previously employed for similar entities designing analytical requirements that move data to workable decisions and understanding the interrelated systems of systems analysis required for workable decisions to be formed. The primary focus is on the decision process, reducing fragmentation. Additionally, consult/advise related to doctoral research areas of wicked problems and Sensemaking with entities associated with the Department of Justice (DoJ), Department of Homeland Security (D.H.S.), Law Enforcement (L.E.), and Humanitarian Aid (H.A.)/Disaster Response and Recovery (D.R.).

Expert Witness:

Qualified as an expert witness in state and federal courts related to police practices, police use of force, decision-making, officer-involved shootings, police tactics, police training, incident command, and police/jail operations. Also qualified with similar expertise for civilian self-defense and use of force events.

Military (Ret.):

Retired U.S. Army Sergeant Major (SGM) after 30+ years of service. Served in both the active and reserve forces. Primary specialties include job specialties of Special Forces Senior Operations SGM (18Z), Special Forces Communications (18E), Special Forces Operations and Intelligence (18F), Civil Affairs (38B), and Psychological Operations (37F).

Additional:

Board of Directors (board member), Institute for the Prevention of In-custody Deaths (IPICD) (*Current*).

Director; Public Safety Center of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence under the Institute (IPICD) (*Current*).

Strategic advisor/Steering committee, International Law Enforcement Training (ILET) Network (*Current*).

Adjunct College Instructor (*Prior*):

Prior instructor within the Criminal Justice Program for Portland Community College (P.C.C.) for transportation security and Criminal Intelligence. The developer of a curriculum for a future criminal justice leadership certificate program.

Experience Summary (Additional)**Law Enforcement**

I have served in varied assignments with the WCSO. I was as Jail Operations Lt., responsible for all operations within a 572-bed jail that processes approximately 19,000 bookings annually. It utilized an approximate 20-million-dollar annual budget. Additionally, as Jail Lt., I oversaw court security, medical needs/special needs pods, and transports. The Jail Operations Lt. oversaw all use of force reviews in the jail, inmate grievances, and related policy recommendations. Prior Assignment as Services Lt. (who commanded the division then). The services division manages the civil process, the crime prevention unit, the training office, the professional standards unit (including hiring and the promotional process), criminal records, weapons licensing, and the public information office. Served as the lead public information officer for the agency and built the current public information team and concept now in place. Served as Patrol Sergeant with collateral duties of Mobile Response Team (M.R.T.) Intelligence & Operations Sgt. Functioned as task force liaison between agencies (F.B.I., O.G.A., U.S. Army, Joint Services, Special Operations). Conducted internal affairs investigations.

Directly advised Sheriff /Undersheriff as required. Acted as a civil investigator for officer-involved shootings and administrative reviews as needed. Reviewed annual use of force summary reporting and recommended changes as appropriate. Conducted performance evaluations, counseling, and discipline. Mentored and trained junior deputies. Responsible for critical investigations, procedures, and notifications to Executive WCSO Staff.

Hired as Recruit Deputy for Washington County in 5/94; Deputy status since 5/95 with Intermediate DPSST Certification awarded in 7/96. Served as the sole full-time trainer for the patrol division from 08/98 until 03/00. Promoted to Corporal 2/99. Promoted to Patrol Sergeant 6/02. Served as P.S.U. Sgt and Patrol Sgt until 10/05 when promoted to Lt. and assigned to Services division. Assigned to the jail as operations Lt. in 2008. Reassigned as patrol operations Lt. in 2010 and assigned as Investigations Lt. in 2012.

Extended leave of absence in 1999 to serve for eight months in Bosnia Herzegovina as part of the NATO Stabilization Forces (SFOR) headquartered in Sarajevo.

Extended leave of absence in 2004 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, as an intelligence analyst and operator for the national-level task force. Extended leave of absence in 2008 and again in 2009 in support of Horn of Africa Operations.

Prior Adjunct Senior Instructor for the Oregon Police Academy; Department of Public Safety, Standards, and Training (DPSST). Qualified to teach in:

- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Force
- Vehicle Stops
- Confrontational Simulation (CONSIM)
- Firearms
- Building Clearing
- Range 2000

Prior Senior Instructor for HITMAN Training Systems. Qualified to teach all courses geared to U.O.F., officer defensive tactics, and similar.

Additional (prior responsibilities):

- As prior M.R.T. Sgt, responsible for intelligence threat analysis, training, equipment research and procurement, policy, and alternate command of the team on the ground during potential riots and crowd disturbances.
- Lead instructor for the WCSO Defensive Tactics program. Creator and reviewer of critical Use of Force policies for the county. The initial reviewer of all Patrol Use of Force reports and lead planner in developing a Use of Force database.
- Served as field training officer as assigned.
- MRT Operations & Intelligence Sgt./Team Commander (2004-2011)
- Lead or assistant investigator for (2003-2005) internal complaints and affairs investigations.
- Lead investigator for officer-involved shooting review (Multiple events, multiple years).
- CALEA policy reviewer for all related Use of Force policies for WCSO.
- Lead facilitator and developer for Media presentation on Use of Force and decision-making. Presented in the Fall of 2001 and attended by Local TV, radio, and newspaper, featured in subsequent reports and articles. Class designed to educate and debunk current misperceptions on police use of force issues.

- Design Use of Force (U.O.F.) dBase for reporting and training projections; standardization to address statewide reporting, implemented in 11/02 and designated as the future standard for all divisions.
- Reviewed U.O.F. reports for WCSO; over 300+ annually from 08/98 until 2016.
- Co-author of WCSO UOF and defensive tools policies; part of the annual audit committee and CALEA certification.
- Lead Defensive Tactics instructor for WCSO.
- Lead instructor for Reserve Academy defensive tactics program, develop all lesson plans for certification, and act as the primary instructor.
- Lead author for Annual In-service patrol training defensive tactics program; developed all lesson plans for certification and acted as the primary instructor.
- Field Training Officer for WCSO Patrol.
- Creator of the WCSO Defensive Tactics Association. Instruct defensive tactics and martial arts during non-duty time.
- As Lead Instructor/member of Defensive Tactics and M.R.T., developed and conducted testing and oral interviews of prospective candidates.

Military (Retired in 2011)

Deployed to the Horn of Africa to support concept technology development, allowing the warfighter to understand and develop relevant courses of action incorporating socio-cultural factors and the civil considerations required to understand counterinsurgencies. The team was awarded the Joint Concept Technology Demonstration (J.E.T.) of the Year in 2010 for the Mapping the Human Terrain (MAP-HT) project. Part of the core team dealing with the Secretary of Defense, U.S. Army Intelligence, and Office of Integration. Briefed and coordinated at national levels

Prior deployment and missions (classified and unclassified) throughout the Middle East, including Afghanistan, as a Special Forces Operations and Intelligence Sergeant. Hold a Top Secret (T.S.) / S.C.I. clearance. Senior non-commissioned officer for the intelligence section of the national-level task force. Develop intelligence products directed at understanding, monitoring, and predicting the political interplay of Afghanistan's key persons of influence, including warlords, government officials, and district-level administrators. Develop and maintain link analysis products with specific emphasis on Afghanistan culture, norms, tribal relationships, and effects-based measurement of events. Monitor and track transnational terrorist influence and groups, including Al-Qaida, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), Lashkar-e-Tayeba (L.E.T.), and related Islamic Fundamentalist terrorist groups.

Assisted as a key designer of the US Army-wide tactical collection platform prototype. Researched and authored intelligence assessments on terrorist groups, geographical areas, and future sites of Provincial Reconstruction Teams (P.R.T.s). Functioned as field implementation team leader of prototype software. Briefed and trained all incoming soldiers, including foreign forces assigned to the task force, Afghanistan culture, Islam, threats, enemy tactics, current weaponry and explosives used, improvised explosive devices, and current intelligence of their operational area. Function as liaison between F.B.I., C.I.A., Special Operation Forces, and U.S. Army developmental battle lab. Brief at General Officer staff levels.

Retired at the highest enlisted grade of Sergeant Major (SGM) and was assigned as the Senior Operations Sgt for the 364th Civil Affairs Brigade. Primary job description included senior

operations Sgt for the Brigade, force protection officer, trainer, and mentor for junior soldiers (officer, non-commissioned officer, and enlisted.) Advised at national and strategic levels on civil-military assistance and operations. Conducted disaster preparedness management assistance (DPMA) visits to Pacific Rim countries. Final DPMA products and plans are briefed back at ministerial and ambassadorial levels.

Also served as the First Sergeant of the 364th Civil Affairs Brigade, Headquarters Company. The unit consists of approximately 140 soldiers. Unit is designed to interact with the local population and help rebuild governmental and civilian infrastructures, economic systems, and culture.

Completed an eight-month overseas deployment to Bosnia Herzegovina in 1999-2000. Stationed in Sarajevo at the NATO headquarters. Served as the senior U.S. Non-commissioned officer in charge of Psychological Operations. The task force consisted of ten different nationalities and all services.

Served as the First Sergeant for the 320th Psychological Operations Battalion (USAR). Led 72 enlisted/non-commissioned officers from 1997 until 2000. Served as Team Leader for the 364th Civil Affairs Battalion 1993 – 1994.

Over thirty years of experience in U.S. Army military special operations. Specifically trained to teach and conduct small to large unit force-on-force scenarios. Unit and school trained to plan and execute small unit strikes and raids, counter-terrorist operations, unconventional warfare, and foreign internal defense missions. The primary mission of the U.S. Army Special Forces is to instruct. Uniquely qualified to oversee missions requiring the teaching of military and related subjects such as strikes, raids, counterterrorism, and counterintelligence operations.

Qualified in high-risk security force evaluation and realistic high-risk environment training. Instructed and coached 12 to 50 men groups in special operations and tactics, instructional methods, intelligence gathering, and reaction team concepts. Supervisor in several overseas classified operations. Trained over 480 personnel annually in specialized operations. Obtained Top Secret S.C.I. and SPECAT national clearances. Familiar with several languages, including Arabic-based.

Additional Positions Held

Consultant to American Protective Services (Governmental and Nuclear Energy Division) from 1992-1994. Primary job duties included:

- Member of the Nuclear Power plant inspection team to determine plant security personnel's capability to defend against an armed terrorist threat.
- Primary trainer for simulated terrorist teams to evaluate plant defenses. Trained small team concepts in tactics, planning, breaching, weapons, and demolition/disabling targets resulting in plant destruction or nuclear-breached containment.
- Contributing author to the national newsletter for nuclear responders in training and management.

Developed scenarios, lesson plans, and instruction schedules/programs for specific skills required by responders. Created CONSIM training facilities as required.

Functioned as a senior instructor to NATO personal security forces. Taught select individuals in defensive combatives, including close-quarter combat. Instructed in a multi-national environment and to select foreign soldiers.

Instructed over 480 personnel annually in waterborne special operations, combat diving, and dive supervision. Course curriculum included small boat navigation, boat handling/deployment, helicopter operations, underwater ship search techniques, combat SCUBA, rebreather diving, dive planning, and dive supervision. Developed, edited, and implemented lesson materials and plans. Advised and researched changes to curriculum and evaluation at company headquarters. Analyzed division-level short-range and long-range training plans. Recognized as one of the top instructors for the last two years by both students and cadre.

Instructor to U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, and Marines special operational units - and liaison to U.S. Navy special operations.

Senior course advisor responsible for designing, conducting, and evaluating force against the environment or force against force scenarios in the following instances:

- Small rubber boat infiltration to all types of coastlines during varying periods of visibility and weather conditions.
- Small force strikes and raid scenarios against multiple types of targets.
- Experienced with several airborne insertion methods common to land and water targets, i.e., helicopter rappelling and helo-casting.

Analyzed possible targets for demolition and practiced emplacement and use of explosives. Qualified in assessing the force's requirements, emplacing the charge, and the ability and best methods for the opposing force to detect and neutralize the charge.

Automated Security:

Instructed personnel in password access, media control, physical controls, LAN controls, and virus detection. Automated and uploaded the data collection for 480 training records online to the main headquarters annually. Served as subject matter expert for automated data processing systems. Served as Foreign Disclosure Officer (F.D.A.). Served as a security officer for all computer and related systems security. Received 100% on the security audit.

Previous experience in other types of detection security (seismic detection, infrared imaging, CCTV pixel movement detection, fiber optics, and similar) combined with computer security.

Advised and instructed a 300-man section on physical, communication, and cryptographic security. Monitored and updated security analysis of foreign facilities, transportation systems, telecommunications, and power generation systems. Conducted security awareness training. Maintained classified reports to foreign countries and high-risk areas. Presented threat briefings at the division level. Updated terrorist threats in areas of operations to include levels of weaponry, force cohesion, personality factors, methods of operations, type of target typically chosen, and probable windows of opportunity for terrorist strike operations.

Live Operations (MACOM level):

Served on a real-world, national level, crisis, and emergency team staff. Monitored and analyzed world situations for potential crises, terrorist threats, and possible international travel threats.

Secured initial stages of crisis reaction and activated reaction teams. Expanded programs that allowed the operations center to achieve a 100% readiness rating.

- Familiar with the flow and actual sequence of events in real-world attacks.
- Knowledge of implementing programmed response drills to emergencies.
- Able to recognize human factors in planning responses during extreme stress situations and allow them to develop strategies and tactics.

Communications:

Served as a chief communications operator. Planned, prepared, and conducted training for both American and foreign personnel. Developed team physical training program. Trained with different nationalities and groups ranging from small-specialized teams to 100 men elements. Functioned as a cultural liaison in several overseas operations. Direct U.S. representative in several Mid-East countries.

Provided training and security as a senior member of a national-level classified operation that received American and foreign awards. Received numerous awards and citations, including Special Operations Command Soldier of the quarter.

Extensive years of overseas deployments, including classified operations. Worked out of many different Mid-East countries and worked under other U.S. parent organizations in a concealed sponsor activity. Taught troops on varied subjects, both conventional and unconventional in nature. Worked with and trained some of their specialized units designed for counterterrorism operations. Exercises were conducted in this arena and secondary missions of gathering intelligence and order of battle.

Formal Education & Certifications

MIT SLOAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE EDUCATION, MA

MAKING AI WORK: MACHINE INTELLIGENCE FOR BUSINESS AND SOCIETY

2024

The program examined the true impact of AI. It explored the power and limitations of machine learning, providing guiding principles for avoiding unintended consequences of its deployment. Areas studied included the potential and vulnerabilities of AI systems, and ways to identify and mitigate key failures of machine learning processes—emphasis on designing and implementing effective and responsible AI solutions.

CABRERA RESEARCH LABORATORY, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, NY

CERTIFIED THINKING LEADER (CTL) COURSE

2024-Pres.

Course offered focusing on advanced thinking using the DSRP theory and its related corollaries. The course is personally instructed by the Drs. Cabrera and the research lab within Cornell University.

CABRERA LAB CERTIFIED COACH (CLCC)

2024

A cohort-based program focusing on advanced coaching techniques using the DSRP theory and its related corollaries. The course is personally instructed by the Drs. Cabrera and the research lab within Cornell University.

CABRERA RESEARCH LABORATORY, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, NY

CERTIFIED TRAINER IN SYSTEMS THINKING, MAPPING, AND LEADERSHIP

2022-2023

Certified trainer in using the DSRP conceptual construct for systems thinking and the VMCL model for organizations.

BRUNEL UNIVERSITY, UK

POST DOCTORAL M.Sc. (PSYCHOLOGY)

2022-2023

The thesis research explored the attention-perception-sensemaking dimension using an SM-DM framework and a Discursive Psychology lens related to police use of force narratives and accounts of decision making.

COGNITIVE EDGE, DE

CYNEFIN FOUNDATIONS COURSE

2020-2021

Cynefin Framework courses (now changed to Cynefin Basecamp) *update completed in December 2021*

CAPELLA UNIVERSITY, MN

DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE)

2013-2018

School of Business and Management

Dissertation area focus: Sensemaking and decision making related to Business Intelligence, Big Data Visualization, Critical Thinking, Insight Generation, and Wicked problems.

WALDEN UNIVERSITY, MN

PH.D. CANDIDATE (ABD)

2010-2013

School of Public Policy and Administration; Terrorism, Mediation, and Peace

Transferred to Capella University; dissertation area; Wicked problems and decision making.

AMERICAN MILITARY UNIVERSITY, WV

M.A. IN HOMELAND DEFENSE

2009

Area of Emphasis: Terrorism/Counterterrorism

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY,

B.SC. GENERAL STUDIES

1992

POLICE & RELATED CERTIFICATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY STANDARDS AND TRAINING (DPSST), OREGON

1995 to present

Management Level Police Officer	2007
Supervisory level Police Officer	2003
Advanced Police Officer	2000
Intermediate Police Officer	1996
Basic Police Officer	1995

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS (N.I.C.), CO

2010

Executive Leadership Academy

National Emergency Management Institute (E.M.I.), MD

2011

Train-the-trainer for type III All-Hazard Incident Command

Americans for Effective Law Enforcement (AELE)

2016

Certified Litigation Specialist (C.L.S.) – Police (*Partial Fulfillment-in progress*)

Force Science Institute (F.S.I.)

2019-2021

Force Science Institute analysis certified – Police (*Original in 2011*)

Force Science Institute analysis certified – Advanced (*2021*)

InputAce (Ocham Video Solutions)

2019-2021

InputAce-Operator, Examiner & Metrologist certification (s)

Amped FIVE

2023-2024

Amped Software Trained User (Forensic Video and Image Enhancement) and Amped Authenticate

Schools and Courses (Police, preceding 15 yrs.& prior certifying)

(COURSES LISTED ARE THOSE IN ADDITION TO STANDARD IN-SERVICE TRAINING SUCH AS FIREARMS, DEFENSIVE TACTICS, ETC.)

Critical Incident Review (CIR), 2021

Force Science Institute Advanced Certification course (F.S.I.), 2021

Force Science Institute Certification course (F.S.I.), 2019

Investigation, Management, and Use of Lethal and Less Lethal Force (AELE), 2019

Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP), 2017

The Western States Hostage Negotiators Association (WSHNA) 2016

Combined Less Lethal and Management, Oversight, and Monitoring of Use of Force, 2016

Leadership Academy & Conference, 2016

Criminal Intelligence Training, 2015

Crisis Negotiation, 2015

Law Enforcement Camera-based System Symposium, 2015

Use of force decision-making, 2015

Crime Analysis for Chief Executives, 2015

Oregon Peace Officers Association 45th Annual Training Conference, 2014

I.S.S. World America's National Conference, 2014

Management, Oversight, and Monitoring of Use of Force, 2014

Washington State Fusion Centers Conference, 2014

Enhancing Analysis (HSIN), 2013

Violence Risk & Threat Assessment, 2013

Western States Hostage Negotiators Association (WSHNA) 2013

International Association of Criminal Analysts (IACA) 2012 National Conference

F.B.I. Hostage Negotiators COURSE, 2012
Narcotics, Vice, & Street Crimes Supervisor Training, 2012
Cognitive Interviewing Course, 2011
Force Science Certification Course, 2011
Train the trainer Type 3 Incident Command (All Hazards), 2011
Terrorism Trends, 2011
Bureau of Labor and Industries, Documentation and Discipline, 2011
Incident Command Type 3, 2011
Hostage & Prison Riot Exercise & Scenario planning, 2010
Leadership Academy, 2010
National Corrections Institute Executive Leadership Academy, 2010
Defensive Tactics Instructor Updates, 2008
Command College, 2007
Public Information Officer Training, 2007
WAR-160 and terrorism, trends in suicide bombing, 2006
AWR-160 and Use of Force Instruction, 2005
Incident Command Systems (I.C.S.), 2003
DPSST Firearms Instructor Course, 1999
TASER Instructor Certification Course, 1999
Ground Fighting Instructor Certification Course, 1999
RIPP Instructor Course, 1998
O/C Instructor course, Aero-trek, 1997
Integrated U.O.F. Inst. course, HITMAN Inc., 1997
DPSST Defensive Tactics Instructor School, 1996

Schools and Courses (Military)

United States Army Sergeant Major's Academy (Class 33)
Joint Psychological Planners Course
U.S. Army Psychological Operators Course
U.S. Army Civil Affairs Operators Course
U.S. Army Special Forces Operations and Intelligence School:
U.S. Army Special Operations and Tactics Course:
U.S. Army Advanced Marksmanship/Sniper:
U.S. Army Special Forces Instructor Training course:
U.S. Army Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course:
U.S. Army Special Forces Communications and Intelligence:
U.S. Army Special Forces Military free-fall:
U.S. Army Special Forces Combat diving:
U.S. Army Special Forces Combat Dive Supervisor Course:
U.S. Army Special Forces Waterborne Infiltration Course:

Expert Witness listing (Fed. R. Civ. P, 26 (a)(2)(B)(v))

1. Expert in Police Use of Force, decision-making, & training at the request of Mr. Aaron Hisel (Defense) of the Capital Legal Services for S. Hatcher. Written Expert Report/Opinion and testimony in May 2025. GRANT YOAKUM in the estate of Nicholas Rodin, Plaintiff vs CROOK COUNTY and STEVEN HATCHER, Defendants, 2:23:cv-00001-HL. Case tried
2. Expert in Police Use of Force, decision-making, and forensic video at the request of Ms. Paige Chrz (Defense) of the Thenell Law Group for L. Novak. Written Expert opinion with a 104 in-person hearing with testimony November 2024 in the matter of STATE OF OREGON, Plaintiff vs. LOGAN NOVAK, Defendant., 23CR36032. Trial pending.
3. Expert in Use of Force investigations or decision making (Initial-revised) and video analysis at the request of Mr. Blake Johnson for Shaetavia Cooper. Expert opinion (rebuttal only in the video used) and secondary independent investigation in the criminal matter (2nd-degree murder) reduced to felonious assault); In the matter of STATE OF FLORIDA v. SHAETAVIA COOPER, Defendant., 2020-CF-6621. Independent investigation(s) and testimony. Case Tried; State prevailed.
4. Use of Force Expert advising in appeal of Chicago Police Department Officer (Shawn Bryant). Chicago Police Board Case No. 1088719. Retained by the defense as of June 2023. Report rendered and testified (JAN 2024).
5. Use of Force, self-defense, and forensic video expert at the request of Mr. Aaron Brockler, counsel for Timothy Bradley (Defendant). Expert opinion and secondary independent investigation in the criminal matter (2nd-degree attempted murder reduced to felonious assault); In the matter of State of Ohio (Plaintiff) VS. Timothy Damien Bradley (Defendant), CASE NO. 22 CR 0088. Case Tried; Defendant prevailed (in part; subsequent appeal as a matter of law).
6. Use of Force Expert advising in appeal of Chicago Police Department Officer (Larry Lanier). Chicago Police Board Case No. 21 PB 2990-2. Retained by the defense as of April 2021. Report rendered and testified (MAR 2023).
7. Police Use of Force, training, and policy expert. Initial review and consultation for the defense with further retention for arbitration in the T. Phillips v. University of Oregon matter. Alleged excessive force, wrongful termination, and dishonesty by a police officer; DOI 2018, retained April 2022. Testified (AUG2022): The case is ongoing.
8. Use of Force/Self-defense expert. Initial review and consultation for the defense in the matter of A. Osman. Client is charged with murder February 2022.
9. Use of Force expert (to include video), initial consultation, and further retained by the Defense for Exposition testimony on Self-defense and additional analysis in the matter of Theodore Edgecomb. October 2021. Charges include First Degree Reckless Homicide. Exposition testimony January 2022.
10. Use of Force expert (to include video), initial consultation, and preliminary report at the request of Mr. Mark Richards, counsel for Kyle H. Rittenhouse (Defendant). Expert opinion in the criminal matter (1st-degree criminal homicide); State of Wisconsin vs. Kyle H. Rittenhouse, DA Case # 2020KN003907. Case Tried; Defendant prevailed.

11. Use of Force Expert advising in appeal of Chicago Police Department Officer (Luigi Sarli). COPA Board Appeal Process; case # 21 PB 2986. Retained by the defense as of April 2021. The case/appeal is ongoing.
12. ESSICA DOMINGUEZ INDIVIDUALLY AND JESSICA DOMINGUEZ AS GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR JAD (1), JAD (2) AND JAD (3), Plaintiffs, vs. CITY OF SAN JOSE, SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MICHAEL PINA, AND DOE POLICE OFFICERS 2 through 5, Defendants. In the UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA. Case # 5:18-cv-04826. Retained by the defense as of February 2021. The case is on appeal.

Courses (Instructed, Designed, and Authored)

2018-Present

Oversight and review of courses, administrative reviews of use of force, annual use of force reporting development, expert witness application, and mentoring of other instructors. Associated with all use of force training with primary focus on oversight and future development of subject matter, review of current practice, policy creation, and program professionalization. Instructed on as-needed basis to remain in touch with students. Functioned as primary subject matter expert in use of force for the agency until retirement in 2017. Continue to advise Washington County in UoF matters as a strategy consultant when required.

2024—Workshop/Online presentation IPICD (AI Prompting for Public Safety: A Guide for Professionals)

2023– Workshop presenter for the Annual International Human Factors & Ergonomics Society Conference. Workshop title: Evolving Our Investigative Sensemaking; How to Use Frames, Models, and a Systems Thinking Approach for Inquiry and Understanding.

This workshop was an introductory overview of how to analyze events and outcomes of complex, interrelated systems. Working from a proposed sensemaking-decision-making (SM-DM) framework that includes human factors. The workshop explored the value of visualization and visually represented frameworks that focus on exploring distinctions, systems, relationships, and perspectives (DSRP). Multiple frameworks, including Cynefin and the four truths, demonstrated how to have a greater focus on sensemaking and understanding in contrast to an outcome-centric view.

2023 – Guest presenter (Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers)-Using sensemaking to tell the rest of the story (combining qualitative & quantitative methods to create the greatest understanding in the courtroom with experts).

2022 – Guest Lecturer (Washington County-Portland Attorney group); hindsight bias and courtroom impact, mitigation.)

2021 – Guest instructor, Decision making, Force Science Institute, Advanced Force Analyst Course

2019 – Instruction for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) for both supervisor and line-level Use of Force, a systems approach to use of force, and review of their current Use of Force Program.

2019 – Retained consultant for the WCSO UoF program related to the civil and administrative review process and improvement.

2018 – Instruct at the metro academy for Sgt's reference Use of Force. Consult as needed with the WCSO UoF program.

2018 – Instruct at the metro academy for Sgt's reference Use of Force. Consult as needed with the WCSO UoF program.

2014-2017

Oversight and review of courses, administrative reviews of use of force, annual use of force reporting development, expert witness application, and mentoring of other instructors. Associated with all use of force training with primary focus on oversight and future development of subject matter, review of current practice, policy creation, and program professionalization. Instructed on as-needed basis to remain in touch with students. Functioned as primary subject matter expert in use of force for the agency until retirement in 2017. Continue to advise Washington County in UoF matters as a strategy consultant when required.

2017 – Survival Skill Council Chair/Lead. In-Service Use of force update, policy review, civil investigation protocol development. Instruct at the metro academy for Sgt's reference Use of Force.

2016 – Survival Skill Council Chair/Lead. In-Service Use of force update, policy review, civil investigation protocol development. Instruct at the metro academy for Sgt's reference Use of Force.

2015 – Survival Skill Council Chair/Lead. In-Service Use of force update, policy review, civil investigation protocol development. Instruct at the metro academy for Sgt's reference Use of Force.

2014 – In-Service Use of Force update, policy review, civil investigation protocol development. Instruct at the metro academy for Sgts.

2006-2013

Shifted to oversight and review of courses, administrative reviews of use of force, annual use of force reporting development, expert witness application, and mentoring of other instructors. Associated with all use of force training at some level, primarily focusing on oversight and future development of subject matter, review of current practice, policy creation, and program professionalization. Instruct on as-needed basis to remain in touch with students. Function as primary subject matter expert in use of force for the agency. Function as the primary reviewer for complex use of force events. Function as mentor and instructor for senior use of force instructors.

2010 & 2013—Subject and content review/advisement on all Use of Force subject material. Creation of Use of Force review committee, mentorship of future senior and lead instructors/use of force experts. Assist with instruction to maintain currency. Mentor senior instructors as required. Standing instructor for the metro Sgts academy in use of force.

2012 – Instructor Development course instructor for adult learning theory for WCSO firearms instructors. Portland Community College (P.C.C.) Criminal Leadership Course author and lead developer.

2009 – In-Service Use of Force update, policy review, civil investigation protocol development.

Publications/ presentations (Instructed, Designed, and Authored)

2020-Present

2025 Annual NW Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) conference keynote speaker. (2025).

Black, J. R. (2025). Enhancing Investigative Inquiry through Sensemaking, AI, and Systems Thinking in Modern Policing, April 2025.

2025 AI Symposium hosted by IPICD-presenter

Black, J. R. (2025). Companion vs. Assistant Elevating PS through AI collaboration, February 2025.

Black, J. R. (2025). Our Choice in Understanding AI Moving from Surface to Depth, February 2025.

2024 Annual Oregon County Counsel Association (OCCA) and Conference OCC (2024).

Black, J. R. (2024). Scott v Smith Case review (The science, law, and video inquiry), Co-Speaker-Presenter, November 2024

2024 Human Factors & Ergonomics Society (HFES), Practitioners Technical Group Speaker Series (2024).

Black, J. R. (2024). The Mindset of Inquiry, Human Factors, systems thinking-a conversation, Speaker-Presenter, November 2024

2024 Institute for Prevention of In-Custody Death (IPICD) Annual Conference (2024).

Black, J. R. (2024). AI in Law Enforcement; Opportunities, Challenges, & Critical Thinking, November 2024

2024 Americans for Effective Law Enforcement Conference; Expert Witness Conference (2024).

Black, J. R. (2024). What is Expert Inquiry & What it is not, Speaker-Presenter, October 2024

Black, J. R. (2024). Interrogating the Evidence and Telling its Story, Speaker-Presenter, October 2024

2024 Society of Police & Criminal Psychologists (SPCP) Annual Conference.

Black, J. R. (2024). Choose a Sensemaking-Decision Making (SM-DM) Frame of Inquiry; A Needed Requirement to Better Understand Police Use of Force, Speaker-Presenter, September 2024

2024 Americans for Effective Law Enforcement Conference; Public Safety Internal Investigations and Discipline Seminar (AELE IA 2024).

Black, J. R. (2024). The Value of Qualitative Inquiry in Internal Affairs Investigations, Speaker-Presenter, September 2024

Black, J. R. (2024). The Intersection of AI and Internal Affairs Investigations, Speaker-Presenter, September 2024

2024 Police Association of New South Wales (PANSW), Australia, Annual Conference.

Black, J. R. (2024). How we think about video evidence; An inquiry mindset for understanding Use of Force, Speaker-Presenter, 2024

2024 Americans for Effective Law Enforcement Conference; Use of Force Management (AELE UoF 2024).

Black, J. R. (2024). Choosing the Mindset of Inquiry; Seeing and Listening in Complexity: A Systems Thinking Approach for Understanding Use of Force, Speaker-Presenter, 2024

2023 International Human Factors & Ergonomics Society (HFES) Annual Conference.

Black, J. R. (2023). Evolving Our Investigative Sensemaking; How to Use Frames, Models, and a Systems Thinking Approach for Inquiry and Understanding., Workshop presenter/instructor (HFES International Annual Conference), October 2023

2023 Society of Police & Criminal Psychologists (SPCP) Annual Conference.

Black, J. R. (2023). Exploring Use of Force (UoF) Sensemaking-Decision making "Thinking about the SM-DM Dialectic," Paper presenter (SPCP International Annual Conference), September 2023

2023 National Tactical Officer's Association (NTOA) Annual Conference.

Black, J. R. (2023). Creating the System 3 Thinker "Thinking about Thinking": A Sensemaking and Systems thinking approach, Workshop presenter (NTOA International Annual Conference), August 2023

2023 Invited speaker (Podcast), Left of Greg; Arcadia Cognerati.

Black, J. (2023). #220: Complexity with Dr. John Black. The Left of Greg Podcast with Greg Williams and Brian Marren. August 2023.

2023 91st MORS (Military Operational Research Society) Symposium.

Black, J. R. (2023). The SOF System III Thinker: A System's Thinking approach using Sensemaking-Decision (SM-DM) Paradigm, 91st Symposium Speaker-Presenter (WG32 Irregular Warfare), 2023

2023 National Tactical Officer's Association (NTOA).

Black, J. R. (2023). System 3 Sensemaking; Thinking about thinking, Guest Speaker-presenter (NTOA Monthly Podcast; Tac-Talk), 2023

2023 Police Federation of Australia (PFA), Australia, Annual Conference.

Black, J. R. (2022). An examination of the Zachary Rolfe case from a sensemaking-decision making (SM-DM) paradigm, Speaker-Presenter, 2024

2023 Americans for Effective Law Enforcement Conference; Use of Force (AELE UoF 2023).

Black, J. R. (2023). System 3 Thinking; Sensemaking and the Sense-maker, AELE 2023 Speaker-Presenter, 2023

2023 Annual Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Conference (IACDL 2023).

Black, J. R. (2023). Using Experts to tell the Rest of the Story; Thinking About how we Make Sense of the World and its Truths, Speaker-Presenter, 2023

2023 Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners (SAFE) March Educational Seminar.

Black, J. R. (2023). Evolving Our Investigative Sensemaking; Using Frames, Models, and Systems Thinking Approach, Virtual.2023

2022 Annual International Law Enforcement Training Summit (ILET 2022).

Black, J. R. (2022). Creating the System 3 Thinker; Effective & Accurate. Sensemaking and Systems thinking approach. ILET 2022, Virtual.2022

2022 Annual Illinois Homicide Investigator's Association (ILHIA) Conference (ILHIA 2022).

Black, J. R. (2022). Investigating Use of Force in Hindsight: How Do We Get to the Truth(s). ILHIA 2022.

2022 Lecturer, FBI NA (Oregon Chapter).

Black, J. (2022, 9/15/2022). Evolving our Models.

2022 Invited speaker (Webinar), Human Factors and Ergonomics Society.

Black, J. (2022, 9/8/2022). Forensic Professionals Technical Group In HF consulting/expert testimony in law enforcement.

2022 Invited speaker (Podcast), The Winning Mind.

Black, J. (2021, 8/17/2022). The Winning Mind In Understanding and Training Sensemaking, The Precursor to Decision Making. B. Willis.

2022 Annual Force Science International Conference (FSI 2022).

Black, J. R. (2022). Changing the Frames of LE Decision-making; A Sensemaking Systems Approach. FSI 2022.

Black, J. R. (2022). Presenting the Objective and Subjective Truths of the UoF Event. FSI 2022.

2022 Third annual Input Ace Video Evidence Symposium (Plenary speaker).

Black, J. R. (2022). The Role of Video Evidence in the Kyle Rittenhouse Trial. InputAce 2022.

2021 Annual International Law Enforcement Training Summit (ILET 2021).

Black, J. R. (2021). Cross-Disciplinary Thinking for Law Enforcement (Speaker and Moderator). ILET 2021, Virtual.

2021 Annual Society for Decision Professionals Conference (SDP-DAAG 2021).

Black, J. R. (2021). Evolving Decision-making in Law Enforcement; Looking at all sides of the Coin. SDP-DAAG 2021, Virtual.

2021 Invited speaker (Podcast), The Winning Mind.

Black, J. (2021, 7/8/2021). The Winning Mind In Exploring Systems Thinking. B. Willis.

2021 Annual Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) Conference.

Black, J. R., Taylor, P. L., Lewinski, W., & Wallentine, K. (2021, March 2021). An Exploration of Sensemaking, Decision-making, and Management in Policing; The Value of Management Research(ers) in Law Enforcement. SAM 2021 International Business Annual Conference, Virtual.

2020 Annual Society of Police and Criminal Psychologist (SPCP) Conference.

Black, J. R. (2020). *Evolving Decision-Making for the Law Enforcement Officer (LEO)*. Paper presented at the Police & Criminal Psychology During Challenging Times; SPCP 2020 Annual Conference.

Black, J. R. (2020 November 06, 2020). *A Visual Exploration of Decision-Making and Discretion; Evolving the Law Enforcement Frame*. Paper presented at the Police & Criminal Psychology During Challenging Times; SPCP 2020 Annual Conference.

Article (s).

Peters, John G. (Jr.) & Black, J. R. (2024) Managing the Risks of Public Safety Artificial Intelligence. *Police & Security News (P&SN)*, NOV/DEC 2024.

Black, J. R., & Kliem, V. (2020). Honest But Not Accurate. *Force Science News*, 6. <https://www.forcescience.org/2020/11/honest-but-not-accurate/>

2014-2019

2019 14th Annual Institute for Prevention of in-custody Death (IPICD) Society Conference.

Black, J. R. (2019). *The value of a systems perspective: seeking to understand complexity, systems, and how we can interact with them better...* Paper presented at the 14th Annual Institute for Prevention of In-custody Death (IPICD) Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

2019 Annual Society for Advanced Management (S.A.M.) regarding decision making, insight generation, and visualization.

Black, J. R. (2019). *Data Visualization, Insight, and Critical Thinking: Looking Towards Heuristics*. Paper presented at the Society for Advanced Management (S.A.M.) Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.

2018 Doctoral Dissertation

Black, J. R. (2018). *The Relationship Between Data Visualization and Insight; An Examination Through the Lens of Critical Thinking*. (Doctor of Business Administration (D.B.A.) Doctoral Dissertation), Capella University, Minneapolis, MN.

2016 Suicidal response training aid (*To be integrated into future Oregon State police, WCSO, and Portland Police Bureau strategies and response to those in mental crisis*). Designed to assist first-line supervisors with related decision-making.

2015 LIEU (Law Enforcement Intelligence Units) Association guest presenter for LEIU 20/20 conference.

2015 Annual Society for Advanced Management (S.A.M.) regarding knowledge formation related to decision making and visualization.

Black, J. R., Jess, D. J. (2015, March). *Visualization and Insight in Business Intelligence (B.I.): The Changing Paradigm*. Paper presented at the Society for Advancement of Management (S.A.M.) 2015 International Business Conference, Las Vegas, NV, 19-C15024

Accreditation (Current & Prior) and professional activities

- Member of Gray Swan Guild International; Co-project lead on Sensemaking Pedagogy project. Executive principal.
- Member of the Systems Dynamics Society (SDS).
- Member of the Naturalistic Decision Making Association (NDMA).
- Member of the Institute for Prevention of In-Custody Death (IPICD). Board member.
- Member of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES). Peer reviewer.
- Member of the American Evaluation Association (AEA).
- Member of Cynefin Association-Haunt.
- Member of the Society for SDP (Society of Decision Professionals).
- Member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS).
- Member of the American Society of Evidence-based Policing (ASEBP).
- Member of ASSI&T (Association for Information Science and Technology).
- Member of DMDU (Decision-making in Deep Uncertainty).
- Member of S.A.M. (Society for the Advancement of Management).
- Member of the Society for Police and Criminal Psychologists (SPCP).
- Member of AELA (Americans for Effective Law Enforcement).Instructor.
- Member of the Western States Hostage Negotiators (WSHNA) (*prior*)
- Member of the Oregon State Sheriffs Association (OSSA)
- Member of the Oregon Peace Officers Association (OPOA)
- Member of the International Association of Counterterrorism and Security Professionals (IACSP)
- Member of the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA) (*prior*)
- Member of the International Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP) (*prior*)
- Member of the International Association of Criminal Analysts (IACA) (*prior*)
- Member of the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Units (LEIU) (*prior*)
- Member of the International Association of Undercover Officers (*prior*)
- HITMAN Systems Inc., Certified Instructor (*Prior*)
- TASER International Inc., Certified Instructor (*Inactive*)
- O/C (Pepper) Spray, Aerotek, Certified Instructor (*Inactive*)
- SIMUNITION International Inc., Certified Instructor (*Inactive*)
- A.S.P. Inc., Certified Instructor (*Inactive*)
- RIPP Inc., Certified Instructor (Hobble restraints / positional asphyxia) (*Inactive*)
- DPSST Use of Force Certified Instructor (*Inactive*)

- DPSST Defensive Tactics certified instructor (*Inactive*)
- DPSST Firearms certified instructor (*Inactive*)
- DPSST Vehicle Stops certified instructor (*Inactive*)
- DPSST Confrontational Simulation certified instructor (*Inactive*)
- DPSST Building clearing certified instructor (*Inactive*)
- DPSST Advanced Police certification (*Inactive*)
- PFS Ground fighting, Certified law enforcement instructor
- Study/student of Savate, Stickfighting, Tai-Chi, Aikido, Karate, Jiu-Jitsu
- Member of United States Aikido Federation (*Prior*)
- Member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- Member of National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) (*Prior*)
- Prior Executive board member of ALEMA (Association of Law Enforcement Martial Artists)
- Prior member and trainer for the U.S. Army 5th Special Forces Group hand-to-hand demo team
- Instructor for Analyst Notebook (I2), AXIS Pro, and intelligence analysis (*Prior*)
- Familiar with and user of NVivo, SPSS, Smart-PLS, and Tableau
- Familiar with Biometric data capture (Iris scan, fingerprints, and facial recognition)
- Familiar with Open-Source data mining programs and procedures
- Familiar with Horizontal Fusion Initiatives within DoJ, D.H.S., and DoD

Awards

- Highest combat-related military award; Awarded Bronze Star Medal/M for service in Afghanistan
- Awarded Legion of Merit for Distinguished Service and support culminating with USAFRICOM, USCENTCOM, and USSOCOM missions.
- Awarded Defense Meritorious Service Medal for exceptional service while in Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Highest police award; Recipient of Sheriff's Distinguished Service Award (numerous additional ribbons and awards)
- Primary team member of Joint Concept Technology Demonstration (JCTD) of the year for 2010 (Mapping the Human Terrain); single selection/award for all the Department of Defense (DoD)
- DPSST class 186 top academic award
- DPSST class 186 top defensive tactics award
- Completed seven military job-producing schools: Conventional Communications, Special Forces communications, Special Forces Operations and Intelligence; Civil Affairs N.C.O., Aidmen, Preventive medicine specialist, and Psychological Operations. All are in the Top 10% or with honors.
- Expert marksman, both long gun and pistol
- 1st D.A.N. Kami-Bushi-Kai with Sensei certification
- PADI Dive Master
- Awarded Foreign parachute wings / Halo wings for Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan
- Awarded German Psychological Operations badge (Bronze award)

Numerous additional awards and citations from both U.S. and foreign governments, including multiple awards of Meritorious Service Medal