

US Army War College honors Dr. Stephen Gerras for excellence in teaching and scholarship for the academic year 2021

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Steve Gerras received 2 honors for academic 2021: Excellence in Teaching (Strategic Leadership and Defense Management) and the Madigan Award ("Veteran Disability Compensation and the Army Profession: Good Intentions Gone Awry, with Leonard Wong).

The Army War College honored Dr. Steve Gerras for excellence in scholarship during academic year 2021.

Gerras received the Excellence in Teaching Award for his Strategic Leadership and Defense Management course in academic year 2021.

"I think this is one of the world's great jobs," said Gerras. "It is incredibly rewarding to be in seminar with the students because you can learn as much from them as they can from you."

He received the Madigan Award, as well, for the article he co-authored with Dr. Leonard Wong: "Veteran Disability Compensation and the Army Profession: Good Intentions Gone Awry." This article was the product of three years of research, quantitative data collection, and interviews. The piece explores the implications on the Army Profession from a culture shift in how VA disability is perceived and claimed.

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“It is always nice to be recognized among your peers. Madigan Awards are especially valued,” said Gerras, who explained that Madigan awardees have been examined through two peer-review processes, one to get published and another to receive the accolade.

Gerras is a professor of Behavioral Science who teaches core courses in Strategic Leadership and Defense Management along with a Critical Thinking and Judgment elective course.

A 2002 grad, Gerras returned to the War College in 2004 to teach in the Department of Command, Leadership, and Management.

Prior to 2004, Gerras served as the Chief of Operations and Agreements for the Office of Defense Cooperation in Ankara, Turkey during Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Highlights of his 25-year career include command of a light infantry company and a transportation battalion.

In 1982, he received his BS from West Point. Gerras then earned his MA and Ph.D. from Penn State in Industrial and Organizational Psychology.

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