

# Gary D. Espinas

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## EDUCATION

### **Doctorate in Liberal Studies**

(Anticipated 2024)

Georgetown University | Washington, DC

### **Master of Security Studies**

United States Army War College | Carlisle, Pennsylvania

### **Master of Arts in Regional Studies: Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia**

Harvard University | Cambridge, Massachusetts

### **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science**

University of California | Berkeley, California

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2022 - present | <b>Distinguished Visiting Professor in National Security</b><br>Political Science Department, United States Naval Academy   Annapolis, Maryland  |
| 2021 - present | <b>Professorial Lecturer (Part-Time)</b><br>Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University   Washington, District of Columbia   |
| 2017 - 2022    | <b>Senior Lecturer and Regional Program Lead for Europe</b><br>Institute for Security Governance, Defense Security Cooperation University, Defense Security Cooperation Agency   Arlington, Virginia |
| 2014 - 2017    | <b>Security Cooperation Expert</b><br>Booz Allen Hamilton   Arlington, Virginia<br>JLO Consulting   Monterey, California   |
| 2011 - 2013    | <b>Military Professor and Army Foreign Area Officer Chair</b>  |

Department of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School |  
Monterey, California

- 2008 - 2011 **Regional Director for Russia, Caucasus, and Black Sea Policy**  
Office of the Secretary of Defense | Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia
- 2004 - 2007 **Political-Military Officer for Conventional Arms Control**  
United States Department of State | Washington, District of Columbia
- 2003 - 2004 **Executive Officer to the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for  
Installation Management**  
Department of the Army Staff | Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia
- 2001 - 2003 **Political-Military Officer**  
Embassy of the United States of America | Moscow, Russia
- 1998 - 2000 **Arms Control Treaty Inspector**  
Defense Threat Reduction Agency | Frankfurt, Germany
- 1997 - 1998 **Foreign Area Officer (FAO) Senior Fellow**  
George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies |  
Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany
- 1987 - 1994 **Field Artillery Officer, United States Army**  
Various locations within the United States and overseas

## PUBLICATIONS

**Espinas, G.**, Mikaelian, T., & McCarthy, M. (2022). Building institutional capacity in the Ukrainian armed forces: Sustainment planning for U.S.-provided equipment. *Joint Force Quarterly*, 104(1), 69-72.  
<https://ndupress.ndu.edu/JFQ/Joint-Force-Quarterly-104.aspx>.

**Espinas, G.** (2022, February 14). *ISG supports Georgia to build its territorial defense capability*. Institute for Security Governance.  
<https://instituteforsecuritygovernance.org/-/isg-supports-georgia>.

McMullin, J. & **Espinas, G.** (2012). A language, regional expertise, and cultural triad for joint foreign area officer education and training. *The Foreign Area Officer Association Journal of International Affairs*, 15(1), 25-27.

**Espinás, G.** (2010). Ukraine's defense engagement with the United States. *Journal of International Affairs*, 63(2), 53-63.

**Espinás, G.** (2010). The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: A case study for a return to multilateralism. In H. Yarger (Ed.), *Short of general war: Perspectives on the use of military power in the 21st century* (pp. 99-110). Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College.  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/resrep12050>.

**Espinás, G.** (2006). Army FAOs in the State Department: Soldier-diplomats in action. *Journal of International Affairs*, 10(3), 13-17.

## TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Espinás, G.** and Kagan, K. (2023, July). "Slow Pace of Ukraine's Counteroffensive Prompts Military Strategy Questions." *PBS NewsHour*. TV interview.  
<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/search-results?q=espinas>

**Espinás, G.** (2023, April). *Putin's Invasion of Ukraine*. Senior Advisor, Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Espinás, G.** (2022, April). *Ambitions of the Kremlin in the Middle East and North Africa*. Senior Advisor, Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Espinás, G.** (2022, April). *What's happening in Ukraine?* Invited talk (virtual), International Relations Council of Kansas City.

**Espinás, G.** (2022, February). *Veterans connections and virtual career fair*. Invited talk (virtual), The George Washington University.

**Espinás, G.** (2021, June). *U.S.-Russia relations and the recent presidential summit*. Invited talk (virtual), Harvard International Scholars Program Conference, Harvard University.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Courses Taught*

*Undergraduate Courses Taught:*

FP 370 Russian Foreign Policy (United States Naval Academy, 2023)  
FP 440 Politics of Central Europe (United States Naval Academy, 2023)  
FP367 Politics of Russia (United States Naval Academy, 2021)

*Graduate Courses Taught:*

IAFF 6186 Russia and International Security (The George Washington University, 2022)  
NS 4425 Russian Foreign Policy (Naval Postgraduate School, 2012)

***Student Advising***

*United States Naval Academy*

B.S. Honors Thesis Advisor: Kevin O'Toole (2024)  
B.S. Honors Thesis Advisor: Adam Ibrahim (2023)

*Naval Postgraduate School*

M.A. Thesis Co-Advisor: Walter Gonzalez (2013)

***Service Activities***

*Naval Postgraduate School*

Military Advisor, Joint Foreign Area Officer (FAO) Skills Sustainment Program

**LANGUAGES**

English	Native
Russian	Professional proficiency
Spanish	Conversational

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

2019	<b>Secretary of Defense Sustainment Training, Advice, and Assistance of Foreign Military Forces Award – Ministerial Category</b> United States Department of Defense
2019	<b>Support to the Armed Forces Medal (Ukrainian award)</b> Minister of Defense of Ukraine
2013	<b>Legion of Merit</b>

- United States Army
- 2012     **Excellence in Joint Service Warfare Faculty Award**  
Naval Postgraduate School
- 2011     **Defense Superior Service Medal**  
Office of the Secretary of Defense
- 2011     **Superior Honor Award (Individual Award)**  
United States Department of State
- 2002     **Superior Honor Award (Group Award)**  
United States Embassy in Moscow, Russia
- 1991     **Bronze Star Medal**  
United States Army

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Association of the United States Army (Lifetime Member)  
Foreign Area Officer Association (FAOA) (Former President and Lifetime Member)  
National Museum of the United States Army (Founding Sponsor)  
United States Army War College Alumni Association (Lifetime Member)