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Granieri received the Madigan Award for his essay, "It is only easy in retrospect: the U.S. Road to the INF [Intermediate Nuclear Forces] Treaty." Part of a collection of international perspectives on the 1987 Treaty that banned intermediate range nuclear missiles from Europe, a major milestone for the end of the Cold War, the essay analyzes the domestic politics and diplomacy that led President Reagan to sign it.

Granieri was honored to receive such recognition from his colleagues. “It feels really good to be in a place where people think you are doing clever work,” he said. “Part of our job is to create and encourage new knowledge, so, it is especially nice to know people are reading your writing and are positively affected by it.”

Granieri came to the War College in 2019 as an associate professor of History. He teaches War, Policy, and National Security I & II, as well as in European Regional Studies, for which he was awarded the excellence in teaching award in 2020.

“I am excited to watch people react to learning new things, and I feel privileged to help people do that,” he said.

Granieri also hosts A Better Peace: The War Room Podcast, a series of conversations that explores significant challenges in national security and defense, such as Army leader development, soft power versus hard power, and decoding the state department.

“Being here at the War College allows me to do several things that interest me at once,” said Granieri. “I am back to teaching, and I get to talk about my area of specialty. I am also a big believer in the need to introduce people to new and complicated subjects. That is why I like the doing the podcast, to reach audiences outside of the classroom.”

Granieri earned his B.A. from Harvard and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Before coming to the War College, he was the Director of Research at the Lauder Institute for Management & International Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, as well as a contract historian at the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Prior to that, he was a professor of European History at the University of Pennsylvania and at Furman University.

The Army War College honored Dr. Kevin Weddle for excellence in scholarship for academic year 2021.

Weddle received the Madigan Award for his book *The Complete Victory: Saratoga and the American Revolution*, published in 2021 by Oxford University Press. The covers the entire five-month campaign and focuses on strategy and leadership, two elements that set the book apart from other books on the Saratoga campaign, said Weddle.

“It is a real honor. Especially since it comes from my peers, it’s a double honor,” said Weddle.

Weddle came to the Army War College in 2001, teaching Theater Strategy. Since then, he has served as director of the Advanced Strategic Art Program and as Deputy Dean. He is currently the professor of Military Theory and Strategy in the Distance Education Program. As the department historian, he leads the students’ staff rides to Gettysburg and Antietam battlefields. From 1986 to 1989, he taught at U.S Military Academy.

Prior to coming to the Army War College, Weddle served over 28 years as a combat engineer officer. Throughout his military career, he worked in a variety of command and staff positions in the United States and overseas.

Weddle has twice received the Army War College Excellence in Teaching Award for course in the Distance Education Program. In 2006, he won the William E. Colby Award for his book on a Civil War admiral, *Lincoln's Tragic Admiral: The Life of Samuel Francis Du Pont* (A Nation Divided), published in 2005 by the University of Virginia Press. The award recognizes a first book-length work that has made a major contribution to the understanding of military history, intelligence operations, or international affairs. This work received the Army War College Excellence in Public Scholarship Award.

Widely published on the Civil and Revolutionary Wars, his articles appear in the *Journal of Military History* and *Journal of Civil War History*, among others.

"I still consider myself a Civil War historian," said Weddle, noting that his publisher, Oxford Press, reached out to him to write about Saratoga. "I have branched out into being more of a general military historian with a specialty in the Civil War.

"I have always been interested in American Colonial and Revolutionary history, especially going to West Point and then teaching at West Point, The American Revolution is all around you there," said Weddle.

Weddle graduated from the War College in 1999. He earned his Ph.D. in American History from Princeton with a focus on Civil War history in 2002 and M.A. in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1986. He graduated from US. Military Academy in 1979.

Army War College Prof. Doug Douds received the Excellence in Public Scholarship and Engagement Award for his expert contributions to a History Channel documentary about Ulysses S. Grant.

Douds provided on-camera commentary about Grant's military career and campaign strategy during the Civil War. The documentary, which first aired Memorial Day weekend 2021, closed with Douds talking about what Grant's role in the Civil War ultimately meant.

"I was exciting and interesting to see how somebody else approaches telling a great story well, and anytime we can start to share history and make it accessible to a large part of our American population, the better understanding they can have of our Army and our profession of arms," said Douds.

A 2010 War College graduate, Douds returned to Carlisle in 2014 as a professor of theater and strategy in the Military Strategy, Planning, and Operations Department.

Douds now teaches in the Advanced Strategic Art Program, a tailored Army War College curriculum, for which he was selected for an Excellence in Teaching Award for last year.

“Our purpose is to develop strategic advisors who can immediately impact the joint interagency multinational environment the day they leave here,” said Douds about the seven month specialized ASAP curriculum for selected students.

Reflecting on the two awards, Douds said, “It is humbling, especially when you look at all the talent on our faculty. It is a great source of encouragement to continue to do good work.”

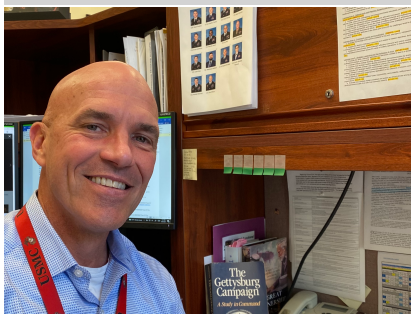
Douds is a retired colonel, U.S. Marine Corps, who spent 27 years as an aviator. Prior to returning to the War College, Douds worked on the Chairman’s Action Group for three years, the last year as senior speech writer for Gen. Martin Dempsey, CJCS.

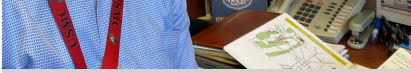
“I asked to come back here because I don’t think I would’ve been able to do that job had I not come through ASAP when I was a student,” said Douds. “I am a believer both in the War College, and in ASAP as a program.”

Douds is currently working on his Ph.D. in Military History from Leeds University, England. He earned his M.A. in Strategic Studies from the Army War College, and a B.A. in History and Political Science from Wake Forest University.



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