

# Steven Oluić PhD

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Education	<b>Doctor of Philosophy in Geography</b> , Kent State University, 2005 Department of Geography Thesis: “Bosnia and Herzegovina: Identity, Nationalist landscapes and the Future of the State” <b>Graduate</b> , U.S. Army War College, Defense Strategy Course, Nov 2001 to May 2002. <b>Graduate</b> , <i>Fuehrungsakademie der Bundeswehr</i> (German Armed Forces Staff College), 2000. <b>Graduate</b> , U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, 1993. <b>Master of Science in Environmental Science</b> , University of Cincinnati, 1991 <b>Bachelor of Arts in Geological Sciences</b> , Case Western Reserve University, 1983													
Relevant Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- In my military, government, and academic careers, I have successfully interacted with numerous agencies, members of Congress, and a multitude of domestic and international agencies; security, law enforcement, intelligence, and diplomatic.</li><li>- Regularly instruct/speak to and collaborate with local to Federal law enforcement/security agencies on counter terrorism, radical extremist threats, and general threat assessments. Served as a subject matter expert in two terrorism related court cases; one Federal and one State.</li><li>- As the CEO of SVE Consulting, provided consulting services to assist small businesses with growth management. Conducting thorough assessments of corporate structure and organization, and manufacturing processes to better address growth challenges.</li><li>- Led a training team to Lebanon in 2023; team instructed the senior leadership of the Lebanese Border Forces that focused on Strategic Planning, Leader Development, Personnel and Logistics operations and planning.</li><li>- As a consultant, I developed curriculum for and instructed at International Capacity Building (ICBs) seminars in the Ivory Coast, Kenya, and Ghana as a sub under an AFRICOM contract.</li><li>- I have substantial experience in strategic planning, budget planning &amp; execution, and leading personnel in often difficult environments.</li><li>- I possess the professional experience in the fields of national security, military operations, strategy and plan development at the operational and theater level.</li><li>- I have experience in establishing and maintaining professional relationships with senior educators, military leaders, and public officials. This experience entailed establishing, grooming and maintaining public-private partnerships.</li></ul>													
Current Position	<b>Owner, SVE Consulting LLC</b>	<b>June 2016 to current</b>												
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Recent  
Experience

**Director, Department of Water Resources  
Geauga County**

**2018 to July 2023**

Successfully led and managed the Geauga County owned water and wastewater infrastructure. Responsible for the management of up to 40 employees (union and non-union), numerous vehicles, construction and specialized equipment. Managed grant funding, enterprise funding operations, and working within the County Commissioners team. Successfully managed a large budget, income and payment operations, and interaction with customers and the public.

**Dean of Arts & Sciences  
Lakeland Community College**

**Oct 2010 to June 2018**

Successfully oversaw all aspects of Lakeland's largest academic division consisting of 13 departments and/or programs. I managed and led 59 full-time faculty positions, a staff of 12, and over 200 adjunct faculty members. I was responsible for an annual budget of over \$10,000,000. As the division's chief academic officer, I was intimately involved with program and course curricula development and ensured that the division promoted student success and met all Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation requirements in accordance with the College's strategic goals. I provided strategic insight and feedback to the College's leadership in all aspects of the "College Credit Plus (CCP) program, declining student enrollments, and student retention. On several occasions, I served as the interim dean of Engineering Technologies. As the interim dean, we successfully completed the ABET accreditation process for four engineering technology programs. I also led the efforts to establish partnership programs with Lincoln Electric and Arcelor Mittal corporations in Cleveland.

Military  
Experience

**Assistant Dean for Strategy & Planning  
U.S. Military Academy**

**July 2009 to December 2010**

Principal advisor to the Dean of the Academic Board (Chief Academic Officer), the Chief of Staff, and the Office of the Dean's staff on issues of strategic planning and institutional policymaking. Develop, staff, and execute the Dean's planning and policy guidance. Coordinate and synchronize long term planning issues among 13 academic departments and the Superintendent's Staff. Participate in Academy governance as a member of the Strategic Planning Working Group and observer on the CLDS Committee. Continued to serve USMA's teaching mission as a professor and instruct as necessary. Represent the Academy at professional conferences and continue my research and scholarly activities.

**Branch Chief, Border Enforcement & National Police  
Ministry of Interior Transition Team, Multi-National Security Transition Command -  
Iraq (MNSTCI), Baghdad, Iraq**

**July 2008 to July 2009**

Served as the senior staff officer for the Commanding General, MNSTC-I, overseeing all aspects of the Coalition Force efforts in manning, training, and equipping of the Iraqi Directorate of Border Enforcement, Ports of Entry Directorate, and the National Police. Co-managed over \$300 million budget. Responsible to track and analyze data, conduct periodic briefings and presentations to the senior level leadership and served as liaison to various major Army Commands, the Department of State, and U.S. Customs & Border Protection.

**Professor of Military Science  
Kent State University, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), U.S Army Cadet Cmd**

**July 2000 to August 2002**

Commanded an Army Cadet Command ROTC Battalion responsible recruiting, training, selecting and commissioning Army officers. Oversaw the programs at Kent State University, Youngstown State University, and Mount Union College. Led 23 staff and directed two academic departments at separate locations (KSU and YSU). Managed and executed an annual \$80,000 budget. Primary instructor for senior cadets - addressing all aspects of leadership, ethics, military justice, junior officer duties and responsibilities.

**Logistics Officer, Engineer Brigade, 1st Infantry Division  
Bamberg, Germany**

**October 1997 to August 1998**

Successfully managed and oversaw all aspects of logistical support, synchronization and operations of a 1000+ man engineer brigade in Europe. Developed, oversaw and executed the brigade's annual \$3.3 million-dollar budget. Effectively implemented property accountability and supply discipline programs that ensured good stewardship of public funds and oversight of government property.

**Battalion Executive Officer, 54th Engineer Battalion** **April 1996 to October 1997**  
Bamberg, Germany

Second in command of a 472 man combat engineer battalion stationed in Germany. Managed all aspects of personnel, maintenance, and logistical systems; oversaw/managed the unit's \$1.4 million budget.

**Battalion Operations Officer, 16<sup>th</sup>/54<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion** **August 1996 to April 1997**  
Bamberg, Germany

Successfully directed and planned the daily operations of a 472 man engineer battalion based in Europe. Served as the strategic planner for the battalion. Effectively developed, staffed and executed the redeployment of the battalion task force from Bosnia to Germany – safely and without loss of any equipment. Balkan experience(s) led to participation in clandestine counter-intelligence operations.

**Project Engineer, Baltimore District, Corps of Engineers** **January 1992 to May 1995**  
Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland

Managed and directed the environmental restoration efforts at three major installations in Maryland, New York, and Utah. Managed upwards of \$80 million in environmental restoration contracts. Successfully collaborated and managed communication between contractors, state & local agencies, and the U.S. Army. Successfully developed productive and harmonious relationships with state regulatory agencies that allowed the Army to speedily implement solutions. First Corps of Engineer's military officer to be assigned to assist the U.S. EPA as program oversight manager for the Allied-Signal Plant slurry wall contamination containment wall in Fell's Point, Baltimore.

Books Published **Oluic, Steven.** *Bosnia & Herzegovina: Identity, Nationalist Landscapes and the Future of the State.* Boulder, CO.: University of Columbia, East European Monographs. (Apr 2008).

Select Book Chapters **Oluic, S.** (2010). *Bosnia & Herzegovina 1992-1995 - Epitomizing Yugoslavia's Bloody Collapse.* Modern Military Geography. Francis Galgano and E. Palka, eds. Routledge.  
**Chastain, J.F. and Oluic, S.** (2009). *The Urban Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa.* In Hummel, L. and Krakowka, A. (eds.), *Understanding Africa: A Geographic Perspective.* Army War College Press.

**Oluic, S.** (2008). *Compelling Reconciliation: A Role for the Military?* In Togo, T. and Ostojic, N. (eds.), *National Reconciliation, Religious Tolerance and Human Security in the Balkans: Proceedings of the Third ECPD International Conference.* ECPD.

**Oluic, S.** (2008) *Case Study Chapter: Bosnia And Herzegovina.* In David Kaplan and Herb, G. (eds.) *Nations and Nationalisms in Global Perspective: An Encyclopedia of Origins, Development and Contemporary Transitions.* ABC-CLIO.

**Chastain, J.F. and Oluic, S.** (2006). *The French Electoral Landscape and Globalization,* vignette in *The Physical Geography Study Guide,* 6th edition, 2006, McGraw Hill Publishing.

Select Journal Publications **Oluic, S.** (2019). Serbia – Geopolitical Directions, East or West? International Scientific Conference Proceedings, Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, September 2019.

**Oluic, S.** (2010). Radical Islam and the Balkan Muslim Diaspora in the United States. HSI Journal of Homeland Security, May 2010.

**Oluic, S.** (2009). Iraq's Porous Frontiers, Internal Struggles and Fragile Statehood. Journal of Applied Security Research, Volume 4, Issue 3, July 2009.

**Oluic, S.** (2009). The Key to Security - Iraq's Boundaries. The Sentinel, Volume 2, Issue 1, January 2009, The Combating Terrorism Center, West Point, NY 2009.

**Oluic, S.** (2008). Radical Islam on Europe's Frontier - Bosnia & Herzegovina. National Security and the Future, Volume 9, No. 1-2, Mar 1, 2008.

**Oluic, S.** (2006). Radical Islam's Periphery: Bosnia & Herzegovina's Extremist Threat. The Pennsylvania Geographer, Volume 44, No.2 - Fall/Winter 2006.

Select  
Presentations

April 3 & 17, 2024 - Lake and Geauga County, Ohio, lecture/presentation to law enforcement officers and leadership on "The Terrorism Threat in the USA 2024."

August 7 - 11, 2023 Al Raqah Airbase, Lebanon. Border Operations Leadership Course. Lectures and exercises addressing National Strategy, Policy & Planning development to officers of the Lebanese Border Forces (LBF).

August 30 – September 3, 2021 – West Africa, Institutional Capacity Building Leadership Seminar, U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Lectures and exercises addressing "National Strategy, Policy, & Planning" and border security.

August 22 – 27, 2021- East Africa, Institutional Capacity Building Leadership Seminar, virtual event, conducted via MS Teams. Several lectures/exercises addressing "National Strategy, Policy, & Planning."

August 29, 2021 - Institutional Capacity Building Leadership Seminar, bi-lateral virtual event with Morocco, conducted via MS Teams. Lectured on "National Strategy, Policy, & Planning."

September 11, 2019 – International Scientific Conference on Serbian-American Relations, Presentations "Serbia – Geopolitical directions, East or West?" Belgrade, Serbia.

April 29 – May 3, 2019 - Institutional Capacity Building Leadership Seminar, AFRICOM, Nairobi, Kenya. Several lectures/exercises addressing "National Strategy, Policy, & Planning."

November 13, 2018 – Domestic Security Alliance Council (DSAC), "Globalism, migration & corporate responsibility?" Washington D.C.

November 12, 2017 – Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO), "The Geopolitics of Russia & the U.S."

October 27, 2017 – Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI. "Radicalism, Diasporas, and the Muslim Communities of the former Yugoslavia."

October 2, 2017 – 2017 U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation Accredited Academic Programs Summit, Herndon, VA. "How can Community Colleges fit into the USGIF accreditation process?"

September 28, 2016 – Cleveland Area MENSA, "Crisis with ISIS: The Islamic State's Migration Campaign?"

August 15, 2016 – 37th Infantry Brigade, Ohio Army National Guard, Ravenna, Ohio, "Kosovo or Kosova...?"

May 2, 2016 – 10th Special Forces Group, Ft. Carson, Colorado, "The Geopolitics of the Ukraine & the West."

October 16, 2014 – Center for International Education (CIE), Lakeland Community College (LCC), "The Crisis with Isis: Geopolitical Ramifications of U.S. Military Engagement with the Islamic State in Iraq & Syria."

March 26, 2014 - CIE, LCC, "Ukraine – The Loss of Crimea."

March 21, 2012 - Joint Terror Task Force, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Los Angeles, CA. "Understanding Diaspora Communities" and "Balkan Muslim Communities in the U.S."

September 22, 2011 - Joint Terror Task Force, FBI, Quantico, VA. "Understanding Diaspora Communities" and "Balkan Muslim Communities in the U.S."

August 25, 2011 - Joint Terror Task Force, FBI, Seattle, WA. "Understanding Diaspora Communities" and "Balkan Muslim Communities in the U.S."

July 26, 2011 – Joint Terror Task Force, FBI, Seattle, WA. “Understanding Diaspora Communities” and “Balkan Muslim Communities in the U.S.”

February 29, 2008 - Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling Air Force Base, MD. “Jihadists in the Sandžak Region of Serbia” and “Balkan Muslim Diasporas in the USA ... an ever present threat?”

October 27, 2007 - European Center for Peace and Development’s 3rd International Conference in Belgrade, Serbia. “Compelling Reconciliation – A Role for the Military?”

October 12, 2007 - The Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence & Research, Washington DC. “A Radical Islamic Space? Islamic Extremism in the Sandžak Region of Serbia.”

October 5, 2007 - The Njegoš Endowment for Serbian Language & Culture at Columbia University, New York, NY. “Bosnia & the Sandžak: In the Shadow of Radical Islam?”

May 3, 2007 - The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York, NY. “At the Periphery of Radical Islam: Bosnia-Herzegovina.”

Select  
Conference &  
Discussant

October 2, 2017 – U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation Academic Programs Summit. “How could Community Colleges fit into the USGIF accreditation process?” Herndon, VA. Co-presenter. Panel Discussant.

August 29, 2017 - U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), “Resilience and Sustainable Development.” Washington DC. Moderator and discussant.

June 27, 2017 – USAID, Engaging Faith-based and Community Groups, “Prevent, Mitigate, and Resolve Violent Conflict and Contribute to Local & Regional Stability & Security.” Washington DC. Moderator and discussant

April 25, 2017 – USAID, Engaging Faith-based and Community Groups, “Pluralism, Human Rights, & Protection of Religious Freedom.” Washington DC. Moderator and discussant.

October 3, 2016 – USGIF Accredited Academic Programs Summit. “Lakeland Community College: USGIF Accreditation.”

April 5, 2012 - Humanitarian Dilemmas: Debating Interventions in Africa and the Middle East

April 5-6, 2012 Kent State University. “Evolution of Humanitarian Intervention: Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan.”

April 8, 2011 - Armenia, the Holocaust and other Genocides: A Comparative Round Table Discussion, Lakeland Community College, Ohio. Panel discussant.

April 18, 2008 - AAG Annual Conference, Boston, MA. Military Geography Specialty Group panel session, “The Geopolitics of American Empire.”

April 12, 2008 - 13th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Nation, Identity, Conflict, and the State, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York. “The Balkans after Kosovo.”

Academic  
Service

Peer reviewer, Institute of International Education, Fulbright Scholars Program, November 20, 2017.

Member, State of Ohio, Department of Higher Education, Military Strategic Implementation Team (MSIT), November 15, 2016 to present.

Member, Lakeland’s Student Success Leadership Initiative (SSLI) team, AY 2016 to 2018.

Chair, Veterans Support Services Task Force, Lakeland Community College, AY 2012/13 to June 2018.

Member, President’s Advisory Committee, Lakeland Community College, AY 13/14, 14/15.

Member, Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee, Lakeland Community College, AY 2012-2014.

College Representative, Talent Dividend Steering Committee, Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education, AY 2011-12.

Member, Joint Distance Learning Committee, Lakeland Community College, AY 2011-13.

Member, Graduate Goal Team, U.S. Military Academy Strategy Planning Working Group, AY 2009-10.

Co-Chair, Internationalized Internal Conflicts: Terrorism, Insurgency, and Responses Roundtable, 61st Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA), USMA, 4-7 November 2009.

Community  
Service &  
Outreach

Member of the Geauga County Annual Veteran Sport Fest planning and execution team since 2018. Annual event that raises funds to support Geauga County veteran groups.

Chairman, Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services, since June 2022. On the Board since 6/2019.

Selection Committee member for the American Legion's Buckeye Boys State and Girls State program in Ohio. Have served on this two-person committee since 2012.

Television interview(s), The Ukraine Crisis, WKYC, February 6-8, 2022.

Served as a Service Academy Selection Committee member for Senator Sherrod Brown from 2014 to 2017.

Television interview, Terrorists in Ohio: Why?, WKYC, May 21, 2018.

Telephone interview, U.S. Response to Hurricane Mario, Puerto Rico, Action 19 News, Cleveland, Ohio. September 30, 2017.

Television interview as a terrorism expert on the Palm Sunday Terror Attack on the Coptic Christian Community, Action 19 News, Cleveland, Ohio. April 9, 2017.

Television interview as a terrorism expert on the Ft. Lauderdale Attack, Action 19 News, Cleveland, Ohio. January 7, 2017.

Interview, The Chronicles of Higher Education, October 23, 2016, by Karin Fischer, "Basic Training for Higher Ed."

Television interview as a terrorism expert on the Orlando Terrorist Attack, Action 19 News, Cleveland, Ohio. June 19, 2016.

Television interview on the Brussels Terrorist Attack, Action 19 News, Cleveland, Ohio. March 22, 2016.

Interview, Plain Dealer, September 17, 2015, by Brian Albrecht, "Lakeland dean applies lessons learned in 27-year Army career."

Television interview on the ISIS and Domestic Terrorism, Action 19 News, Cleveland, Ohio. November 2015.

Television interview on the Route 82 Bridge Bombing Attempt, Action 19 News, Cleveland, Ohio. November 2012.

Interview, Washington Post, November 2, 2008, by Ernesto Londono, "U.S. Takes Battle Against Iraq Violence to Border." Thursday, October 30, 2008; A16.

Language	German - speak, read and write, high to fluent proficiency.
Skills	Serbo-Croatian - speak and read with limited to general proficiency.
Professional &	Fulbright Alumnae Organization, member since 2017.
Volunteer	Institute of National & International Security, Belgrade, Serbia, since 2019.
Organizations	U. S. Global Leadership Coalition, Ohio State Advisory Committee, since 2018.
	Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services, Vice-Chair then Chair, Board of Directors
	Military Officer Association of America, life member.
	The American Legion #167 Chardon, member since 2012, Finance Officer.
	Veterans of Foreign Wars #6519, Chardon, life member, Quartermaster.