



Brian Oviatt, Shihan

- 5th Dan, Shito-Ryu Karatedo
- 3rd Dan, Shuri-Te Ju-Jutsu
- 2nd Dan, Taekwondo
- Student of Baguazhang, Xingyiquan & Taiqiquan
- Student of Kobujutsu

古武術
大極拳
形意拳
八卦掌
跆拳道
首里手柔術
系東流空手道

Brian Oviatt began training in 1988 in a “backyard” karate class. In 1990 Mr. Oviatt transitioned to a mixed martial arts / taekwondo program operated by Jeff Bedard, under the direction of Jim Smothers, Sr.; earning a nidan in TKD, and gaining experience in escrima, arnis, Lee Jun Fan, shootfighting, Muay Thai, and Western kickboxing. In the mid-1990s, Mr. Oviatt’s dojo switched from the TKD/ mixed arts format to Shitoryu Karatedo with the World Shitoryu Karatedo Federation under the direction of the Sato family.

In 2000, Mr. Oviatt and his wife moved to Northern Virginia. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Oviatt met [then] Tashi Troy Price and began cross-training in Shuri-te ju-jutsu. Since then, Mr. Oviatt transitioned his primary training to Motobuha Shitoryu, under the guidance of Hanshi Darren Myers, continued to train with Kyoshi Price when possible, and began studying Chinese internal arts with Kyoshi Paul Cote.

Mr. Oviatt began teaching martial arts in 1992. He operated a part-time Shitoryu / SBJK dojo in Kingstowne, Virginia from June of 2001 through September, 2022 while serving as a full-time health and physical education teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools. At present, he is on sabbatical from regular teaching duties while he focuses on his family, his personal training, and pursuit of a PhD in an education-related field.

